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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div G (Ops)

Month and Year Jun 44

Commanding Officer Maj Gen GHA MacMillan, CBE, DSO, MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WEST GRINSTEAD	1		Censorship instrs amendments issued under 1/10/G(I)	Appx "A"
	2		Letter regarding clearance of mines on rd verges issued under 85/G(O)	" "B"
	5		Letter regarding Beach Markings by day and night issued under 329/G/(O)	" "C"
	6		Commencement of ops for invasion of the Continent Letter concerning accredited war correspondents by Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower KCB, Supreme Comd AEF received.	" "D"
	7		Letter regarding the issue of Unit Censor Stamps issued under 1/10/G(I) Div Comd, ADC and Adv Party left for the Marshalling Area. Adv Party consisted of GSO 2, GSO 3(O)1 and LO 2. Letter regarding hostile shelling reports issued under 134/G/(O) 8 Corps Sitrep Nos 1 and 2 received	" "E" " "F" " "FF"
	8		15(S)Div Standing Orders for Ops issued Message O 94 amending above issued	" "G" " "H"
	9		8 Corps Sitrep No 3 received 15 (S) Div Sitrep No 4 issued	" "I" " "J"
	10	2300 approx	15(S)Div Standing Orders for Main Div HQ issued Orders received for movement of Div HQ to Marshalling Area at SOUTHAMPTON	" "K"
	11	1230 2100	Left WEST GRINSTEAD en route for SOUTHAMPTON Arrived in Transit Camp SOUTHAMPTON	
SOUTHAMPTON	13	1630	Embarked in three LST as follows, LST V 62 HQ RASC, LST V 63 HQ Div Sigs and the 'G' Staff offrs who travel in CVs, LST V 64 HQ RA.	
ASNELLES	14	2130	Party from LST V 62 landed on "JIG GREEN" beach in area ASNELLES (Map 1:50000 sheet YFS) 8786 and proceeded to assembly area near BUHOT 8684 where de-waterproofing was begun.	
	15	1000	Party as above moved to div conc area	
ST GABRIEL		1200	Div HQ est (less HQ RA) 878795	

		1300	Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower KCB, Supreme Comd Allied Expeditionary Force visited this HQ	
	16		HQ at same place. Build up continues.	
	17	1630 2100	At same location. HQ RA est and HQ now complete less residues Div Comds planning conference with Bde Comds	
	18	 2100	At same location Div Comds planning conference with Bde Comds Some rain most of the day.	
	19	 2115	Same location Div Comds conference with Bde Comds etc. Weather dry.	
	20	 2115	Same location Div Comds conference with Bde Comds etc. Some rain earlier in day with a high wind during latter part.	
	21		Additions to 15 (S) Div Standing Orders issued under 68/G/(O)	Appx "L"
ST GABRIEL	22	1940 1800	OO No 1 issued in connection with Op EPSOM with appendices C-in-Cs conference at 21 Army Gp Tactical HQ attended by Div Comd	
	23	 1800 2040	Div Mov Order No 1 for moves from present location to Assembly and Gun Areas for Op EPSOM issued on D basis 8 Corps Comds briefing at 8 Corps HQ attended by Div Comd Message O 54 giving D day for Op EPSOM issued	" "N" " "O"
CULLY	24	1400 1500	Main Div HQ moved to CULLY 9176 Main Div HQ est at CULLY. Mov Order No 2 for moves to Assembly area Night D-1/D issued for mov of certain units not catered for in Mov Order No 1	 " "P"
CULLY	25	0240 0900 1130 1430 1700 2100 2100 2103	Message O 54 issued on full distribution to the effect that certain rds are in view of the enemy and subject to enemy shelling. Div Comd briefed 44(L)Inf Bde on Op EPSOM. Message O 87 that respirators would be carried in unit tpt during Op EPSOM, but that they would be available at short notice. Div Comd briefed 227(H) Inf Bde on Op EPSOM. Div Comd briefed 46(H) Inf Bde on Op EPSOM Message O 92 regarding activities of Met 8 Corps Letter regarding cases of the compromisation of codes and code signs by being carried by offr on recce issued under 1/3/G(I). Op Instr O 95 concerning the use of the terms "H" hr etc during Op EPSOM and stating "H" hr to be 0730 hrs on 26 Jun. Message O 91 stressing the importance of submission of SHELREPS by the quickest possible means and giving SHELREP R/T net freq.	" "S" " "T" " "V" " "W" Appx "X" " "U"
CULLY PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	26	0730 1350 1440	Op EPSOM begins. Main Div HQ moves to PUTOT-EN-BESSIN at 915710. Main Div HQ est PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	

		2300	Message O 104 issued containing orders for the securing of crossings over R ODON as early as possible on 27 Jun.	" "Y"
	27	1020	Message O 106 to the effect that all ranks be infm that CHERBOURG is now captured and that the Russian armies are making a very rapid adv on the Eastern front.	" "Z"
	28	0110 1100	Op Order No 2 for the organisation of a defensive posn on R ODON issued with trace showing dispositions to be occupied. (Traces were to be returned by LO). 8 Corps Comd's conference at this HQ.	" "AA"
	29	2200	8 Corps Comd's conference at this HQ.	
	30		Op Instr O 144 regarding the relief of 46 (H) Inf Bde by 160 Inf Bde of 53 Div issued. PA Fishbourne, Capt for Maj Gen Comd 15 (S) Inf Div	" "BB"

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Unit "G" Branch HQ 15 (S) INF DIV

Month and Year JULY 1944.

Commanding Officer Maj Gen GHA MacMillan, CBE, DSO, MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PUTOT EN BESSIN	Jul 1		Instr for relief of 15 (S) Div by 53 Div issued	Appx "A"
	2		Main HQ moved to SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN 9274; est about 1200 hrs	
SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN	3		Div location statement issued for locations as at 1200 hrs	Appx "B"
	4		Div Comd's conference on Lessons from Recent Ops attended by all COs.	
	5		Notes on Div Comd's conference of 4 Jul issued.	Appx "C"
	6		Message O 189 regarding the use of passwords in 8 Corps area issued.	Appx "D"
	11		Div Comd's briefing conference on Op "GREENLINE" held at this HQ	
	13	0200	Div under comd 12 Corps	
LA MARE	14	0945 1000	HQ moved to LA MARE 9367; est 1100 hrs OO No 3 for Op "GREENLINE" issued Appx "D" to above OO issued	 Appx "E" Appx "F"
	15		Appx "C" to OO No 3 issued containing Arty Sp Outline Plan Div Traffic Organisation trace issued	Appx "G" Appx "H"
	16	1540 2310 2325	15 (S) Div Op Instr No 2 issued concerning the holding of certain objectives Some shellfire in vicinity of HQ. No cas. The gen area was also bombed. No damage was done and two enemy a/c were probably destroyed by AA fire	Appx "I"
	17	2300-2400	The Div area was bombed. No bombs fell in the immediate vicinity of HQ.	
LE MESNIL PATRY	18	 1440	HQ moved to LE MESNIL PATRY 902703 and was est there at 1045 hrs. 15 (S) Div Op Instr No 4 issued, stating the policy of 12 Corps, under whose comd the Div now is, and setting out various reliefs. Amendment No 1 to above Op Instr issued.	 Appx "J" Appx "K"
	19	2040	Div Op Instr No 5 issued, containing instrs for the lifting of certain minefds and having att a trace showing Corps, Div and Bde bdys	 Appx "L"

	21	2330	Div Op Instr No 6 issued concerning the relief of 5 US Div on 24 Jul by 15 (S) Div Div came under comd 30 Corps	Appx "M"
BALLEROY	23	0900	HQ moved to area BALLEROY 698690; est there 1200 hrs.	
	24	0900 2030	Counter Mortar conference held Div Location Statement issued Div Op Instr No 8 issued, relating to relief of 44 (L) Inf Bde by 46 (H) Inf Bde on night 26/27 Jul Amendment No 1 to above Op Instr issued	 Appx "N" Appx "O" Appx "P"
	25	 1730	15 (S) Div Op Instr No 9 issued, relating to the picking up of American minefds and the laying of further minefds. Staff meeting held to arrange details of routes and timings for the relief detailed in Div Op Instr No 8 (Shown as Appx "O").	Appx "Q"
	26	0815 1930	Div Op Instr No 10 issued, laying down the counter attack roles for each Bde New Div Op Instr No 7 issued, laying down the orders regarding patrols in lieu of a previous Op Instr No 7 on same subject, which was cancelled.	Appx "S" Appx "R"
	28	 1730	Div is under comd 8 Corps. Staff meeting held to decide routes and timings for reliefs taking place on night 29/30 Jul vide Div Op Instr No 8. Secret Routine Order No 348, and Appx "A" to same, issued	 Appx "T"
LA CHAPELLE	30	0730 1500	Op "BLUECOAT" begins. HQ moved to LA CHAPELLE 7062; est there about 1730 hrs.	
	31	1130 1845	Div Op Instr No 11 issued, laying down the tasks for the capture of the high ground in sq 6742, 6842, 6942 and 7142. Div Op Instr No 12 issued, laying down the Div task as the protection of the LEFT flank of 8 Corps.	Appx "U" Appx "V" PA Fishbourne Capt

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Unit G Branch HQ 15 (S) Inf Div

Month and Year AUG 1944.

Commanding Officer Maj Gen CM BARBER, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
La Chapelle	1	1045	Message O585, Warning Order giving Div grouping	Appx "A"
	2		Div Op Instr No 13 issued with Appx "A" (Mov Instr) HQ moved to SEPT VENTS 6957	" "B"
SEPT VENTS	3	1500	Visit by Gen (now Field Marshal) Sir Bernard L Montgomery, KCB, DSO. Maj Gen GHA MacMillan, CBE, DSO, MC, wounded.	
685508	4	0915 1430	Visit by Lord Trenchard. Command of Div devolved on Brig CM Barber, DSO. HQ moved to 685508.	
	5		15 Div Op Instr No 14 issued, being instr for the op of the Div in the gen direction VASSY 7923.	Appx "C"
	6		15 Div Op Instr No 15 issued, showing tasks of each bde.	" "D"
694425	8		HQ moved to 694425 thence two hrs later to 695458.	
	9		Div Op Instr No 16 issued, being instr for the adopting of temporary defensive posns	" "E"
	10		Div Op Instr No 17, giving preparations for following up the enemy, with trace showing axes and routes.	" "F"
	12		Div Op Instr No 18 issued, giving order for relief of the Div by 11 Armd Div 12/13/Aug, with trace Message 0450 correcting above trace.	" "G"
	13		Div placed under comd 12 Corps.	
966576	14		HQ moved to 966576.	
009543	16		HQ moved to 009543.	
FRESNAY LE VIEUX	18		HQ moved to FRESNAY LE VIEUX 0048.	
LE HAMEL	20		Div OO No 5 for securing high ground preparatory to crossing R VIE and R TOUQUES. HQ moved to LE HAMEL 090400.	Appx "H"
LA BOURDONNIERE	23	 2030	Div Mov Order No 0521 for Op "GALLOP" issued. Div Op Instr No 19 for Op "GALLOP" issued. Amendment No 1 to Op Instr No 19 issued. HQ moved to LA BOURDONNIERE 2633.	" "I" " "J" " "K"

878753	25		HQ moved to posn three miles WEST of BROGLIE, halted for two hrs and then moved to 878753.	
COMBON	26		HQ moved to COMBON 0077.	
LE PARC	27		HQ moved to LE PARC 1887.	
VIEUX ROUEN	28		Div Op Instr No 20, giving re-grouping as from 1600 hrs, issued. HQ moved to VIEUX ROUEN 2589.	Appx "L"
HERQUEVILLE	30		HQ moved to HERQUEVILLE 293916. PA Fishbourne, Capt For Lt Col G.S.	

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Unit 'G' Branch, HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

Month and Year SEP 44

Commanding Officer Maj Gen CM BARBER, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LES CORNETS	3		Moved to LES CORNETS, near LYONS LA FORET 5112. Div Op Instr No 22 issued showing forecast of future ops.	 Appx 'A'
HAUCOURT	4		Moved to HAUCOURT, near FORMERIE 6133. Amendment No 1 to Div Op Instr No 22 issued, incl amendments to Appx 'A'	 " 'B'
NUNCQ	5		Moved to NUNCQ 120037, SOUTH of S. POLL	
TRIEU-COUSINE	6		Moved to TRIEU-COUSINE 8945.	
KASTEELWIJK	8		Moved to KASTEELWIJK 072580, near OUDENARDE.	
RAMSDONCK	10		Moved to RAMSDONCK 610744.	
BERGUM	12		Moved to BERGUM 0278.	
GHEEL	14		Moved to GHEEL 1084.	
	17		Div Op Instr No 24 issued, giving outline plan for Op "FLOOD".	" 'C'
	19		Div Op Instr No 26 issued, giving outline plan for Ops "TURN" and "BOX", both in connection with Op "GARDEN".	 " 'D'
	20		Div Op Instr No 27 issued for carrying out of Op "BOX", with Appx 'A' and Appx 'B' showing codenames for places, routes, etc.	" 'E'
ZEELST	21		Moved to ZEELST 390168.	
	23		Div Op Instr No 28 issued, giving confirmation of verbal orders for ops on 24 Sep. Amended Appx 'B' to Div Op Instr No 27 issued, showing 12 Corps routes. Letter amending the above Appx issued.	" 'F' " 'G' " 'H'
	26		Div Op Instr No 29 issued, being confirmation of verbal orders issued to comds on 26 Sep.	" 'I'
NIJNSEL	27		Moved to NIJNSEL 395227. Letter O 769 issued, giving new 12 Corps routes and cancelling Appx 'B' to Div Op Instr No 27.	 " 'J'
	30		Letter 1/10/G(I) issued regarding censorship.	" 'K'

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div

Month and Year OCT 44.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		15 (S) Div Op Instr No 30 for relief of 15 (S) Div by 51 (H) Div issued.	Appx "D" 1.
		0650	46 Bde sent a patrol into NAASTEBEST to see if enemy still in occupation. As soon as they crossed the rly they were fired on and suffered 5 killed and 8 wounded.
			227 Bde patrolled in area of woods 3830 but made no contact. Later contact was made with enemy patrol at 374288.
		1105	Bdy between 15 (S) Div and 53 Div now WILHELMINA Canal incl to 53 Div.
		1500	One bn 158 Bde, who have remained in their sector, under comd 15 (S) Div, carried out a raid on clog factory 397332, which was successful. 8 PW taken.
	2		153 Bde of 51 (H) Div relieved 44 Bde during the night, latter moving to area GEMERT 5730.
			Patrolling by 46 and 227 Bdes continued. 46 Bde reported that enemy still in NAASTEBEST. On 227 Bde front it was reported as a quiet day with no shelling.
	3		Civ reported that enemy digging on line 328363 - 322361 thence along rd to ESCHE. 227 Bde fwd OPs were fired on by mortars and MMGs; otherwise all was quiet.
	4		During the night the Div, less 44 Bde and arty, was relieved by 51 (H) Div. Main Div HQ moved to GEMERT 574304.
			46 Bde moved to HELMOND 5522, and 227 Bde moved to the area BAKEL 6124.
			15 (S) Div Op Instr No 31, giving outline plan for future ops, issued.	Appx "D" 2.
	5		During the night two bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Main HQ, breaking windows; otherwise no damage was done, and the only casualty was one man wounded.
			Div now resting and all bdes organising trg.
	6		" " " " " " " "

	7		15 (S) Div Mov Order No 1 for Op "GATWICK" issued, with trace showing conc areas. (This op was cancelled). Letter 1/3/G(I) issued regarding security of civil telephone installations. Div resting.	Appx "D" 3. Appx "J" 4.
	8-12		Div resting and bdes trg; maximum entertainment was organised for the tps.	
	13		15 (S) Div OO No 6 for Op "SIRIUS" issued. 15 (S) Div Mov Order No 1 for Op "SIRIUS" issued with trace showing conc areas.	Appx "D" 5. " "D" 6.
	14		Div resting, bdes trg, etc.	
	15		" " " " "	
	16		15 (S) Div OO No 7 for Op "SIRIUS" issued. Div resting, bdes trg, etc. Letter 1/10/G(I) regarding censorship of mail of Allied Liaison personnel issued.	Appx "D" 7. " "J" 8.
	17		Letter 89/G(O) regarding policy for mounting guards on crashed a/c issued. Div resting, bdes trg, etc.	" "J" 9.
	18	0100	" " " " " Div came under comd 12 Corps.	
	19		Div took over from 51 (H) Div in BEST 3726 - OEDENRODE 4332 sector. 46 Bde now in area BEST. 44 Bde area 4126 with one bn under comd 7 Armd Div area 4737. 227 Bde area ST OEDENRODE - BEST.	44 & 46 Bde's other bns area GEMERT 5730
	20		Situation at mid-day as follows:- 227 Bde with under comd 15 (S) Recce Regt and 9 CAMERONIANS of 46 Bde hold line 397317 - 385301 - 380294 - 373278 - 374266 - 374257. Otherwise no change. Message O 858 regarding the breaking of wireless silence issued.	 Appx "D" 10.
	21		Patrolling showed enemy to be still occupying wood 3830. Increase in enemy mortaring in area BEST. At midnight 6 Gds Tk Bde came under comd 15 (S) Div. At present they are in area DEURNE - ASTEN.	
	22		A much quieter day with little shelling and mortaring. Active patrolling during the night in area 3830 disclosed enemy defs in the area still being held.	
	23		15 (S) Div Op Instr No 33 for 12 Corps Op "PHEASANT", giving div outline plan, issued with list of brs for which the Div is responsible at Appx 'A'. By evening the enemy appear to have withdrawn from area NAASTEBEST.	Appx "D" 11.
	24		During morning recce patrols reported many felled trees, heavily booby-trapped, at 365290. Other recce patrols were unable to enter	

			BOXTEL owing to booby traps, although local civs say that the enemy has withdrawn.	
		1200	Op to clear area of woods 3830 and to NORTH started by 227 Bde and proceeding satisfactorily.	
			Main Div HQ moved to ST OEDENRODE 415315.	
		1950	Class 40 br at BEST completed, 44 Bde having advanced to beyond OIRSCHOT 3125. Situation at midnight : 227 Bde - 2 Gordons 3529. 10 HLI and 2 A & SH astride rd 3629 and 3628. 44 Bde - 6 RSF occupied OIRSCHOT with one coy holding br 286276 which was incompletely blown by the enemy and is still suitable for Cl 9 traffic. 6 KOSB area BEST. 8 RS area 3828. 9 CAMERONIANS of 46 Bde (under comd 44 Bde) area 3626. 46 Bde - 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH 3923. 6 Gds Tk Bde - 4 Tk Gren Gds OIRSCHOT, remainder of Bde conc 4230.	
			Message O 883 giving codewords list for Op "PHEASANT" issued.	Appx "D" 12.
			Message O 888 referring to Op Instr No 33 cancelling Op "BOB" issued.	" "D" 13.
	25		A Cl 40 br at 286275 completed during the night. Main Div HQ moved to OIRSCHOT 313254. Situation at mid-day as follows : 44 Bde - 6 KOSB reached blown br 205276, having cleared NORTH of WILHELMINA Canal. 8 RS at STRATEN 3426. 46 Bde - 2 GLAS H sp by 3 Tk SG reached 230305. 15 (S) Recce Regt patrols on rd BEST - BOXTEL reached 3432. Situation at midnight as follows : 46 Bde - 7 SEAFORTH fwd elements over Cl 9 br at 2334. 9 CAMERONIANS 1831 patrolling to br 178327. 2 GLAS H sp by one sqn 3 Tk SG reached 205307. 44 Bde - 6 KOSB area 2027. One coy 6 RSF at Cl 40 br 287275. 6 RSF less one coy and 8 RS at OIRSCHOT. 227 Bde conc NOTEL 3226.	
	26		By mid-day situation as follows : 46 Bde - 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H attacking OOSTERWIJK 2234 and leading elements reached rly 235345. 9 CAMERONIANS area 1931 and 1832. 44 Bde - 6 KOSB contacted patrols of 4 Armd Bde at br 205275 which is now Cl 40. By midnight situation as follows : 46 Bde completed the clearance of area OOSTERWIJK. 9 CAMERONIANS at 1833 - 1832. 2 GLAS H area 2434 - 2334. 7 SEAFORTH area 2334 - 2234. One sqn 3 Tk SG with each bn. 227 Bde conc MOERGESTEL 2230 with 4 Tk Coldm Gds. 44 Bde - area 1924 with 4 Tk Gren Gds. Cl 40 br at 231340 now completed.	
	27		Situation at mid-day : 46 Bde - 9 CAMERONIANS pushing NORTH along EAST side of WILHELMINA Canal. 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H moving to area NE of TILBURG. 44 Bde - advancing from SOUTH towards TILBURG, leading tps (6 RSF) at 1831 - 1730. 6 KOSB just short of BROEKHOVEN 1730. Main Div HQ moved to HILVARENBEEK 196238.	

			Situation at midnight : The Western part of TILBURG occupied, posns as follows - 46 Bde NORTH of rly TILBURG in areas 1686 - 1834. 44 Bde - Southern half of city in areas 1928 - 1831 - 1830. 227 Bde - conc area 1826 - 1926 preparatory to passing through 44 Bde to clear the remainder of the city up to the rly.	
	28		During the morning GOC accompanied by GSO1 and other staff offrs went into the city of TILBURG and were welcomed and entertained by the Bourgmeister. 44 and 46 Bdes completed the occupation of TILBURG. At about mid-day orders were received for the Div to be prepared to move as soon as possible to 8 Corps sector, due to the enemy making a breakthrough on 7 US Armd Div front in the area of MEIJEL E 7106. Main Div HQ moved to WILHELMINA Park 159331 in TILBURG. 227 Bde and 3 Tk SG moved over to 8 Corps area, arriving at first light.	
	29		At first light 44 and 46 Bdes followed 227 Bde to 8 Corps area and the Div came under comd 8 Corps. Main Div HQ moved to HELMOND 5521. By last light posns were as follows : 44 Bde (with under comd 2 GLAS H and less 6 KOSB) took over from 7 US Armd Div Combat Comd "B". 2 GLAS H ASTEN 6113. 8 RS area 6614. 6 RSF area 6514. 4 Tk Gren Gds 6614-6414. 46 Bde (with under comd 6 KOSB and less 2 GLAS H) - 9 CAMERONIANS astride rly SSE of DEURNE. 7 SEAFORTH astride rly SW of DEURNE. 6 KOSB area 6516. 227 Bde - 2 GORDONS area 6510. 10 HLI area 6509. 2 A & SH EAST of ASTEN. 3 Tk SG area ASTEN. LIESEL was reported unoccupied by the enemy.	
	30		Enemy reported having re-occupied LIESEL at first light. Main Div HQ moved to ZOMEREN 5911. Situation at last light : 44 Bde - 6 RSF cleared enemy from houses in NORTH and WEST of LIESEL. At mid-day enemy strongly counter-attacked 2 GLAS H from SLOT and attained some infiltration. With the help of 8 RS the situation was stabilised and the counter attack was finally broken up. 46 Bde - 9 CAMERONIANS reached wood 6716 and patrolled SOUTH to rd 6715. 7 SEAFORTH reached LOON 6615. 227 Bde - elements of 10 HLI reached Easting 66. Enemy counter-attacked about 1800 hrs but this was destroyed by arty fire.	
	31		Situation as at first light : 44 Bde - 8 RS now in area 6513-6514. 46 Bde - 6 KOSB area 6616. 227 Bde - 10 HLI area 6410-6510. 2 A & SH area 6312. Otherwise no change. During the day 46 Bde continued their advance down the DEURNE - MEIJEL rd, having cleared LIESEL. Situation at last light : 6 KOSB in SLOT in contact with enemy. 7 SEAFORTH area just SOUTH of LIESEL. 9 CAMERONIANS area 678148. 44 Bde	

			- 8 RS cleared wood 6612 and are now est on Eastern edge. 6 RSF moving down to right flank of 8 RS. Otherwise no change.	

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

Month and Year NOV 44.

Commanding Officer Maj-Gen CM BARBER, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1 Nov	1300	44 Bde preceded by recce screen adv South on HEITRAK 6910 based on LIESEL 6614 against increasing enemy opposition.	
		1445	8 Corps Comd visited 46 and 227 Bdes and later 44 Bde.	
		1550	Posn of 46 Bde as follows :- one Bn 685124, one Bn 682140 (7 Seaforth) one Bn 695155 one Bn 559144.	
		1825	44 Bde posned as follows :- one Bn 661125, one Bn 674138, one Bn 681129.	
ZOMEREN	2 Nov		Orders issued for capture of MEIJEL 7106 by 44 Bde Gp on 3 Nov. Progress of 44 Bde continues slowly under increasing shell fire, and extensive minefds finally slowed up progress.	
		1750	Dispositions of 44 Bde as follows :- two Bns area 695095, one Bn 695100.	
	3 Nov		Attack by 44 Bde on MEIJEL postponed 24 hrs to allow counter battery tasks to be undertaken.	
		1003	Enemy reported still occupying SCHANS 7107 and some enemy infiltration in 44 Bde's area, who later withdrew.	
	4 Nov	1126	Counter attack on 6 KOSB of 44 Bde reported from 710092.	
		1215	Counter attack destroyed by arty fire.	
ZOMEREN	5 Nov	0800	Attack on MEIJEL by 44 Bde sp by 4 Tk Gren Gds from North unsuccessful owing to minefds and muddy state of ground. 23 Tks "bogged" or KO'd. Local gains only made, under hy shelling. Div Op Instr No.35 issued giving tasks for the holding of DEURNE canal from bdy between 11 Armd Div (698157) to 10 Northing Grid line. 44 Bde to close Eastwards to DEURNE canal and prevent enemy crossing. Both Bdes to patrol actively Eastwards towards the canal.	Appx "D.1"
		1400	7 Seaforth came under comd 44 Bde.	
		2359	6 RSF come under comd 46 Bde.	
	6 Nov		6 RSF relieved 2 GORDONS and came into Div reserve ~~area ASTEN~~ with task of protecting rd ASTEN - MEIJEL. 10 HLI withdrawn to rest in area ASTEN. 46 Bde patrolling East to DEURNE canal. 44 Bde patrolling South to determine posn of enemy in area MEIJEL. All tk crews of	

			'bogged' tks in operation on MEIJEL reported as rescued and salvage of tks continuing.	
	7 Nov		Div Op Instr No.36 issued. 2 A & SH of 227 Bde relieved Combat Gp FULLER of 7 US Armd Div in area 673060 during the night. Patrolling by 44 Bde and 46 Bde continued during the night. 6 RSF reverted to comd 44 Bde.	Appx "D" 2
	8 Nov	0600	Div assumes responsibility for sector formerly held by 7 US Armd Div. The sector extends as follows :- junc of canals 618995 to 673060. 152 (H) Bde of 51 Div with under comd 2 A & SH come under comd 15 Div, and are responsible for above sector.	
	9 Nov		During the night 227 Bde with two Bns relieved 44 Bde. Bns of 44 Bde moved to HELMOND and ASTEN. 7 Seaforth reverted to comd 46 Bde and moved to area DEURNE.	
	10 Nov		Div Op Instr No.37 issued giving outline plan for capture of MEIJEL by 227 Bde assisted by subsidiary operations of 44 Bde. Patrolling continues.	Appx "D.3"
	11 Nov		Patrolling continues, with little to report except additional infm regarding minefds. 44 Bde relieved 227 Bde.	
	12 Nov	0930	Comds Conference on future operations held at Div HQ. All Bde Comds, CRA, CRE, OC 1 MX and OC 15 (S) Recce Regt attended. Patrolling continues. More infm obtained regarding minefds.	
	13 Nov		An offr patrol of 6 KOSB went to MEIJEL in the early morning remaining there all day and found the village to be unoccupied. Some increase in enemy shelling. Patrolling continues.	
	14 Nov		A further patrol from 44 Bde during the morning went to MEIJEL but saw no enemy. Letter 1/G(I) regarding security of future Ops and the policy to be adopted to maintain security issued. O.6 List of place names codewords for use during Op NUTCRACKER issued.	Appx "J" 4 Appx "D" 5
	15 Nov		During early morning 44 Bde advanced towards MEIJEL meeting no resistance except from an enemy fighting patrol at 719080 which caused a temporary halt in the adv. MEIJEL finally occupied during late afternoon.	
	16 Nov		15 Div Op Instr No.39 for Op NUTCRACKER issued. Active patrolling to the DEURNE canal carried out by 44 and 46 Bdes, establishing that the enemy held a number of posts along the canal.	Appx "D" 6
	17 Nov		Active patrolling carried out by all Bdes, during night 44 and 46 Bdes patrolled to DEURNE canal and found the enemy still holding his posts. 44 Bde report an increase in shelling in the MEIJEL area. Addendum No.1 to Div Op Instr No.38 issued.	Appx "D" 7

			15 (S) Div Op Instr No 39 for Op "NUTCRACKER" issued.	Appx "D" 8
	18 Nov		Patrolling again carried out during the night by all Bdes establishing that the enemy still holding his posts on DEURNE canal. Slight decrease in shelling.	
	19 Nov	 0830	Enemy appear to have withdrawn during the night. Patrols from 44 and 46 Bdes at first light made no contact. Bridging operations to establish cl 40 brs at 729065 and 708122 across DEURNE canal begun. 46 Bde sent one Coy across canal at 708122 to give close protection to bridging operations.	
	20 Nov	 1040 1230 1700	Op NUTCRACKER begins. Div advances on area SEVENUM 8113 on two routes with 227 Bde on right crossing canal at 729065 and 46 Bde (one bn only) on left crossing canal at 708122, both preceded by recce. Main Div HQ moved to barracks at DEURNE 655170 arriving 1030 hrs. 46 Bde report fwd elements at 727117 being heavily mortared and that minesweeping on axis being held up by enemy small arms fire. Northern route very bad owing to mud and mines. Forward tps of 227 Bde reported at 761024. 227 Bde (2 GORDONS) reached rd at 773097 and 774085. Bn of 46 Bde reached HELENAVEEN canal where they were held up by extensive minefds and bad going, and established that the enemy were holding the East side. About 30 PW taken. Message O 63 giving orders for Ops 21 Nov issued.	 Appx "D" 9
	21 Nov	 1640	227 Bde continue on SKYE route, but the route is reported very bad and at places under water. Considerable number of mines also reported. 46 Bde moving on AYR route which is also in very bad condition, and badly mined and cratered. Considerable trouble experienced with br over HELENAVEEN canal. 227 Bde fwd tps reached and occupied VORST 8212. 47 Bde fwd tps reached area ACHTERSTE HEES 8014 and patrol of 15 Recce Regt patrolled to HORST 8218 which they found clear of enemy. One Bn 44 Bde moved to MEIJEL. 42 PW taken by 2 GORDONS Lt G.M. Paton, Recce Corps, joined this HQ as Liaison Offr.	
	22 Nov	0900 1100 1350 1512	227 Bde fwd elements reported reached ACHTERSTE STEEG 8012. 227 Bde occupied VOORSTE STEEG 8013. 227 Bde occupied SEVENUM and are disposed as follows :- one Bn 823128 - 815127 - 812123 - 818127 - 819123 with one Bn at 809134 and one Bn at 807117. 46 Bde report one Bn at ACHTERSTE HEES, one Bn disposed between ACHTERSTE HEES and SEVENUM and one Bn area 7613. The going has been extremely bad and muddy on both routes rendering traffic control very difficult. Br at 736116 now cl 40 but approaches very bad.	

			Message O 76 giving orders for operations 23 Nov issued.	Appx "D" 10
	23 Nov		By mid-day 227 Bde had two Bns in HORST 8318 with the third Bn moving up. Contact made by recce with 11 Armd Div on our left at 812178. By midnight third Bn of 227 Bde joined the other Bns in HORST. No movement was made by 44 and 46 Bdes during the day. Further mines and demolitions reported on SKYE route and lateral rds between the two routes. Message O 84 giving orders for Ops 24 Nov issued.	 Appx "D" 11
	24 Nov		Forward patrolling by 15 Recce Regt towards TIENRAIJ. During the night 23/24 active patrolling was carried out by 46 and 227 Bdes. Letter 7/G(I) regarding photographs of Campaign issued. Message O 97 giving orders for ops 25 Nov issued.	 Appx "J" 12 Appx "D" 13
SEVENUM	25 Nov		Main Div HQ moved to SEVENUM 819146. As it was not known whether the wood 8315 was clear of enemy one Recce Sqn formed a screen from 826154 to 829166. 46 Bde remained concentrated in the area HORST. One Bn 227 Bde advanced to SWOLKEN 8722 with little opposition. Message O 100 giving orders for Ops 26 Nov issued.	 Appx "D" 14
	26 Nov		One Bn 46 Bde cleared wood 8417 without opposition and also LOVENDAAL 890153, one Bn situated astride rd from 885172 to HOUTHUIZEN 897177 and one Bn in area 895191 to 902195 in contact with enemy. This Bn will attempt to push on into LOTTUM 9018 during the night. 227 Bde one Bn in area 8924 and one Bn in area GUN 8724 and TIENDAIJ 8523 and one Bn in contact with enemy in BLITTERSWIJK 8727 which is not yet cleared. 24 PW taken during the day. Message O 113 giving orders for Ops 27 Nov issued.	 Appx "D" 15
	27 Nov	 2345	46 Bde reliefs within the Bde took place during the day. 227 Bde one Bn mopping up in West outskirts of BLITTERSWIJK 8727 and area MEGELSUM 8625. Message O 118 issued giving particulars of reliefs of 10 HLI by 9 Bde of 3 Div and 2 GORDONS by 11 Armd Div and of adjustment of bdys. Relief of 2 GORDONS by 9 Bde completed.	 Appx "D" 16
	28 Nov		One Bn 46 Bde attacked KASTEEL 903217 this morning but the attack was unsuccessful. The posn was strongly held with MGs dug in and also sited in the embrasures of the KASTEEL. Mines were also encountered. During the afternoon 2 GORDONS under comd 46 Bde cleared the houses at 902221 taking 5 PW. 46 Bde were relieved by 159 Bde and moved one Bn to area 7915 and one Bn to SCHADIJK 8020. 2 GORDONS reverted to comd 227 Bde and moved to ASTEN 6113.	
PANNINGEN	29 Nov	0900 1015	Div came under comd of 12 Corps. Main Div HQ moved to PANNINGEN 776049.	

			46 Bde relieved 146 Bde of 49 Div in area 8708 who with 49 Recce Regt remained under comd of this Div. 227 Bde still conc area ASTEN. 44 Bde employed on lifting mines and making corduroy rd in 8 Corps sector. Div Op Instr No. 40 for Op GUILDFORD issued.	
	30 Nov		Active patrolling was carried out by 44 Bde to attempt to build up the enemy picture in BLERICK 8809 in preparation for operation GUILDFORD. The results showed that the enemy appeared to be well dug in, and protected by an a tk ditch and extensive minefds. Staff planning for operation GUILDFORD in progress.	

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WAR DIARY
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Unit HQ 15 (S) INF DIV.

Month and Year DEC 44.

Commanding Officer Major General C.M. BARBER, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN	1		Planning for Op "GUILDFORD". Rain and muddy conditions. Line of fwd tps as follows : 46 Bde - 2 GLAS H coys at 881104 887109 884116. 9 CAMERONIANS coys at HAUT BLERICK 882080 875087 BOEKEND 874100. 7 SEAFORTH were relieved by 9 CAMERONIANS.	
	2		Planning for Op "GUILDFORD". Rain and muddy conditions. 46 Bde patrols report wire obstacles NORTH of house 888123 with A tk mines.	
	3	0745	44 Bde op "GUILDFORD" for the taking of BLERICK began. The attack was made from the WEST with two bns, preceded by flails who cleared six lanes through a protecting minefd and AVsRE which bridged the A tk ditch. The flails and AVsRE were covered by tks. Inf were conveyed in armd personnel carriers, who then conveyed the remaining bn, and 7 SEAFORTH (under comd 44 Bde). By 1700 hrs the op was complete with the exception of two pockets of enemy (one near the ferry). 'Mopping up' was NOT completed by last light. 15 (S) Div Op Instr No. 41 for future ops issued.	
	4		Posns of fwd tps at first light as follows : 44 Bde - 6 KOSB coys at 892078 893081 894084. 8 RS coys at 898065 908088 897089. 6 RSF coys at 902092 902096 898024. 7 SEAFORTH (under comd 44 Bde) 896104 891106. Third coy moving to MAASBREE 8207. 6 KOSB mopped-up isolated pockets at 894081. 7 SEAFORTH cleared enemy from 897104. Approx 230 PW taken in Op "GUILDFORD".	
	5		Nothing to report. Weather - wind WSW; showers heavy; visibility 4-8 miles, later 2-4 miles. Div Comd's conference held at this HQ. All Bde Comds attended.	
	6		Nothing to report. Weather - showery, overcast. Message O 212 giving particulars of visit of Comd 8 Corps.	

	7		2 GORDONS and 10 HLI of 227 (H) Inf Bde took over area KESSELEIK 8099 - KESSEL 8200 - HAUT 8402 - BAARLO 8605 from 160 Bde of 53 Div. Relief carried out smoothly without interruption. Weather - some rain, followed by fairly heavy rain. Conditions still very muddy.	
	8		46 (H) Inf Bde moved into conc area ASTEN. Remainder of 227 (H) Inf Bde and HQ moved to area HELDEN 7403. Lt Gen EH BARKER, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, 8 Corps Comd, visited 46 and 227 Bdes. Div Op Instr No. 42 issued.	
	9	0600	Nothing to report. Slight rain during evening. Conditions muddy. Div reverted to comd 8 Corps. Letter 365/G(O) regarding the presentation of medal ribbons with list of offrs and ORs to be decorated issued.	
	10		Nothing to report. Conditions still muddy. Maj DH BURNET left this HQ on ceasing to be employed as GSOII.	
	11		44 (L) Bde report considerable mov of the enemy EAST of R MAAS, which indicates that the enemy is carrying out reliefs in area VENLO 9109 and to the NORTH. They fired on suspected enemy OPs and other opportunity targets. 227 (H) Bde nothing to report. 46 (H) Bde nothing to report.	
	12		Enemy mov active at night. Div Op Instr No. 43 issued.	
	13		Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. MONTGOMERY, KCB, DSO, presented medal ribbons to 36 offrs (incl 2 Canloan offrs) and 40 ORs of the Div. Afterwards he spoke to senior offrs of the Div.	
	14		All quiet.	
	15		Nothing to report. Capt ND DAVENPORT, KOSB, arrived to take up appointment of GSOIII(O).	
	16		Nothing to report.	
	17		46 (H) Bde relieved 158 Bde in area NEER 7897 - WANSSUM 7996 - NUNHEM 7795 - BUGGENUM 7794 - ROGGEL 7397. 158 Bde remained under comd until relief was complete. Relief completed without incident by 1730 hrs. Some air activity during the day.	
	18		8 RS relieved 6 RSF in area NORTH of BLERICK. Capt JF MARNAN IG appointed GSOII. Capt S McCALL-SMITH CAMERONIANS appointed GSOIII(O). Capt AL TAMBLYN appointed GSOIII(L).	
	19		Shelling not so hy. Enemy SP guns active in VENLO and noises of hammering metal stakes etc in area 908103, which was fired on by our arty.	

	20		10 HLI relieved 2 A & SH during afternoon. General adjustment of def posns within bdes carried out.	
	21		N T R. Div Op Instr No. 45 issued.	
	22		Adjustment of Div Northern flank carried out during the afternoon and evening. Posns taken up as shown in sitrep for 232359 hrs.	Appx "A" 12.
	23		Slight enemy patrol activity, otherwise N T R. Adjustments of bns of 44 Bde completed.	
	24		Slight enemy patrol activity incl a party of enemy discovered in house at 791971. Otherwise a quiet day.	
	25		Xmas Day. All ranks enjoyed Xmas celebrations. Enemy activity was negligible during the day. Some civilians crossed the river and reported that the Germans in VENLO were drunk. O 364, giving list of code names for present area, issued.	
	26		A quiet day. N T R.	
	27		6 RSF relieved 8 RS in the line. A certain amount of shelling of div area.	
	28		A quiet day. An enemy patrol came over the river at 790950 during the early part of the morning but were driven back. 9 CAMERONIANS relieved 2 GLAS H. Slight increase in enemy shelling.	
	29		Weather conditions misty. About 10 enemy attempted to cross the river at 804977 and were engaged by MG and arty fire. Approx 100 shells were dropped on Div area. 6 Dutch Patriot Coy came under comd and placed under comd 44 Bde situated at BOEKEND 8709.	
	30	1300	Three shells landed in HQ area. One cas at HQ RA. Otherwise a quiet day. 2 GORDONS relieved 2 A & SH. 6 Dutch Patriot Coy moved to 877086.	
	31		Three shells landed in HQ area at 1013 hrs. No cas or damage. Some increase in shelling on our right sector. Some rly shunting was heard in area 8296 and Tac R was requested. Aeroplanes, however, unable to fly due to iced runways. Message O 417, ordering one bn 46 Bde and one MG pl to be placed under comd 11 Armd Div from 0800 hrs 8 Jan for the purpose of relieving units of 159 Bde, issued.	

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

Month and Year JAN 1945

Commanding Officer

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		NTR	
	2		NTR	
	3	2100	2 GLAS H relieved 7 SEAFORTH in same posn overnight. 2 A & SH relieved 10 HLI in same posn overnight. Small enemy patrol engaged by 2 GLAS H causing enemy to withdraw.	
	4		NTR	
	5		NTR. Weather - Frosty and some mist.	
	6		NTR. Weather - Frosty and some mist.	
	7		Weather - severe snow storms. Enemy patrol strength approx 10 men met fwd post 2 GLAS H at 793971, patrol scattered. 2 wounded PW taken both died. Both belonged to 7 FLIEGER Regt.	
	8		Weather - snow. During night 6 KOSB relieved 6 RSF (completed by 2000 hrs) taking over same posn. Some enemy patrol activity during night. 7 SEAFORTH moved to 11 Armd Div area coming under their comd on arrival. 'C' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt moved to area REGGEL 7397. Letter 12/G/(I) regarding reporting of enemy Tk cas issued.	
	9			Location Statement.
	10		Small enemy patrol reported area 901102 at 0045 hrs, but disappeared. Lt Col JM HAILEY, DSO (CO 131 Fd Regt RA) succeeded Lt Col JND TYLER, MC (RA) as GSO 1, 15 (S) Inf Div.	
	11		Enemy patrol of 7 men seen at 875065 at 2300 hrs.	
	12		Routine reliefs - 44 (L) Inf Bde:- 6 RSF relieved 8 RS in same posns, but HQ 8 RS 829081. 227 (H) Inf Bde:- 2 GORDONS relieved 2 A & SH in same posns. Three enemy suspected at 903091 at 0345 hrs.	Location Statement.
	13		Enemy arty very active - 387 rounds in Div area, mostly North of BLERICK.	
	14		NTR	
	15		NTR	

	16		Boat containing eighteen enemy attempted to cross the river very early this morning at 896136, but were forced back.	
	17		NTR	
	18		NTR	
	19		Enemy patrol of one offr and three ORs swam across the MAAS. One killed, one captured. Further South a party of ten crossed near 793967, strongly supported by mortars from the enemy side of the river. One PW.	
	20		227 (H) Inf Bde relieved by 1 Cdo Bde and 44 (L) Inf Bde relieved by 227 (H) Inf Bde by 2200 hrs. HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde moved to GRAMMONT J2848 (message O 569). 8 RS under comd 1 Cdo Bde (with 6 Cdo and 45 (RM) Cdo), in old location of 2 A & SH, 6 Cdo in place of 10 HLI and 45 (RM) Cdo in place of 2 GORDONS.	
	21		6 RSF and 6 KOSB moved to area GRAMMONT J2848 (message O 569). Inns of Court Regt under comd 15 (S) Inf Div.	Location Statement.
	22		1 Cdo Bde reverted from comd 15 (S) Inf Div and moved out of area. 8 RS under direct Div comd 1100 hrs, took over from 6 Cdo, and Inns of Court Regt took over from 45 (RM) Cdo. 3 Para Bde Gp and 5 Para Bde Gp (6 Airborne Div) entered Div area, the latter taking over from 1 Cdo Bde with 8 RS and Inns of Court in the line. 7 SEAFORTH (res bn area) 46 (H) Inf Bde reverted to under comd 15 (S) Inf Div from 11 Armd Div.	
	23		3 and 5 Para Bde of 6 Airborne Div under comd 15 (S) Inf Div took over comd of Southern and Centre sectors of Div front respectively at 1430 hrs.	
	24		Move of 46 (H) Inf Bde to area centre TILBURG, and HQ 15 (S) Inf Div to area HELVOIRT - HAAREN 2537 - 2840.	
	25		227 (H) Inf Bde moved areas NW of TURNHOUT 9815, 9910 and GOIRLE 1427.	
	26		44 (L) Inf Bde moved from GRAMMONT area to area SE TILBURG.	
	27		15 (S) Inf Div under comd 30 Corps in new area.	
	28		Trg and Planning for Op "VERITABLE".	
	29		Sudden rise in temperature - thaw commenced.	
	30		Trg and Planning for Op "VERITABLE".	
	31		- ditto -	

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Unit HQ 15th (Scottish) Division.

Month and Year FEB 45.

Commanding Officer Maj-Gen CM BARBER, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Planning for Op VERITABLE in progress.	
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	4		15 Div OO No 8 issued for Op VERITABLE. During evening 46 (H) Bde Gp moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN.	
	5	2100	During night 227 (H) Bde Gp moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN. Main Div HQ moved to NIJMEGEN. Conditions very muddy due to considerable thaw.	
	6		During night 44 (L) Bde Gp and 15 (S) Recce Regt moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN.	
	8		Barrage for Op VERITABLE began at 0500 hrs. Op, with 46 (H) Bde on Right and 227 (H) Bde on Left, started fwd at 1030 hrs. Very bad going experienced and great difficulty in opening routes fwd. By 1630 hrs 10 HLI were beyond KRANENBURG behind 2 A & SH who were level with FRASSELT. By 1800 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were mopping up in FRASSELT.	
	9		Op SULLIVAN (crossing of A tk ditch and breaching of SIEGFRIED Line by mov light) began at 0400 hrs by 44 (L) Bde with 2 GORDONS under comd. 6 KOSB and 2 GORDONS were across the A tk ditch by 0700 hrs. By 0900 hrs 2 GORDONS reported in the outskirts of NUTTERDEN with 6 KOSB in the wood to SOUTH. At 1430 hrs 6 KOSB (with 8 RS behind) passed through gap 858557. By 1530 hrs leading tps (6 KOSB and 8 RS) were est on high ground overlooking CLEVE from WEST and NW. Throughout the afternoon rd EAST of KRANENBURG packed with traffic due to the passing through of two bdes of 43 Div. During the late afternoon 15 (S) Recce Regt attempted to pass through but were held up by mines, SA fire and darkness and were unable to get fwd.	
	10		During the night one bn of 43 Div entered the outskirts of CLEVE, and by 0800 hrs two bns of 43 Div were firmly est in CLEVE without much opposition. Later, parties of enemy re-appeared, causing confusion to some extent before being finally mopped up.	

			227 (H) Bde, who were to have passed through 43 Div to occupy woods immediately NW of CLEVE, were held up by traffic block in NUTTERDEN. 2 A & SH therefore ordered to take over from 6 KOSB and 8 RS on MATERBORN feature to enable 44 (L) Bde to move into CLEVE. This they were unable to do owing to the congestion caused by 43 Div.	
	11		During the morning Main Div HQ moved to NUTTERDEN 847560. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to take over from 2 A & SH (on high ground WEST of CLEVE). By 0800 hrs 6 KOSB were mopping up to CLEVE where slight opposition was met in the area of the LOOKOUT TOWER, but by 1030 hrs were est in CLEVE with 8 RS. About 1400 hrs 2 GORDONS still mopping up EAST of DONSBRUGGEN and bns of 43 Div were still in area CLEVE.	
	12		Mobile coln of 7 SEAFORTH sp by tks reached rly crossing 913548 in early afternoon; recce elts reached HASSELT 9453 but later withdrew. Relief of 44 (L) Bde by 7 Cdn Bde began.	
	13		7 SEAFORTH reached HASSELT 9453. Recce patrols reached 9552, 9554, 9455.	
	14		Main Div HQ moved to 890557 in CLEVE. Extensive flooding SE of CLEVE held up op of 15 (S) Recce Regt. 2 GLAS H reached 9552, 9451, and 9 CAMERONIANS at 9551, 9451 clearing woods and ridge WEST of MOYLAND against stiff opposition.	
	15		2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS continued their op of clearing the woods and reached 96 Easting at 2340 hrs. 46 (H) Bde commenced op to clear woods 9649 (by 10 HLI under comd).	
	16		46 (H) Bde came under comd 3 Cdn Div. 7 SEAFORTH patrolled into MOYLAND during the night. Op of 46 (H) Bde to clear woods 9649 continued. Counter attack on Right-hand bn of 46 (H) Bde repelled; 68 PW taken.	
	17		Preliminary planning for assault on GOCH.	
	18		44 (L) Bde attacked GOCH at 1330 hrs led by 8 RS. By 2100 hrs 8 RS reported at 9044, 6 KOSB at 9144, and a br over A tk ditch at 916443.	
	19		44 (L) Bde clearing GOCH. 6 KOSB penetrated to centre of GOCH. 8 RS task to clear Westwards up to river. 6 RSF task to clear area round the factory. All these tasks completed by 1740 hrs. 550 PW taken by 44 (L) Bde during the day.	
	20		227 (H) Bde began to clear woods 9343, 9443. By 1145 hrs 2 A & SH in BUCHHOLT with 2 GLAS H to SOUTH of them. By 1400 hrs 2 GORDONS reached SCHLOSS CALBECK 9342. By 1600 hrs all bns reported on their objectives. 2 GLAS H on high ground SOUTH Of BUCHHOLT. 2 A & SH on high ground 1000 metres NORTH of them, and 2 GORDONS at SCHLOSS CALBECK and to SOUTH. 288 PW and 3 deserters taken.	

	21	 2030	6 RSF came under comd 227 (H) Bde. Patrolling carried out by Recce and 2 GLAS H to SE. Recce took 30 PW. 6 RSF got one coy over rly against considerable opposition. Half-an-hr later all coys over rly en route for high ground SOUTH of it. They met considerable opposition and shelling.	
	22	0705 0810 1048 1400 1615	Counter attack from SE against 6 RSF seen forming up. Right-hand coy of 6 RSF pulled back slightly to form firm brhead. One coy of 2 GORDONS moved fwd to reinforce 6 RSF. Enemy pressure on 6 RSF considerably lightened. During afternoon 6 RSF relieved by 2 GLAS H. 9 CAMERONIANS passed through 2 GLAS H and cleared to SOUTH edge of SCHLOSS CALBECK woods. 7 SEAFORTH of 46 (H) Bde started to attack through 9 CAMERONIANS Eastwards to clear woods SE of SCHLOSS CALBECK.	
	23		44 (L) Bde passed through 46 (H) Bde and secured high ground 938405 - GEURTSCHOF 9439. Fd Marshal Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY KCB, DSO, visited this HQ.	
	24		227 (H) Bde relieved by bde of 3 Brit Div and moved to TILBURG area. (See Location Statement GO 930).	
	25		During night 44 (L) and 46 (H) Bdes relieved by bdes of 3 Brit Div.	
	26		Main Div HQ moved to BOXTEL 327350. 44 (L) and 46 (H) Bdes moved to rest area TILBURG. (See Location Statement GO 930). Came under comd First Cdn Army.	
	27	)	Div resting.	
	28	)		

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

Month and Year March, 1945.

Commanding Officer Maj Gen C.M. BARBER, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1	)		
	2	)	Div resting area TILBURG.	
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	4		Massed Pipes and Drums of Div at TILBURG.	
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	6		Main Div HQ moved to ZONHOVEN 3368. Bdes moved to areas as shown locn statement GO 960 6 Mar. Come under comd 2 Army.	
	7		Come under comd 12 Corps. Planning Ex BUFFALO began. Planning assault crossing of RHINE (Op TORCHLIGHT) began.	
	8		11 AGRE and 5 R Berks come under comd. 33 Armd Bde in sp.	
	9		Opening narrative Ex BUFFALO and First Key Plan Op TORCHLIGHT issued.	
	10		Ex instr Ex BUFFALO issued.	
	11		Instrs for assembly Ex BUFFALO, and outline plan Ex TORCHLIGHT issued. 4 Armd Bde under comd.	
	12		Div Planning Notes No. 1 issued.	
	13		Fd Marshal Sir BL MONTGOMERY, KCB, DSO, visited this HQ.	
	14		Ex BUFFALO - Day Exercise.	
	15/16		Ex BUFFALO - Night Exercise.	
	17		Planning Op TORCHLIGHT.	
	18		) Planning continued.	
	19		)	
	20		Op TORCHLIGHT. Op Order No.9 issued.	
	21		Main Div HQ moved night 21/22 to area 070387. Bdes moved to conc areas as shown on locn statement GO 128 22 Mar 45.	
	22		Tac HQ moved to area 091428.	
	23		Co-ordinating conference for Op TORCHLIGHT. Op PLUNDER 21 Army Gp operation crossing the RHINE began 2100 hrs. Barrage in sp of Op TORCHLIGHT began 2100 hrs.	

	24		Op TORCHLIGHT with 44 Bde Right, 227 Bde Left started 0200 hrs. 0215 hrs 227 Bde reported 10 HLI and 2 A & SH across RHINE without opposition. Difficulty with mud. 0222 hrs 44 Bde reported 8 RS, 6 RSF across river and moving fwd. 46 Bde in reserve started crossing early morning. 18 US Airborne Corps Op VARSITY began 1000 hrs. At 1400 hrs 44 Bde reported 6 KOSB contacted elements 17 US Airborne Div South of DIERSFORDT. 44 Bde at 1550 that all Bns on objectives. 227 Bde reported at 1715 hrs 2 GORDONS pushing towards HAFFEN 1149.	
	25		0430 hrs 46 Bde reported counter-attack on 7 SEAFORTH from area 135493. 2 GLAS H put in to restore situation. Counter-attack dispersed by 0710 hrs. 44 Bde reported leading tps reached 170501 and pushing on towards objective bridge 203530. Slight enemy opposition. 2015 hrs 46 Bde report 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH making good progress in clearing wooded area 1449. 2400 hrs 44 Bde reported 6 KOSB 600 - 800 yds short of objective. Meeting opposition. 157 Bde came under comd. Div HQ moved to 091428.	
	26		During early morning 44 Bde reported counter-attacks on 8 RS and 6 KOSB. Situation restored at 1045 hrs. 3/4 CLY up with 6 KOSB. At 1755 hrs 44 Bde reported crossing R ISSEL to WEST of objective, and after fairly stiff opposition reached objective. 157 Bde reported at 2145 hrs tps were in RINGENBERG. Rd RINGENBERG - R ISSEL clear. 227 Bde, 10 HLI area 1250, 1251. 2 GORDONS 1149, 1049.	
	27		6 HLI under comd 46 (H) Bde. 46 Bde reported at 1117 hrs 2 GLAS H pushing fwd from track 178513 - 172510 - 159508. 9 CAMERONIANS area 1451 unable to push on hy enemy opposition. 44 Bde reported counter-attack on 6 RSF area br head R ISSEL repulsed by 1830 hrs. 157 Bde left, to go under comd 7 Armd Div.	
	28		Recce Regt took over sector of 227 Bde during night. During early morning 158 Bde of 53 Div passed through bridge head held by 44 Bde. 46 Bde passed 7 SEAFORTH through 2 GLAS H at 0900 hrs objective area 1551. 227 Bde attacked at 1100 hrs securing area 156530 - 149532 to line of rd 140532 by 1330 hrs, with 2 A & SH and 6 HLI. At 1400 hrs 10 HLI and 2 GORDONS attacked through 9 CAMERONIANS and secured area 139525, 135516 without opposition.	
	29		Main Div HQ moved to 182501.	
	30		Holding role.	
	31		Holding role.	

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

Month and Year Apr 45

Commanding Officer Maj Gen CM Barber DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HAMMILKELN	1		Div in Corps res. Regrouping in area HAMMILKELN 2048.	
	2		Div in Corps res. HAMMILKELN.	
	3		Div resting HAMMILKELN.	
TECKLENBURG	4		Main Div HQ moved to TECKLENBURG (0502) and remain in Corps res. 6 Gds Armd Bde comes under comd. 15 (S) Recce Regt is placed under comd 6 Airborne Div. 227 (H) Inf Bde moved to area EMSDETTEN 8597.	
	5		227 Bde cleared area TECKLENBURG 0502 - EMSDETTEN - X rds 1604 - Lotte 1208. 46 (H) Inf Bde still in previous area of HAMMILKELN. 44 (L) Inf Bde moved to area BOGHURST.	
LAVELSLOH	6		Main Div HQ moves to LAVELSLOH. 46 Bde at 829875. 44 Bde moved to RHADEN 595265.	
	7		44 Bde moved to area BONNHORST 7326. 46 Bde moved to area FRIEDEWALD 760183.	
	8		Div fully conc NE of MINDEN. 227 Bde : BONNHORST 7326 - MORLINGE 7925 - HILJE 6916. 44 Bde : RHADEN 595265. 46 Bde : FRIEDEWALD 760183.	
	9		Div remain conc in area as above.	
HAGENBURG	10		Main Div HQ moved to HAGENBURG. Div commences role of continuing the adv on axis PETERSHAGEN - DOHREN 8826 - LOCCUM 9629 - BAD REHRBURG - WUNSTORF 1527 - NEUSTADT 1735 - FRIELINGEN 2231 - OBERENDE 2631 and eventually to secure CELLE 5949 and UELZEN 8989.	
FUHRBERG	11	 1000 1200 1200 2400	Main Div HQ moved to FUHRBERG 4345. 15 (S) Recce Regt reverts to 15 (S) Div at first light. 46 Bde Gp recce fwd on route SACHSENHAGEN 0423 - WUNSTORF 1427 - BISSENDORF 3738 - CELLE 5949. 227 Bde Gp on route NEUSTADT 1735 - ABBENSEN 2743 - HELLENDORF 3540 - CELLE 5949. 46 Bde reached WUNSTORF. 46 Bde reached FUHRBERG 4343. 227 Bde cleared NEUSTADT br. Posns of 46 Bde by midnight were :- 557385 550386 545380. 227 Bde : 2 GORDONS crossed the FUHSE Canal just after midnight.	
	12	0530 1110	10 HLI and 2 GORDONS reached CELLE. 2 A & SH reached 6248.	

CELLE		1600	46 Bde were held up during day by numerous rd craters covered by fire, making adv only possible by inf on foot. Bde finally conc area 5848 with 2 GLAS H in area 6252. Main Div HQ moved to CELLE.	
ESCEDE	13	1200 2400	Div HQ move to ESCEDE 6962. General progress along main axis during the day was considerably slowed down by large craters in the rd, also delayed action bombs in area of craters. 46 Bde reached areas UNTERLUSS 7374, 8065 which still contained small enemy pockets; LUTTERLOH also in contact, and SCHARNHORST 7161. 227 Bde moving off the main axis up a track HOSSERINGE 8076, 10 HLI leading.	
	14	 0645	Two attacks by fmns of Pz Div CLAUSEWITZ were put in against STADENSEN 8979 and NETTELKAMP 9179 shortly after midnight 13/14; 5 half tracks of Inf and 13 SPs attacked STADENSEN held by 2 GLAS H and caused severe damage to tpt. Fierce fighting took place and all 5 half tracks and 12 SPs were knocked out. NETTELKAMP was held by one Sqn of Recce Regt who also had vehs knocked out during fierce fighting which continued till 0630 hrs. 10 HLI reported on outskirts of UELZEN 8989, joined by 2 A & SH. Stiff fighting in Southern part of town against determined tps approx one bn strong, who counter attacked twice during morning. Little change in posns during day, but 400 PW taken by 227 Bde. 46 Bde continued clearing Northwards against varying resistance, taking 500 PW. 44 Bde moving NORTH reported main rd UELZEN - CELLE clear of enemy. Contact one Sqn Recce Regt working down Southwards at 8679. Mov on main axis still delayed by cratering and UXB.	
HOSSERINGEN	15		Main Div HQ moved to HOSSERINGEN 8077. 6 RSF captured NIENDORF 9085 with brs intact and pushed NORTH to HALLIGDORF 9186, HAMBROCK 908 and WRESTEDT 9082. Enemy opposn against all their advs was determined. Area WRESTEDT - NETTELKAMP - STADENSEN taken over by Air Ldg Bde 6 Airborne Div. 9 CAMERONIANS and one Sqn Recce Regt re-occupied NETTELKAMP 9179 against light opposition. 227 Bde with under comd 7 SEAFORTH containing enemy in UELZEN from the SOUTH.	
HAMMERSTON	16	 2200 2230	Main Div HQ moved to HAMMERSTON 8383. Very little activity during day. 6 RSF est a coy in MEHRE 9587 during the evening. 9 CAMERONIANS were counter-attacked. Arty DF had broken this attack. Recce Regt deployed for the night to the NW at BODDENSTEDT 8285 and BAHNSEN 8084.	

	17		8 RS took GR LIEDERN 9288 against med opposition and patrolled to OLDENSTADT 9190. 46 Bde holding ground to SE of UELZEN had several counter attacks which were broken up successfully. Fighting patrol sent out to HANSEN 8487 during night and set village on fire. Patrols from 44 Bde reached 905889 and also 905891 and 903891. Recce Regt cleared BOHLSEN 8388 and HANSEN 8487 and contacted 11 Armd Div at BARNSEN 8290, reported woods NW of UELZEN clear of enemy.	
	18		C in C, Fd Marshal Sir Bernard L MONTGOMERY, KCB, DSO, visited this HQ. Recce Regt patrolled NORTH to BEVENSEN 9002, clearing small enemy pockets. ROMSTEDT 9503 and ALMSTORF 9803 also cleared. 46 Bde completed clearing sector WEST of R. ILMENAU in UELZEN.	
BARUM	19		Main Div HQ moved to BARUM 8698. 1 Cdo Bde comes under comd. 15 (S) Recce Regt patrols reached 0401 - 9903 - 9807 - 0114 and report RIMBERGEN 0004 strongly held and possibly tks and SPs in woods NW of the town. Report BLECKEDE 0026 strongly held and enemy using the ferry there. 227 Bde adv to area 8130 - 9031. Foot patrols to close up to the river tonight. 46 Bde conc area BEVENSEN 9002 in Div res. 44 Bde conc area EMMENDORF 9095 - MASENDORF 9494 - MOLZEN 9393.	
SCHARNEBECK	20		Main Div HQ moved to SCHARNEBECK 8525. Patrols from 227 Bde night 19/20 reported ARTLENBURG 8334 and AVENDORF 8035 held by enemy. These villages were attacked by Typhoons at 1300 and 1800 hrs with good results but still held by enemy who are now reported to be withdrawing across river. Apart from these two places area within div bdys now clear of enemy. 388 PW incl 9 offrs taken to-day. 46 Bde moved to area three miles WEST of BLECKEDE at 975275 which is still reported held by two coys of enemy who are probably in the course of withdrawing across the river.	
	21		227 Bde put in attacks against ARTLENBURG and AVENDORF against fairly stiff opposition. They captured and cleared both places, taking a total of 200 PW. TESPE 7873 on div bdy was also occupied without opposition.	
	22		15 (S) Div closed the line of R. ELBE between TESPE 7873 incl and BLECKEDE 9727 excl. Patrol activity during night 21/22. 46 Bde sent patrols from each bn and following observed:- small enemy posns at 982278 and 983285; OP at 988279; patrols heard enemy at 986268 - 988274; otherwise quiet except one stonk on GARZE 9727. Other patrols reached BARFORDE 9334 without incident and est OP there.	
	23		Preliminary planning for Op ENTERPRISE.	
	24		Planning for Op ENTERPRISE.	
	25		" " " " Local patrolling during night.	

	26		Planning and preparation for Op ENTERPRISE.	
	27		" " " " " "	
	28		Preparation for Op ENTERPRISE.	
	29		Op ENTERPRISE. 15 (S) Div with under comd 1 Cdo Bde made assault crossing of R. ELBE in area ARTLENBURG at 0200 hrs. A hy arty bombardment preceded the crossing, but air sp previously planned was prevented until midday by inclement weather.	
		0224	At 0224 hrs 6 RSF were ashore and reached 845346 against very light opposition. 8 RS also ashore.	
		0235	6 Cdo ashore; opposition slight.	
		0450	8 RS were at 835363.	
		0640	7 SEAFORTH (under comd 1 Cdo Bde) reached Pt 60 877364.	
		0645	1 Cdo Bde reported br 898350 captured intact.	
		0750	6 KOSB cleared and hold SCHNAKENBEK 8435.	
		0750	227 Bde commenced crossing into the brhead.	
		1130	2 GLAS H entering KRUTZEN.	
		1210	10 HLI on line 840377 - 830375 - 821375.	
		1400	1 Cdo Bde report having had three enemy air attacks; only one effective.	
		1500	9 CAMERONIANS in area 882382.	
		1622	9 CAMERONIANS reached 883383 after overcoming 50 enemy. 2 GLAS H cleared 858384.	
		2030	9 CAMERONIANS in BASEDOW and 887394. 2 GLAS H in 858384, HUNGER B and 863393.	
		2250	2 A & SH reached 798387 with no opposition. Patrolling carried out during night 29/30.	
	30	0540	227 Bde patrolling to WIERSHOP 8041.	
		0710	2 GLAS H moving to LUTAU, having been relieved by 7 SEAFORTH.	
		0844	15 (S) Recce Regt report village 8144 requires searching.	
		0947	Enemy PW swimmer taken by 2 GORDONS stated to be carrying out a recce of the brs at LAUENBURG and ARTLENBURG.	
		1015	Recce Regt reported having made contact at 8248 and shot up an enemy staff car.	
		1102	Recce Regt report German commander at 8248 appears willing to surrender 1,800 Germans. Negotiations starting.	
		1115	46 Bde report situation on right flank becoming difficult. German opposition there strong and determined.	
		1147	46 Bde report one coy of 2 GLAS H 150 yds short of LUTAU. Progress slow against SA fire.	
		1158	HAMWARDE reported by 227 Bde to be held by enemy.	
		1255	Recce Regt report enemy hold village 7847 in some str and have caused them to withdraw to 805460.	

		1335	2 GLAS H est in LUTAU with tks. Report woods HUNGER B and 863393 clear.	
		1458	Recce Regt report village 7843 is clear.	
		1625	6 RSF have reached SCHWARZENBEK.	
		1845	Recce Regt patrols report 50 enemy going towards village in 7547.	
		1922	8 RS in SCHWARZENBEK.	
		1955	2 GORDONS in HAMWARDE 7843.	
			By midnight the brhead had been extended to area 864393 - 860373 - 809391 - 793378 - 790390 with 1 Cdo Bde occupying LAUENBURG 8834. 1,300 PW taken during the day. Luftwaffe made several attacks on the Cl 9 br site at LAUENBURG, causing some cas and damage.	

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div

Month and Year MAY 1945.

Commanding Officer Maj-Gen C.M. Barber, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHARNEBECK 8525	1		(Op "ENTERPRISE" continued). Main Div HQ crossed R. ELBE and moved to JULIUSBURG 8439.	
JULIUSBURG	2		Div commenced to clear the SACHSEN WALD and est itself on the line AUMUHLE 7151 - BORSEN 6945. Main Div HQ moved to BRUNSTORF 7948. German C of S, Army Group NORTH, came through lines of 2 A & SH to negotiate surrender his fmn. Negotiations took place at HQ 8 Corps and on higher level.	
BRUNSTORF	3		Main Div HQ moved to GRANDE 7557.	
GRANDE	4		German Command surrendered unconditionally all forces in HOLLAND, NW GERMANY, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN and DENMARK to 21 Army Group wef 0800 hrs BDST 5 May. Main Div HQ moved to HAMMOOR 7171.	
HAMMOOR	5	0800	All hostilities ceased on SECOND ARMY front at 0800 hrs.	
	7		All German land, sea and air forces surrendered unconditionally to Allied Expeditionary Forces and the Soviet High Command to be effective 0001 BDST 9 May. 8 Corps Op Instrs Nos 34 and 35 received, and Op Instr No 64 issued.	
	8		VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY.	
HAMMOOR	9	0001	All hostilities in EUROPE ceased. 8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 2 received.	
	11		46 (H) Inf Bde Gp (less 190 Fd Regt) moved to KIEL to carry out garrison duties in that port. 8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 3 received.	
	12		HQ 227 (H) Bde moved to 689889.	
	13		Div HQ (Main and Rear) moved to AHRENSBURG 6567.	
AHRENSBURG	14		HQ 44 (L) Bde moved to 733031.	

			"ECLIPSE" op to clear all PW from Div area to OLDENBURG peninsula commences. 8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 4 received, and 15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 1 issued.	
	15		15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 2 issued.	
	19		HQ 227 (H) Bde moved to LUBECK. 15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 3 issued.	
	20		All German PW cleared out of Div area less 8 Para Div.	
	22		15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 4 issued.	
	26		8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 5 received.	
	27		15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 5 issued.	
	29		15 (S) Div Location Statement No 1 issued.	
	30		Amendment to 15 (S) Div Location Statement No 1 issued.	

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div

Month and Year Jun 1945

Commanding Officer Maj Gen CM BARBER, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
AHRENSBURG	1		GOC visited and lunched with Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, KCB, DSO; in the afternoon he addressed 9 CAMERONIANS, HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde and 7 SEAFORTH.	
	2-7		GOC on leave in UK.	
	4		15 (S) Inf Div Location Statement No.2	359/1/G(O) dated 4 Jun 45
	7		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Op Instr No.6	
	9		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Op Instr No.7 GOC visited Gds Armd Div 'Farewell to Tks' Parade at Rotenburg S 1203	
SCHWERIN	11		Div HQ moved to Schwerin and took over from HQ 5 Div.	
	12		GOC visited Russian contact Pts 15 (S) Inf Div Location Statement No.3	(359/1/G(O) dated 12 Jun 45 & Amdt 359/1/G(O) dated 25 Jun)
	14		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Op Instr No.8 GOC visited HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde and took the salute at the King's Birthday Parade attended by all three Services.	
	15		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Planning Instr No.1 GOC and GSO 1 visited Crivitz T 5960 and met Maj Gen Lashenko, Russian Div Comd.	
SCHWERIN	16		Gen Sir Miles Dempsey, KCB, DSO, MC visited Div	280/G dated 12 Jun 45
	18		Lt Gen Sir Evelyn Barker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC comd 8 Corps met GOC and visited HQ 106 AA Bde.	
	20		Russian Generals and staff incl Maj Gen Lashenko and Lt Gen Polynoff lunched at 'A' Mess.	
	22		GOC inspected all units of 106 AA Bde. Details of frontier posts issued.	371/G/(O)/1 dated 22 Jun
	24		Remembrance Service conducted by Rev Sawyer, MC in Schwerin Cathedral	
	25		Comd 8 Corps and Russian Corps Comd lunched at 'A' Mess	
	27		GOC's birthday	

	28		15 (S) Inf Div "Comma" Op Instr No.1 (details of hand-over to Russians)	
	30		Croix de Guerre presented by Col Troulliers at parade at Div HQ. Russian Army Comd and 8 Corps Comd at Conference at Div HQ.	

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Unit HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier HDK MONEY DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BEACH HOTEL WORTHING	2	0915 1430	All members of Bde HQ attended a small demonstration given by the BM of Ground/Air Recognition Sigs All ranks watched demonstration circus of American and British aircraft which flew round WORTHING	
	6	0200 0300 0940 1400 2000	Many aircraft heard crossing over. Report from 6 KOSB that a glider has fallen into the sea off the coast. Reported to SUSSEX Dist Official announcement from BBC that the invasion of FRANCE has begun Maps, pamphlets etc of FRANCE issued to bns A whole Airborne Div passed over WORTHING	
	7	1200 2130	LO went to SECO Movements and returned with the orders for adv party to move tonight Adv party moved. They went to Marshalling area at CANNING TOWN, LONDON DOCKS. Adv party consisted of Bde Comd, SC, Bde IO, Sigs Offr, G III, Lt WEBSTER and dvrs etc. Adv party subsequently left the THAMES on 11 Jun and landed in NORMANDY on 13 Jun near COURSEUILLES-SUR-MER	
	8		Main body still at WORTHING	
MARSHALLING AREA, LONDON	11	1000 1400	LO went to SECO Movements to receive orders for move of Bde HQ Bde HQ and 8 RS moved off to Marshalling area in LONDON DOCKS	
DOCKS	12	1600	Vehs started loading on ships	
 AT SEA	13	1630 2045	All personnel embarked Ship sailed	
	14	2130	Convoy forming at Mouth of THAMES and later sailed	
NORMANDY	16		Convoy arrived off NORMANDY beaches	
  BRECY, NORMANDY	17	 2115	Bde HQ came on shore and moved up to BRECY where the adv party were met Bde Comd and BM went to Div HQ for a conference - plan divulged of taking over from 51 Div by this Bde EAST of R ORNE, with a view to breaking out EAST of CAEN	
	18	0800	Bde Comd, BM, SC and Sigs Offr spent day doing recce in 51 Div area	

BRECY, NORMANDY		1000 2000 2100	Bde IO puts COs into the picture at Bde HQ. They later met the Bde Comd at RANVILLE, EAST OF R ORNE, for recces. All returned to Bde H.Q. Bde Comd and BM went to a conference at Div, at which the whole plan was cancelled.	
	19	 2100	Very wet day. Bde Comd and BM went to a conference at Div HQ - new plan for 8 Corps to attack WEST of CAEN through the Cdns - Op "EPSOM".	
	20		Bde Comd, Bde IO etc made recce of ground for the attack near BRETTEVILLE-L'ORGUEILLEUSE with the Queens Own Rifles of CANADA. Went up to fwd oot at NORREY-EN-BESSIN.	
	21		Attack postponed owing to bad weather which is holding up the landing. Recces on the Cdn's front continued.	
	22	0915	(O) Gp at Bde HQ. Bde Comd later visited Cdn OPs at NORREY-EN-BESSIN. Preparation for Op EPSOM continued.	
	23	1715	BM went to conference at Div HQ.	
	24	 2230	Another day of preparation for Op EPSOM. Bde HQ moved to assembly area in SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN, along with Bde Gp.	 Appx "A"
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	25		The morning was spent in briefing conferences and preparation for Op EPSOM. Bns moved up to FUP near NORREY-EN-BESSIN.	 Appx "B"
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	26	0600 0730 1103 1700 1635	Tac Bde HQ moved up to fwd posn in a farm near NORREY-EN-BESSIN held by Cdns. Op EPSOM began. 8 RS and 6 RSF with tks of 9 R Tks moved fwd behind a barrage to capture LA GAULE and ST MAUVIEU. 46 Bde on the RIGHT going for LE HAUT DU BOSQ and CHEUX. 8 RS taken all objectives. 6 RSF had some tough village fighting in ST MAUVIEU and a lot of trouble with snipers. They had captured most of their objectives by 1600 hrs but suffered hy casualties in rifle coys. 6 KOSB moved up to relieve 6 RSF and captured the rest of their objective - BOULIESSE-LE-PERRON. Tac Bde HQ moved up on to the battlefield, where it remained all night. Four or five young GERMANS of the 12 SS Pz Div "HITLERJUGEND" were found by Bde HQ hiding in the undergrowth during this period. They were all 18-19 years of age and very scared. Bde relieved overnight by 130 Inf Bde of 43 Div and conc in Div Res in area LE MESNIL PATRY. Main Bde HQ moved and joined Tac Bde HQ there.	 Appx "C"
LE MESNIL PATRY	27		44 Bde had a quiet day in res while 227 Bde pushed on and crossed the R ODON.	

	28	1010 1430 1930	6 KOSB moved up to relieve 10 HLI at LE HAUT DU BOSQ. 'O' Gp at Bde HQ - 8 RS to go off on RIGHT flank and do a drive SOUTH to clear the enemy from the pocket of ground between 15 Div and 49 Div - from CAEN - FONTENAY rd SOUTH to western outskirts of GRANVILLE-SUR-ODON, where they were to link up with 9 CAMERONIANS. Zero hr for 8 RS attack - 1930 hrs. 8 RS met opposition and did not complete their task before dark.	
LE MESNIL PATRY	29	0700 1000 1030 1315 1545 1647 1802 1805 2130 2315	8 RS began attack to get their objective but again made slow progress. Tac HQ moved fwd to posn on lateral rd FONTENAY - CAEN. 8 RS "A" and "C" Coys on objective - "B" and "D" Coys thought to be on objective. 8 RS were then counter-attacked and pushed back. 8 RS counter-attacked successfully. 8 RS finally reported firmly in posn on objective. 6 RSF moved up to take over from 8 RS. Counter-attack developed on 8 RS and 6 RSF. This counter-attack over-ran 8 RS and 6 RSF fwd coys and the situation became difficult for a time. Bde Tac HQ moved up to LE HAUT DU BOSQ but withdrew again to the lateral rd one mile back as the counter-attack developed. This counter-attack was eventually contained and bns remained in original posns. Bde Tac HQ returned to LE HAUT DU BOSQ. 6 KOSB relieved 6 RSF and 8 RS and the latter two bns took up posns behind.	
	30	1100 1450	Bde organised itself in def posn in front of LE HAUT DU BOSQ. Main Bde HQ moved to LE HAUT DU BOSQ. No further enemy developments took place on this front today. Up to date Bde HQ had suffered no cas. Weekly Str Returns att.	Appx "D"

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Month and Year JUL 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LE HAUT DU BOSQ	1		Bde was holding a def posn in front of LE HAUT DU BOSQ, with 6 KOSB in front and 6 RSF and 8 RS behind.	
		0703	6 KOSB reported being attacked by inf and tks. This attack also came in on 49 Div on the right (70 Inf Bde). Confused fighting continued intermittently all day.	
		1500	6 KOSB reported right hand posn partly knocked out. A Tk guns knocked out. Opposition chiefly tks.	
		1915	Counter-attack organised by Bde Comd, by one coy 6 RSF, supported by two sqns 7 R Tks, one sqn 3 C of L YEO, two SP A Tk Btys, collected from the neighbourhood, restored 6 KOSB posn before nightfall. The counter-attack had been done by 19 SS Pz Gren Regt of 9 SS Pz Div.	
	2		Relief of 44 Bde by 71 Bde of 53 Div. 44 Bde moved back to rest area at ST CROIX GRAND TONNE on CAEN-BAYEUX rd.	
ST CROIX GRAND TONNE	3	1215	Talk by GOC 15 (S) Div to all ranks Bde HQ - and later to bns. Appx 'C' to OO No 2 issued.	Appx 'A'
	4	1030	Bde Comd and BM went to conference at Div HQ on lessons from recent battle. OO No 3 issued.	Appx 'B'
	5	1430	Bde Comd and BM went to Div and heard Gen MONTGOMERY talking to COs.	
	6		Op Instr No 1 issued.	Appx 'C'
	7	1000	Bde Gp put at 3 hrs notice to move - 'O' Gp at 15 mins notice.	
		1230	Bde 'O' Gp - 44 Bde to relieve 130 Bde in TOURVILLE area.	
		2330	Bde took over - Bde HQ at TOURVILLE. Under comd 43 Div.	
TOURVILLE	8	0600	Hand-over complete.	Appx 'D'
		1100	Bde came under comd 53 Div. Bde in def posn - 8 RS at TOURMAUVILLE, 6 RSF at BARON, 6 KOSB at TOURVILLE.	
	9		Quiet day in contact with the enemy. 44 Bde were to be relieved by 159 Bde but this was cancelled.	Appx 'E'
	10		43 Div on the left put in the attack to capture ESQUAY and pt 112. This resulted in a good deal of mor, shell-fire etc falling on 44	

			Bde posns. LO 2 spent the day at HQ of 129 Bde passing infm on the progress of the attack.	
TOURVILLE	11	0045 2100 2200	8 RS relieved by 5 WELCH, who came under comd 44 Bde. 44 Bde HQ, 6 RSF and 6 KOSB relieved by 160 Bde of 53 Div and returned to area ST CROIX GRAND TONNE. GOC 15 (S) Div arrived at Bde HQ just before the move and stated that the Div were to come under 12 Corps and do an attack across the ODON to capture GAVRUS, BOUGY, EVRECY, and the high ground beyond.	Appx 'F'
ST CROIX GRAND TONNE	12	0200 2100	Relief completed. 'O' Gp at Div HQ.	
	13	1000	Bde 'O' Gp at Bde HQ. Day spent in preparation for forthcoming attack.	
	14	0900 1800	Bde 'O' Gp at Bde HQ. Briefing conference at Bde HQ, attended by GOC 15 (S) Div and all Bde Coy Comds. Bns moved down to FAA in TOURVILLE area by night.	
BRIDGE over ODON near TOURMAUVILLE	15	0600 2215 2245	Bde HQ moved to new HQ at the br over the ODON between TOURVILLE and TOURMAUVILLE. Op "GREENLINE" began with attack on ESQUAY by 2 Glas H. 6 KOSB attack on pt 113 began, preceded by arty and with the help of artificial mov light.	Appx 'G'.
BRIDGE over ODON near TOURMAUVILLE.	16	0045 0135 0255 0530 1018 1215 1600 1700 1945 2015	6 KOSB with little opposition got their first objective. The night was confused and 227 Bde HQ on the left became disorganised, Brigadier JR MACKINTOSH-WALKER, MC, being killed. Zero for 2nd objective attack. 6 KOSB reported 2nd objective captured, but they had difficulty in establishing contact with 2 GORDONS of 227 Bde on their left. 8 RS began Phase "DUNBAR" of Op "GREENLINE" - the capture of GAVRUS and BOUGY, supported by 34 Tk Bde. At Bde HQ there was a good deal of shelling and mortaring and one bomb landed near the Sigs office, wounding several members of Bde HQ, incl Capt GIROTTI and Lt STEARS, Sigs Offrs. Phase "DUNBAR" complete - GAVRUS and BOUGY captured. COs of 8 RS and 6 KOSB both wounded and evac. 6 KOSB posn was made difficult by failure of attempt to capture ESQUAY on left. 6 RSF moved up to GAVRUS - 8 RS at BOUGY. Counter-attack by inf and tks against 8 RS beaten off. 6 KOSB est contact with 2 GORDONS on their left. Counter-attack by inf on 6 KOSB beaten off. Counter-attack by inf on 6 KOSB again repulsed.	

		2050	Army Comd congratulates all ranks of 44 Bde on "a splendid performance".	
	17	 1915 2200	Attack by 158 Bde on EVRECY failed. Attack by inf on 6 KOSB repulsed. 158 Bde again attacked EVRECY and again failed.	
SCHOOL at MONDRAINVILLE	18	0615 1530 1800	Small counter-attack by inf on 6 KOSB beaten off. Bde HQ moved to School at MONDRAINVILLE which was anticipated to be a quieter area. 6 RSF, who had been heavily mortared and shelled at GAVRUS moved NORTH of R ODON.	
	19	 1700	44 Bde relieved today by 71 Bde and went to rest area near HAUT DU BOSQ. Bde HQ received hy shelling incl a direct hit on Offrs' Mess in the School. One slight cas only - narrow escape of mess staff. Capt BLACK and Lt E KNOTT joined Bde HQ as Sigs Offrs vice Capt GIROTTI and Lt STEARS wounded.	Appx 'H'
FIELD WEST of HAUT DU BOSQ	20	0332 0410 0700 1415	Relief of 6 KOSB completed. Relief of 8 RS completed. Relief of Bde HQ completed. GOC 15 (S) Div addsd personnel of Bde HQ and read to them special message given to him by Gen MONTGOMERY. Lt J MURRAY, KOSB, joined Bde HQ as Camp Comd.	
FIELD WEST of HAUT DU BOSQ	21	2000 2200	6 KOSB, being shelled in their location, were moved further NORTH. Bde Comd and Bde IO went to Div 'O' Gp Conference, where the plan was divulged for 15 (S) Div to take over from 5 US Div in area CAUMONT.	
	22	 1900	Bde Comd and recce party went to BALLEROY and then made recce of new area. 44 Bde is to take over from 10 US Regt just WEST of CAUMONT. 'O' Gp at Div HQ.	
SALLEN	23		44 Bde Gp moved to CAUMONT area and began to take over from 10 US Regt (Mov Order No 2).	Appx 'I'
	24	0800	Relief complete. The new area was very much quieter and less affected by the war than the ODON sector.	
	25		Normal activity - patrolling at night.	
	26	 1920	Relief of 44 Bde by 46 Bde (Mov Order No 3). 6 KOSB relief complete.	Appx 'J'
Near CAUMONT	27	0245 0305	8 RS relief complete. 6 RSF relief complete. Bde moved back to rest area NORTH of CAUMONT.	Appx 'K'

			Capt GIROTTI returned and took over as Bde Sigs Offr. Capt BLACK returned to Div Sigs.	
	28	1800 2130	Bde to move back to SALLEN to relieve 46 Bde. 'O' Gp at Div HQ for Op "BLUECOAT"	
SALLEN	29	0500 1000 1400 1800	Relief complete. 'O' Gp Bde HQ. Patrols sent out by bns to keep contact with enemy who showed signs of withdrawing. Brigadier HDK MONEY, DSO, received appointment in ENGLAND and left Bde after comd for more than 3 years. Brigadier JC COCKBURN, MBE, took over.	
	30	0655	Op "BLUECOAT" began - attack by 227 Bde followed by 46 Bde on the high ground EAST of ST MARTIN DES BAGACES. Div supported by 6 Gds Tk Bde - 44 Bde initially in res. After successful fighting all day, by 2300 hrs 46 Bde were on their objectives.	Appx 'L'
AUBIGNY SOUTH of CAUMONT	31	0400	44 Bde moved up behind 227 Bde in res near AUBIGNY, SOUTH of CAUMONT. 6 RSF were under comd 227 Bde as left flank protection. During the rest of the day, 11 Armd and Gd Armd went through and 15 Div formed left flank screen, 8 RS and 4 GREN Gds in the evening pushed up on the left of 46 Bde as flank protections in area BOIS DU HOMME. Weekly str returns att.	

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Unit HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde

Month and Year Aug 44

Commanding Officer Brigadier JC COCKBURN, MBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
AUBIGNY SOUTH of CAUMONT	1	0330	44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 2 issued. 44 (L) Inf Bde were in def posns on LEFT of main thrust giving flank protection. There were some confused enemy counter attacks area BOIS DU HOMME during the morning, but these were all broken up by arty.	Appx 1.
		1735	6 KOSB (on MINDEN DAY) made an attack towards BOIS DU HOMME to fill the gap between 8 RS and 7 SEAFORTH through which the enemy were infiltrating. This attack was successful. 18 PsW from 125 Pz GR of 21 Pz Div were taken. Strong enemy forces were thought to be in BOIS DU HOMME woods preparing counter attack.	
	2		A quiet day consolidating posns. Contact was est with 43 Div on LEFT.	
		1645	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Instr No 2 issued. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 1 issued.	Appx 2 Appx 3
	3	0815	Bde Gp at one hrs notice to move after 1000 hrs. Bde Comd and Bde IO went fwd to Gds Armd Div HQ and made recce. 7 SEAFORTH came under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde and moved fwd behind Gds Armd Div.	
		1600	Bde Gp and Bde HQ moved up to area LE TOURNEUR.	
		2130	6 RSF with one sqn 4 TK GREN GDS attacked and captured MONT CHAUVET.	
LE TOURNEUR	4	0630	8 RS, 6 KOSB and 1 WG attacked hill feature EAST of LE BENY BOCAGE which was holding up Gds Armd Div and cleared it. 44 (L) inf Bde were under comd Gds Armd Div.	
		1254	1 WG ordered to occupy MONTCHAMP and return to comd of 32 Gds Bde.	
		1700	1 WG attack against MONTCHAMP met hy resistance and did not succeed.	
	5	1300	Bde Gp at 4 hrs notice to move, but did not move today. 46 (H) Inf Bde passed through.	
LE HAUT	6		46 (H) Inf Bde attacked on LEFT but were unsuccessful and 44 (L) Inf Bde in the afternoon moved up to area EAST of MONTCHAUVET. 46	

EAST of MONTCHAUVET			(H) Inf Bde moved back to area CAVERIE and LE CORNU and 227 (H) Inf Bde failed to capture ESTRY. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Instr No 3 issued. Outline of Ops by 8 Corps issued.	 Appx 4 Appx 5
	7	0330	44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 3 issued. 44 (L) Inf Bde moved to posns covering the gap between MONTCHAMP and ESTRY. Bde HQ moved to top of hill above MONTCHAMP and later to MONTCHARIVEL. Series of 'O' Gps held today to plan attack on ESTRY.	Appx 6
	8	1200	6 RSF on LEFT and 6 KOSB on RIGHT with tks of 4 GREN GDS attacked ESTRY. Tks were held up by difficult ground and 6 RSF inf were pinned down by MG fire and could not make progress. 6 KOSB made progress on to objective but were then forced to withdraw by hy MG and mor fire. 8 RS on LEFT were relieved by 2 A & SH and conc behind 6 RSF and 6 KOSB.	
	9	0255 1330 2100	8 RS reported in new posn. 6 RSF and 6 KOSB were holding on at ESTRY. Counter attack by inf and tks on 6 KOSB repulsed by arty. Further counter attack on 6 KOSB beaten off. Bde HQ moved to a farm near MONTCHAMP, NORTH of ESTRY, where it was shelled during the night by a SP gun from ESTRY.	
Farm near MONTCHAMP	10		It was thought that the enemy might be withdrawing from ESTRY but patrols est they were still there.	
Farm near MONTCHAMP	11	1315 2035	No change - enemy still in ESTRY. 44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 4 issued and Amendment No 1. A sqn of TYPHOON rocket-firing fighters attacked LE THIEL, just behind ESTRY.	 Appx 7
	12	 1200	Still no enemy withdrawal from ESTRY. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 1 issued. 8 RS overnight relieved 6 RSF and 6 KOSB.	 Appx 8
	13	0345 1610	Relief by 8 RS complete. There were indications throughout the day that enemy were withdrawing. 8 RS reported a patrol had got right through ESTRY and found no enemy. A carrier patrol from 8 RS later reached LE THIEL, SOUTH of ESTRY. During the night 44 (L) Inf Bde was relieved by 159 Bde of 11 Armd Div, and moved to a conc area near ST PIERRE TARENTAINE.	
	14	0215 0420 1300	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 4 issued. Hand over complete. Bde HQ moved to a field at ST PIERRE TARENTAINE. Bde moved away from the CAUMONT sector of the front and came back under comd of 12 Corps. The move was via MONTAMY - JURQUES - VILLERS BOCAGE - NOYERS - VERSON - AMAYE-SUR-ODON, past the old ODON battlefields.	Appx 9

AMAYE-SUR-ODON	15	1130	GOC 15 (S) Inf Div visited units in the Bde.	
	16		A quiet day at same location.	
	17	1300 2300	WARNING ORDER - Div to be prepared to move NOT before 0600 hrs, 18 Aug, to area FRESNEY - BOIS HALBOUT. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 5 issued.	 Appx 10
BOIS HALBOUT	18	0900	Bde moved to new location via THURY HARCOURT.	
	19		No move. Bde resting.	
	20		Still no move.	
	21	)	No move.	
	22	)		
	23	0030 1400 1500	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Instr No 6 issued. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 7 issued - Op "GALLOP". Also Amendment No 1 Bde Gp moved through FALAISE to area DAMBLAINVILLE.	Appx 11 Appx 12
DAMBLAINVILLE	24		Bde Gp prepared to move EAST from DAMBLAINVILLE but did not get under way until 1500 hrs. Moved via ST FOI DE MONTGOMERY - VIMOUTIERS to short of ORBEC. Bde HQ spent the night in a field beside the rd some miles from ORBEC.	
ORBEC - LE NEUBOURG rd	25	0200 0630	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 8 issued. Bde Gp continued the adv via ORBEC - BERNAY - BEAUMONT-LE-ROGER - LE NEUBOURG. Some trouble was occasioned by brs blown at BEAUMONT-LE-ROGER, but after a pause the adv was continued. Bde HQ reached LE NEUBOURG about 0100 hrs.	Appx 13
LE NEUBOURG	26	 2320	Bde remained here all day in def posns. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 9 issued.	 Appx 14
LE NEUBOURG	27	 2330	Bde moved today to area LOUVIERS preparatory to crossing the R SEINE, but the situation was fluid and 227 (H) Inf Bde crossed the SEINE about 1830 hrs. 6 RSF crossed the R SEINE and est brhead.	
LOUVIERS	28	0150 0650 1000 1200 2300	6 RSF reported all bn across and est. Bde HQ moved to roadside above the R SEINE. 8 RS all over the river. 6 KOSB all over the river. Ferrying of tpt over the river went on hard all day. 6 RSF attacked and captured SENNEVILLE.	
Roadside above R SEINE	29	 1315	6 KOSB and 8 RS pushed NORTH and est wider br head incl LA LONDE - VATTEVILLE - BACQUEVILLE - HERQUEVILLE. Bde HQ crossed the R SEINE and est at VATTEVILLE.	

VATTEVILLE	30		Bde remained in posns and 7 Armd Div and 53 Div went through to the NORTH. Many prisoners - stragglers - were rounded up from woods and fields.	
	31	1430	8 RS and 6 RSF drove through Forest of BACQUEVILLE to clear it of GERMANS, but did not find any. Casualty Returns attached.	

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Unit 44 (L) Inf Bde

Month and Year SEP 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier JC COCKBURN, MBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
VATTEVILLE nr R SEINE	1	1008 1820	Warning Order for Bde to move on 2 Sep to area SW of AMIENS. This warning order was cancelled.	
	2	 1645	No move today. There was difficulty in getting TCVs. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 10 issued.	 Appx 1.
	3	0900 2100	Bde HQ with Bde Gp moved 25 miles NORTH to LA FEUILLIE where the night was spent. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 11 issued.	 Appx 2.
LA FEUILLIE	4	0930 2205	Bde HQ with Bde Gp moved another 30 miles to area SW of AMIENS - Bde HQ at CRIQUERIE. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 12 issued.	 Appx 3.
CRIQUERIE	5	1020	Bde HQ with Bde Gp moved across the SOMME by the following route GOURCHELLES - HORNOY - AUMONT - AIRAINES - LONGPRE - LONG - AILLY - AUXI - LIGNY - FILLIEVRES - ST POL, where the night was spent. Many abandoned German guns and smashed vehs etc were seen on the rd and round ST POL were seen many flying bomb sites.	
ST POL	6	0330 0930 2200 2330	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 13 issued. Bde HQ with Bde Gp in Contact Battle fmn adv to BELGIUM. Route:- DIVION - CAMBLIGNEUL - HERSIN - VERMELLES - WINGLES - AMMEULLIN - LILLE - HALLUIN. The whole adv today was a triumphal procession through cheering crowds, and enthusiastic scenes took place when the Belgian border was crossed. Contact with the enemy was made at MENIN and LAUWE. 6 KOSB were sent into a brhead across the canal at LAUWE and remainder of Bde took up def posns - Bde HQ in a chateau near HALLUIN. Bde Comd with Bde IO went to 'O' Gp at Div HQ near TOURCOING. 'O' Gp at Bde HQ.	Appx 4.
HALLUIN	7	 1915	Bde hold the line of the canal on both sides of COURTRAI and a lot of shelling was directed at enemy attempting to withdraw Northwards and NE. 6 RSF crossed the canal EAST of COURTRAI and captured DEERLYCK, cutting the enemy's escape route. 75 prisoners were taken.	

	8	0810	Bde HQ moved to outskirts of COURTRAI. 8 RS moved NORTH across canal to HARLEBEKE and 6 KOSB pushed through up the rd to DEYNZE. Bde all est in new areas by evening.	
COURTRAI	9	1000 2300	Bde HQ moved to banks of canal EAST of COURTRAI and later to a farm NE of HARLEBEKE. No other moves today. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 14 issued.	 Appx 5.
nr HARLEBEKE	10	0800	Bde HQ and Bde Gp moved today to area MALINES via KERKHOVE - RENAIX - NEDERBRAKEL - NINOVE - ASSCHE - BRUSSEGHEM - WOLVERTREM.	
nr MALINES	11	 2245	A quiet day. 44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 15 issued.	 Appx 6.
	12	0800	Bde HQ and Bde Gp moved to area WESTERLOO on the ALBERT CANAL via PUTTE - HEYSTOP-DEN-BERG - BOISSCHOT - WESTMEERBEEK and took over from 151 Bde of 50 Div in brhead between ALBERT CANAL and MEUSE - ESCAUT CANAL in area of GHEEL. Bde HQ moved into area SOUTH of ALBERT CANAL.	
nr ALBERT CANAL	13	0440 0800 1700 2200	8 RS patrol reported no enemy now in GHEEL. 8 RS moved two coys into GHEEL. During the day it was gradually established that the enemy were withdrawing NORTH of the MEUSE - ESCAULT canal blowing the brs. Bde HQ moved to a field SOUTH of GHEEL and NORTH of the ALBERT CANAL. 6 KOSB tried to cross the canal NORTH of GHEEL and managed to get a sec over. They failed to get any more tps over and were pinned down by fire.	
NORTH of ALBERT CANAL	14	0600 1130 2300	8 RS crossed the MEUSE - ESCAULT canal NORTH of GHEEL in area of AART. The crossing was done in rubber boats and by 0800 hrs all four rifle coys were over. 6 KOSB had to withdraw from their posns SOUTH of the canal owing to flooding. The situation on 8 RS front gradually deteriorated throughout the day and very hy fire on the crossing prevented REs completing a br. Rafts, however, were got working and some carriers and A Tk guns got across in the evening. 8 RS reported they were being counter-attacked and that two tks had broken in. Situation was confused.	
NORTH of ALBERT CANAL	15	0240 0745 1000 1230 1625	8 RS reported two fwd coys depleted and driven back into bn area. 8 RS reported situation critical and being counter-attacked from all directions. 181 Fd Regt reported that 8 RS were still in the village of AART and that the enemy had drawn off and were shelling the village. 6 RSF started to cross canal to assist 8 RS. By 1430 6 RSF were all over and situation was easier. Eight Typhoons strafed enemy bty which was giving trouble.	

		1742 1930 2100	6 RSF reported they were being counter-attacked. Two counter attacks came in and were repulsed but 6 RSF had to withdraw slightly. 6 KOSB crossed canal and fanned out to LEFT of brhead. A further counter attack came in before dark. Bde HQ moved through GHEEL to a small field a mile from the canal and on the outskirts of GHEEL. Restriction on amn expenditure by ARTY and Mors hindered the Bde in this op.	
NORTH of GHEEL	16	0315 0730 0930 2000	44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 2 issued. An enemy counter-attack which came in on the brhead delayed the op described in the above OO. 6 KOSB and 6 RSF reported they were unable to form up and after Bde Comd had visited them the attack was called off. Hy shelling by the enemy continued all day. A hy counter attack began to form up EAST of the brhead - estimated str - one bn of inf. The attack was smashed by hy arty and mor fire and enemy drew off after suffering hy cas.	Appx 7.
	17	 1230	8 RS were withdrawn overnight and by 0900 were all out of the brhead. For 2 hrs a grandstand view was obtained of the aircraft passing over to HOLLAND. This was the landings of the British, American and Polish airborne forces in areas ARNHEM - EINDHOVEN etc. This wonderful sight had a considerable tonic effect on the tps in the brhead. 2 American airmen baled out near Bde HQ and were rescued.	
	18	0245 0245 1800 2200	2 A&SH of 227 Bde were all over canal and took over from 6 RSF, who began to cross the canal at 0730 hrs. Relief was complete by 1100 hrs without cas. 6 RSF remained in area GHEEL and 8 RS moved to MOLL to take over a further stretch of the canal. 44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 5 issued. 6 KOSB and 2 A&SH still in brhead, were counter attacked but the attack was broken up by arty. It was made by one inf bn supported by 2 tks. 2 GORDONS of 227 Bde began to cross canal to relieve 6 KOSB.	 Appx 8.
NORTH of GHEEL	19	0040 0340 1000 2345	2 GORDONS completely across without cas. 6 KOSB recrossed canal and comd of brhead passed from 44 Bde to 227 Bde. Bde HQ moved to School in MOLL along with 6 RSF and took over comd of sector of canal NORTH of MOLL. This was comparatively quiet. Warning Order for possible Ops 20 Sep issued. This op did not take place.	 Appx 9.

MOLL	20	1326	Warning Order from Div that 7 Armd Div will take over from 44 Bde on 21 Sep. BM went to HQ 131 Bde to arrange relief.	
	21	0845 0900 1600	44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 6 issued. 131 Bde took over responsibility for 44 Bde's sector. 44 Bde Gp started to move to EINDHOVEN in HOLLAND. It was very slow owing to congestion on the rds and a temporary halt was made overnight near WESTERHOVEN.	Appx 10.
nr WESTERHOVEN HOLLAND	22	 1400 2015	After delay all morning due to traffic congestion, Div issued orders at 1316 to 44 Bde to move. Bde Gp moved into harbour areas in EINDHOVEN. 6 KOSB were placed under comd 46 Bde and pushed over the WILHELMINA Canal into area BEST. 44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 7 issued.	 Appx 11.
EINDHOVEN	23		The attempt to adv in contact fmn towards BOXTEL was unsuccessful and Recce were held up NORTH of BEST. 6 RSF went through and captured DEVLEUT but 46 Bde made very slow progress in their attack on BEST.	
	24	0730	8 RS crossed br and pushed up main rd NORTH of BEST but were held up. Little progress was made today.	
	25		Little activity except patrols today.	
	26	0630 1030 1030	6 RSF made a small attack on an enemy posn NORTH of DE VLEUT which was successful. 72 prisoners were taken. Bde HQ moved to DE VLEUT, about one mile from the enemy. 227 Bde started attack on RIGHT of 6 RSF to clear woods NORTH of DE VLEUT. This attack was successful.	
DE VLEUT	27	0730 2130	6 KOSB moved to the RIGHT of 6 RSF and attacked SOUTH of R DOMMEL. This was initially successful, but later one coy was held up and suffered cas. 6 RSF went through 6 KOSB and captured the objective which had held up 6 KOSB.	
	28	0630 1630	8 RS went through 6 RSF and captured FRATERSHOEF to the NORTH. Over 40 prisoners were taken. A counter attack on 8 RS was broken up completely by arty and Mor fire.	
	29	1000	Bde HQ moved to castle at ST OEDENRODE. There was a slight adjustment of posns by bns, but no major move and little activity all day.	
ST OEDENRODE Castle	30		A quiet day until 1800 when hy shelling developed on bn areas and there was a report of a counter-attack between 8 RS and 6 RSF. Very hy arty concs were fired by the Div arty. No counter attack	

			developed, and it was not established if in fact one had been intended. Lt IA MUNRO, RSF, relinquished his appointment as LO at Bde HQ after a year to return to 6 RSF as Int Offr. His place at Bde HQ was taken by Lt B PRESTON, 6 RSF. Cas returns att.	

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Month and Year OCT 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ST ODENRODE HOLLAND	1		The Bde was holding the area some four miles WEST of ST ODENRODE, with the remainder of 15 (S) Div on its LEFT. Preparations were made today for relief by 153 Bde of 51 (H) Div.	
		1958	'C' Coy 1 MX relief reported complete.	
		2045	6 KOSB relief reported complete.	
		2230	6 RSF relief complete.	
		2308	8 RS relief reported complete.	
	2	0050	Bde HQ handed over to 153 Bde HQ and moved to GEMERT, with 8 RS and 6 RSF in GEMERT and 6 KOSB at BOEKEL (E53). Orders were that the Bde should rest for five days. This was the first real rest the Bde had had since NORMANDY, having been in contact with the enemy for 27 days and previously on the move across FRANCE, BELGIUM and HOLLAND. Trg with assault boats across canals was to be given priority.	
GEMERT	3		Bde resting.	
	4		Bde resting. Assault boat trg carried out.	
	5		Bde resting. Assault boat trg carried out.	
	6	0900	Bde Comd and BM attended Div 'A' Conference at Div HQ, which developed into a Div 'O' Gp at 1000 hrs.	
		1430	Div Comd addressed all offrs of the Div at HELMOND. This was followed by a Massed Pipes and Drums display by the Div bands through the streets of HELMOND to HELMOND CASTLE, where the Burgomaster and local worthies were received by GOC 15 (S) Div. Lt Gen Sir RICHARD O'CONNOR, Comd 8 Corps, also attended.	
		1800	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Table No 1 issued - Op "GATWICK" (later cancelled).	Folio 3
GEMERT	7		At the Div 'O' Gp a plan was divulged for an attack by 15 (S) Div and 3 (BRIT) Div SE into GERMANY in area REICHSWALD FOREST. Bde 'R' Gps went off this morning to recce the area and the Bde Gp was to have moved up this evening.	
		1345	G1 15 Div rang up to say NO move of 44 Bde today.	

		1620 1700	Standfast order given. Recce parties returned to GEMERT and the whole project was finally cancelled. Comd 8 Corps spoke to Bn Comds and 2sIC at Bde HQ.	
	8	 1400	Bde again resting at GEMERT. 6 KOSB gave demonstration of "Fighting Patrol" at BOEKEL.	
	9	1240	Bn Trg Programmes called for.	
	10	1000 1800 2030	General DEMPSEY, Comd SECOND ARMY, visited Bde HQ and saw Comds of Bde Gp. Bde Comd attended discussion and 'O' Gp at Div HQ. COs conference held at Bde HQ. A plan was explained for making a crossing over the canal SOUTH of WEERT by 15 (S) Div. 44 Bde were to make the brhead near MILLERT K6496. This area of the front was held by 7 US Armd Div and recce parties from bns were to be sent off immediately to live with 7 US Armd Div and patrol the area.	
	11		Recce parties went to 7 US Armd Div. Bde Comd went round area of crossing, with BM and Bde IO. Patrolling of the canal bank was carried out by bns at night. Some excellent infm was obtained.	
	12	 2200	Recce of MILLERT still going on. Bde canal-crossing exercise carried out near GEMERT, to give bns practice in handling assault boats and Kapok bridging.	
GEMERT	13	1000	COs conference, when plan for MILLERT canal-crossing was discussed. Patrol activity on canal in MILLERT area continued.	
	14	0930	Another COs conference held at Bde HQ.	
	15	1100 1800	Bde Comd attended GOC's conference at Div HQ. COs attended conference at Bde HQ - again planning the MILLERT op.	
	16	0800 1630	Sig office at Bde HQ was destroyed by fire started accidentally. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No.1 issued - Op "SIRIUS" (later cancelled) Preparations for the MILLERT op were in full swing today but at 2002 hrs message was received from Div HQ to say that this op had been indefinitely postponed and that all preparations would cease immediately, including the return of recce parties to bns. This was disappointing after so much work had been done, and so much excellent infm had been obtained by patrolling.	Folio 4
	17	1510	Orders received from Div ordering a move for Bde Gp tomorrow to take over the line NW of VEGHEL from 131 Bde of 7 Armd Div. This order was later cancelled and instead 8 RS were ordered to move to area VEGHEL and come under comd 131 Bde - remainder of 44 Bde remaining in GEMERT area.	
	18		Nothing to report.	
	19	1340	8 RS moved to VEGHEL, coming under comd 131 Bde.	

	20	1430	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference at Div HQ on forthcoming ops.	
	21		Nothing to report.	
GEMERT	22		Nothing to report.	
	23	1000	Bde Comd and BM attended conference with GOC at 227 Bde HQ, at which orders were given for the move of the Bde Gp tomorrow into area BEST - ST ODENRODE preparatory to attacking westwards towards TILBURG, under comd 12 Corps.	
	24	1100 1730 2115	Div 'O' Gp at Div HQ, attended by Bde Comd and BM. 6 RSF and 6 KOSB were ordered to conc area BEST. Bns moved immediately and Bde HQ followed to area VLEUT. 6 RSF moved fwd through BEST and reached OIRSCHOT by 1800 hrs, riding on tks of 4 GREN GDS, who were in sp. 'O' Gp at Bde HQ giving orders for tomorrow.	
VLEUT nr BEST	25	0600 0800 0850 1300 1500 1730 2030	6 KOSB started pushing along NORTH of canal through OIRSCHOT and on to BIEST. 8 RS started pushing along tracks NORTH of main rd to OIRSCHOT. 46 Bde, with KANGAROOS, pushed along BEST - OIRSCHOT rd towards MOORGESTEL, which they reached by midday. Bde HQ moved to farm near OIRSCHOT 326262. 6 KOSB patrol contacted 2 GLAS H of 46 Bde at MOORGESTEL. Bde Comd and BM went to Div 'O' Gp at Div HQ when orders for tomorrow were given out. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No. 1 issued - Op "ERIC".	Folio 5
nr OIRSCHOT	26	0715 1300 1500	44 Bde Gp started moving to conc area between MOORGESTEL and BIEST (on canal). 44 Bde HQ est at 226277. The br at BIEST was ready and the Bde Gp was to have passed over to the SOUTH in order to attack TILBURG from the SOUTH, but Bde recce parties met mines and the mov was postponed. Bde Gp was est SOUTH of canal in area HILVARENBEEK - BIEST. Bde HQ at 213263.	
nr OIRSCHOT	26	1900 2300	Bde Comd and Bde IO went to Div 'O' Gp at OIRSCHOT. Bde 'O' Gp at which orders were given for the attack on TILBURG.	
nr HILVARENBEEK	27	0900 1305 1400 1430	Bde HQ moved to hutted camp in woods SOUTH of TILBURG. The attack on TILBURG began at 1100 hrs with 6 RSF pushing through the woods on the RIGHT beside the Canal. This phase went slowly. ZERO for Phase II - attack by 6 RSF RIGHT and 6 KOSB LEFT on TILBURG itself. 6 KOSB reached first objective. 6 RSF reported they had broken into TILBURG and were pushing into the centre of the city.	

		1500 1600 1730	6 KOSB reached their final objectives and the city of TILBURG was considered to have been liberated. The excitement and joy of the citizens was immense and the men of the Bde were mobbed. 8 RS followed 6 RSF into the city. Bde Comd and Bde IO entered the city and received a stirring welcome. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 5 issued.	Folio 6
Outside TILBURG	28	0900 1100 1620 1820 2400	Bde Comd drove through TILBURG. Bde HQ moved into TILBURG to a large ho at 172323. The rest of the day was given over to liberation scenes in the streets of TILBURG, which were as exciting as any in FRANCE and BELGIUM. Pipe band of 6 RSF contributed to the gaiety and there was singing and dancing in the streets which went on until a late hr. This was perhaps the most gratifying day 44 Bde has experienced since the landing in NORMANDY, as the battle for TILBURG was won by 15 (S) Div only and mainly by 44 Bde, who were the first BRITISH tps to enter the city. Warning Order from Div that Bde Gp might be required to move overnight. Warning Order issued to Bde Gp to prepare to move at 0230 hrs. The situation in area MEIJEL - LIESEL, EAST of HELMOND, was serious as 9 PZ Div and 15 PZ GREN Div, had crossed the MEIJEL - DEURNE Canal and had driven in through elements of 7 US Armd Div. Adv parties left to recce area DEURNE.	
Outside TILBURG TILBURG moving to DEURNE	29	0300 0800 1100 1300 1500 1600	Bde Gp moved from TILBURG. Bde Gp began to arrive at DEURNE. The situation was still more menacing, as the GERMAN tks were driving up the rd beyond LIESEL within five miles of DEURNE, with nothing to stop them but 1 E YORKS of 3 Div and 15/19 HUSSARS of 11 Armd Div. 44 Bde drove straight into def posn covering DEURNE. All bns were in posn. The situation was precarious in view of shortage of sp arms, who were still on rd from TILBURG. The enemy tks got within three miles of DEURNE but did NOT press fwd and gradually the situation eased, as more of 15 (S) Div arrived. 6 KOSB moved fwd two miles SOUTH of DEURNE to a def posn covering rd in wood 6516. GOC 15 (S) Div ordered 44 Bde less 6 KOSB but with 2 GLAS H under comd to relieve CCB of 7 US Armd in area LIESEL astride rd LIESEL - ASTEN, while 46 Bde took over posn covering DEURNE. Bde Comd visited CCB 7 US Armd Div nr ASTEN and found that the situation was very confused, as the enemy appeared to be in behind the US CCB in area LIESEL and it was impossible to relieve them. 44 Bde accordingly took up def posn in woods WEST of LIESEL astride rd	

			LIESEL - ASTEN with 2 GLAS H on RIGHT, 6 RSF on LEFT and 8 RS behind. CCB 7 US Armd came out after dark as best they could. 1755 Bde HQ moved to ASTEN 610130. This was a lively night with hy shelling and mortaring of bns. Enemy were holding LIESEL and pushing WEST.	
ASTEN	30	0930 1100 1120 1300 1545 1700 1740 2050	Enemy in area SLOT appeared to be attempting to push WEST into the big wood held by 2 GLAS H. 6 RSF reported one of their coys had infiltrated into western end of LIESEL, but enemy still held centre of village. 2 GLAS H reported enemy infiltration attacks into wood 668138. These attacks continued all day and at one time enemy were reported to have infiltrated almost through the wood. Two coys of 8 RS were moved up behind 2 GLAS H as additional def in the wood. 46 Bde started pushing SOUTH towards LIESEL and linked up with 6 RSF NORTH of LIESEL. The enemy were still in LIESEL but the threat to DEURNE seemed definitely to have been checked. 6 RSF started pushing EAST into LIESEL. 2 GLAS H completed clearing of the wood in their area. Counter-attack by enemy from EAST of LIESEL was dispersed by arty. 2 GLAS H beat off counter-attack. The enemy were still in LIESEL tonight.	
	31	0815 0900 1015 1545 1545	2 GLAS H carried out wood clearing op SOUTH from their posns sp by sqn of 4 Tk GREN GDS. 46 Bde adv SOUTH to clear LIESEL. On LEFT of rd they were successful, but on RIGHT, progress was slow, LIESEL only being cleared by 1500 hrs. 8 RS ordered to occupy SOUTH area of large wood 665122. 8 RS moved to carry out this order and got into posn all right. 6 KOSB moved down rd and captured SLOT. They destroyed two GERMAN Mk IV tks at 674137. The enemy threat was now removed and he was already removing 9 PZ Div and 15 PZ GREN Div, replacing them by Para Regt HUBNER, which had been holding the line in this area for weeks.	

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Unit HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde incorporating Def Pl att

Month and Year NOV 44

Commanding Officer Brigadier JC COCKBURN, MBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ASTEN	1		Bde was disposed as follows - 8 RS in woods 668138, 6 RSF in LIESEL 6614 and 2 GLAS H (under comd) in woods 667139. 6 KOSB (under comd 46 Bde) were in area SLOT 6713. The night was spent in patrolling fwd to find where the enemy were.	
		1000	9 CAMERONIANS adv to rd square 6912.	
		1045	6 KOSB and 7 SEAFORTH continued to adv down rd and reached HUTTEN 685124.	
		1215	Bde Comd and BM were summoned to Div HQ.	
		1430	2 GLAS H moved to area HUTTEN 685124. 6 KOSB reverted to comd 44 Bde.	
		1502	Bde HQ moved to LIESEL 664145.	
		1700	O Gp at Bde HQ when orders were given for continuation of adv tomorrow.	
		2235	44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 2 issued	Folio 3
LIESEL	2	0930	Zero for attack SOUTH astride rd with 6 RSF LEFT and 2 GLAS H (who came back under comd 44 Bde) RIGHT. This attack was successful and objectives were reached by 1100 hrs.	
		1200	Zero for 2nd phase of attack, 8 RS RIGHT and 6 KOSB LEFT. This attack was also successful - 8 RS reaching woods 695090 and 6 KOSB NEERKANT 698095 by 1600 hrs. 6 RSF moved fwd to BROEK 698099.	
		1400	2 GLAS H reverted to under comd 46 Bde.	
	3		The str of the enemy in area MEIJEL was not known and some flail tks were sent fwd at 0800 hrs to try and beat through the mines known to be on the rd near HOF 705077.	
		0920	Flail tks were shot up by A Tk guns from wood 710076 and one was lost. It was apparent that the enemy intended to fight for MEIJEL, where he had a strong posn with open ground in front which was heavily mined.	
		1400	O Gp at Bde HQ where a plan for an attack on MEIJEL was decided. This was to take place on 4 Nov. The plan was for one sqn of 4 Tk GREN GDS to go round LEFT flank alone, screened by smoke, and dominate wood 7107. 6 RSF would then attack sp by 4 Tk GREN GDS and	

LIESEL		1845 2000 2400	Flails, and capture SCHANS 706083 and HOF 705077, followed by 6 KOSB into the wood at 7107 and 8 RS into MEIJEL. The difficulties about the op were (1) that the ground was boggy and had not been properly tested (2) that the extent of the minefds was unknown and (3) that the enemy were able to fire into the LEFT flank and rear of the attack from the EAST bank of the canal at 7208 - 7109. The op was postponed 24 hrs to help the counter bty org. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 3 issued 6 KOSB went fwd to get a firm base in the houses at the front edge of NEERKANT 699090. No enemy opposition.	Folio 4
	4	1120 1620	Patrolling overnight by 6 KOSB est the continued presence of the enemy in SCHANS 7008. Small inf counter attack on LEFT of 6 KOSB repulsed. Another small inf counter attack on LEFT of 6 KOSB repulsed.	
	5	0730 0800 0815 0910 1003 1030 1238 1930	Zero hr for attack. Tks moving round LEFT flank were bogged and could not proceed. Tks of 6 RSF held up on SL by mines and two coys of 6 RSF had to go on to SCHANS alone. 6 RSF reported two pls from each fwd coy in SCHANS, but situation critical. Both coys now in SCHANS but pinned down by fire from three sides. Flail tks had achieved a certain amount of success but all had later been blown up. One tp of 4 Tk GREN GDS managed to get through to SCHANS but were destroyed by A Tk gunfire. The sqn which had gone round the LEFT was almost entirely bogged down. Message from Bde Comd to 6 RSF saying "Present op cancelled". During the remainder of the day RA kept up a continuous smoke screen and at dusk the two fwd coys of 6 RSF withdrew and also the crews of the sqn of 4 Tk GREN GDS, which had been bogged on the LEFT. In all, 19 tks were lost, but all but 6 were subsequently recovered and only 7 men out of the crews were cas. 6 RSF withdrew to LIESEL and 8 RS and 6 KOSB remained at MOOSTDIJK 6908 and NEERKANT respectively.	
LIESEL	6	1730	7 SEAFORTH came under comd 44 Bde and cleaned up area between NEERKANT and the canal 7010. 6 RSF went into Div res and moved to posn covering ASTEN - MEIJEL rd at 658105.	
	7		A quiet day except for ordinary shelling and mortaring.	
	8	2230	44 Bde today relieved by 227 Bde and went to ASTEN for rest. 7 SEAFORTH reverted to 46 Bde and went to DEURNE to rest. Relief completed. 21/12/G re Relief issued	Folio 5

ASTEN	9		Day resting at ASTEN.	
	10		44 Bde returned to NEERKANT and MOOSTDIJK, relieving 227 Bde. There was a slight readjustment of posns. 6 RSF remained in Div res. Bde HQ returned to LIESEL.	
LIESEL	11		Nothing to report today.	
	12		Nothing to report today except patrol activity.	
	13	0910 1505 2000	6 KOSB reported that the windmill in MEIJEL 773063 had disappeared, having been blown up by the Germans. This was an indication that the enemy might be intending to withdraw from MEIJEL. A civilian woman came through from MEIJEL with the infm that the enemy had gone overnight. 10 HLI relieved 6 RSF who went back to rest in ASTEN. A patrol from 6 KOSB returned after spending 24 hrs behind the enemy lines in MEIJEL. They reported that the enemy had gone.	
	14	0800 2100	6 KOSB sent standing patrol via HOF to MEIJEL which was occupied by 1200 hrs. The whole area was heavily mined. Maj AES JACKSON, BM, relinquished his appointment on appointment as 2IC 6 KOSB. Capt RC GLENNY, G III, became acting BM temporarily until new BM arrived. 44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 8 issued	 Folio 6
	15	0200 1200 1400	8 RS occupied SCHANS without incident. 6 KOSB est in MEIJEL, with 10 HLI of 227 Bde in the RIGHT hand sec of the town. 6 RSF relieved 6 KOSB in MEIJEL and 6 KOSB went to rest for 48 hrs in ASTEN.	
LIESEL	16		6 RSF moved coys fwd towards canal and started cleaning up the area which was infested with mines. 51 Div and 49 Div on the RIGHT launched attack across the WEERT canal and by today had reached the DERIVATION Canal which ran SOUTH from MEIJEL to the R MAAS. 15 Div was ordered to consider the possibility of crossing the DEURNE double canal EAST of MEIJEL in the event of the enemy NOT withdrawing from there after 51 Div had crossed the DERIVATION Canal. Much time was given to planning this op (which actually never took place).	
	17	 1900	Patrolling by bns est that the enemy were still on the other side of the double canal. 6 KOSB relieved 8 RS who went to ASTEN for 48 hrs rest. Today 51 Div crossed the DERIVATION Canal and est a brhead. Bde Tac School opened at HELMOND under comd Maj HM GOW, 6 RSF.	
	18	0830	51 Div tks entered BERINGE and began to move back towards the double canal and 44 Bde. This was later postponed 24 hrs.	

			Capt AM STURROCK, SC, became DAA & QMG and promoted to Maj - an alteration to WE.	
	19	0900 1347 1800 2300	51 Div started moving back towards MEIJEL and the enemy were found to have gone. 227 Bde linked up with 51 Div. 44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 9 issued 6 KOSB patrol crossed double canal and found no enemy. 6 RSF conc in MEIJEL, 6 KOSB in NEERKANT and 8 RS in ASTEN ready to move EAST over br built over double canal.	Folio 7
	20	 1302 1600 1600 1900	227 Bde crossed canal and pushed EAST, 46 Bde pushed towards HELENAVEEN and 15 (S) Recce fanned out. 6 RSF ordered to move at once across br and clear lateral rd from BERINGE to HELENAVEEN. 8 RS moved from ASTEN to MEIJEL. 6 RSF pushed rapidly NORTH and reached outskirts of HELENAVEEN thus helping 9 CAMERONIANS who were making a frontal attack on HELENAVEEN. 6 RSF came under comd 46 Bde for attack on HELENAVEEN.	
	21	0800 1730	6 RSF pushed NORTH and cleared HELENAVEEN, linking up with 46 Bde. They then withdrew to woods 7409 and 46 Bde continued EASTWARDS. 6 RSF reverted to comd 44 Bde.	
LIESEL	22	0025	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 1 issued It was intended that 44 Bde should follow up behind 227 Bde but this was cancelled owing to the extremely bad state of the rds and 44 Bde remained in previous areas.	Folio 8
	23		100 men from 44 Bde assisted REs at HELENAVEEN Br.	
	24		Assistance to REs continued.	
	25	1000	Conference of COs at 8 RS HQ on "trg of pnrs". Assistance to REs on rds continued.	
	26		Assistance to REs continued. Brig JC COCKBURN, MBE, relinquished comd 44 (L) Inf Bde and was succeeded by Brig The Hon HCHT CUMMING-BRUCE, SEAFORTH, who has latterly been comd 1 GORDONS.	
	27	1100 1300 1900	Bde Comd and Bde IO met GOC 15 (S) Div at Div HQ at SEVENUM and a plan was explained for 44 Bde to relieve 56 Bde of 49 Div outside BLERICK opposite VENLO on 28 Dec prior to attack on BLERICK. Bde Comd and Bde IO went to HQ 56 Bde and discussed lay-out with Bde Comd 56 Bde. Stand still order for relief of 56 Bde from Div HQ. 56 Bde are to go out of the line, but they will be relieved by 49 Recce Regt and 44 Bde will stay back and be ready to attack BLERICK. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 6 issued	Folio 9

	28	0900 1130 1430	Bde Comd met GOC 15 (S) Div at HQ 147 Bde at BERINGE, where there was a conference on the forthcoming attack. The plan had already been made by 49 Div and 44 Bde was to take it over. Bde Comd held COs conference at 6 RSF HQ and explained the plan. Bde HQ moved to BERINGE 753059. Planning continued for Op "GUILDFORD" which was to be carried out in conjunction with Brig I KNIGHT, 31 Tk Bde, with Flails, Crocodiles, AVREs and Kangaroos.	
BERINGE	29		Planning for Op "GUILDFORD" continued. Bns began practising with Kangaroos.	
	30	 1430	Planning for Op "GUILDFORD" continued. A cloth model discussion on the op was held at Bde HQ, attended by offrs down to coy comds of all arms taking part, as well as GOC 15 (S) Div.	

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Month and Year DEC 44

Commanding Officer Brig the Hon HCHT CUMMING-BRUCE DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BERINGE	1		Preparations for the attack on BLERICK continued.	
		2115	44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 1 issued - orders for the attack on BLERICK.	Folio 4
			With 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 7.	Folio 9
	2	1400	Bde Tac HQ moved to ROOTH for the battle - Main HQ remaining back at BERINGE. It was joined there by Tac HQ of 31 Tk Bde, whose comd Brig I. KNIGHT, was to fight the first part of the battle. The day was very wet and doubts arose as to whether the battle could go on or not, owing to the mud. Brig KNIGHT expressed doubts of the ability of the Flails and AVREs to get through without being bogged.	
Tac ROOTH Main BERINGE	3	0400	Comd 12 Corps finally decided that the battle would proceed as planned and, if the armour failed to negotiate the mud, the inf would have to carry on as best they could. 0745 hrs was to be 'H' hr for the first part of the op.	
		0745	31 Tk Bde reported five Flails bogged en route to FUP. Details of the op are very fully given in CV1 Logs att. It was very slow to start with and great apprehension was felt about the armour getting bogged for an hour.	
		0850	Brs were called fwd on 1 and 2 Lanes.	
		0900	Brs were down on 1 and 2 Lanes.	
		0905	Flails were over the brs on 1 and 2 lanes.	
		0910	Bde Comd ordered 6 RSF to rear edge of FUP.	
		0915	31 Tk Bde reported brs on lanes 5 and 6 in place.	
		0920	Bde Comd ordered 8 RS fwd on lanes 1 and 2.	
		0932	Bde Comd ordered 6 RSF fwd on lane 6. The adv went very smoothly and by 1100 hrs 8 RS were in the town. Their Kangaroos came back according to plan to lift 6 KOSB.	
Tac ROOTH Main BERINGE		1225	6 KOSB moved fwd in Kangaroos and drove right into the town.	
		1231	7 SEAFORTH moved fwd on LEFT in KANGAROOS sent back by 6 RSF. The whole op went very smoothly thereafter and BLERICK was firmly in our hands by 1500 hrs. Mopping up continued.	

		1630	Bde Comd, DAA & QMG, Bde IO, Comd 181 Fd Regt and Comd 279 Fd Coy went into BLERICK in a Kangaroo and found things under control. The lanes by this time were almost impassable owing to hy rain which continued most of the day, and undoubtedly the op would have been impossible 12 hours later. Total cas in the Bde were under 50, in spite of hy enemy mortaring and shelling. 2 offrs and 225 prisoners were taken and much material captured. 8 RS and 7 SEAFORTH came out of BLERICK during the night, the former to area ROOTH and the latter to rest under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde. 6 KOSB took over area of BLERICK occupied by 8 RS and 6 RSF area occupied by 7 SEAFORTH. 9 CAMERONIANS coy at HOUT BLERICK came under comd 8 RS.	
	4	0815 0830 1200	6 KOSB reported relief complete. 7 SEAFORTH reported relief complete. 8 RS coy relieved 9 CAMERONIANS coy at HOUT BLERICK and 9 CAMERONIANS coy rejoined its unit. The battle field was gradually cleared up - damaged tks, Kangaroos etc taken away.	
	5	1500	Tac Bde HQ moved to SEVENUM 819141 where it was joined by the rest of Bde HQ. 44 (L) Inf Bde became responsible for def of an area of the WEST bank of R MAAS between 873057 and excl GRUBBENVORST 897144. One sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt came under comd and took up posn NORTH of BLERICK, with 6 RSF on Northern part of BLERICK and 6 KOSB in Southern part. One pl 8 RS was in HOUT BLERICK and remainder of 8 RS area ROOTH in res.	
SEVENUM	8		6 KOSB Coy took over HOUT BLERICK from 8 RS pl.	
	9		8 RS pl moved to area 889123 to bolster up Recce Sqn. 8 RS pl also moved to BERCKT cloister 869063 and came under comd 10 HLI.	
	11	 1450	8 RS pl at BERCKT cloister came under comd 6 KOSB. 6 RSF area was attacked in error by BRITISH 'Typhoon' planes.	
	13	0430	44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No. 1 issued. (This never took place).	Folio 5
	14	1030	Lt Gen BARKER, Comd 8 Corps, visited Bde HQ and met Bde Comd, Comd 181 Fd Regt and Comd 8 RS. He then went to BLERICK, met Comds 6 RSF and 6 KOSB and visited OPs in 6 RSF area.	
	16	1415	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference at Div HQ, when future events were discussed. 44 Bde were to be relieved by Christmas and, after a rest, take over from 227 Bde. (This never happened). There was some enemy patrol activity during the night in area of 6 KOSB and Recce Sqn.	

	18		8 RS and 6 RSF changed places.	
	19	0030	44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 9 issued.	Folio 10
	21	0405	Infm received from "A" Recce Sqn that post had been overrun. There was some confusion and doubt as to what actually occurred, but it was eventually discovered that a GERMAN fighting patrol had crossed the river, rushed the post and captured nine men. One coy 6 RSF moved to area Recce Sqn for night. Enemy patrol activity continued.	
	22		Bde front was re-organised - Recce Sqn took over HOUT BLERICK area and 8 RS moved into area NORTH of BLERICK vacated by Recce Sqn. 227 Bde took over pl posn at BERCKT CLOISTER and 6 KOSB took over all BLERICK. This evening there was a good deal of confusion and shooting during the hand-over, owing to reports of GERMAN patrols in Recce Sqn area. It was never clearly established exactly what happened, but it was later thought that NOT more than one recce patrol actually crossed the river and that it went back when fired on.	
	23	 1100 1500	Enemy activity continued. This was the period when the GERMAN offensive in the ARDENNES was at its height and they were showing activity all along the front. It was considered that a raid or small attack was possible anywhere on the front, especially over the Christmas period. Conference at Div HQ attended by Bde Comd. Warning was given for especial vigilance over Christmas. Bde Comd held conference for COs at Bde HQ and gave orders for special stand-to measures over Christmas period.	
	24		No. 6 DUTCH Patriot Coy came under comd 6 RSF and took up posn behind HOUT BLERICK.	
	25		Christmas Day. There was little festivity owing to the special vigilance order. Bde Comd went round bns. At Bde HQ there was a Football Match Officers V Sergeants followed by Christmas dinner and a concert. Despite anticipated GERMAN activity over Christmas everything was very quiet and NO special activity was noticed.	
	27	 2100	6 RSF relieved 8 RS who came back into res. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No. 2 issued.	 Folio 6
	28	1300	Bde Comd visited 8 RS Christmas dinners. Notes on employment of res bn issued.	 Folio 7
	31		Bde Comd and Bde IO went on BLA leave.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SEVENUM	1	1800	The Bde was still on the Banks of the MAAS when 1945 opened, holding the BLERICK sector, with 6 KOSB RIGHT, 6 RSF LEFT, and 8 RS in res. Today there was a great display of enemy air activity all over the WESTERN front, incl our sector. Full report is in CV1 log. Twelve DUTCHMEN crossed the MAAS today. 8 RS and 6 KOSB changed places.	
	2	1035	Two GERMAN deserters from a detention bks crossed the MAAS and gave themselves up to 6 RSF. A quiet day.	
	3		There was some enemy activity in 8 RS area during the night.	
	4	)		
	5	)	Normal activity.	
	6	)		
	7	)		
	8		6 KOSB relieved 6 RSF. There was some enemy activity on the rd near HOUT BLERICK.	
	9	)		
	10	)	Normal activity.	
	11	)		
	12		Bde IO returned from BLA leave.	
SEVENUM	13		No abnormal op activity. Maj JT BANNATYNE, CAMERONS, arrived to take up appointment as BM, which had been unoccupied since 14 November 1944. Capt RC GLENNY, GSO 3, went on BLA leave.	
	14		Nothing to report. News was received today of impending relief of 44 (L) Inf Bde by 227 (H) Inf Bde, 44 Bde proceeding to BELGIUM for 10 days rest. Bde Comd returned from BLA leave.	
	15		Bn Comds of 227 Bde visited Bn Comds 44 Bde and did recce of areas.	
	16	1900	44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No. 10 issued.	Folio 1

	17 18	))	Preparation made for relief. 8 RS were not to go to BELGIUM but were to remain as res bn under comd of 15 (S) Inf Div in area HELDEN and later to go to area ASTEN.	
	19	0825 1500 2310	44 (L) Inf Bde OO No. 3 issued. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 11 issued. New distribution list issued. Enemy patrol swam across R MAAS in 6 KOSB area and were shot up by 6 KOSB post. One GERMAN was killed and one captured in the morning. They were soldiers who had had a great deal of patrolling experience on the RUSSIAN front and had been specially picked for this hazardous patrol - the temperature being around zero.	Folio 4 " 4 " 5
SEVENUM	20	 1500 1900 2200	Relief of 44 Bde by 227 Bde. 227 Bde HQ came early and only skeleton HQ 44 Bde remained overnight. 8 RS (res bn) moved to area HELDEN and left comd 44 Bde. 6 KOSB reported relief complete. 6 RSF relief complete. Bde HQ, 6 RSF and 6 KOSB remained overnight in area SEVENUM - MAASBREE.	
	21	0600	Bde convoy began moving to GRAMMONT in BELGIUM via MAASBREE - PANNINGEN - WEERT - BOURG LEOPOLD - LOUVAIN - BRUSSELS by-pass, arriving about 1600 hrs. Bde HQ was set up in a chateau at GRAMMONT. The weather was arctic, with a foot of snow and 20 degrees of frost. The journey proved difficult owing to the weather and several slight mishaps occurred, including the capsizing of Bde HQ Clerks Truck. Several of the occupants were slightly injured.	
GRAMMONT	22	)	Rest period at GRAMMONT. The severe weather continued.	
	23	)		
	24	1500 1805	44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No. 12 issued. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No. 4 issued.	Folio 5 " 6
	25		Orders came from Div with complete change of plan. Operation "VERITABLE" was now planned to take place about 8 February. 15 Div was to conc in TILBURG including 44 Bde and be relieved immediately from the R MAAS.	
	26		DAA & QMG and recce parties went off to TILBURG to recce new area.	
GRAMMONT	27		Bde HQ, 6 RSF and 6 KOSB moved to TILBURG, via ALOST - TERMONDE - ANTWERP - BREDA arriving about 2100 hrs. The town was very full of tps and difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable HQ. It was eventually est in a School, the bns being in civilian billets. 8 RS returned to comd 44 Bde.	
TILBURG	28		Bn trg with "funnies" began.	

	29		Planning began for operation "VERITABLE".	
	30		Maj AM STURROCK, KOSB, SC and DAA & QMG of 44 Bde since July 1942, went to 15 Div HQ as DAAG. He was succeeded as DAA & QMG by Capt R HUTCHINSON, GORDONS.	
	31		Planning for operation "VERITABLE" continued.	

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Unit HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde incorporating Def Pl att

Month and Year FEB 1945

Commanding Officer Brig Hon HCHT CUMMING-BRUCE DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		44 Bde was in TILBURG preparing for Op "VERITABLE".	
	2	1100	Conference on Op "VERITABLE" held at Bde HQ and attended by all COs of units incl sp arms and "funnies".	
		1430	44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Outline Plan issued	Folio 15
	3		Planning for Op "VERITABLE" continued.	
			44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 13 issued	Folio 16
			44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 14 issued	Folio 17
	4	1100	Lt Gen HORROCKS Comd 30 Corps spoke to all offrs of the Div at TILBURG on Op "VERITABLE".	
		1400	Bde Comd held Cloth Model discussion at Bde HQ on Op "VERITABLE", attended by offrs down to pl comds.	
	5	0700	44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 5 issued	Folio 4
			Planning for Op "VERITABLE" continued.	
			Addendum No 1 to OO No 5 issued.	Folio 5
	6		44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Order No 1 issued.	Folio 6
		1900	Bde moved by night to conc area in NIJMEGEN, going by S'HERTOGENBOSCH - OSS - RAVENSTEIN br. NIJMEGEN was reached about 0330 hrs.	
NIJMEGEN	7		The day was spent making last minute preparations for the battle.	
		1000	44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 15 issued and Addendum No 1 thereto.	Folio 18
		1115	44 (L) Inf Bde Mov Instr No 1 issued.	Folio 7
			Confirmatory Notes to Conference held 1000 hrs issued	Folio 8
		2400	RAF bombers passed over and made a hy attack on CLEVE and GOCH, the fires of which were visible from NIJMEGEN. The weather was bad and showed no signs of any improvements.	
	8	0530	Op "VERITABLE" began with a huge arty barrage which went on till 1030 when 227 Bde and 46 Bde advanced. 44 Bde was in res to push through and carry out the 2nd phase - the breaking of the Siegfried Line proper by night. The battle went successfully and by evening 46 Bde had got all their objectives.	

NIJMEGEN			44 Bde waited all day in KANGAROOS, hoping to get through in the evening. The rain, however, began at 1700 hrs and the rds quickly became impassable. Brig and Bde IO spent the day mostly at 46 Bde HQ following up the battle. Bde HQ followed up slowly and by 1800 hrs was est in a very wet and muddy place fwd of GROESBEEK. The evening and early part of the night was occupied in trying to get the armour and the bns up to the SL - a hopeless task.	
nr GROESBEEK 780556	9	0100 0040 0300 0600 0900 1030 1400 1500 2020	Zero hr was to have been now but had to be put off, as only 6 KOSB and a few tks had reached SL. 2 GORDONS started down the main rd from KRANENBURG (under comd 44 Bde). Armour finally managed to start. The enemy were luckily very disorganised and no difficulty was experienced in crossing the A Tk ditch and capturing SCHOTTHEIDE. One br and one fascine crossing were est. 6 KOSB - the only bn on the SL - started the attack and soon crossed the ditch, cleared the enemy posns and then pushed on to capture HINTSBERG and WOLFSBERG features by 0900 hrs, with 10 offrs and 230 OR prisoners. 2 GORDONS meantime captured NUTTERDEN. 8 RS moved through KRANENBURG down main rd behind 2 GORDONS and branched right at X rds short of NUTTERDEN. 8 RS and 6 KOSB pushed through together on to the MATERBORN feature overlooking CLEVE. There was little opposition, though CLEVE was still occupied. Bde HQ moved up to NUTTERDEN. 8 RS made contact with 53 Div at 864543 and 865538. The plan that night was for 227 Bde to pass through 44 Bde at first lt 10 Feb and clear CLEVE. However, one bde of 43 Div was put through by night and became involved in hy fighting in CLEVE which had not been cleared. 15 (S) Recce Regt had previously been into CLEVE and reported few Germans there.	
NUTTERDEN	10	 1745	As the rds were quite impassable to tfc, the Div Comd decided that 227 Bde could not pass through 44 Bde, and so 2 A & SH were to take over from 8 RS and 6 KOSB, and 44 Bde was to clear CLEVE. This order could not be carried out as 2 A & SH did not arrive and 43 Div were also trying to op in the same area. Trace issued in connection with plan to clear CLEVE. 6 RSF cleared area of watch tower and later the STERNBERG feature. They were there shelled by our own med guns.	 Folio 9
NUTTERDEN	11	1100	8 RS and 6 KOSB entered CLEVE and relieved bns of 129 Bde.	

		1900 2100	227 Bde came round NORTH rd via DONSBRUGGEN into CLEVE and cleared Northern part of town. Instrs were received from 15 Div that Cdn 9 Bde were to relieve 44 Bde in morning. 44 Bde were to conc NORTH of CLEVE.	
	12		The relief by 9 Cdn Bde did not take place, they relieving 227 Bde in place of 44 Bde. 44 Bde gradually came into res in CLEVE, 43 Div pushing SE, and 46 Bde EAST along the rd to MOYLAND and CALCAR.	
	13	 1200 1312 2100 2205	44 Bde came under comd 43 Div as "back-stop" in case of counter attack by 116 Pz Div and 15 Pz Gr Div, who had appeared on the front. Bns remained in posns in CLEVE. Bde HQ moved to CLEVE. 44 Bde reverted from comd 43 Div and came into sp of 53 Div who were in REICHSWALD FOREST. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 16 issued. Op in sp of 53 Div definitely off. 44 Bde ordered to get maximum rest tomorrow.	 Folio 19
CLEVE	14	0830 1015 1123	44 Bde put at one hrs notice to move as from 1200 hrs in sp of 43 Div. Above cancelled. Bns told no move today and probably not till 1200 hrs tomorrow.	
	15	0930 1900 2035	'O' Gp held at Bde HQ. This was planning an op towards UDEM which never came off. Bde Comd attended 'O' Gp at Div HQ, at which he was told to prepare for an attack on GOCH. Bns told no move before 1400 hrs 16 Feb and unlikely to move at all 16 Feb. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 17 issued.	 Folio 20
CLEVE	16	1000 2330	'O' Gp conference at Bde HQ re attack on GOCH. An attempt was made to move the Bde but as suitable areas could NOT be found, bns remained as they were. Bns told no move tomorrow before 1430 hrs. Recce parties at one hr's notice from 0900 hrs.	
	17	1650 1845 2235	Bns told no move before 0630 hrs 18 Feb. Probable Bde task - capture of GOCH. 43 Div reached the escarpment overlooking GOCH and 44 Bde were ordered to capture the town. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 6 issued. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 18 issued.	 Folio 10 Folio 21
	18	1115 1200	Bde HQ moved to place near CLEVE FOREST 932479. The Bde followed down the rd. 8 RS ordered to carry out recce in force towards GOCH. The coy which did so met opposition on the A tk ditch.	

		1500	Assault on GOCH began. 8 RS RIGHT, 6 KOSB LEFT. As before, plans were for AVsRE to bridge the ditch and allow Kangaroos to pass over.	
		1627	Br over ditch in 8 RS front collapsed.	
		1640	On LEFT (6 KOSB front) two brs failed and one fouled the rd.	
		1730	8 RS had three coys in the town.	
		2300	6 KOSB attack on the ditch began and one coy got over in Kangaroos. By 0500 hrs 6 KOSB were finally est in the town. During the night, 51 Div also attacked GOCH, and by 0500 hrs 5 BLACK WATCH were well est in the town.	
nr CLEVE FOREST 932479	19	0650	6 RSF began to move into the town. All three bns began clearing the town at daylight.	
		1030	6 RSF contacted visually 51 Div across the river.	
		1100	1 HLI of 53 Div on RIGHT crossed A tk ditch and contacted 8 RS.	
		1800	Town NORTH of the river considered clear. Great use had been made of Crocodiles and Wasps. Over 600 PW were taken by 44 Bde.	
	20		Situation clear - hy shelling. 51 Div still fighting in Southern part of town.	
		1100	Bde Comd and Bde IO crossed the river and visited HQ of 5 BW, where Bde Comd 153 Bde and Bn Comds were seen.	
	21		51 Div continued op to clear southern part of GOCH.	
		1100	6 RSF came under comd 227 Bde and moved NE to take part in a battle at SCHLOSS KALBECK. They were relieved in GOCH by 2 MONS of 160 Bde. They carried out an op this evening and had some very hard fighting during the night.	
		1945	44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 1 issued.	Folio 11
nr GOCH 935446	22	1500	Bde HQ moved nearer GOCH - 935446. The plan was for 44 Bde with 6 KOSB RIGHT, 8 RS LEFT, to attack southwards through the woods SOUTH of SCHLOSS KALBECK and est itself on some important high ground overlooking WEEZE. 160 Bde took over in GOCH and 8 RS and 6 KOSB moved - up to woods.	
		2244	44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 19 issued.	Folio 22
		2300	44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 7 issued.	Folio 12
	23	1000	ZERO for attack. The attack was a great success and by 1500 hrs all objectives had been taken, along with eight SP guns and 150 PW. Main opposition was from shelling, which was hy. By last light all coys were firm.	
nr GOCH 935446	24	0600	160 Bde began an attack SOUTH from GOCH towards WEEZE, on RIGHT flank of 6 KOSB. The ground was under clear observation by 6 KOSB across the R NIERS and they were able to give fire sp to 160 Bde throughout the day.	

		1100 1937	Bde recce parties reported to TOWN MAJOR, TILBURG. 15 Div was to be relieved by 3 (BRIT) Div and to go to area TILBURG. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 20 issued	 Folio 23
	25	0255 1530	44 (L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 2 issued. (This was later cancelled). 8 Bde of 3 Div began to arrive and relieved 44 Bde throughout the day. 44 Bde spent the night in the woods near GOCH. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 8 issued.	Folio 13 Folio 14
	26	0100 0600	Comd of sector passed to Comd 8 Bde. Relief completed without incident. 44 Bde moved to area VUGHT - S'HERTOGENBOSCH. Bde HQ to a house at VUGHT. This was NOT found to be a suitable rest area and recce was made of TURNHOUT.	
VUGHT	27		44 Bde moved on to rest billets in area TURNHOUT in BELGIUM. 6 RSF, 6 KOSB, and Bde HQ in TURNHOUT - 8 RS in VOSSELAER, a few miles out. Remainder of Div was in TILBURG, Div HQ in BOXTEL.	
TURNHOUT	28		Rest at TURNHOUT. Large numbers of bde went to BRUSSELS for 48 hrs leave. Gen refit and reequipment.	

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Month and Year MAR 45

Commanding Officer Brig the Hon HCHT CUMMING-BRUCE DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TURNHOUT	1		44 Bde was resting at TURNHOUT after Operation "VERITABLE", with Bde HQ 6 RSF and 6 KOSB at TURNHOUT, and 8 RS at VOSSELAER, just outside TURNHOUT. There is little to report for the first few days. 15 (S) Inf Div had many vacancies on BRUSSELS leave and large numbers of the Bde spent 48 hrs there.	
	5	1500 2000	Divisional Pipers and Drums gave a performance in the Square at TURNHOUT, which was rather spoiled by rain. There was a big Bde party at TURNHOUT, attended by officers of Bde HQ, all battalions, and many guests.	
	6	 1200	Bde moved to area HAELEN - HERK-LA-VILLE, just EAST of DIEST. First warning was given that 15 (S) Inf Div was to be an assaulting Division in the crossing of the RHINE and the move was designed to afford trg facilities on the R MAAS, between MAESYCK and MAASTRICHT. Bde HQ set up in a hutted camp at HAELEN.	
HAELEN, nr DIEST	8	0930 1430	Conferences on future trg held at Bde HQ - attended by Bde Comd, Bde IO, GSO 3, Bn COs and Comd 279 Fd Coy. Trg with river crossing eqpt was discussed. Bde Comd and Bde IO visited 11 R Tks (who were to be our Buffalo Bn for the RHINE crossing), and 33 Armd Bde HQ near EYSDEN re trg.	
	9		Buffalo and Storm boat trg began in bns.	
	10	1000 1830	Bde Comd, BM and GSO 3 attended conference at 12 Corps HQ. Conference at Bde HQ for COs on RHINE crossing (Operation TORCHLIGHT).	
	12		BM, Bde IO and DAA & QMG with bn recce parties carried out all day recce in XANTEN area for Operation "TORCHLIGHT".	
	14		Exercise "BUFFALO I" - river crossing exercise on R MAAS near EYSDEN and lasted all day. Bde IO spent night with 155 Bde HQ near XANTEN carrying out recce of RHINE crossing area.	

	15	 1900	Exercise "BUFFALO II" - night repeat of Exercise "BUFFALO I". Bde Gp conc in area EYSDEN.	
	16	0300	Exercise really began and ended about 0800 hrs. It was followed by a conference.	
	17	 1900	Bde Comd flew to XANTEN area in Air OP and carried out recce, with Bde IO, Comd of 8 RS and Comd of 6 RSF, Comd 11 R Tks and CRE 15 (K) AGRE. Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ.	
	18		Nothing to report.	
	19		GSO 3 and Sig Offr carried out recces for Crossing Control and Bde Tac HQ, Bde Main HQ, Marshalling Area HQ etc in XANTEN area. Bde IO went to stay with 155 Bde HQ until 44 Bde HQ moved up.	
	20	 1800	Preparation for move continued. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 9 issued with Addendum No 1	 Folio 4
 nr XANTEN	21		Bde HQ filtered up during afternoon to Marshalling Area behind XANTEN. 44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 24 issued.	 Folio 9
	22	 1800 2100	Preparations for Operation "TORCHLIGHT" continued. Notes on Operation "TORCHLIGHT" issued. Bns moved up during the evening to their new areas, in the Marshalling Area. Intelligence summary issued.	 Folio 5 Folio 6
	23	1400 1646 1800 2100 2200 2230	Bde final co-ordinating conference held at Bde HQ. Message from Div that operation was definitely on. The weather was set fair, with settled outlook. Bde Tac HQ established at LUTTINGEN 116427 for the battle. There was great activity by War Correspondents, Film Cameramen and BBC commentators. (The crossing of the RHINE is very fully described in the CV1 Log and in more general terms in the "Story of the Brigade Crossing" which is attached. Details are not given here). 51 (H) Div began to cross at REES. 1 Commando Bde began to cross at WESEL. Heavy bombers raided WESEL, which was clearly visible from Bde Tac HQ.	
LUTTINGEN 116427	24	0200 0310 0420 0700	44 (L) Inf Bde and 227 (H) Inf Bde crossed the RHINE. Progress was steady and all first objectives were captured by 0305 hrs. 6 KOSB ordered to cross. 6 KOSB all across. Bde Comd and Bde IO crossed RHINE and saw Bn Comds. Progress was still good.	

LUTTINGEN 116427		1000 1450 1510 1535 1545 1800 2200 2230 2300	The airborne landing of 6 BRIT Airborne Div and 17 US Airborne Div was made a few miles in front, the aircraft passing directly over the heads of 44 Bde. Enemy opposition began to collapse, as the Airborne forces dropped in their gun areas. Steady progress continued and many prisoners were taken. 6 KOSB reported they had linked up with 17 US Airborne Div near DIERSFORDT at 1400 hrs. 6 RSF reported they had contacted US Para Bn. 8 RS reported the bridge (which was their final objective) intact and they had contacted 6 BRIT Airborne Div. Bde Comd and Comd 8 RS drove up to HQ of 3 Para Bde and were given a rousing reception by the parachutists. 6 KOSB ordered to conc near BERGEN with a view to operating NE tomorrow. Bde HQ crossed RHINE and established at BISLICH. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at Bde HQ. Total prisoners taken on 24 Mar - 1000. 44 (L) Inf Bde OO No 10 issued.	Folio 7
BISLICH	25	 0850	There was some delay at first lt owing to non-arrival of Recce. 6 KOSB moved off. Their route was NE through 6 Airborne Div and their objective a bridge over R ISSEL. The remainder of the Bde followed them. There was a lot of contact with the enemy throughout the day and 6 KOSB pushed on nearly to the autobahn. Bde HQ moved first to BERGEN and later to house in woods at 167477. In the evening there was a halt while 8 RS moved up to take over on the autobahn while 6 KOSB went fwd by night to attack the bridge at 204530. Their attack was unsuccessful, the bridge being destroyed.	
Woods 167477	26	 0600 1630 1645 1815	A heavy counter attack developed on 6 KOSB as they were preparing to attack the bridge and the situation was confused for a time. Bde Comd left to visit 6 KOSB and found the situation confused but clearing itself up. 3/4 CLY arrived to help, being under command. 6 RSF after relief by 2 KRRC, moved up to attack the ISSEL bridge. 6 RSF attack went in across R ISSEL and three coys were established in the bridgehead by dark - 360 PW being taken. Bde HQ established at 199499. Bde Comd's Operation Instruction issued. The problem during the night was to get the br built at 204530. This was eventually accomplished by the 3-ton bridging lorries running the gauntlet up the main rd parallel to the R ISSEL, and the bridge was built by first lt. 8 RS were also counter-attacked all night but held their ground.	Folio 8

nr HAMMINKELN 199499	27	 1730	The 3/4 CLY were taken away this morning from command. This was a tense day, as counter attacks were perpetually threatened and tank sp was NOT available. Preparations were made for 53 Div to come through and adv NORTH towards BOCHOLT. A heavy counter attack came in on 6 RSF bridgehead. Some penetration of the woods in the area 205534 was made, but this was later cleared. Two coys of 6 KOSB went into bridgehead under comd 6 RSF. The counter attack eventually collapsed and 158 Bde attacked through 44 Bde at 2400 hrs. By morning the advance was well to the NORTH and the battle was over. Total number of PW taken during the Operation was 2000.	
	28		Various readjustments of coys were made.	
	29 30 31	)))	The battle quickly receded from the Bde and the Bde enjoyed some rest and a general clean up. Bde HQ remained at the same location.	

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Month and Year APR 45

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
nr HAMMINKELN 199499	1) 2) 3)		Bde resting	
	4	0010 1430	Recce and harbour parties ordered to RV at rd & rly crossing at GREVEN 904886 at 1300 hrs. H hr for move of main bodies finally fixed at 0715 hrs 5 Apr. Move order issued.	 See Folio 4
BOGHORST 7792	5	1530 2310	Conc of Bde Gp in BOGHORST completed. All units had first class billets in this town which had scarcely been touched by the war. Orders from Div for Bde Comd to meet Div Comd at Div at 1000 hrs 6 Apr. LO to be brought.	
	6	0930 1130 1225 1330	Bde Comd went to Div taking BM and LO with him. All recce parties warned to be ready to move at 1230 hrs. All vehs of Bde Gp less Bde HQ ready to move NOT before 1800 hrs. COs for O Gp NOT before 1200 hrs. O Gp summoned for 1245 hrs and bns warned to meet TCVs at 0030 hrs 7 Apr. Fd Marshall Montgomery visited the Bde Comd in the Offrs' Mess.	
MEISTER-STRASSE 6326	7		Conc of the Bde Gp completed in area of LAVESLOH 6825 with Bde HQ at MEISTERSTRASSE 635262.	
	8	0200 1340 1410	Gen clearing of all the woods in the area was commenced by all 3 bns and some PW taken. Warning Order: No move before midnight 9 Apr. 6 KOSB ordered to find gd of one coy for amn dump in the OSTER WALD.	
	9	 1745	IO spent fruitless morning with sec of def pl searching houses as a result of infm from Russian PWX. Bns did coy trg and a little wood clearing. Warning order sent to Bde Gp of probable early move on 10 Apr.	

WINDHEIM 8626	10	1415 1800 1945	The Bde Gp conc in the area EAST of R WESER was completed with Bde HQ at WINDHEIM 8626. Bde Comd went to 'O' Gp at Div. No move before 1100 hrs 11 Apr.	
HELLENDORF	11	1600 1720	Bde moved off in rear of 227 and 46 Bdes who were continuing the adv on CELLE against fairly hy opposition in way of demolitions and defended rd blocks. Bde HQ est at HELLENDORF 350428 with bns in the neighbouring villages of OGENBOSTEL, ELZE, GAILHOF.	
	12	 1206	Progress on 46 & 227 Bdes fronts very slow and move of the whole Bde Gp was cancelled with exception of 6 KOSB who cleared through the woods on the left of 227 Bde axis and bivouaced for night in woods NW of CELLE. Tps were warned NOT to approach nearer than 4000 yds to the br at WINSEN 4756 as Germans were treating for surrender of area WEST of R ORTZE.	
CELLE 5849	13	1100 1650 2100	Bde Gp moved into CELLE 5849 and were put at one hr's notice to move behind 46 and 227 Bdes who were continuing the adv towards UELZEN. Bde Gp were infm that there would be no move before 0730 hrs next day. O Gp met at Bde HQ for planning next day's move.	
SUDERBURG 8381	14	0920 1030 1605 1800	Bde Gp ordered to move as soon as possible with 181 Fd Regt leading. Leading bns to clear main axis and following bns to clear diversion. 227 Bde were reported to be fighting on the outskirts of UELZEN. Bde Gp moved off with O Gp at head of coln. Bde HQ was est in SUDERBURG 8381 with 6 RSF in same village and 6 KOSB in RABER 8079. 8 RS were still held up by lack of BD squads in their clearing of the main axis. 6 RSF were put under comd of 227 Bde and the bn moved off to harbour in the area NORTH of HOLDENSTEDT. 8 RS had now cleared the axis and were moving up to conc in HOLDENSTEDT. Bde Gp were then warned for an op to outflank UELZEN from the EAST supported by two sqns of 4 COLDM GDS.	
SUDERBURG	15	0635 1107 1200	6 KOSB moved fwd to conc in area of HOLDENSTEDT having been previously warned that they would probably not op before 0900 hrs. Bde HQ followed at 1010. Leading tps of 8 RS reached BORNE and pushed to NIENDORF and WRESTEDT, meeting little opposition. 6 RSF moving up to HALLINGDORF against scattered opposition. Two coys finally est there.	

SUDERBURG	15	1355	6 KOSB were ordered fwd to NIENDORF and thence to carry on to HAMBROCK, where they met some opposition but finally were in possession at 1900 hrs. One coy relieved a coy of 2 A & SH in the woods to the WEST of this village.	
NIENDORF	16	 2200	Active patrolling and extension of posns was carried out during the night, and by morning all posns were firm. The 6 Air Ldg Bde began a further outflanking mov on our right and made good progress. Two coys 6 RSF moved on to MEHRE against slight opposition and were completely est there by midnight.	
	17	0200 1000 2220	8 RS commenced an attack on GR LIEDERN and the village was completely taken 3 hrs later. Patrolling was at once commenced in the direction of OLDENSTADT to the NORTH. Bde Comd & BM went to O Gp at Div. 6 KOSB carriers pushed into the eastern outskirts of UELZEN. They were followed by a coy. That was the beginning of a gradual infiltration which preceded the next night's attack and brought two coys 6 RSF and two coys 6 KOSB half way through UELZEN by 2100 hrs. Meanwhile tps of the Airborne Div were making steady progress round on right flank and had reached MASENDORF due NORTH of UELZEN by 1800 hrs. 6 KOSB pushed a patrol across the River ILMENAU into UELZEN and formed a slight bridgehead there. OO No 10 issued.	 See Folio 5.
	18		During the night 6 RSF and 6 KOSB completed the occupation of the eastern half of UELZEN, taking a large number of PW. Mopping up began at first lt and when completed the bns sat down to await the arrival of 46 Bde on the west half of the town. A number of BRIT-FRENCH PWX were liberated. 8 RS carriers found OLDENSTADT clear and it was occupied by two coys. Further patrols were made to the NORTH clearing RIPDORF & the surrounding country. Op Instr No 4 issued.	 See Folio 6.
MASENDORF	19		Bde Gp moved fwd to conc in the area of MASENDORF.	
ROHSTORF	20	1430	Bde Comd & IO went fwd to Div which was in SCHARNEBECK six miles EAST of LUNEBURG, while Bde HQ and 3 bns moved to area of ROHSTORF 9015. First Outline Plan for ELBE crossing issued.	 See Folio 9
LUNEBURG	21		Bde moved to conc in eastern outskirts of LUNEBURG.	
	22 to 25		Resting and cleaning up were the main occupations of the Bde. Planning for Op "ENTERPRISE" was carried on by staffs and a conference for COs was held at Bde at 1830 hrs 24 Apr. Naval recce parties arrived with the Bde and did good work in recce of the river.	

			Adm Order No 25 issued.	See Folio 11
	26 & 27		Little to report. Planning and recces for the op continued. OO No 12 issued. Adm Order No 26 issued.	 See Folio 10 See Folio 12
	28	1500 1800 2130	Corps Comd visited the Bde Comd. Massed pipe bands of the Div beat retreat in the Cavalry Bks LUNEBURG. Bde Tac HQ moved up to ARTLENBURG and est alongside Crossing Control.	
ARTLENBURG	29 & 30	0200	8 RS and 6 RSF began the aslt on the ELBE. (The crossing of the ELBE is very fully described in CV1 Logs and in "The Story of the Brigade Crossing", copy of which is att. Details are not given here).	See Folio 25

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Unit HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde incorporating Def Pl att

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Brig HCHT CUMMING-BRUCE, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GULZOW	1		11 Armd Div passed through the Bde during the night and at first light broke out northwards towards LUBECK and the BALTIC, without much opposition. 6 KOSB captured BRUNSTORF and Bde HQ moved to SCHWARZENBEK 8249.	
SCHWARZENBEK 8249	2		Bns cleared the SACHSENWALD, taking many prisoners, incl the Prince and Princess von BISMARCK and members of the Swedish and Swiss Consulates from HAMBURG. The night was spent in the area of this wood.	
	3	1232 1525	The Bde moved on to some high ground overlooking HAMBURG. Div HQ passed word that all Germans in HAMBURG had surrendered. Bde HQ moved to RAUSDORF 720582.	
RAUSDORF 720582	4		Bde moved NORTH, Bde HQ to TREMS 703754, with a view to sweeping NORTH into SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.	
TREMS 703754	5	1430	No move for 48 hrs. Various rumours about the surrender began to fly about and it was later announced that all the German tps in NW EUROPE had surrendered.	
	8		VE day. The war over. It was announced that the Bde was to take over KREIS SEGEBERG.	
	13		Bde HQ moved to MUSSEN 734032, with 8 RS at BAD BRAMSTEDT 4193, 6 RSF at BAD SEGEBERG 6996 and 6 KOSB at ORSDORF 4985.	
MUSSEN 734032	19	1700	Band of the Royal Scots played at Bde HQ.	
	21	0930	SEGEBERG Kreis conference at 625 Mil Gov Det at BAD SEGEBERG, attended by Bde Comd, Bde IO, COs of bns, Comd 194 Fd Amb and Comd 625 Mil Gov Det.	
	28	0930	SEGEBERG Kreis conference, with same present as above.	

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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating LAD 46 (H) Inf Bde att.

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier C.M. Barber DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
10, Grand Avenue, HOVE.	7	1600	OPERATION "OVERLORD" commenced for HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde. Adv party (first portion - Staff Capt, GSO III, Sigs Offr) moved to Marshalling Area - CANNING TOWN, LONDON.	
	8	0700	Adv party (first portion) arrived at CANNING TOWN.	
-do-	10	0025	Adv party (second portion - Bde Comd, IO) moved to Marshalling Area - WANSTEAD COMMON, LONDON.	
		0600	Adv party (second portion) arrived Marshalling Area.	
CANNING TOWN.		0600	Adv party (first portion) left for Embarkation Area, WEST INDIA DOCKS.	
WEST INDIA DOCKS	11	2015	Adv party (first portion) embarked.	
		2230	Adv party (first portion) anchored off SOUTHEND.	
10, Grand Avenue, HOVE.	12	0330	Main body left for Marshalling Area, EAST HAM, LONDON. Weather very good.	
SOUTHEND		0800	Adv party (first portion) sailed in convoy.	
		1000	Main body arrived Marshalling Area.	
			Reference map FRANCE 1/50,000 Sheet 7/F1. (CAEN)	
WANSTEAD COMMON.	13	0630	Adv party (second portion) left for Embarkation Area, W. INDIA DOCKS. Weather deteriorating.	
		0800	Adv party (first portion) arrived off Beachhead.	
		1600	Adv party (second portion) embarked in MTS 12 and anchored off SOUTHEND for the night.	
BEACHHEAD.		2130	Adv party (first portion) disembarked.	
		2230	Adv party (first portion) arrived Bde HQ area 867795.	
SOUTHEND.	14	2100	Adv party (second portion) left SOUTHEND in convoy.	
EAST HAM	15	1200	Main body moved to Embarkation Area, WEST INDIA DOCKS.	
		1800	Main body left WEST INDIA DOCKS in MTS T63 vice T 49 (hereafter referred to as T49) and anchored off SOUTHEND.	
		2000	After uneventful and calm voyage Adv party (second portion) arrived off Beach head at OUISTREHAM. An amazing collection of ships were seen in the beach head area. Weather deteriorated and prevented any unloading that night.	

Beachhead.	NIGHT	15/16	Two air raids took place during the night. No damage.	
-do-	16	1100	After a period of enemy shelling from HOULGATE area MTS 12 was ordered to a safer anchorage about two miles WEST.	
		1900	Adv party (second portion) disembarked from MTS 12 and made dry landing at OUISTREHAM.	
		2030	Arrived at HQ 15 (S) Inf Div, ST GABRIEL 879794. Met by Staff Capt and guided to HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde area.	
		1900	Main body left SOUTHEND in T 49 in convoy.	
	17	1830	Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ.	
		2000	Main body arrived off beach head in calm weather.	
		2130	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to discuss future ops and hear outline plan.	
	18	0930	Bde Comd visited HQ 51 (H) Div to meet Comds 51 (H) Div and 15 (S) Inf Div to discuss future ops.	
		1100	Bde Comd visited HQ 152 Bde and HQ 2 SEAFORTH to arrange recces for offrs and NCOs of 46 (H) Inf Bde from OP 2 SEAFORTH.	
		2100	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference.	
		2330	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to inform Bde Comd that the op had been postponed indefinitely. Nothing was to be undertaken until 15 (S) Div was complete.	
	19	1030	Bde Comd and Staff Capt visited units of the Bde Gp.	
		2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to receive outline plan for new op.	
	20	0900	Bde Comd visited HQ 8 Cdn Bde in connection with future op.	
		1000	Bde Comd visited HQ of the NORTH SHORE Regt 903704 to have a look at the ground over which the Bde was likely to operate.	
		1100	Bde Comd met Bn Comds at X-rds 903731 to give then outline plan for future op.	
		2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference.	
	21	0900	Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Div. Up to this date the weather had been fair	
Sheet 7F/1 897795		1000	Bde Comd held conference for COs.	
		1130	Bde Comd met CRA at X-rds 903731 to discuss fire plan for future op.	
		1700	Bde Comd held conference for Bn Comds and CO 7 RTR.	
		1830	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's "O" Gp conference.	
	22	2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's "O" Gp conference. The weather was cold and a strong wind prevailed.	
	23	0900	Bde Comd held conference for Bn Comds.	
		1000	Bde Comd 44 (L) Bde visited Bde HQ to discuss future ops.	
		1800	Bde Comd attended a briefing conference held by Comd 8 Corps at Corps HQ.	

		2300	Main body Bde HQ arrived in conc area except for 3-tonners and CVs	
Sheet 7F/1 897795	24	1200 1400 2230	Main body all in conc area after being held up for six days by bad weather. Only a few hours remained for de-waterproofing prior to moving off same evening. Bde Comd held "O" Gp conference. Operation "EPSOM". Bde HQ left for FAA SECQUEVILLE EN-BESSIN 9174.	
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN 9174	25	1400 1700 1745	Bde Comd held final co-ordinating conference. Bde Comd briefed all offrs down to and incl Coy Comds. Div Comd attended and added a few words. Comd 8 Corps visited HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde to speak to Comds 15 (S) Div, 44 (L), 46 (H) and 227 (H) Inf Bdes.	See 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 1 att as APPX "A".
	26	0730 0830 0900 1120 1120 1200 1955	H-hour Operation "EPSOM". Weather was bad and no air sp was possible; the speed of advance was in consequence slower than was hoped. 46 (H) Inf Bde est Tac HQ in orchard 899720. Tac HQ moved fwd on main axis "OBAN". Lieut C. WHALLEY wounded in the arm and evacuated. Fwd bns on first objectives. 7 SEAFORTH ordered fwd through 2 GLAS H. Tac HQ halted on bound CASINO. Slight enemy mortar fire. Tac HQ moved to 911678 where it stayed till 0700 hrs 29. Main HQ moved to 909685.	
	27	1410 1955 2315	2 GLAS H ordered to move to COLLEVILLE 9265. 9 CAMERONIANS ordered to move to GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON 9064. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to advance SOUTH through MONDRAINVILLE 9264 to LE VALTRU 9163.	
	28	2230 2250	7 SEAFORTH ordered to withdraw det on bridge 915623. Tks in sp CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH withdrawn by Bde Comd and fresh sqn ordered up in vicinity Bde HQ which was moving to MONDRAINVILLE 919642.	
	29	0700 1330 1200 1700	Bde HQ (Tac) moved to orchard 919642. Owing to enemy shelling and mortar fire HQ was moved back to 920644. Capt J. RAYMOND, EME wounded and evacuated. Bde HQ ordered to stand to when enemy counter attack is reported. HQ under intermittent enemy mortar fire which continued throughout the night.	
	30	1700	Adv parties 160 Bde arrive for relief handover. Enemy mortaring still continued. Main HQ move back to area 893719.	

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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating LAD 46 (H) Inf Bde att.

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier C.M. Barber DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			Ref maps 1/50,000 Sheets 6F/2, 7F/1, 6F/4, 7F/3, 6F/6, 7F/5	
COLLEVILLE 9264 BRONAY 8872	1st		Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde GS Op Instr No 2	See Appx "A"
		0530	Bde Tac HQ moved back to join Main HQ in rest area 892719.	H.G.U.
		1700	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		2030	Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
	2nd	0930	Bde Comd and SC visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1330	Bde HQ shelled. Two 15 cm shells fell in office area. One clerk injured. Some vehs slightly damaged. Bad weather, hy rain.	H.G.U.
	3rd	0945	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and made short informal speech to tps. Read out personal message of congratulation to 15 (S) Inf Div from the C-in-C General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO. Bde Comd then accompanied Div Comd round Bns.	H.G.U.
	4th	1030-1630	Bde Comd and BM attended Div Comd's discussion on "Lessons learned in recent Fighting".	H.G.U.
		1800	Comd 8 Corps Lt-General Sir Richard N. O'Connor, KCB, DSO, MC visited Bde HQ and was later conducted round Bns by Bde Comd. Weather had improved.	H.G.U.
BRONAY 8872	5th	1000	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		1400	Bde Comd and BM went to Div to continue Discussion on "Lessons learnt in recent Fighting".	H.G.U.
	6th		Considerable improvement in weather.	H.G.U.
		1100	Bde Comd visited Bns to speak to new drafts.	H.G.U.
		1430	Bde Comd and BM attended an address by General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO at Div HQ.	H.G.U.
		1900	Bde Comd visited HQ 8 Corps. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Standing Orders for Ops.	H.G.U. See Appx "B"
	7th	1445	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to discuss future ops for the Bde.	H.G.U.
		1640	Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Inf Div to meet Comd. Comd 43 Inf Div was out and did not return until 1745. Weather very warm.	H.G.U.
		2045	Bde Comd again visited HQ 43 Inf Div to discuss future op when 46 (H) Inf Bde would be under comd 43 Div. Comd 15 (S) Inf Div also attended.	H.G.U.

	8th	0930	Weather good. Bde Comd, IO and Comd 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt visited HQ 214 Bde at MOUEN 9365 to discuss future ops.	H.G.U.
BRONAY 8872		1030	Bde Comd visited HQ 7 Som LI and OP at Quarry 945645.	H.G.U.
		1100	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave out outline plan. Gave outline plan for Op "JUPITER". Showery weather.	See Appx "C"(TOP SECRET) H.G.U.
		1530	Bde Comd visited 43 Inf Div to clear up certain pts.	H.G.U.
		1915	CRA 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to discuss fire plan for Op "JUPITER".	H.G.U.
	9th	1100	Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Div for further discussion on Op "JUPITER".	H.G.U.
		1545	Comd 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to tell Bde Comd that the Canadians had captured CARPIQUET Aerodrome 9667 and main crossings over the R ORNE in CAEN had been captured by Armd patrols of 1 Corps.	H.G.U.
		1600	Weather deteriorating. Bde Comd held a co-ord conference for Op "JUPITER".	H.G.U.
		2200	Bde Comd and Comd Gp moved to new HQ in MOUEN 9365 for start of Op "JUPITER".	H.G.U.
			Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 1	See Appx "D"
	10th	0455	Main body Bde HQ arrives MOUEN 9365. Bad weather continued.	H.G.U.
		0943	2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH are ordered fwd by code word "EGGS"	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365		1044	Bde Comd approves of 9 CAMERONIANS taking over ETERVILLE 9864 with two coys.	H.G.U.
		1500	7 SEAFORTH ordered to gain contact with Canadians on reaching rly 983663. Weather continued showery.	H.G.U.
		1700	Bde HQ moved to new location 971658.	H.G.U.
VERSON 9765		2100	Bde Comd visited three Bns. Gave orders to 2 GLAS H for counter-attack, on ETERVILLE should the occasion arise.	H.G.U.
		2300	CO 9 CAMERONIANS wounded. Bde Comd orders Maj J.C. Davies, MC, 2 GLAS H, to take over comd.	H.G.U.
	11th	0030	Bde Comd receives request from Comd 214 Bde that 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt should be lent to 214 Bde to fill in gap between flanks of 46 (H) Inf Bde and 214 Bde. Bde Comd consents.	H.G.U.
		0340	9 CAMERONIANS report enemy infiltration and one coy missing. Bde Comd orders 2 GLAS H to place one coy under comd 9 CAMERONIANS.	H.G.U.
		0455	Bde Comd sends out an order that Bns will remain in present posns and will hold their ground in face of enemy counter-attack.	H.G.U.
VERSON 9765		0925	2 GLAS H ordered to send fwd recce parties to ETERVILLE to arrange take—over from 9 CAMERONIANS.	H.G.U.
			Weather improved. Bde HQ under intermittent mortar and shell fire.	

		1458	ME 109, shot down by AA fire, crashed in fd 100 yds from office area. Pilot baled out and was later captured and brought to Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1600	Comd 4 Canadian Bde arrived to arrange take-over from 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1617	SC reported to Div HQ to be given new area for the Bde when relieved by 4 Canadian Bde.	H.G.U.
		1735	Bde HQ under fairly hy mortar and shell fire. Cpl Scott, French Interpreter att to Bde HQ, was killed.	H.G.U.
		2030	Bde HQ ordered to be ready to move by 2130 hrs.	H.G.U.
		2200	DR arrived from SC with new area for 46 (H) Inf Bde. "No move till 0230 hrs" was ordered.	H.G.U.
		2340	HQ 4 Canadian Bde moved in. Enemy mortaring and shelling continued.	H.G.U.
SECQUEVILLE en BESSIN 9173	12th	0325	Bde HQ moved to new area 912735.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		2100	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to receive outline plan for Op "GREENLINE".	See Appx "E"
			Weather good.	H.G.U.
	13th	2115	Bde Comd and IO attended 'O' Gp conference Div HQ for further discussion on Op "GREENLINE".	H.G.U.
	14th	1030	Bde Comd and IO visited Bns	
		1800	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference.	H.G.U.
			Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Order No 3	See Appx "E"
	15th	1200	Bde Comd briefed all offrs down to Capts at Bde HQ with aid of cloth model.	H.G.U.
		1900	Comd 15 (S) Inf Div attended. Bde HQ ordered to be ready to move by 2145 hrs.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde HQ moved to MOUEN 9365. In the light of recent experience comd vehs were bulldozed in.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365			46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 4 issued.	See Appx "F"
	16th		Weather very misty in morning but cleared considerably later in the day.	H.G.U.
		2100	Comd 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to give Bde Comd details of new plan for 46 (H) Inf Bde to relieve 71 Bde.	H.G.U.
		2330	Gun area around Bde HQ subjected to fairly hy aerial bombing. Bde HQ was untouched.	H.G.U.
	17th	1130	Bde Comd visited 71 Bde to arrange take-over.	
			Weather very hot.	H.G.U.
		1245	Bde Comd gave orders to COs of 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH - 9 CAMERONIANS to take over area GRAINVILLE-sur-ODON 9064, 7	

			SEAFORTH area CAHIER 9062. 2 GLAS H were to move into area MONDRAINVILLE 9262 when released by 227 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1515	7 SEAFORTH ordered to contact 8 RS at GAVRUS 9161 when take-over had been completed.	H.G.U.
		1830	Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and gave orders for patrolling that night.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365		2130	Take-over by 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH completed. Notified to Div by codeword "SKYLARK".	H.G.U.
		2330	Gun area round Bde HQ again bombed, causing cas and damage to vehs amongst gunner units. Bde HQ escaped untouched.	H.G.U.
	18th	0145	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to make contact with 59 Div on right.	H.G.U.
		0900	GOC visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		0955	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		1218	Comd 44 (L) Inf Bde visited HQ to get Bde Comd's approval for moving his Bde HQ into MONDRAINVILLE. Bde Comd approves.	H.G.U.
		2330	Slight air activity - few bombs dropped.	H.G.U.
	19th	0900	Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH to discuss patrolling with CO 7 SEAFORTH and decides to ask Div to get Corps bdy altered to allow more room for manoeuvre. Also to obtain approval for an OP at 905616 from 59 Div.	
			GSO III Capt C.B. Wilken detailed to attend next Intermediate Staff College Course commencing 4 Aug.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365			Weather deteriorating - thunderstorms.	H.G.U.
	19/20		Active night patrolling begun on 7 SEAFORTH front.	H.G.U.
	20th	0435	Patrol reports received. Only slight enemy activity reported.	H.G.U.
		1130	Bde Comd decides to move 7 SEAFORTH fwd to the rd MISSY 8962 - MONCEAUX 9061 one coy at a time.	H.G.U.
		1510	First coy to be moved fwd encounters stiff opposition and coy is withdrawn.	H.G.U.
		1600	Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH to discuss situation and patrolling for the night. Hy rain set in.	H.G.U.
	21st		Weather still very wet. Relief of fwd posts of 7 SEAFORTH by 15 Recce.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference at HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde to discuss take-over from 10 US Regt 5 US Div.	
			Capt N. Davenport, KOSB, arrived to take up appointment as GSO III vice Capt C.B. Wilken, 7 SEAFORTH Highlanders.	H.G.U.
	22nd	0930	Bde Comd and IO left for HQ 5 US Div 697695.	H.G.U.
		1000	BM visited 177 Bde re relief of 7 SEAFORTH.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365		1100	Bde Comd attended conference at HQ 5 US Div to discuss take-over from 10 US Regt. It was decided that 46 (H) Inf Bde would not	

			take over until night 26/27 Jul and then it would be to relieve 44 (L) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1400	Bde Comd and IO left HQ 10 US Regt.	H.G.U.
		1500	Bde Comd called at HQ 59 Div as 46 (H) Inf Bde were coming under comd 59 Div for a short time on 23 Jul.	H.G.U.
		1600	Visited HQ 15 (S) Inf Div to see GOC who suggested that 46 (H) Inf Bde should move the following day to a rest area behind 5 US Div prior to taking over from 44 (L) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1830	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave COs infm and verbal orders concerning the take-over from 44 (L) Inf Bde and move to rest area.	H.G.U. See Appx "G"
CHEUX 9167	23rd	0400	Two enemy shells fell in Bde HQ office area. No damage or cas. Weather fair.	H.G.U.
		1315	Bde HQ moved to marshalling area near CHEUX 9167.	H.G.U.
		1430	7 SEAFORTH hand over to 5 S Staffs completed.	H.G.U.
		1705	Bde HQ moves to new area according to Mov Table contained in Appx "G".	H.G.U.
		1850	Bde HQ arrives new area 737705 for a few days rest.	H.G.U.
ST PAUL du VERNAY 7470	24th	1800	Bde Comd visited Bns to address new drafts.	H.G.U.
	25th	1200	Bde Comd visited 44 (L) Inf Bde HQ 684618 to arrange take-over.	H.G.U.
		1400	Comd 30 Corps visited Bde HQ, as we had now come under comd 30 Corps.	H.G.U.
	26th	0900	Bde Comd held discussion on "Recent Battle Lessons" for offrs of 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1730	Bde Comd and IO went to 44 (L) Inf Bde HQ to begin taking over.	H.G.U. See Appx "H"
		2100	Main HQ arrived.	H.G.U.
SALLEN 682618	27th		Patrol org set up for intensive patrolling programme to be carried out on our front.	H.G.U. See Appx "I"
		1445	Div Comd arrived to discuss future ops with Bde Comd.	H.G.U.
SALLEN 682618	28th	0500	Patrol reports indicate little activity on our front.	H.G.U.
		1500	Div Comd visits Bde HQ to discuss future ops. - "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		2130	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's 'O' Gp conference and received outline plan for Op "BLUECOAT" which was to take place two days earlier than was expected. 44 (L) Inf Bde were to take over from 46 (H) Inf Bde forthwith.	H.G.U.
		2359	Bde Comd ordered 'O' Gp.	H.G.U.
Area CAUMONT 712636	29th	0500	Bde HQ moves to new area 712636 to prepare for Op "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		1400	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's 'O' Gp. This was final co-ord conference for Op "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		1730	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and final co-ord conference.	H.G.U. See Appx "J"
	30th	0730	Start of Op "BLUECOAT". Adv goes fairly well.	H.G.U.

CAUMONT 6960		1356	Bde HQ at new location 695602. Long delay in area La MORICHESSES les MARES 6853 before 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH eventually capture Pt 309. Inf advancing on tks held up by a few well placed 88mm A Tk guns, the inf finally dismounting and going cross country on foot to their objective.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6955		2145 2230	Bde HQ moves to 693558. 2 GLAS H ordered to est junc pt at 688511 to contact patrol of 15 (S) Recce Regt.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6955	31st	1130 1208 2230	Div Comd held 'O' Gp at 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ. 9 CAMERONIANS ordered to be prepared to send one or perhaps two coys to hold ST MARTIN DES BESACES 6750. Bde Comd orders 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H to carry out protective patrolling during the night.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.

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WAR DIARY
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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating 46 (H) Inf Bde LAD att.

Month and Year AUG 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier R.M. VILLIERS, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Ref maps : AUBIGNY 6956	FRANCE 1	1/50	,000 sheets 6F/2, 6F/4, 6F/6, 7F/1, 7F/3, 7F/5, 7F/4, 7F/6, 8F/2,	8F/3, 8F/4, 8F/5, 8F/6, 9F/1
		1330	Bde Comd at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS was infm that the whole of 9 CAMERONIANS might be required to adv on GALET 6950 and MANCELLIERE 6849. To start not before 1700.	H.G.U.
		1840	9 CAMERONIANS infm Bde Comd that the attack had started.	H.G.U.
		2125	15 (S) Recce Regt operating in front of 9 CAMERONIANS infm the Bde Comd that GALET had been taken but fighting was still going on in MANCELLIERE.	H.G.U.
		2238	9 CAMERONIANS report location 684504. Bde Comd enquires if Sqns of Coldm Gds have been relieved.	H.G.U.
		2340	Bns infm that Recce are moving out at first light to protect our EAST flank on the line 710495 - 724455.	H.G.U.
	2	0900	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		0945	7 SEAFORTH ordered to be prepared to send a coy to area 7050 to see if it is clear of enemy, 43 Div being infm before any further action was taken.	H.G.U.
		1520	Bde Comd infm that 46 (H) Inf Bde was being relieved by 185 Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6956		2147	Bde Comd infm that 7 SEAFORTH is to come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde at 0600 on 3 Aug for adv Southwards. No move before 0700.	H.G.U.
	3	0130	Change in plan and LO sent to 7 SEAFORTH with instrs.	H.G.U.
		0300	Bde Comd infm that 185 Bde would not now relieve 46 Bde and future not known.	H.G.U.
		1530	GOC infm Bde Comd 46 Bde less 7 SEAFORTH remain present location meanwhile.	H.G.U.
		1740	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to be prepared to move 2100 hrs to take over posns vacated by 7 SEAFORTH.	H.G.U.
		2130	Div Comd wounded. Brigadier C.M. Barber, DSO ordered to take over comd 15 (S) Inf Div. Lt-Col R.M. Villiers, OC 9 CAMERONIANS called to Bde HQ to take over comd of 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
	4	0900	Enemy armour reported withdrawing SE and 46 Bde move fwd. HQ move to 686525.	H.G.U.

686525		1112	Bde ordered to move to area ARCLAIS 7244 - Pt 279 7142 - DROUET 7143. HQ move to ST PIERRE TARENTAINE 7045.	H.G.U.
ST PIERRE TARENTAINE 7045	5	0700	Bde Comd visits bns.	H.G.U.
		1550	Bns advised "No move till tomorrow". Bde Comd visits GLAS H at 1715 hrs.	H.G.U.
		1900	Orders received from Div for adv.	H.G.U.
		1945	Bns warned they may have to move tonight.	H.G.U.
		2000	COs warned to meet Bde Comd at MONTCHARIVEL Church 7442.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde Comd gives orders for 9 CAMERONIANS to enable OC to do last light recce.	H.G.U.
		2300	O Gp ordered for 2330 and 227 Bde are asked to send rep.	H.G.U.
	6	0040	Bde Comd held O Gp for attack on high ground area GOURNEY 8040. 9 CAMERONIANS to move first.	H.G.U.
		0545	HQ moves to new area LES HAIES 738441.	H.G.U.
LES HAIES 738441		1218	Weather which had been good, had deteriorated during morning. 9 CAMERONIANS reported unable to make any progress and considered their task too great.	H.G.U.
		1225	Bde Comd visited HQ 2 GLAS H at 782407 to make new plan but no further progress was made and orders received from Div at 1940 hrs to withdraw to area AU CORNU 7741, where temporary def posns would be adopted.	H.G.U.
LES HAIES 738441	7	0700	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1200	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and gave short farewell speech to HQ personnel.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
	8	0900	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
	9	1730	Corps Comd Lt-Gen Sir Richard N. O'Connor, KCB, DSO, MC visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1745	Bde HQ moved to 754425. Indications were that enemy might withdraw and bns were ordered to send out recce patrols to keep contact with the enemy.	H.G.U.
754425	10	1130	Bde ordered to send out patrols in the afternoon to see if we were still in contact with the enemy.	H.G.U.
	11	0200	Receipt of 15 (S) Inf Div Op Instr No 17.	H.G.U. See Appx "A".
		1130	O Gp ordered to discuss Op "DUNHILL".	H.G.U. See Appx "B".
	12	0930	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1330	BM and SC go to Div. 46 (H) Inf Bde being relieved by 29 Armd Bde.	H.G.U.
		1700	HQ 29 Armd Bde begin to arrive. Bde Comd 29 Armd Bde arrives and discusses take-over with Bde Comd 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		2100	46 (H) Inf Bde begin to thin out.	H.G.U.
754425	13	0715	Hand-over completed. HQ move to assembly area at 706450.	H.G.U.

706450		1115	Bde Comd and Int Offr attended Div O Gp for move to area FEUGUEROLLES SUR ORNE 9960.	H.G.U.
		1330	Bde Comd and recce party leave for new area.	H.G.U. See Appx "C".
		1445	Bde Comd and recce party arrive in new area.	H.G.U.
		1530	Bde Comd and Int Offr visited HQ 12 Corps to get the latest infm and likely task of 46 Bde. Corps Comd unable to find task for 46 Bde in meantime.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
		1700	Bde Comd and Int Offr return to new HQ at 000608.	H.G.U.
000608		1900	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
	14	1000	Bde Comd held Adm and Trg conference.	H.G.U.
		1800	Div Comd visited Bns and Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1900	Bde ordered conc by 0900 hrs next day in area 0050 - 0150 - 0149 - 0049.	H.G.U. See Appx "D".
		2100	Bde Comd recced new area.	H.G.U.
	15	0730	Bde HQ moved to new area 001491. Weather very good.	H.G.U.
001491		1800	Bde Comd, CO 2 GLAS H RV with Div Comd ETERVILLE 9864 to 'walk' the battles of ETERVILLE and ESQUAY 9461, which had been fought the previous month.	H.G.U.
	16		Weather very good.	H.G.U.
		1130	Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
	17	1730	Bde Comd holds discussion for COs on "Advance to Contact Battle". Div Comd attended.	See Appx "E". H.G.U.
	18	1800	Fine weather. Bde Comd and IO attended conference Div HQ and received orders that 46 Bde would move early next morning to relieve 158 Bde SW of FALAISE 1134.	See Appx "F". H.G.U.
		2000	Bde Comd and IO visit HQ 53 (W) Div to meet Bde Comd 158 Bde and discuss take-over.	H.G.U.
	19	0630	Adv Bde HQ moves to LA MIETTE 112350.	H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350		1245	Relief of 158 Bde complete.	H.G.U.
		1430	Bde Comd held O Gp for attack on Pt 223 0927 and BAZOCHES 1027. This op was unnecessary, as both places were occupied by 59 Div in afternoon.	H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350		1700	BM attends O Gp at Div HQ to discuss adv to contact op EAST of FALAISE. Several hundreds of prisoners passed through the Bde Collecting Pt through the day and night. Weather deteriorating.	H.G.U.
	20	1400	Bde Comd visited BAYEUX to see holding units. Hy rain during night.	H.G.U.
	21		Rain continued. Bde conc for Adv to Contact.	H.G.U. See Appx "G" & Appx "H".
	22	1000	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1730	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and gave Bde Comd outline orders for Op "GALLOP".	H.G.U.

	23	1400	Bde Comd held O Gp for Op "GALLOP".	H.G.U. See Appces "I", "J", "K" & "L"
		1830	Massed Pipe Bands of 46 (H) Inf Bde played Retreat at Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		2000	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and said that original plan for Op "GALLOP" would probably be changed and the Div would adv as far as possible on the first day - not by bounds. This change was to be denoted by the Codeword "BALCONY"	H.G.U.
	24	0730	Harbour parties move off.	H.G.U.
		0800	Codeword "BALCONY" received from Div HQ.	H.G.U.
		1300	Order comes to hold fast and clear rds.	H.G.U.
LA MIETTE		1600	46 Bde ordered to conc area GUEPREI 2729.	H.G.U.
112350		2100	Bde Comd attended O Gp at HQ 4 Armd Bde 412566 where he was given orders for further adv next day.	H.G.U.
	25	0730	Bde Comd held O Gp.	H.G.U. See Appx "M".
		1830	Bde HQ arrived new area 884749.	H.G.U.
884749		1930	Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH 886747. Weather very hot all day.	H.G.U.
	26	0200	46 Bde ordered to move and take up temporary def posns area EMANVILLE 0274.	H.G.U.
		0815	Bde Comd makes recce of EMANVILLE area.	H.G.U.
		0945	Bde Comd held O Gp at the Church in EMANVILLE 0274.	H.G.U.
		1130	Bde HQ moved to new location 007737.	H.G.U.
007737		1600	Bde Comd called to Div to see GOC and Corps Comd and discuss a rush crossing of the R SEINE by one bn following night.	H.G.U.
		1900	Bde Comd attended Div O Gp.	H.G.U. See Appx "N".
	27	0845	Bde Comd and unit recce parties left for R SEINE. To make necessary recce for a river crossing by deliberate assault in the area MUIDS 3089.	H.G.U.
007737		1400	Bde Comd met COs at Church at VENABLES 3186 to discuss op.	H.G.U.
		1500	Bde Comd met CRE 53 (W) Div at VIEUX-VILLEZ 3083 to arrange allotment of RE eqpt. GOC then arrived at the conference to infm Bde Comd that plan was changed.	H.G.U.
299842		1700	Bde Comd holds O Gp at Bde HQ which had arrived at 299842.	H.G.U. See Appces "O" and "P"
	28	0915	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to move across River at MUIDS and all marching personnel of the Bde had crossed River by 1130.	H.G.U.
		1230	Bde HQ moved to 323870 and mov of Bde tpt across River went on all day.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd held co-ord conference with COs in MUIDS 3089 for securing of GRAND RONCHEROLLES 3594 by 7 SEAFORTH and CUVERVILLE 3795 by 2 GLAS H. 9 CAMERONIANS following up in res directed on LE THUIT 3692.	H.G.U.
		2135	7 SEAFORTH report they are on objective.	H.G.U.

		2359	Bde HQ moves to Fm 329905.	H.G.U.
Fm 329905	29	0142	Bde HQ arrived new location 329905.	H.G.U.
		0430	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to send a coy to the high ground Pt 144 360928.	H.G.U.
		1300	Tps 46 Bde reached line NOYERS 3893 - CUVERVILLE 3795 - GRAND ROCHERELLES 3594 and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to patrol to br at 392902.	H.G.U.
		1615	9 CAMERONIANS patrols had returned and reported no enemy in LES ANDELYS 4090.	H.G.U.
		1750	Leading coy 7 SEAFORTH reported moving through LES ANDELYS and Bde Comd reported they were doing well.	H.G.U.
		1855	Div ordered to send offrs to recce rds from MUIDS 3088 - LES ANDELYS 4090 and to report on their suitability for 3-tonners and heavier vehs.	H.G.U.
		1920	HQ arrives new location at 368927.	H.G.U.
368927		2015	Orders received from Div to the effect that all rds must be clear after first light 30 Aug to allow passage of 53 Div. Weather dull.	H.G.U.
	30	1000	Bde Comd visited units and meets Div Comd at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS. Weather deteriorated.	H.G.U.
	31	1015	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to congratulate Bde Comd who had been awarded the DSO. Weather improves.	H.G.U.

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Month and Year SEPTEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM Villiers, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Ref maps : LE THUIT R3693	FRANCE 1	¼"	Sheets 7, 4, 2, BELGIUM ¼" Sheet 3, HOLLAND ¼" Sheets 2A, 3A. Bde Gp remained throughout the day in the area occupied on 30 Aug except for A Coy 1 MX and 161 A Tk Bty were conc in the area LE THUIT. Sub units were conc under cover of buildings and interior economy and route marching was carried out. BM visited inf bns during the morning and warned them to be at readiness to move on the 2 Sep to area SW of AMIENS N 15.	
		1700	Bde Comd and IO attended Div O Gp but change of plan was received by Div just before O Gp started and as a result instrs were : No move 2 Sep, be prepared to adv by march route approx 20 miles on 3 Sep. Bns were warned of this by IO visiting each in turn.	
	2	1100	BM attended Staff conference and received Mov Plan for 3 Sep. He phoned Bde HQ from Div to arrange for Warning Order to Harbour Parties to be issued and units were advised : No move before 0600 hrs. Harbour Parties incl sufficient personnel to provide sentries during the night left for new location during the afternoon. Two secs of Bde HQ Def Pl moved with Bde HQ Harbour Party.	
		1700	Issue of Mov Order No 10.	See Appx D/1
LE PAVILLON 5215	3		Move of Bde Gp went as planned.	
		1730	BM attended Staff Conference at Div HQ with instrs re move on 4 Sep. He returned at 2000 hrs and a Warning Order was issued to Bde Gp at 2030 hrs.	
		2045	Issue of Bde Mov Order No 11.	See Appx D/2
		2130	BM held conference of COs at Bde HQ and gave forecast of future ops (Adv into BELGIUM) to three bn comds.	
ROMESCAMP 7240	4		Move to area ROMESCAMPS 7240 took place in accordance with Mov Order No 11.	
		1930	G III attended conference at Div HQ and received instrs for a move 5 Sep.	

		2045 2300	G III returned and orders were issued to Bns for guides to meet TCVs. Warning Order regarding Harbour Parties and readiness to move on 5 Sep was also issued. Issue of Bde Mov Order No 12.	 See Appx D/3.
   FRAMECOURT H 10 FRAMECOURT H 10 AUBIGNY H 3607	5	 1700 2100 2400	Move to area WEST of ST POL H 12 took place in accordance with Mov Order No 11 but TCVs were very late in arriving at unit locations and did not leave ROMESCAMPS until approx 1700. Bde HQ arrived new location. Div Comd arrived at same time with orders for Bde Comd as contained in "Notes for verbal orders by Comd 12 Corps to Comd LYSFORCE." It was decided to move elements of Bde Gp required for LYSFORCE to area AUBIGNY 3506 where they would be conc with other units forming the Force. 7 SEAFORTH was selected as the Bn from the Bde and instrs were at once sent to units concerned to send fwd Harbour Parties and Staff Capt moved fwd to allot unit areas. Reps from units were called to Bde HQ and given (a) Route, Dis P where guides would meet, and timings through ST POL. (b) Warning Order of O Gp at 2130 hrs in new Bde HQ location. (c) Instrs Not to unload in present area. Bde HQ arrived new location AUBIGNY H 3607. Move went satisfactorily though TCVs did not arrive for 7 SEAFORTH until about 0100 hrs 6 Sep. Other units of Bde Gp not required for LYSFORCE were taken over by Div. Bde Comd returned from Corps and issued verbal orders to LYSFORCE Comds.	 See Appx E/1 See Appx D/4 & D/5
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			CAMERONIANS later that night. A Div O Gp was ordered for 2100 hrs. Bde Comd attended and was told that 46 Bde would come under comd 7 Armd Div the following day. At their request LO, Lt D.T. Allan, was sent to HQ 7 Armd Div.	
H 8851		1830	2 GLAS H on arrival took up posns to cover the brs from 9354 to excl 8657.	
		2200	CO 9 CAMERONIANS arrived at Bde HQ and was instructed to conc his bn in area AUTRYVE 9648.	
H 8851	7		Lt D.T. Allan failed to return from HQ 7 Armd Div until 0845 hrs having been captured by enemy on his return journey about 033540 and only escaped by jumping into and swimming R ESCAUT. By morning 9 CAMERONIANS, owing to two coys being lost did not complete their conc until 1100 hrs. The situation at AVELGHEM 9750 became confused during the night and Bde Comd instructed 9 CAMERONIANS to deal with this.	
		0830	7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H who had been relieved by units of 44 Bde were instructed to move fwd and conc in the area HEESTERT 9351 and 9451 respectively. On arrival in these areas 2 GLAS H were directed on AUDENARDE 0957 and 7 SEAFORTH on BERCHEM 0251 and KERKHOVE 0152. For the remainder of the day clearing ops NORTH of rd AVELGHEM - AUDENARDE were carried out in conjunction with 4 Armd Bde.	
		1320	Bde HQ with 193 Fd Amb moved to area 005507 and thence at 1720 hrs to QUAREMONT 032503. By last light bns were ordered to be in posns covering the brs over the ESCAUT at AVELGHEM (9 CAMERONIANS) KERKHOVE (7 SEAFORTH) and AUDENARDE (2 GLAS H).	
QUAREMONT 032503	8	0745	Op Instr received from 7 Armd Div as a result of which Bde Comd sent Warning Order to (a) 9 CAMERONIANS to be prepared to take over GAVERE 1367 from 1-7 Queens. Recce parties to contact them as soon as possible. (b) 7 SEAFORTH to be prepared to take over GHENT J 18 from 1/5 Queens and 5 R Tks. The move of the bns depended upon the move of 15 (S) Div engaged in clearing up the SOUTH of LYS Canal as far as GHENT. TCVs were to be made available and were asked for at 1040 hrs.	
		1330	Bde Comd and IO attended O Gp HQ 7 Armd Div where he was notified of change in plan. Bde area was to be excl GHENT - incl GAVERE 1367 - excl AUDENARDE 0958 - rd and rly crossing 2463 - X rds 2474. At end of O Gp IO communicated with Bde HQ and gave following instrs. (a) 2 GLAS H to stay in AUDENARDE 0958 (b) 9 CAMERONIANS area GAVERE 1367 (c) 7 SEAFORTH to FAA SCHELDRODE 1762. (d) CO 7 SEAFORTH with Carrier Pl to meet Bde Comd at HQ 7 Armd Div as soon as possible.	

QUAREMONT 032503 241702		1600 1720 2200 2230	TCVs arrived at Bde HQ and were sent to 9 CAMERONIANS immediately. As only one lot of TCVs were available orders were given for them to return to 7 SEAFORTH as soon as 9 CAMERONIANS had debussed. 9 CAMERONIANS move completed followed by 7 SEAFORTH tpt only. Bde HQ arrived new location 241702. Instrs were received from 7 Armd Div that one of our bns is to perform a special task in GHENT under 131 Bde. Bde Comd decided to use 2 GLAS H and instrs were given for CO 2 GLAS H to contact Comd 131 Bde in GHENT at 0830 hrs next morning 9 Sep. Bn to be ready to move at 0730 hrs.	
	9	 1230	TCVs lifting 7 SEAFORTH had been ordered to return to AUDENARDE to pick up 2 GLAS H and take them to GHENT. 2 GLAS H were ordered to leave sufficient carriers and A Tk guns in AUDENARDE to guard brs. This responsibility was taken over soon after by 15 (S) Div. TCVs did not arrive until 1100 hrs but delay was of no consequence as Comd 131 Bde was in no hurry to use 2 GLAS H. 46 Bde less 2 GLAS H reverted to comd 15 (S) Div. Bde Comd received orders to move to a conc area near WILLEBROECK J 6479 prior to making crossing of ALBERT Canal in area VIERSEL J 8593.	
LIPPELOO J 5677	10	1230 2100	Bde Comd met Div Comd at X rds J 2563 and after receiving instrs from him saw Comds 190 Fd Regt and 278 Fd Coy to pass on infm and arrange RV in LIERRE for Recce Parties. Bn Comds less 2 GLAS H and reps from sp arms in Bde Gp met Bde Comd at 1430 hrs at Bde HQ. The plan was to prepare for a crossing of the ALBERT Canal EAST of ANTWERP as a deceptive measure to assist 53 Div to cross NORTH of ANTWERP. Recce patrols incl RE and bn R Gps were ordered to move fwd to LIERRE J 7887 at once where recce patrols would be carried out; Bde Comd briefing patrols at 1830 hrs and holding co-ord conference with Bn Comds at 2000 hrs. The Bde Gp moved in accordance with Mov Order No 14 to area SW of WILLEBROECK 6278. Bde HQ arrived new location LIPPELOO J 5677. In absence of Bde Comd BM attended O Gp at Div HQ at 2100 hrs and heard new plan for relief of 50 Inf Div. COs 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH were advised of this between 2300 and 2330 hrs and conference for Comds of all sp arms was arranged for 0930 hrs next day.	See Appx D/6
	11	0930 1030	Bde Comd infm Comds of sp arms of probable future ops in area GHEEL I 0888. Bde Comd left HQ to meet Div Comd at WESTERLOO rd junc I 0482 at 1230 hrs. He was accompanied by Comds of all sp arms.	

		1330 1830 2100	Bde Comd held an O Gp for Bn Comds and all sp arms at rd junc I 0482 and gave outline plan for relief of 69 Inf Bde by 46 (H) Inf Bde. Later all recces were carried out. A co-ord conference held at Bde HQ. BM went to Div HQ for mov timings and after warning order - No move before 0930 hrs - Op Order No 7 was issued.	See Appx D/7
I 0485	12	 1030 1830	Move by Bde Gp was carried out in accordance with Op Order No 7. BM attended conference at HQ 69 Inf Bde at which TC org for relief was worked out. Brief plan was (a) All units relieving tps SOUTH of ALBERT Canal to have completed move on rds by 1615 hrs. (b) 9 CAMERONIANS to cross by Cl 9 br 1800-1830 hrs. (c) 7 SEAFORTH to cross by Cl 40 br 1745-1810 hrs. (d). 129 SP A Tk Bty to cross by Cl 40 br 1815-1825 hrs. Relief was completed by 2300 hrs. Bde Comd attended Div O Gp at which forecast of ops in this area were given. Patrols for the night were ordered as follows (a) 9 CAMERONIANS - Recce patrol to LARUM 0588. (b) 7 SEAFORTH - Recce patrols to (i) VELVEKEN 0487 (ii) KRUISWEG 0286.	
I 0485	13	 1100 1130 1630	Patrols of 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH confirmed that posns in front of them were still held by enemy but 44 Bde had found GHEEL clear of enemy and occupied it at once. 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH were instructed to keep patrolling fwd and to occupy posns as soon as feasible. Patrolling continued as far NORTH as the line of the Canal 0291 and as far WEST as VEENAN 9889. Bde Comd visited Div HQ where Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery KCB DSO addsd all senior offrs of the Div. CO 2 GLAS H arrived at Bde HQ with coy comds for orders. Main body 2 GLAS H arrived in the area and crossed Cl 40 br to posns just NORTH of it.	
	14		The bns remained during the day in the posns they occupied yesterday apart from a few minor changes in the dispositions of 7 SEAFORTH who took over LOCK at 992883 from a coy of 2 GORDONS at 1600 hrs. Patrols were carried out as follows (a) 9 CAMERONIANS - between LOCK 057916 and br 0291. (b) 7 SEAFORTH - to br 980997. 2 GLAS H were ordered at 1900 hrs to send one coy under comd 44 Bde and were warned that the remainder of the bn would come under comd 44 Bde morning 15 Sep.	
	15	1020	46 (H) Inf Bde were ordered to stage feint attack by a coy of 9 CAMERONIANS as a diversion in conjunction with attack by 44 Bde to take place 20 mins before Zero. Timings were later changed and feint attack was to take place between 1220 and 1250. Zero being 1230 hrs. Although little time was available to produce a	

			real deception plan the 6 RSF made a crossing without any opposition, or cas. All available boats of 9 CAMERONIANS were then ordered to 44 Bde to enable the remainder of the Bde to cross. Little else of note happened during the day except that one p1 1/5 Queens relieved the 7 SEAFORTH coy on the LOCK 9988.	
060869	16	1000 1400	Bde HQ moved to 060869 and Bde Comd and IO attended Div Comd's O Gp for Op "GARDEN". Bde Comd held O Gp and later visited HQ 44 Inf Bde to find that plan had been changed and that Op "FLOOD" was now going to take place.	
	17	0900 1200	Bde Comd held conference with COs 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH to discuss Op "FLOOD". Bde Comd and BM attended Div O Gp. The plan was later changed again and at 1500 hrs Bde Comd held an O Gp and infm Comds that dispositions of 46 (H) Inf Bde were being changed and that units of 131 Bde were taking over part of 46 (H) Inf Bde front WEST of GHEEL brhead.	See Appx D/8 & D/9
060869	18	0730	Bde Comd 131 Bde visited HQ to tie up relief of one coy 9 CAMERONIANS by 1/7 Queens and three coys 7 SEAFORTH by 1/5 Queens, fourth coy of 7 SEAFORTH being relieved by 1/7 Queens. During the day 46 Bde dispositions were changed and bns were disposed to cover each side of the brhead from incl crossing I 0894 to incl crossing 117938. The reorg was completed by 2105 hrs.	
	19		There was little of note to record and dispositions of bns remained unchanged.	
	20	 1030 1830 2200	Although the night had been quiet there was little indication of the enemy withdrawing. Bde Comd and IO attended Div O Gp at HQ 227 Bde. 46 Bde would come under comd 53 (W) Div. 9 CAMERONIANS to move forthwith under comd 158 Bde to take over protection of br at LOMMEL 3195. The remainder of the Bde was to move early next day. Bde Comd and IO then went to HQ 160 Bde to meet Comd 53 (W) Div. Bde Comd was ordered to conc the Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS in the area astride the rd between LOMMEL 3195 and the Canal. Bde Comd held O Gp. Orders were changed and Bde was ordered to conc in area VELDHOVEN 3715 and 9 CAMERONIANS were to relieve 1 Oxf and Bucks (43 LI) on the SOUTH bank of the Canal opposite OIRSCHOT E 3324. 7 SEAFORTH were to adv as quickly as possible and attempt a crossing of the Canal at BEST E 3824.	

392181	21		Move of Bde Gp was carried out in accordance with Amendment to Mov Order No 15, and by 2010 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS had completed relief of 1 Oxf and Bucks. During the night 7 SEAFORTH also crossed the Canal at BEST.	See Appx D/10
ACHT 398227 ACHT 398227	22 23	 1500 2200	By 0340 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had all coys on objectives and patrols had reached town which was apparently clear of enemy. At 0800 hrs Bde Comd ordered 7 SEAFORTH to send one coy to occupy BEST. This coy however ran up against stiff enemy resistance and could not get on and one pl was lost. It was later established BEST was strong1y held and it was decided to make an attack on BEST with 2 GLAS H preceded by a sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt. On capture of BEST 2 GLAS H to adv WEST preceded by Recce Regt towards OIRSCHOT with a view to clearing enemy out of that area and allowing 9 CAMERONIANS to cross the Canal. This operation however was unsuccessful as 2 GLAS H did not succeed in clearing the enemy wholly out of BEST. 6 KOSB came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde to protect our flank to the NE. It was later learned that 9 CAMERONIANS were being relieved by the 1 Oxf and Bucks at first light and were to conc in the area I 4022 to take over brhead from 7 SEAFORTH, and it was decided to make a two bn attack to capture the line of the rly from incl crossing I 3726 - incl crossing I 3724. This was timed for 1530 hrs. Neither bn reached their objectives owing to fierce resistance and the battle ended with 2 GLAS H in posn round the Church in BEST 3727 and 7 SEAFORTH just short of the rly line held up by strong enemy posn in a big stone Factory at 3726. Bns were ordered to stay in these posns for the night. 6 KOSB reverted to comd 44 Bde but still protecting our right flank.	
	24		2 GLAS H who had suffered fairly hy cas were relieved by 9 CAMERONIANS, 15 (S) Recce Regt being responsible for protection of the br. 7 SEAFORTH were then ordered to patrol to the line of the rly to gain as much infm as possible and to occupy the area of the Factory should it be found clear of enemy, the Divisional plan being for 227 Bde to attack along the NORTH bank of the Canal to the rly and then to turn NORTH and clear the enemy in the area NAASTEBESTE I 3625. This attack to take place the following morning.	
	25		Attack by 227 Bde failed and the Div plan was changed once more, 44 Bde and 227 Bde being ordered to adv NW the next day. The strongest enemy resistance seemed to be coming from the Factory 3726 area, and it was decided to withdraw tps and attack it with	

			Typhoons. This attack seemed highly successful. The clearing of BEST was still left to 46 Bde and it was planned to carry it out as laid down in OO No 9.	See Appx D/11
ACHT 398227	26		Clearing ops were carried out in accordance with OO No 9 and the line of rly was eventually reached and firm posns est by both bns. Active patrolling was carried out during the night.	
	27		Our posns on the rly were still intact and one coy of 9 CAMERONIANS was moved up onto the rly to reinforce the line. More patrolling was carried out during the night.	
	28		Active patrolling continued.	
383278	29	1500 2230	Bde HQ moved to new location 383278. Bns were ordered to continue patrolling during the night. Small arms fire heard in vicinity of Bde HQ. Infm received that 2 GORDONS on our immediate front had contacted an enemy patrol. Bde HQ ordered to Stand To.	
	30	0030 1200	Bde HQ ordered to Stand Down. Bns had a quiet day and there was very little to report. Bde Comd summoned to Div HQ for conference. He was infm that Bde was being relieved in one or two days time by a Bde of 51 (H) Div and that probably 15 (S) Inf Div would be conc in a Rest Area for at least four to five days prior to reverting to under comd 8 Corps.	

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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY
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~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~
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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating LAD attached.

Month and Year OCTOBER 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM Villiers, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
383278	1		Ref maps : HOLLAND 1/100,000 Sheets 4 and 5	
		0700	Bde HQ ordered to Stand To as a result of small arms fire being heard in the vicinity. Apparently as a result of another enemy patrol being contacted by 2 GORDONS.	
		0830	Full Stand Down ordered.	
		1200	Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	
	2	1500	Bde Comd 152 Bde visited HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde to discuss take-over with Bde Comd.	See Appx E-1(TOP SECRET)
		2145	BM issued warning order to bns for hand-over. OO to be issued later.	See OO No 10 and Mov Order No 16 dated 3 Oct. (Att as Appx "D-1").
	3	1000	Bde Comd 152 Bde with BM and IO arrived at HQ accompanied by 3 Bn Comds. After a short discussion with Bde Comd 46 Bde the two Brigs visited units, and BM and IO completed hand-over to staff of 152 Bde.	
		1030	Main body 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ moved to HELMOND 5521. Small Tac HQ consisting of Bde Comd, BM and GIII was left behind.	
HELMOND 5521		1910	Tac HQ Party arrived new location 559217.	
	4		Day spent in interior economy and reorg.	
		1615	Bde Comd and BM attended conference held by GOC 15 (S) Div, to discuss future ops and receive outline plan.	See Appx E-2(TOP SECRET)
	5		Bde comd visited bns during morning.	
		1800	Bde Comd held preliminary discussion on future ops with COs and 2ICs of bns around sand model.	
		1900	Bde Comd infm that he was required to attend conference at Div HQ at 0900 hrs next day and 'O' Gp at 1000 hrs.	
	6	1100	BM phoned from Div HQ and gave following warning order. 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS to send one offr per coy, one NCO per pl to NORFOLKS and KSLI respectively (of 185 Bde) by 1730 hrs. COs and 2ICs to meet Sqn Comds around sand model at 1830 hrs. COs and 2ICs to be prepared to go to 185 Bde with Bde Comd 0830 hrs next morning. COs would return with Bde Comd by 1630 hrs to meet Corps Comd.	
HELMOND 5521.				

	7	0830 1100 1330 1600 2000	Bde Comd and IO with COs and 2ICs of bns left for 185 Bde. Party arrived HQ 185 Bde to make recces and final arrangements for take-over. Bde Comd and IO left HQ 185 Bde and visited HQ 3 Br Div. It was learned from the G.I that all arrangements had been cancelled and that recce parties were to return forthwith. Bde Comd phoned HQ 185 Bde and asked that all our recce parties be ordered to return forthwith. Bde Comd and IO returned to Bde HQ where Corps Comd met all COs. Bde Comd visited 8 Corps HQ and dined with Corps Comd.	
	8		Spent in interior economy and church parades.	
	9	0900	Div Comd visited all bns and made a short informal address.	
	10	1100 1630	GOC Second Army, Lt-Gen Sir M.C. Dempsey, KCB, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ. He was accompanied by Comd 15 (S) Inf Div. Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ to discuss future ops.	
	11		Bde Comd visited tps under his comd who were undergoing trg.	
	12		Day spent in gen trg. Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference on future ops.	
	13	1530 1730	Bde Comd attended Div 'O' Gp for Op "SIRIUS". Bde Comd returned from Div HQ and ordered that O Gp previously arranged for 2000 hrs be cancelled. Instead there would be an O Gp for COs and Comds of all sp arms at 1100 hrs next day.	See Appx E-3(TOP SECRET)
	14	1100 1430	Bde Comd held O Gp conference and gave outline plan for Op "SIRIUS". Bde Comd held further conference with CO 3 Tk SG. It was decided to hold a full dress rehearsal for this op on Mon 16 Oct.	
HELMOND	15	0900 1100 all p.m. 1900	Bde Comd and BM recced the area SOUTH-EAST of GELDROP 5016 to decide on site for rehearsal. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 7. Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ to discuss plan for Op "SIRIUS". Bde Comd held conferences with all sp arms advisers - A Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt, 161 A Tk Bty, 144 SP A Tk Bty, 278 Fd Coy and CRE and AVRE, A Coy 1 MX and Sqn Comds of 3 Tk SG. Issue of Exercise "COCKSHY" papers.	See Appx G-1(TOP SECRET) See Appx D-2.
5521	16	 1800	Exercise "COCKSHY" carried out as per Appx D-2. Bde Comd visited HQ 3 Tk SG with three Bn Comds for further discussion on Op "SIRIUS".	
	17		Bde Comd visited Div HQ with CO 2 GLAS H to inspect new type of Armd Tp Carriers (towed). Instrs received to cancel all further preparations for Op "SIRIUS".	

	18)			
	19)		Gen trg was continued throughout the Bde incl Battle School trg	See Appx J-1.
	20)		and Int trg. Plans were discussed and sand table conferences	
	21)		held during this period for an op which entailed an adv by the	
	22)		Bde sp by 3 Tk SG (inf in Armd Carriers), from area BEST 3726 to	
	23)		capture OIRSCHOT 3125 and continue adv towards TILBURG.	
	24	1100	Bde Comd attended 'O' Gp at Div HQ, accompanied by BM.	See Appx E-4.
		1200	BM phoned from Div HQ to say that Bde was to be ready to move that afternoon.	
		1400	Issue of Bde Mov Order No 17.	See Appx D-3.
		1700	Bde HQ moves off in accordance with Mov Order No 17 and arrived area ACHT 397242 1900 hrs.	
		1745	Bde Comd and IO attended Div 'O' Gp. All previous plans were cancelled and the Bde was to adv following morning through OIRSCHOT towards TILBURG and to secure the line MOERGESTEL 2230 - OOSTERWIJK 2234. See OO No 11.	See Appx D-4.
ACHT 397242		2100	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp.	
	25	0700	Adv of 46 (H) Inf Bde Gp begins in accordance with OO No 11, and the adv, if a little slow at first, made good progress, and by dark the Bde was disposed as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS - area 1931, 2 GLAS H - area 2031, 7 SEAFORTH - area br 230341.	
		1745	BM attended 'O' Gp Div HQ as substitute for Bde Comd. He returned with orders for the capture of OOSTERWIJK as soon as possible by two bns.	
		1800	Bde HQ est in Nunnery 229311.	
Nunnery 229311		2000	Bde Comd holds conference for COs to discuss plan for capture of OOSTERWIJK. See confirmatory notes by BM.	See Appx D-5.
	26		Adv on OOSTERWIJK went according to plan and by 0830 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had three coys in the town and 2 GLAS H who had moved up to an FAA area 2332 started to adv through 7 SEAFORTH to the Eastern part of the town. During the night 9 CAMERONIANS had carried out patrols to br 178327 which was found to be still intact. They were ordered immediately to send one coy sp by tks to hold the br but were unable to reach the br before it was blown by the enemy. During the morning 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H succeeded in getting all their coys into OOSTERWIJK 2234 and by 1500 hrs the town had been cleared of enemy. Meanwhile 9 CAMERONIANS had reached the rd - rail - Canal junc at 177327. ~~and were preparing to cross the Canal into TILBURG~~ By 1700 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were disposed astride the rly running NE and EAST from 177327 and although a sharp enemy counter-	

			attack was put in that evening they held their ground. Following patrols were ordered for the night : 7 SEAFORTH to send recce patrols to gain all infm about the enemy on their front; the 2 GLAS H to do likewise; 9 CAMERONIANS were to do local protective patrols.	
Nunnery 229311	27	0830 0915 1024 1058 1230 1415	9 CAMERONIANS sent out strong fighting patrols with tks to clear Eastwards towards the 7 SEAFORTH. The clearing operations were finished in a very short time. Bde Comd and BM visited 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H in OOSTERWIJK. Div Comd arrived at Bde HQ. LO was sent to 9 CAMERONIANS with order for them to try and cross the Canal in the area 177327. 7 SEAFORTH were being ordered to move from OOSTERWIJK towards the North Eastern approaches of TILBURG. Bde Comd visited CO 9 CAMERONIANS at 177327 to complete plans for the crossing into TILBURG. 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H to cross in the area 177327 keeping NORTH of the rly running EAST and WEST through TILBURG and making eventual br head with 2 GLAS H on the Right and 9 CAMERONIANS on the Left. 7 SEAFORTH eventually to cross in the area 164343. Bde Comd ordered CO 2 GLAS H and his recce party to RV 185330 for orders. By 1900 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H had completed the crossing except for such tpt as could not be rafted across. Bde HQ had moved to 198338.	
198338 TILBURG 1532	28	 1615 2130 2220	Owing to the fact that no Cl 40 br would be available at 177327 the remainder of the tpt was ordered to move into TILBURG via br 206276. See Mov Order no 18. Move was completed by 1900 hrs. Orders were received from Div HQ to be prepared to move early next morning to area HEEZE 4911 - LEENDE 4807. Recce parties were ordered accordingly. Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ accompanied by BM who attended separate Staff conference. BM returned and ordered conference for Bn reps at 0730 hrs next morning.	 See Appx D-6
	29	0100 0800 1005	Issue of Mov Order No 19. Bde Comd and IO leave Bde HQ to meet Div Comd at HQ 11 Armd Div at DEURNE 664212. On the way Bde Comd visited 46 (H) Inf Bde Battle School at HELMOND 5522. Bde Comd and IO arrived HQ 11 Armd Div. Comd 8 Corps arrived at 1020 and held conference with Comds 15 (S) Inf Div and 11 Armd	See Appx D-7

644192		 1200 1300 1800 2130	Div before Comd 15 (S) Inf Div gave outline plan to Comds 44 and 46 Bde for counteracting the penetration made by the enemy in the area MEIJEL 7007 Northwards through the 7 US Div. The plan required 46 Bde to be concentrated in the area DEURNE 6520. As the Bde was already on the move to the area HEEZE - LEENDE in accordance with Mov Order No 19 immediate orders were given for the coln to be diverted to DEURNE. Bde Comd gave outline plan to COs at HQ 11 Armd Div. COs immediately went off to recce their bn areas in DEURNE. Bde Comd and IO went off to recce new Bde HQ and then to warn recce parties who were already in the area HEEZE - LEENDE of change of plan. All moves were completed but owing to tactical requirements 2 GLAS H were put under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde and had moved down to the area LEENSEL. 6 KOSB came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and remained in their 'firm base' posn astride the rd in the area 662168. Meanwhile Bde HQ had arrived new location 644192, and 46 Bde was disposed to guard the entrances into DEURNE from the SE and SW. Bde Comd visited HQ 227 Bde 614145 for Div Comd's conference. Patrolling for the night was ordered as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS - to patrol Eastward along the rly from 653191 to contact the 1 Bn E Yorks about 682184 : 6 KOSB to areas 663161 and 665155 : 7 SEAFORTH to areas HEIEIND 6417 and BAARSCHOT 6316.	
	30	 0850 1010 1030 1248	Patrols ordered for previous night had nothing to report except in the case of 6 KOSB who reported sounds of enemy tracked vehs coming from area LIESEL 6614. 6 KOSB were ordered to send a patrol to the wooded area 6716 and if it were found unoccupied by the enemy 9 CAMERONIANS would move fwd and occupy it. 7 SEAFORTH would then move fwd to LOON on the Codeword "FORT GEORGE" 7 SEAFORTH being put at 1 hrs notice, 9 CAMERONIANS at ½ hrs notice. Woods 6516 and 6515 were reported clear by the Recce as was also LOON and 7 SEAFORTH were ordered fwd immediately to LOON. 6 KOSB reported Wood 6715 clear of enemy and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered fwd to occupy it. By 1245 hrs 7 SEAFORTH were est in area LOON, 9 CAMERONIANS in Wood 6716. 6 KOSB ordered by Bde Comd to prepare to move through 6 RSF in LIESEL 6614 and capture SLOT 6713. Owing to stiff enemy resistance in LIESEL 6 RSF were unable to capture it complete and it was unlikely that 6 KOSB would carry out attack on SLOT.	

644192		1830	Bde Comd held conference of COs and Comds sp arms to plan ops for next day. See OO No 12 dated 30 Oct 44. ~~Bde HQ moved to~~	See Appx D-8
LOON 6615	31	1830	Op planned was carried out in accordance with OO No 12 and by last light the Bde was est in the area LIESEL and SLOT, Bde HQ having moved up to LOON 6615. Bde Comd held conference for all COs to discuss ops for the next day which entailed clearing the area from LIESEL Eastward to the Canal. See OO No 13 dated 31 Oct 44.	See Appx D-9

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WAR DIARY
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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating LAD attached. and Def Pl attached.

Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM Villiers, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			Ref maps 1/100,000. Sheets 4 and Q1.	
658180	1		Ops for the day commenced in accordance with 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 13 and by 1020 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were on their objective having met no opposition and by 1155 hrs 7 SEAFORTH were also firmly est on their objective no enemy opposition having been encountered. 6 KOSB were then ordered to advance and capture the area HUTTEN 6813 instead of 2 GLAS H as originally planned. By 1315 hrs 6 KOSB arrived in HUTTEN and as no enemy had been encountered they were ordered to patrol forward to HEITRAK 6910, preceded by Recce. Stiffer enemy resistance was encountered and Bde Comd considered that no further adv could be made to-day.	
LOON 6615		1415	Bde HQ moved to area LOON 6615. By the end of the day 6 K0SB were est in HUTTEN area and 2 GLAS H reverted to under comd 46 Bde and concentrated in LIESEL. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 14.	See Appx D-1 & Appx E-1.
	2		Reorg of bn posns was carried out as laid down in Op Instr No 14. Enemy activity during the day was negligible but many mines were encountered and several cas occurred. Bns were informed that no move likely next day and were ordered to patrol Eastwards towards the Canal to find out as much infm as possible about crossing places and enemy posns.	
	3	1600	Nothing to report on 46 (H) Inf Bde front during the morning. Div Comd arrived at Bde HQ with orders for next day. 44 Bde were to attack and capture MEIJEL 7106. 46 (H) Inf Bde was to cover front stretching from grid line 09 to 17. One sqn of Recce was being allotted to 46 (H) Inf Bde to take over 7 SEAFORTH area and guard left flank. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to detail one coy and one sec carriers to take over present area of 8 RS by 0930 hrs next day; A second coy to take over coy posn 6 RSF at 701099, third coy to go to area NEERKANT 698096. Later in the day the attack by 44 Bde was postponed for 24 hrs.	

LOON 6615	4	 1600	Except for spasmodic shelling and mines there was nothing to report on 46 (H) Inf Bde front during the day. Issue of OO No 14.	 See Appx D-2.
	5	 1350 2300	The reshuffle of bn posns took place in accordance with OO No 14 but a request was made by 44 Bde that further assistance be given them to protect their left flank in their adv. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to do what they could in assisting 44 Bde as far as was possible. 44 Bde attack on MEIJEL failed 6 RSF being held up in SCHANS 7008 and unable to get on. No further attack was made and it was decided to put 7 SEAFORTH under comd 44 Bde and withdraw 6 RSF during the hours of darkness to area HEITRAK 6910 to come under comd 46 Bde. 6 RSF in fact were concentrated in SLOT 6713. Orders arrived from 15 Div that 6 RSF would take over positions at present occupied by 2 GORDONS tomorrow and were not to be used without reference to Div Comd. 6 RSF were then ordered to send recce parties to contact 2 GORDONS by 0900 hrs next day. The main body to move at 1000 hrs.	
	6	1000 1730	Bde Comd visited HQ 2 GORDONS to meet CO 6 RSF and tie up take over. It now appeared that 6 RSF would have to take over from 2 GORDONS and 10 HLI. 6 RSF were given one Sqn 4 Tk Coldm Gds in support. 6 RSF came under comd 15 (S) Div.	
	7	1000 1400 1530	Bde Comd attended conference at 15 (S) Div HQ. 'B' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt protecting our left flank was relieved by 'C' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt. Bde Comd and CO 190 Fd Regt prepared new DF tasks to cover 46 (H) Inf Bde front. Issue of Adm Order No: 9. Bde Comd visited bns.	 See Appx G-1
LOON 6615	8	0900 1600	Receipt of 15 (S) Div Op Instr No: 36. Bde Comd and Staff Capt made recce of hutted camp near DEURNE 6419 where 7 SEAFORTH would be withdrawn to for rest. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 15. 7 SEAPORTH came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde once more and began to withdraw to Rest Camp 655170.	See Appx E-3 TOP SECRET See Appx D-3(TOP SECRET)
	9		There was little to report during the day although fairly active patrolling had been carried out. 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt relieved 'C' Sqn on our LEFT flank.	
	10	 1530	Nothing of importance occurred during the night and our patrols encountered no enemy. 7 SEAFORTH begin taking over from 9 CAMERONIANS who withdrew to Rest Camp 655170.	

	11)		During this period our Bde front was held by two bns with one bn	
	12)		out of the line resting. Each bn was relieved in turn every 48	
	13)		hrs. Active patrolling along the bank of the CANAL DE DEURNE was	See Appx D-4.
	14)		carried out during the whole of this period to build up an exact	
	15)		enemy picture in the event of an assault crossing having to be	
	16)		made, and also to find out immediately should the enemy withdraw.	
	16	1000 2030 2230	Bde Comd attended Div conference. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference and gave his plan for the crossing of the Canal against no opposition. It having been reported that the enemy had withdrawn at least 8 miles Eastwards. The plan was for the Bde to adv across the Canal as far EAST as area HELENAVEEN 7311 which would be he1d by two bns - 2 GLAS H RIGHT and 9 CAMERONIANS LEFT with 7 SEAFORTH holding a posn around the br 708123 to cover the RE who were building a Cl 40 br in that area. This plan was to be put into effect should it be confirmed by patrols early next morning that the enemy had in fact withdrawn. Orders were received from Div that this plan would not be put into effect until 44 Bde on our RIGHT had made a crossing of the Canal EAST of MEIJEL.	See Appx E-4.
LOON 6615	17		Issue of Op Instr No 17. and Adm Order No: 10. Patrolling continued active throughout the day and night and it was est that the enemy still held the line of the Canal.	See Appx D-5. and G-2
	18	 2359	Orders were received from Div to make a Bde plan for an assault crossing of the Canal. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at 1430 hrs and gave his plan - Op LENTO. Patrolling was continued as usual throughout the night. Issue of Op Instr No 18.	 See Appx D-6.
	19		During the night and at first light patrols est that the enemy had withdrawn from the Canal bank. 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to send recce patrol over in recce boats to get further infm. 7 SEAFQRTH were ordered to send a Standing Patrol EAST of the br at 715101. Reports of these patrols still confirmed that the enemy had withdrawn and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to send one coy over the Cana1 in the area of the br 7012 and est a br head to cover RE party who were to begin building Cl 40 br in that area. 2 GLAS H were also ordered to be at 2 hrs notice to move through 9 CAMERONIANS and adv towards HELENAVEEN 7311. Bde HQ moved to 679135. By the end of the day 9 CAMERONIANS had succeeded in getting one coy in the area rd junc 733115. Active patrolling	 See Appx E-5. See Appx D-7.

			was ordered during the night to see if enemy still held HELENAVEEN. If it was found that HELENAVEEN was still held 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to capture it in the morning.	
679135 679135	20		After being held up mostly by enemy mines 9 CAMERONIANS succeeded in getting three coys up to the line of the Canal. 2 GLAS H were then ordered to be prepared to go through 9 CAMERONIANS and make a small br head over the Canal so that bridging might be started at 736116 without delay. This order was cancelled however when it was found that 6 RSF on our RIGHT had advanced rapidly Northwards and were likely to reach HELENAVEEN on the Eastern side of the Canal by dark. Owing to mines 6 RSF were held up about 1,000 yds short of HELENAVEEN on the EAST side of the Canal and they were ordered to adv at 0800 hrs the next day and clear up to HELENAVEEN. 2 GLAS H were ordered to have a recce patrol ready to move through 9 CAMERONIANS and adv Eastwards along main axis to SEVENUM. Issue of OO No 15.	 See App D-8.
	21		46 Bde continued adv in accordance with OO No 15 and by dark 2 GLAS H had reached Eastern edge of wood 7912 and 7 SEAFORTH were concentrated area 7812. 9 CAMERONIANS remained in the area of HELENAVEEN.	
   735121	22	0815	Bde Comd visited 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH and ordered them to push on as quickly as possible to the areas VOORSTE HEES 8114 and ACHTERSTE HEES 7914. Bde Comd then recced new fwd area for 9 CAMERONIANS and decided to send them to hutted camp at 765132. Bde HQ moved to HELENAVEEN 735121. By 1700 the three bns were concentrated as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS area 764132, 2 GLAS H 794145, 7 SEAFORTH 798144. Owing to the state of the track leading from the br at HELENAVEEN to bn areas bns were only able to take fwd carriers and jeeps. The state of the track deteriorated throughout the day and comns with bns became almost impossible. The sup problem became acute and the Bde Comd asked for 12 Weasles to be allotted to the Bde to carry fwd food etc. A ferry service of Weasles went on throughout the night.	
	23		Rd building from br 736116 to commencement of concrete rd at 764130 was given first priority and that stretch of rd was closed to all traffic between 0800 and 1230 hrs and from 1430 to 1530 hrs. Bns were ordered to patrol Northwards and Eastwards and report on state of rds, enemy mines and enemy posts if any. Mines were found to be plentiful and rd maint necessary. Bns were ordered to send parties to repair the rds as follows : 9	

			CAMERONIANS from present HQ to rd junc 782144, 2 GLAS H from 782144 to 797144, 7 SEAFORTH from 797144 to 812140. Work to begin next day.	
735121	24		Patrols from 7 SEAFORTH were out during the night working Northwards to the rly getting all infm possible about enemy, enemy mines, demolitions and state of rds. This patrolling was carried on during the day and a few enemy were encountered. TIENRAIJ 8523 227 Bde are advancing on/~~HORST~~ tomorrow and 7 SEAFORTH have been ordered to give right flank protection with one coy which would move to area MELDERSLO 8519. 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H were ordered to be at ½ hrs notice to move from 1100 hrs next day.	
817145	25	1730	The Bde moved up behind 227 Bde and by night were disposed as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS 816168, 2 GLAS H 830181, 7 SEAFORTH area MELDERSLO 8519, Bde HQ moved to 817145. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp for ops next day. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 19.	See Appx D-9
HORST 833182	26		Ops were carried out during the day in accordance with Op Instr No 19 but 9 CAMERONIANS were unable to capture LOTTUM 9019. During the morning Bde HQ moved up to HORST 833182. With 7 SEAFORTH in area HOUTHUIZEN 8917, 9 CAMERONIANS containing LOTTUM and one coy of ~~7 SEAFORTH~~ 2 GLAS H at LOVENDAAL 8915, ops were discontinued for the day, except for patrolling. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 20. and Adm. Order No: 11.	See Appx D-10 and G-3.
HORST 833182	27	2020	The night's patrols by 9 CAMERONIANS reported quite a lot of mov area LOTTUM otherwise the front was quiet. 9 CAMERONIANS found LOTTUM unoccupied at first light and occupied the village immediate1y. Ops went according to Op Instr No 20. Bde Comd visited bns during the day and gave orders to 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH for holding the front from excl GRUBBENVORST 8914 to incl STOKT 9021. 2 GLAS H were to clear the large wooded area 8820 and then conc in area 8418. The reshuffle was successfully carried out and patrol orders were given for the night to 7 SEAFORTH and 9 CAMERONIANS. Orders were received from Div that we were to move to new area and take over front opposite BLERICK 8909 from two bns 56 Bde and one bn 146 Bde. Recce parties to leave Bde HQ 0915. 46 Bde were being relieved in present area by 159 Inf Bde.	
	28	0930	Bde Comd 159 Bde visited HQ to discuss relief with Bde Comd 46 Bde.	

		1030 1115	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave outline plan for the take-over in new area. COs were then sent to their respective bns, 9 CAMERONIANS would relieve 2 ESSEX, 2 GLAS H the 2 GLOSTERS, 7 SEAFORTH the 4 LINCOLNS. Bde Comd and IO visited HQ 146 Bde 837083, HQ 4 LINCOLNS 849089 and HQ 56 Bde 853131 to discuss plans for relief with Comds. 46 Bde to move next day to new area. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 20.	See Appx D-11.
	29		46 Bde moved into new area in accordance with Mov Order No 20 and reliefs went on during the day and night. Bde HQ moved to 837083.	
MAASBREE 837083	30		There was little to report on our front although patrols were able to confirm that the enemy was still holding BLERICK. Relief of 7 SEAFORTH by 9 CAMERONIANS started in the afternoon and was completed by 1845 hrs. 7 SEAFORTH withdrawing to area 7915 conc in readiness for future ops when they would come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde.	

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Month and Year DECEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM VILLIERS, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MAASBREE 837083	1		Ref Maps 1/100,000. Sheets 4, 5, and Q1. Quiet day. 1430 hrs Bde Comd and Bde Major attended 'O' Gp at 15 (S) Div HQ to receive plan for future ops when 7 SEAFORTH will come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde. Deception plan - Op JACKSON for 2 GLAS H was issued.	See Appx D - 1.
	2		Issue of Op Instr No 21 - OP "GUILDFORD". OP JACKSON was continued by 2 GLAS H with success.	See Appx D - 2.
	3		OP "GUILDFORD" was carried out according to plan and deception plan - OP JACKSON - contributed largely to the success. Receipt of 15 (S) Inf Div Op Instr No 41.	See Appx E - 1.
	4		46 Bde moved back from the line, 44 Bde taking over their responsibilities. Bde HQ moved to 753059.	
753059	5		Bde Comd attended a conference at Div HQ, to discuss future trg.	
	6		Receipt of 15 (S) Inf Div letter 281/G(O). Orders were received for 7 SEAFORTH to move to ASTEN rest area.	See Appx E - 2.
	7		Comd 8 Corps, Lt-Gen E.H. Barker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ and spoke to COs.	
	8		46 (H) Inf Bde moved back to ASTEN area for a week's rest. Bde HQ moving to 610141.	
610141	9		Nothing to report.	
	10		Bde Comd addsd all offrs in the Cinema ASTEN and brought out lessons learned in recent ops.	
	11		~~Nothing to report~~ Bde comd & IO visited 44 Bde and made preliminary recces for take-over.	
	12		Army Comd Lt-Gen Sir Miles C. Dempsey, KCB, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ.	
	13		Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 22 for relief of 44 Bde by 46 Bde. Bde Comd and BM attended presentation of medals and address by Fd Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO at ZOMEREN 5712.	See Appx D-3.

	14		Nothing to report, except that orders were received in the evening that 46 Bde wou1d relieve 158 (Welsh) Bde instead of 44 (L) Inf Bde on Sunday 17 Dec.	
610141	15	1400	Bde Comd and IO visited HQ 158 (W) Bde at 709942 to discuss relief. Bde Comd and IO also visited the fwd bns 1 E LAN R and 1/5 WELCH. Bde Comd met COs in HEITHUIZEN to give his plans for take-over. 2 GLAS H were to be on the RIGHT, 9 CAMERONIANS LEFT, 7 SEAFORTH concentrated in res. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 16.	See Appx D-4.
	16		Bns sent one offr per coy and one NCO per p1 to the bns which they were relieving.	
717961	17	1600	Relief of 158 Bde was carried out in accordance with 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 16, Bde HQ moving to 717961. Relief was completed by 1530 hrs. Div Comd visited Bde HQ. Enemy air activity was much greater than it had been for several weeks. Bombs were dropped in the Bde area causing a few cas, some fatal. Intensive patrolling was begun on our front.	
	18		During the night our patrols had encountered no enemy but the enemy was active and he succeeded in getting sma11 parties across the river and approaching the 9 CAMERONIANS posns. No fire was opened because it was thought that he was wearing British uniform and our tps were deceived until he opened fire. No cas however were sustained and the enemy withdrew. The weather improved to fine and frosty after a considerable period of rain. Patrol orders for intercepting and destroying any enemy in our area were issued. Bde Comd proceeded on leave to the UK. Lt Col HC BAKER BAKER, DSO, MBE assumed comd.	
	19	1100	A/Bde Comd was ordered to be at Div HQ by 1155 prior to proceeding on leave to UK. Lt Col PM HUNT assumed comd.	
	20		There is little to report. Patrols were active but no enemy contacted.	
	21		Bde Comd and A/Bde Comd both returned from BRUSSELS, their leave to UK having been postponed. Visibility was poor thick fog persisting. Patrols were active during the night without success. During the night the weather deteriorated although visibility had improved. Bde Comd paid a visit to 9 CAMERONIANS during the afternoon and went forward to OP in houses 790956. He decided that this area should be occupied in future by a pl as it was an excellent OP.	
	22		Weather deteriorated and rain fell.	

		1000	Bde Comd visited HQ 159 Bde on our RIGHT and arranged liaison between 2 GLAS H and LEFT coy of the 1 HEREFORDS. He then visited HQ 2 GLAS H to discuss patrolling with CO. He then went on to HQ 9 CAMERONIANS. Relief of 9 CAMERONIANS by 7 SEAFORTH proceeded throughout the day and was completed by 1900 hrs.	
	23		Mob patrols were continued during the nights but were unable to contact any enemy. Enemy patrols however succeeded in crossing the river and reaching our lines.	
	24		Bde Comd held a conference for COs and it was decided to hold the line of the river at night with a series of Standing Patrols.	See Appx D-5.
	25	))	The weather which had been foggy improved considerably although it was intensely cold and the ground was frozen. Visibility	
	26	))	however was greatly improved. Except for a fair amount of enemy shelling and mortaring this was a quiet period and no enemy	
	27	))	patrols succeeded in getting through our Standing Patrols on the river line.	
	28		Bde Comd held an Adm inspection accompanied by the DAA & QMG. 9 CAMERONIANS relieved 2 GLAS H.	
	29		Visibility deteriorated and the day was quiet.	
	30		Bde Comd visited 156 Bde and recced a site on the R MEUSE for assault boat practice. Bad weather continued and there was a slight fall of snow.	
	31		The Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH with Bde Maj. Bdy between 46 Bde and 227 Bde was changed, the CANAL being incl 46 Bde.	

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717961	1		Ref Maps : HOLLAND Sheet 4 and 5 BELGIUM Sheet 3 and 4 1/100,000 The New Year opened with a continuance of very cold weather, the ground still being frozen very hard. There was no enemy activity during the night but the Bde HQ was subjected to considerable enemy shelling of a fairly heavy calibre. Bde Comd visited bns.	
	2		There was no change in the weather and the front was quiet. 2 GLAS H relieved 7 SEAFORTH.	
	3		The weather was much milder and a thaw set in the ground becoming very heavy and waterlogged. Bde Comd visited the Bde Trg School at HELMOND and saw the Sigs wing, Snipers wing and Pl Sjts Tactical wing at work. He then attended a show of Trg Films in the Central Cinema, HELMOND. This was again a quiet day on the front.	
	4		Bde Comd went to see A Tk Pls of the Bde shooting on the range at LOMMEL Bde Maj attended demonstration of Viper eqpt at GELDROP There was a little enemy patrol activity during the night but we were unsuccessful in destroying or capturing any enemy.	
	5		Weather continued very cold. Later deteriorated to thick fog. There was nothing to report from the front. Issue of Op Instr No 24.	See Appx D-1.
	6		The front was again quiet. Snow warning issued.	
	7		Div Comd Maj-Gen CM Barber, DSO visited Bde HQ. Bde Maj visited tps of the Bde carrying out boating practice on the R MEUSE at BERG 6169. During the night 2 GLAS H had a successful action against an enemy patrol and our first identification was gained. - Para LEHR Regt.	
	8		Snow fell fairly heavily. Comd 8 Corps Lt-Gen E.H. Barker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ and also inspected defs of 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H. 7 SEAFORTH moved from ROGGEL 7397 and came under comd 159 Bde (11 Armd Div). They relieved 4 KSLI in the area SOUTH of rly	

			7693. B Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt moved to ROGGEL and came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde, for counter attack role and also to be used in the case of any enemy airborne landings.	
717961	9		Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH in their new area. There was nothing to report from the front. Frost warning issued. Minimum temperature 15°F.	
	10		Cold spell continued and visibility was only fair throughout the day which passed off quietly.	
	11		B Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt practised action against enemy paratps which had landed in the area MAXELT 6896.	
	12		Second Army ground photo recce team visited 46 Bde and took photographs of the front. Visibility was not good and photographs were of little use.	
	13		Issue of Amdt No 1 to 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 23 dated 24 Dec 44. Cold weather continued. Nothing to report.	See Appx D-2.
	14		Weather continued to be cold with snow. Visibility was only moderate. Severe frost warning was issued for the night.	
	15		Visibility was poor and there was nothing to report during the day.	
	16	0330	9 CAMERONIANS attempted to make a crossing of the MAAS with small recce party but failed owing to damage to the boat. There was nothing else to report during the day.	
	17		A thaw during the day but frost again during the night. The day passed without incident.	
	18		Gale warning issued. Nothing to report.	
	19		Director of Infantry, INDIA, Maj-Gen visited Bde HQ and had short talk with Bde Comd. He later visited 9 CAMERONIANS.	
	20		Comd 3 Para Bde, 6 Airborne Div arrived to discuss coming relief with Bde Comd. He was conducted around the bn areas by LO.	
	21		Issue of OO No 17. Comd 3 Para Bde again visited bn areas. Preparations were made for hand-over - maps, documents, etc.	See Appx D-3.
	22		3 Para Bde moved into 46 (H) Inf Bde area for the night prior to relief next day.	
	23		46 (H) Inf Bde was relieved in accordance with OO No 17. The relief was completed by 1300 hrs without incident, and 46 Bde occupied areas as laid down in OO No 17 and remained there for the night.	
717961	24		46 (H) Inf Bde moved to TILBURG in accordance with Mov Order No 21. Bde Comd went on short leave to BRUSSELS and Lt-Col H.C. BAKER-BAKER, DSO, MBE assumed comd.	See Appx D-4.

TILBURG	25	)		
	26	)	These days were spent in settling in rest billets.	
	27	1000 1830	Bde Comd and Bde Maj attended Div 'O' Gp conference for Op VERITABLE in the model room at HQ 30 Corps, BOXTEL 3235. The conference was conducted by Div Comd Maj-Gen C.M. BARBER, DSO and lasted until 1330 hrs. Bde Comd and BM then worked out Outline Plan for the Bde. Bde Comd held a preliminary conference for COs.	
	28		Bde Comd and IO recced ground for Op VERITABLE and visited OP at 757555. On returning Bde Comd called at Div HQ to clear up certain pts with Div Comd.	
	29	1230	Bde Comd, BM, IO and Sigs Offr left for HQ 30 Corps where Bde Comd he1d first briefing conference for COs and OsC sp arms. Trg with AVREs, Flails and Crocodiles was also arranged. Issue of Outline Plan. On returning Bde Comd called at Div HQ to fix arty plan with CRA.	See Appx D-5(TOP SECRET)
	30		Bde Comd visited 6 ARE to discuss trg in preparation for future ops.	
	31	1100	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference for Op VERITABLE. Bde Comd later visited 44 Bde.	

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TILBURG	1		Reference Maps 1/100,000 Sheets 5 (HOLLAND) P1 and Q1 (GERMANY)	
		1000	Bde Comd and BM attended co-ordinating conference for Op VERITABLE at Div HQ.	
		1400	Conference was held at Bde HQ to discuss action to be taken and sp arms needed against pillboxes.	
	2		This was the third day of a mild spell of weather and the ground had become very soft. Bde Comd visited Training Areas SOUTH of TILBURG to see tps trg with Flails, Crocodiles and AVREs. He later visited Comds 44 and 227 Bde to discuss various pts regarding tracks and FUPs for OP VERITABLE.	
	3		Issue of OP Order 18 and Adm Order No: 17.	See Appx 'D'-1 & 'G'-1
	4		46 (H) Inf Bde moved to NIJMEGEN according to Mov Order No: 22.	
			Issue of Op Order No: 19.	See Appx D-2 & D-3
			Issue of Adm Order No: 18.	See Appx G-2
		1900	Bde Comd visited CO 4 Tk COLDM Gds to discuss various pts regarding OP VERITABLE.	
	5		Bde Comd made final preparations for OP VERITABLE.	
	6	1030	Bde Comd visited HQ 2nd CDN DIV and 4 CDN Bde to obtain all available infm about our own minefds through which our tps would pass at the start of OP VERITABLE. It was decided that all these would be lifted before the op started.	
		1430	Bde Comd and Sigs Offr recced the site for a Bde Comd post which was to be at 754557. Issue of Amendment No: 1 to OP Order No: 18.	See Appx D-4
			Issue of Mov Order No: 23	See Appx D-5
			Issue of Amendment No: 1 to Adm Order No: 18	See Appx G-3
	7		Bde Comd and LO1 visited HQ 53 (W) Div, 71 Bde and 160 Bde to discuss flank liaison during OP VERITABLE.	
	8	1000	Bde Comd and IO set up Comd Post at 754557.	
		1030		

754557		1430 2359	OP VERITABLE commenced according to plan and 2 GLAS H crossed SL. Despite very heavy going 2 GLAS H reached their objectives by 1400 hrs having encountered very light enemy resistance. 9 CAMERONIANS advanced through 2 GLAS H and by 1900 hrs had captured FRASSSELT 8153 and were patrolling towards the anti-tank ditch of the SIEGFRIED Line to gain all infm regarding crossings and enemy strengths for Comd 44 Bde who were breaching the SIEGFRIED Line defences that night. The defences appeared only lightly held. 7 SEAFORTH were warned to be ready to move by 0400 hrs.	
	9	0630 1400	Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp Conference at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS 806544 to give out orders for further adv, but no immediate moves were made and at 1040 hrs Bde Comd was summoned to meet the GSO I 15 (S) Div at 1400 hrs at 806562. Bde Comd met GSO I 15 (S) Div and afterwards returned to Bde HQ 755557. The Bde was then ordered to get as much rest as possible preparatory to another adv.	
	10	 0645 1245 1600 2300	Issue of OP Instr No: 25. Bde Comd told CO 7 SEAFORTH that no move was likely from present positions before evening. CO 7 SEAFORTH informed that no move was likely today. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to be at 2 hours notice to move from first light and 2 GLAS H were ordered to have one coy at 2 hours notice, the remainder at 3 hours notice to move from first light. 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to take over the area STOPPELBURG 8553 following morning from a bn of 53 (W) Div.	See Appx 'D'-6
854556	11	 0700 0930 1900 2030	46 Bde were ordered to take over areas as follows on the following day:- 9 CAMERONIANS 8553: 7 SEAFORTH MATERBORN feature 8754: 2 GLAS H area Watch Tower 8856. Bde Comd and IO left HQ to recce above areas and met COs during the morning. Arrangements for 9 CAMERONIANS were cancelled and the CO was ordered to meet the Bde Comd at HQ 44 Bde at 1300 hours for new orders. During the day Bde HQ moved to 854556 and was established by 1800 hrs. 46 Bde was ordered into Div reserve and at the same time Bde Comd called an 'O' Gp at Bde HQ for CO 7 SEAFORTH to give out orders for "HUNTFORCE" adv to CALCAR next day. CO 7 SEAFORTH held 'O' Gp for "HUNTFORCE" at Bde HQ.	See Appx 'D'-7
	12		Owing to very heavy going and vehs being bogged it was some time before "HUNTFORCE" was got under way.	

		1300	"HUNTFORCE" moved through CLEVE to start adv towards CALCAR. By 2010 hours they had cleared up to HASSELT and were disposed as follows:- Coys at 902544, 921544, 922547, 913547. Bde HQ moved to 892564. Although Kangaroos were used in this operation they were not considered a great success owing to their inability to get off the roads making deployment on a wide front impossible. In this way they became easy targets for shelling and mortaring when halted one behind the other on the road.	
892564	13	 1845	Early in the morning recce elements of 15 (S) Recce Regt went forward to gain contact. HASSELT was found to be clear of enemy and 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to occupy it. Orders were then given for 7 SEAFORTH to be prepared to send night patrols as far as MOYLAND. Issue of Adm Order No: 19 Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp for an adv on MOYLAND.	 See Appx 'G'-4 See Appcs 'D'-8 & 'D'-9
	14		Owing to flooding the plan for the adv on MOYLAND had to be changed. Phase III was cancelled and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to adv along the Southern edge of the wood on the right of 2 GLAS H up to 958507 then to move NORTH and capture MOYLAND. Enemy opposition was stiff and both bns were held up in the wooded area SW of MOYLAND. Owing to their inability to adv any further a new plan was made for the eventual capture of MOYLAND. Issue of OP Order No: 21.	 See Appx 'D'-10
892564	15	 1415 2330	The attack did not go well and we were held up by a very determined enemy. 10 HLI were put under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and at 1645 hrs CO 10 HLI was ordered to report to Bde HQ as soon as possible for orders. 10 HLI were to attack during the night and capture the area Pt 328 964495. 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to continue fighting to capture their objective, even if it meant fighting throughout the night. 10 HLI began their attack and 0105 hours they were reported to be on their objective. Later in the morning the enemy put in a fairly heavy counter-attack and over-ran the RIGHT hand coy but the position was restored later.	
	16	0805 0815 0910	2 GLAS H were ordered to have one coy ready to move under comd 10 HLI. Bde Comd visited 10 HLI. 9 CAMERONIANS who had been fighting throughout the night reported that they had captured their last objective. At the same time 7 SEAFORTH had reached the wood 959522 but had suffered fairly	

			heavy casualties. The enemy was still aggressive and 9 CAMERONIANS were counter-attacked in the area 962513. This however came to nothing.	
		1200	We were informed that 7 CDN Bde were going to attack through us to try and clear the enemy out of the wooded area SOUTH of MOYLAND and 9 CAMERONIANS were therefore ordered to clear the wood 957511 and give all possible help.	
		1300	7 CDN Bde attacked through 46 Bde but without success. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to patrol forward to the houses at 963519 during the night.	
	17	0415	7 SEAFORTH began their tack. The houses were reported clear and 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to occupy them. Issue of OP Order No: 22 Further attacks by the 7 CDN Bde were unsuccessful and 46 Bde were not called upon to clear MOYLAND. Orders came through that 46 Bde would be relieved ~~that night~~ by 5 CDN Bde. night 18/19 FEB.	See Appx 'D'-11
	18		Little happened during the day. Unessential tpt was filtered back to CLEVE where the Bde were being withdrawn to rest. The relief was carried out during the night according to OP Instr No: 26.	See Appx 'D'-12
	19	0900	Relief by 5 CDN Bde was completed. 2 GLAS H were ordered under comd 227 Bde and CO reported to Comd 277 Bde at HQ 214 Bde - 936494. HQ 46 Bde moved to 887553.	
887553	20		During the morning Div Comd visited Bns. Bde Comd visited HQ 227 Bde 917475 to discuss next operation by 46 Bde which was to clear the area between R NIERS and Easting 95 from Northing 43 down to Northing 40. Roads and tracks leading to the area were in a very bad state and it was difficult to find suitable FUPs. See Movement Order No: 24	See Appx 'D'-13
	21	0900	Bde Comd, BM and IO left for HQ 227 Bde where Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp and afterwards made final recces. Issue of Op Order No: 23	See Appx 'D'-14
934456	22		Bde Gp moved in accordance with Mov Order No: 24 and Bde HQ was established at 934456. Owing to stiff enemy resistance 6 RSF had only been able to make a small bridgehead at 941422 and the plan for 46 Bde was changed, Bde Comd ordering an 'O' Gp for 1100 hrs at Bde HQ. 9 CAMERONIANS were now ordered to enlarge the bridgehead made by 6 RSF and 7 SEAFORTH would then carry out their original task. The Bde objective for the day being limited to a line running approx EAST and WEST about 500 yards SOUTH of the rly. 2 GLAS H were ordered	

			to take over from 6 RSF at night after the completion of 9 CAMERONIANS attack. Attacks by 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH went well and all objectives were taken by night.	
	23	0820	2 GLAS H were pulled out of the line and were sent back to NIJMEGEN prior to moving to a rest area in TILBURG. 9 CAMERONIANS took over responsibility of their area. 44 Bde attacked through 46 Bde and by night had reached the line of Northing 40 between the R NIERS and Easting 95. Issue of Adm Order No: 20	See Appx 'G'-5
934446	24		Advance parties arrived from 3 BR Div who were relieving us. One bn, 1 SUFFOLK of 8 Bde was taking over our Bde sector. Issue of OP Instr No: 27	See Appx D-15
	25	0700 2235	Bde Comd proceeded on leave to UK. Lt Col HC BAKER BAKER, DSO, MBE assumed command of the Bde. Relief of 46 Bde was successfully completed and the Bde was concentrated according to Op Instr No: 27.	
	26		46 (H) Inf Bde moved to TILBURG in accordance with Mov Order No: 25	See Appx D-16
	27/	28	Bde rested in TILBURG.	

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TILBURG	1/2		Bde continued to rest. Work was begun on maint of all vehs. Owing to the appalling conditions in Op VERITABLE much work was needed to put them right.	
	3		Div Comd, Maj-Gen CM BARBER, DSO inspected the Bde - each Bn in turn.	
	4/5		Rest period continued.	
	5		Issue of Mov Order No 26.	See Appx D-1.
720760	6		Bde moved to new area in accordance with Mov Order No 26.	
	7	1430	Units settled in. A/Bde Comd held a trg conference, which included discussions on assault boat trg and use of Buffaloes.	
	8		Bde Comd returned from leave and resumed comd. Recces were made to find sites where mock-up Buffaloes could be built to train drivers in driving onto and off Buffaloes.	
	9		BM and Sigs Offr recced a site for demonstration of use of Buffaloes in preparation for trg to be carried out by bns.	
	10		Bde Comd attended demonstration of Buffaloes at 269695.	
	11		Nothing to report. Bde Comd & BM attended conference Corps HQ for Ex BUFFALO.	See Appx D-2.
	12		Bde Comd visited units trg in driving on and off Cl 9 rafts at 5870 in preparation for Op TORCHLIGHT.	
	13		Issue of Adm Instr No 9.	See Appx G-1(TOP SECRET)
	14		Ex BUFFALO was carried out by the Div and Bde Comd, BM and DAA & QMG acted as umpires. The Ex was done by day purely as a drill.	
	15		Ex BUFFALO was carried out again, this time by night under battle conditions. Bde Comd, BM, DAA & QMG again attended as umpires and Bn Int Secs manned OPs on the EAST bank of the MEUSE to observe.	
	16		Ex BUFFALO ended. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Outline Plan for Op TORCHLIGHT.	See Appx D-3.
720760	17	)	Planning and trg continued for Op "TORCHLIGHT".	
	18	)	Issue of Adm Instr No 10	See Appx G-2.

	19	 1630	Bde Comd had discussion with OC 44 RTR (DD Tks) to discuss co-op of tks with 7 SEAFORTH for Op "TORCHLIGHT". BM attended GOC's conference at Div HQ to discuss priorities of vehs over the R RHINE.	
	20	0900	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference for Op "TORCHLIGHT" around a mode1 in planning room. During the rest of the day the Planning Room was used by Bn Comds to issue orders to and discuss problems with their Coy Comds. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 27. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 20	 See Appx D-4. See Appx G-3.
026397	21		46 (H) Inf Bde moved by night to marshalling area. HQ at 026397.	
	22	1000 1430	Bde Comd and Sigs Offr recced site for Tac HQ at 088454. Bde Comd addsd all offrs of the Bde and gave plan for Op "TORCHLIGHT". He later visited Div HQ with BM. Issue of instrs for mov of tps and vehs from present areas to far bank of R RHINE and Op Instr No 28.	 See Appendices D-5 and D-6.
088456	23	 1600 2100	Word was given for Op "TORCHLIGHT" to begin ~~24 hrs earlier~~ on 24 Mar. RMV Tac HQ moved fwd to 088456. 51 (H) Div crossed RHINE on our left in area REES 0752 and all seemed to be going well. There was little resistance to initial landing.	
088456	24	0200 0930 1600	44 Bde and 227 Bde crossed the RHINE on Div front. 44 Bde made good progress and 7 SEAFORTH were able to cross to their FAA by 0725 hrs. 227 Bde were held up however by enemy in area SANDENHOF 1047 and along the Bund 1047 and 1147. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to send one coy and two tps DD tks to clear the bund. This task was soon completed and 7 SEAFORTH were then ordered to capture area SANDENHOF 1047 and then to adv and capture MEHR. The coy in SANDENHOF to follow on. H hr would be 1300 hrs. By 1340 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had cleared SANDENHOF 1047 and were advancing towards MEHR by 1430 hrs. 7 SEAFORTH reported they had one coy in the centre of MEHR. By 1745 MEHR had been cleared and both 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS had crossed the RHINE and had received orders from Bde Comd for future ops. Although 7 SEAFORTH had captured MEHR they were unable to cross the water obstacle in front owing to enemy resistance. Bde Comd ordered that 9 CAMERONIANS would adv to a line running from BRUCKSHOF l25500 to WISSHOF 119503 and 2 GLAS H would	

			assemble behind them ready to pass through and adv NW and attempt the crossing of the obstacle. Owing to enemy resistance it was not possible to carry out this plan.	
088456	25	0630 0945 2100 2130	During the night 7 SEAFORTH reported enemy counter-attacks and were infm by Bde Comd that it was essential they should hold the line from 131487 to 127494. If necessary 2 GLAS H would assist them in this task. Bde Comd and 'R' Gp went fwd to meet three Bn Comds but delay in crossing R RHINE prevented their arrival till 0900 hrs. 2 A & SH put under comd 46 Bde and Bde Comd gave out verbal orders for 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH to move by march route round SOUTH of LANGE RENNE 1348. 2 GLAS H were to obtain footing in Southern edge of wood 1448, then 2 A & SH on the RIGHT and 2 GLAS H on the LEFT were to clear wood Northwards. When 2 GLAS H had reached EAST end of br 134494 7 SEAFORTH were to clear wood WEST of br. 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to capture BRUCKSHOF - WISSHOF 1250 as soon as possible after dark. Wood 1448 had been cleared by 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH and 7 SEAFORTH had made contact with 2 GLAS H at br 134494 and cleared wood WEST of it. Approx 150 PW were taken during this op. 9 CAMERONIANS reported objective taken - about 65 PW. Reorg took place after objectives had been cleared and final disposns for night were - 2 A & SH 144495, 2 GLAS H 145486, 7 SEAFORTH area br 134494 and 9 CAMERONIANS conc in area 109494 10 HLI having taken over their responsibilities in the BRUCKSHOF - WISSHOF area. Bde HQ had moved across the river to 119476.	
119476	26	0130 0900 1600	Orders were given for 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH to exploit Eastwards at first light so as to clear rd running NORTH and SOUTH EAST of wood 1448. At the same time 7 SEAFORTH were to adv Northwards, EAST of BELLINGHOVER MEER 1349. 2 GLAS H completed their part successfully by 0800 hrs and took about 50 PW. 2 A & SH were unable to move to X rds 1449 and coy of 7 SEAFORTH was held up soon after starting. Bde Comd ordered 7 SEAFORTH to clear X rds 1449 and at the same time to attack Northwards sp by A Sqn RTR (Crocodiles). This op was not started till 1400 hrs and by 1550 hrs the bn was on its objective. 9 CAMERONIANS advanced through 7 SEAFORTH to capture the CLASENHO 146515 feature and by 1722 hrs they reported having one coy on the left-hand objective in the area 142513. Another coy was attacking CLASENHO but was held up by stiff enemy resistance and no further progress was made that day.	

		1945	Orders were received for 2 GLAS H to move during the night to the area 1749 preparatory to clearing Northwards to line 174520 - 168517 - 160516. 2 A & SH would remain in present area in Div res and get as much rest as possible. 7 SEAFORTH were to move to the area 160503 to cover the gap between 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H.	See Appx D-7
	27		2 GLAS H had completed their conc in the new area during the early morning and patrols moved fwd at 0900 hrs.	
152498		1120	Bde HQ moved to 152498.	
			By the end of the day 2 GLAS H were held up on the line 174519 - 170518 - 166517 - 157504. 9 CAMERONIANS had been unable to clear the CLASENHO feature and an 'O' Gp was called for 2000 hrs at Bde HQ.	See Notes at Appx D-8
152498		2000	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at 152498 and gave out orders for the following day. 2 A & SH and 6 HLI were now under comd 46 Bde and 9 CAMERONIANS under comd 227 Bde. 7 SEAFORTH were to clear the enemy from the CLASENHO feature working from EAST to WEST through 2 GLAS H. 6 HLI and 2 A & SH would then adv NORTH up to the line from 151534 - 137534 and clear that wooded area.	See Notes at Appx D-8
	28	0830	7 SEAFORTH began their attack and reached their objectives without a cas. They took about 50 PW. It appears that enemy had left fwd tps and withdrawn all res. It was the first day that German paratps had given up without firing a round. They were dazed by the weight of arty, tired out after four days fighting, and dispirited to find that their res had withdrawn. 2 A & SH and 6 HLI also reached their objectives without opposition and 2 GLAS H cleared the wooded area 163526. By 1500 hrs patrols had reached as far fwd as 154544 reporting the whole area clear of enemy. Bde Comd then made a recce and gave orders for bns to take over following areas : 2 GLAS H 165529, 6 HLI 155538, 2 A & SH 145530, 7 SEAFORTH 153519.	
	29	0001	2 A & SH were infm that they would revert to under comd 227 (H) Inf Bde at 1000 hrs. This would not involve a move.	
		1000	9 CAMERONIANS reverted to under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and took over from 6 HLI.	
	30)		As far as possible all tps were put under cover and ordered to	
	31)		get maximum rest. No move was likely for the next few days.	

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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating LAD and Def Pl attached.

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152498	1)		Ref maps : 1/250,000 Sheets HANNOVER (L 53), MAGDEBURG (M 53), SCHWERIN (M 54) 46 (H) Inf Bde remained in present area and bns cleared their	
	2)		areas of all enemy weapons and eqpt etc for salvage.	
	3	1900	Orders were received to move to conc area NORTH of BOCHOLT. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 28. Bde HQ arrived at new location, 318643. During the night orders were received for move to a new conc area.	See Appx D-1.
	4	1400	Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 29. Bde HQ arrived at new location 829875.	See Appx D-2.
829875	5		Orders were received to move to new area and Mov Order No 30 was issued. This move entailed travelling through areas that had not been cleared of enemy. The Carrier Pls of the three bns were therefore formed into a protective screen to search and clear all rds SOUTH and SE of OSNABRUCK through which the main axis ran.	See Appx D-3.
	6		46 (H) Inf Bde moved to new area according to Mov Order No 30. Progress was very slow owing to the amount of traffic on the rd. The Carrier screen carried out their task successfully and rounded up nearly 100 PW.	
760183	7	0630	Bde HQ arrived in new location 760183. During the morning the Bde Comd visited bns. G III and IO visited Div HQ and received verbal orders from GSO I for clearing the wooded area FORST MINDEN 7222 of enemy stragglers.	
	8	1430	Bde Comd and IO recced FORST MINDEN to decide bdys and SLs for 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H who were to clear the woods next day.	
	9		9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H cleared the wooded area 7222 but found very few enemy stragglers. 1 Offr and 3 OR PW being rounded up.	
	10		Issue of Mov Order No 31. 46 (H) Inf Bde moved across the R WESER to area WIEDENHSAHL 9322 according to Mov Order No 31. Orders were received that the Div was advancing next day to capture CELLE 5849 and an 'O' Gp was called for 1800 hrs.	See Appx D-4.

943213		1300 1800	Bde HQ arrived new location 943213. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and issued 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 24.	See Appx D-5.
	11		46 (H) Inf Bde Gp advanced in accordance with OO No 24. Slow but steady progress was made. By 1500 hrs 1eading tps of 9 CAMERONIANS had reached a pt just EAST of RAMLINGEN 5338 where they were held up by inf with bazookas in the area rly crossing 559389. Bde Comd ordered the Bde to deploy into the following areas : 9 CAMERONIANS ENGENSEN 4935, 2 GLAS H and 278 Fd Coy RE WETTMAR 4837, 7 SEAFORTH Kl. BURGWEDEL 4537, A Coy 1 MX 4435, 288 A Tk Bty RA 4434, 193 Fd Amb 4335, 4334. Bde HQ to be est at area 4735. Bde Comd then gave orders to CO 9 CAMERONIANS for an attack by 9 CAMERONIANS sp by 4 Tk COLDM GDS to clear the area of the rly crossing 559389. The attack was ordered for 1730 hrs. On the success of this attack one sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt would pass through 9 CAMERONIANS followed by 2 GLAS H with the object of securing a br head over the br 580452 if found intact and adv on the outskirts of CELLE. Specia1 task for 2 GLAS H was to secure office area and all documents and blueprints of the FOCKE-WOLF Factory at 589490. Should the br be found blown 2 GLAS H were to find an alternative route. 7 SEAFORTH were to take over the br head from 2 GLAS H. Enemy resistance was stiff and by 2200 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were still trying to clear the area of the rly crossing. 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH were then infm that there would be no move for them before 2400 hrs. 2230 Bde Comd visited Div HQ to see Div Comd and discuss the situation. Bde HQ moved to 500358.	
500358	12		During the night the enemy withdrew. At 0600 hrs loud explosions were heard which indicated that the br at 580452 had been blown. This proved correct. By 0700 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS occupied the area of the rly crossing and 2 GLAS H were ordered to pass through on foot and adv on CELLE, clearing every house as they went. 15 (S) Recce Regt was providing right flank protection. 7 SEAFORTH were infm that there would be no move for them before 0900 hrs. 0915 Bde Comd visited Div HQ to discuss situation with Div Comd. All brs on the rd leading into CELLE from the SW had been blown and the Bde Gp was held up except for the inf advancing on foot. On our left 227 (H) Inf Bde had succeeded in entering CELLE and at 1035 Bde Comd returned from Div HQ with orders that the Bde Gp would move to conc area 5848 by route GR BURGVEDEL 4335 and FUHRBERG 4343.	

585482		1440 1710 2100	Bde Comd visited Div HQ and received orders to recce defensive area NORTH of CELLE and to send one bn to area 6252 by last light to take up a def posn. Bde Comd ordered 2 GLAS H to cross R ALLER to area 6252 and COs 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and OsC sp arms to RV 607516 to receive his orders prior to carrying out recces of def posns NORTH of CELLE that evening. Bde HQ arrived 585482. Bde Comd and BM were summoned to Div HQ to receive fresh orders for the adv of the Div next day NE of CELLE, and Bde Comd ordered an 'O' Gp for 2100 hrs. Bde Comd's 'O' Gp was held. See Notes and Mov Table.	See Appces D-6 and D-7.
585482 6963	13	0730 1930	Bde Gp advanced NE in accordance with Mov Table at Appx D-7. No serious enemy opposition was encountered during the day but progress was slow owing to demolitions and bad rds. By the end of the day, owing to the necessity for clearing up small enemy pockets, the bns were deployed on a wide front with 9 CAMERONIANS in the area SCHARNHORST 7161, 2 GLAS H area ELDINGEN 7657, 7 SEAFORTH area UNTERLUSS 7373 and Bde HQ was est at ESCHEDE 6963. The Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H and gave orders for further adv next day. 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH were to continue their adv 9 CAMERONIANS to clear the wooded area on the SOUTH side of the main rd leading into UELZEN 9089.	
801767	14	 2000	Further progress was made during the morning but at 1200 hrs 227 Bde reported strong enemy resistance on the Southern outskirts of the town and the Bde was ordered to halt in the following areas : 7 SEAFORTH 8284, 9 CAMERONIANS 9071, 2 GLAS H 9079. Bde HQ moved to 801767. Bde Comd went to Div HQ and received orders for the conc of the Bde next day.	
	15	0100	These orders were despatched by LO to the three Bns as comns to bns were very difficult. 9 CAMERONIANS were eventually contacted. 2 GLAS H were completely out of touch and it was later learned that all was not well. Reports showed that a strong enemy force had attacked 2 GLAS H during the night. This force included 13 SP guns and 11 half-track vehs with inf. The SP guns included at least 6 7.5 Assault guns. The force had succeeded in getting right into the Bn HQ area of 2 GLAS H and causing considerable damage to 2 GLAS H vehs besides setting the village on fire. In some of the fiercest fighting they had ever experienced 2 GLAS H succeeded in inflicting hy losses on the enemy. 12 SP guns and	

			approx 8 half-track vehs being destroyed. By 0900 hrs the posn was fully restored.	
		0900	Bde Comd went to Div HQ to give the situation to the Div Comd. He then ordered 9 CAMERONIANS to adv from BOKEL 9071 up to the line KALLERBROCK 9178 - STANDENSEN 9079 and send patrols fwd to NETTLKAMP 9280 in which direction the enemy were believed to have withdrawn.	
801767			By 1300 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS had reached their objective and patrols had gone fwd to NETTELKAMP. This was found to be clear and at 1600 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS occupied it.	
873839			Bde HQ moved to 873839. During the night 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H were relieved by 6 Airldg Bde and moved to following areas : 2 GLAS H astride the rd in area 8786, 9 CAMERONIANS relieved 2 A & SH area VEERSEN 8988.	
	16	0600	9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H reported they were in posn and had passed a quiet night. The next task for the Bde was to capture UELZEN and Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp at 1700 hrs.	
			Issue of OO No 25 and Adm Order No 21.	See Appces D-8 and G-1.
	17	1000	7 SEAFORTH were relieved by 15 (S) Recce Regt in the area 8586 in readiness for the attack on UELZEN.	
		1740	9 CAMERONIANS reported that they had started to occupy VEERSEN and Bde Comd decided that 7 SEAFORTH would take over from them and 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS would continue the adv as planned. 9 CAMERONIANS continued to make good progress and Bde Comd then called fwd patrol from 2 GLAS H and CO 2 GLAS H to meet him at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS. VEERSEN was almost clear but patrols into UELZEN were not expected to start until 2400 hrs and Bde Comd could not say whether the adv would continue through the night or whether a fresh attack would have to be made at 0600 hrs next morning.	
	18	0030	Patrols reported having been fired on when they reached "EVE" and Bde Comd ordered 9 CAMERONIANS to send two coys and 2 GLAS H one coy fwd to occupy "EVE". Plan for eventual capture of UELZEN was then changed. At 0600 hrs 46 Bde was to adv with RIGHT 2 GLAS H and LEFT 7 SEAFORTH, SL to be "EVE".	
873839		0600	Attack began as planned and 7 SEAFORTH made good progress. By 1040 hrs they had one coy on "PHARAOH". 2 GLAS H had been held up on "MOSES" and at 1100 hrs Bde Comd ordered 9 CAMERONIANS to adv through 2 GLAS H when the latter had reached "PHARAOH", and capture areas "D" and "G". By 1445 hrs all organised resistance in UELZEN was considered at an end.	

		1515	Div Comd arrived at Bde HQ to discuss with Bde Comd whether he could pass 227 Bde through 46 Bde and NORTH of UELZEN that evening. Owing to the greater part of UELZEN being ablaze the civ problem caused some embarrassment for a time but owing to energetic action on the part of the Mil Gov offr the situation was soon in hand. By night 46 Bde was firmly est in the town and infm was received that 227 Bde would pass through at 0600 hrs next day and adv Northwards. There would be no move for 46 Bde before 1400 hrs next day.	
BEVENSEN 9002	19	 1800	46 Bde Gp moved to conc area BEVENSEN 9002 in accordance with Mov Order No 32. Owing to excellent progress made by 11 Armd Div in adv toward the R ELBE orders were received that 46 Bde would move again next day and adv to the R ELBE. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave orders for adv next day. Issue of Op Instr No 30.	See Appx D-9. See Appx D-10.
BEVENSEN 9002	20		46 (H) Inf Bde Gp adv according to Op Instr No 20. 9 CAMERONIANS were held up on main axis by small enemy pockets and Bde Comd decided to divert remainder of coln WEST from DAHLENDORF 0114. 9 CAMERONIANS were directed on BLECKEDE 0127, 7 SEAFORTH on NEETZE 9322, 2 GLAS H on BREETZE 9823. Stiff enemy resistance prevented 9 CAMERONIANS from entering BLECKEDE. CO 9 CAMERONIANS decided to send a deputation into BLECKEDE to negotiate surrender of the enemy. Negotiations however failed. 7 SEAFORTH made good progress and reached NEETZE without opposition. They were then ordered to adv to area KARZE 9629 and GARZE 9828 and to send a coy as soon as possible to the area WENDEWISCHE 9333. Owing to change of inter-Div bdy BLECKEDE was now the responsibility of 5 Br Div on our right and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to occupy BREETZE 9822 leaving one coy in the area 0122. 2 GLAS H were ordered to occupy the area 9425. By 2100 hrs bns were est in these posns and Bde HQ was at 9422.	
9422	21		No enemy activity was reported during the night and at 1000 hrs Bde Comd visited bns with the following plan. 7 SEAFORTH were to go to area HITTBERGEN 9031, with one coy in area 9532 and one coy in area 9432 with a pl or det with OP at BARFORDE 9334. 2 GLAS H to area KARZE 9628 with one or two coys in BRACKEDE 9832 and RADEGAST 9931. 9 CAMERONIANS were to conc in GARZE 9828.	

			By 1700 hrs the Bde was disposed as above and bn OPs began to observe enemy mov on the opposite bank of the R ELBE of which there was a considerable amount. Bde HQ moved during day to area 9526.	
9526	22		Enemy mov particularly MT was observed throughout the day along the rd BOIZENBURG 9935 - LAUENBURG 8835. Owing to shortage of amn guns were not able to engage.	
	23		The usual enemy mov was observed during the day and at 2110 hrs one pl was seen to move into area 971347 and dig in.	
	24	0900	Bde Comd and BM attended preliminary conferences at Div HQ for OP ENTERPRISE which involved a crossing of the R ELBE.	
	25	1000	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at Bde HQ to give out his Outline Plan for OP ENTERPRISE.	
			Issue of Outline Plan and Outline Adm Plan.	See Appces D-11 and G2.
9526		1700	Bde HQ moved to new location 909292.	
909292	26	1800	Bde Comd held further 'O' Gp at Bde HQ to discuss Outline Plan and Veh priorities.	
			Issue Veh priority Tables.	See Appx D-12.
	27	1000	Bde Comd and BM attended co-ordinating conference at Div HQ. Original plan had now been changed and Bde Comd called another 'O' Gp for 2100 hrs and issued OO No 26.	See Appx D-13.
			During the day 1 CDO Bde made unsuccessful attempts to persuade the enemy in LAUENBURG to surrender.	
			During the night 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH were relieved by 15 (S) Recce Regt and conc in KARZE and HITTBERGEN ready for OP ENTERPRISE.	
	28		Issue of amendments and Addendum to OO No 26.	See Appx D-14.
			Issue of Adm Order No 22.	See Appx G-3.
		1000	Bde Comd and IO recced site for Bde Tac HQ in BULLENDORF 8831.	
		2130	Bde Tac HQ was set up in BULLENDORF and comns est.	
	29	0200	OP ENTERPRISE started according to plan and 1 CDO Bde captured LAUENBURG against only slight enemy resistance. By 0345 hrs 7 SEAFORTH (under comd 1 CDO Bde) were all across. Inf of 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H were across in their conc area by 0600 hrs. Some difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable landing place for vehs. At 0900 hrs therefore Bde Comd ordered 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS inf to move to areas X rds 859369 and 870368 respectively and not to VAA to join vehs. Vehs would be guided up to them later and as soon as bns had minimum tpt for their tasks they would adv to carry them out. A landing site was eventually found at 870345 and owing to good work on the	

909292		0930 1900	part of Buffaloes a considerable number of vehs was across in a short time. Bde Comd and Tac HQ moved fwd and crossed the river to Bde HQ conc area at 868346. Good progress was made throughout the day. On the right 9 CAMERONIANS succeeded in capturing BASEDOW 8939 and on the left 2 GLAS H captured the important high ground HEID-B and HUNGER-B 8639. 7 SEAFORTH moved up to the wooded area astride the rd in area 8837 and Bde Tac HQ moved to 878364 which was to be the eventual location of Bde HQ. Bde Comd visited bns and gave orders for the following day. Bns were to carry out ops according to plans already made in OO No 26. 7 SEAFORTH were to adv through 9 CAMERONIANS and capture DALLDORF 9141, 2 GLAS H to capture LUTAU 8741 and 9 CAMERONIANS to clear the wooded area 8941 and 9041. Patrols were to be sent to these places during the night and the H Hr for next day's op would be 0600 hrs. Owing to traffic problems and veh priorities Bde HQ was held up on the SOUTH bank of the river for several hrs and did not arrive that night.	
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			7 SEAFORTH were ordered to clear the enemy from the wood at 893403. 9 CAMERONIANS to patrol to wood 904404 and obtain all possible infm for 15 (Brit) Bde. 2 GLAS H were to continue adv on LUTAU. By 1700 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had cleared the wood 893403 and occupied it with two coys. Offensive action by 9 CAMERONIANS against enemy in wood 904404 had produced 38 PW but it still could not be considered as clear. 2 GLAS H made good progress and although encountering stiff opposition at first the enemy resistance seemed to melt suddenly and the village was captured by 1400 hrs. With 2 GLAS H in LUTAU and 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH firmly astride main rd at 8939 ops for 46 (H) Inf Bde were called to a halt and orders were received that the Bde would conc next day in Div res in the area GULZOW 8342. At 1830 hrs 15 (Brit) Bde passed through 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and advanced on DALLDORF.	
		2000	Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and infm COs of future plans. There would be no move before 0900 hrs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
840422	1	1600 1830	Ref Maps 1/100,000 Sheets L/4, L/5, K/4, K/5, J/4, J/5. 46 (H) Inf Bde moved to a new conc area. Bde HQ being est 840422 with 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH conc in same area. 2 GLAS H remained in LUTAU 8741. Orders had been received from Div HQ for the clearing of the SACHSENWALD next day and Bde Comd ordered an 'O' Gp for 1830 hrs. 'O' Gp assembled and Bde Comd issued orders for the clearing of the SACHSENWALD area SOUTH of the rly running from SCHWARZENBEK 8248 to AUMUHLE 7151. 'H' hr was to be 0800 hrs next day. Moves to FAA in area BRUNTSTORF 7847 would be carried out in accordance with Mov Order No: 33.	See Appx D-1
724507	2	0800 1430	Clearing ops started as planned and continued throughout the day. Bde HQ moved to DASSENDORF 7547. Except for one party of enemy about 50 strong which was holding out in BILLENKAMP 7050 there was little opposition. The final dispositions for the night eventually being :- 9 CAMERONIANS area 699499, 2 GLAS H area 715508, 7 SEAFORTH area 714515. Bde HQ was est at 724507. During the night orders were received that 9 CAMERONIANS would take over responsibilities of present Bde area by 0900 hrs and that Bde Gp less 9 CAMERONIANS would move to TRITTAU 7660. Sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt would move ahead to ensure the route was clear. Issue of Op Order No: 27.	See Appx D-2
769608	3	 1205	46 (H) Inf Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS moved to area TRITTAU according to Op Order No: 27. Bde HQ est at 769608. Meanwhile 9 CAMERONIANS had been relieved by 158 Bde and by 1435 hrs were est in new area 770607. Orders were then received that the Bde Gp would move to area SPRENGE 7569 and Harbour Parties were ordered to move off at 0930 hrs. Issue of Move Order No: 34.	See Appx D-3

	4	 1225 1720 2030	46 (H) Inf Bde Gp moved to new area according to Move Order No: 34. Bde HQ est at 758696. Bde Comd informed that no forecast of any further move could be given. Infm was received that all German armed forces in NW Germany, Holland and Denmark has surrendered to 21 Army Gp with effect from 0500 hrs 5 MAY.	
758696	5	1130	Bde Comd left Bde HQ to attend Div Comd's conference.	
	6	1000 2100	Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp conference. 46 (H) Inf Bde were to move to KIEL and take over the Port. The move was to be partially tactical in case of any emergency arising. Instructions were received to the effect that 46 (H) Inf Bde would now move to KIEL next day less 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H. Issue of Op Order No: 28.	 See Appx D-4
     KIEL KIEL	7	0730 1000 1800	Bde Comd left for KIEL where he was to meet the British FOIC Rear Admiral H T BAILLIE-GROHAM, CB, DSO, OBE at 1000 hrs. Bde Comd met FOIC and discussed the take-over of KIEL. At the same time the Bde Comd assumed Comd of KIEL Area. During afternoon the Bde Comd attended the surrender ceremony when the German Naval Commander-in-Chief Admiral KOMMETZ surrendered the German Baltic Fleet to the British FOIC. Meantime Bde HQ arrived in KIEL and was est at 609399. Bde Comd held a conference which was attended by NOIC KIEL and all senior Military Commanders. The German Stadtskommandant Kapitain - zur - See KAHLER was ordered to attend and to supply all possible information concerning number of German troops in KIEL area and all guards provided for barracks, foodstores, ammunition stores, equipment stores etc in order that these might be taken over by British troops as soon as possible. Bde Comd then ordered that a conference would be held at 1800 hrs each day at Bde HQ at which all heads of departments would report progress and receive further orders.	
	8	1500	BBC announced VE day. 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H moved to area KIEL in accordance with Op Order No: 28.	 See Appx D-4
	9 (		During this period main task of 46 (H) Inf Bde was completing the	
	10 (		take-over of all essential guards in KIEL area.	
	11 (		Issue of Location Statement No.: 1.	See Appx D-5
	12	1800	CCRA 8 Corps relieved Bde Comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and assumed comd of KIEL Bde Area with 46 (H) Inf Bde under comd.	

	13 to 21	((incl(	During this period Bns of 46 (H) Inf Bde were gradually relieved of all guard commitments in KIEL Area. Recces were made of final occupational areas. Plans however were repeatedly changed and it was not known where the Bde's final conc area would be.	
	22		Bde HQ moved to new location - the Marineshule, WIK, on relief by 117 Marine Bde HQ.	
	23 to 30	1200 incl	46 (H) Inf Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS reverted to under comd 15 (S) Div. On relief by incoming RM Bns 117 Marine Bde, 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H were moved to LABOE 672444 and NIENDORF 034042 respectively, there being no accn available in KIEL.	
	31		Bde Comd and BM visited HQ 5 Brit Div and HQ 13 Brit Bde in WISMAR 4594 to look at billets and discuss take-over of that area in the near future.	

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Unit HQ 227 (H) INF BDE

Month and Year JUNE, 1944

Commanding Officer Brig JR Mackintosh-Walker, MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STEYNING	2	1000	Gen Eisenhower, C in C, SHAEF, visited units of the fmn and spoke to the troops	
STEYNING	6	1400	Bde Comd addressed Offrs and Men of Bde HQ and gave a background talk on the forthcoming campaign	
STEYNING	7	1700	Staff Captain, G III, Sigs Offr and LO 1, comprising Bde HQ advance party, left for WORTHING and at 2200 hrs that night left for marshalling area at CANNING TOWN, LONDON, Camp T2.	
CANNING TOWN	10	0800	Advance party moved to Victoria Dock and boarded SS EMPIRE HEYWOOD, which sailed at 1300 hrs.	
STEYNING	11	0430	Bde Comd and Unit Advance Parties left for marshalling area prior to embarkation for FRANCE	
STEYNING	13	0430	Bde HQ left for marshalling area at WANSTEAD FLATS, LONDON, prior to embarkation for FRANCE. Bde HQ had now arrived off GRAY-SUR-MER	
WANSTEAD	14 & 15		Waterproofing of vehicles completed, but loading delayed owing to non-arrival of boat. During these two days the Staff Captain recced area for Bde gp in area VAUX-sur-SEULLES (8378) and Bde HQ established in orchard 832782. Meanwhile at 0815 hrs on June 15 the transport of the main body of Bde HQ left the camp at WANSTEAD for East India Docks and loading started at 1930 hrs. Troops in the Camp at WANSTEAD had an all night attack by 'Flying Bombs'	
WANSTEAD	16		Bde HQ personnel issued with lifebelts and emergency rations for voyage at 0700 hrs. They boarded buses for Docks at 1100 hrs. Loading of tpt completed 1830 hrs and troops went aboard SS MALAYAN PRINCE, which sailed at 2345 hrs.	
THAMES ESTUARY	17		SS MALAYAN PRINCE anchored off SOUTHEND waiting for convoy to form up and eventually sailed at 1930 hrs	
AT SEA	18		'Flying Bomb' flew over the ship at 0845 hrs, but the rest of the voyage was without incident and SS MALAYAN PRINCE anchored off COURSEULLES-SUR-MER at 2200 hrs. Two vehicles were off loaded until nuisance air raids brought operations to a stop. During the	

			day, the first troops of the Bde arrived at the Bde conc area near VAUX-SUR-SEULLES. They were the marching personnel of 10 HLI	
ANCHORED OFF COURSEULLES	19 20 21		Heavy seas prevented any unloading during these three days. Apart from shelling by both our warships and enemy shore btys with nuisance air raids at night it was a quiet period.	
ANCHORED OFF COURSEULLES	22		Sea still heavy, but the Bde Maj, BRASCO and two ORs went ashore at 1220 hrs. OC Ship then refused to allow any further personnel to disembark owing to the heavy swell. Bde Comd, who crossed in a LCM, also went ashore at night. Unloading restarted at 2100 hrs and continued until darkness in spite of air attacks.	
COURSEULLES	23		Unloading restarted at 0600 hrs, and first vehicle got ashore on 'N' Beach after a three feet wade at 1435 hrs. All the Bde HQ vehicles got safely ashore, and the Bde Gp, less 153 Fd Amb and 286 A Tk Bty RA, was concentrated at VAUX-SUR-SEULLES (8378) before night fall.	
VAUX-SUR-SEULLES	24		Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at 1430 hrs and explained Bde's part in future ops.	
VAUX	25	1430	GOC 15 (S) INF DIV attend Bde Comd's Briefing Conf for next day's ops.	Confirmatory Notes on Bde Comd's 'O' Gp att as Appx 'A'
CHEUX	26 27 28 29 30 Jul 1		STORY OF BDE'S PART IN BATTLE FOR BRIDGE HEAD OVER THE RIVER ODON IS ATTACHED AS APPENDIX "E" FOR JUNE 3,10,17 & 24 STRENGTH STATES/FOR BDE HQ, SIGS, LAD AND DEF PLATOON ARE ATTACHED AS APPX "F", "G", "H", "J" 227 (H) INF BDE STANDING ORDERS FOR OPS ATTACHED AS APPX "K"	Bde Move Order Nos.1 & 2 att as Appx 'B' & 'C' Adm Order No. 1 att as Appx 'D'

APPX 'E'

227 (H) INF BDE WAR DIARY FOR JUN 26 - 1 JUL

BATTLE FOR BRIDGEHEAD

OVER RIVER ODON

Monday, 26 June

Brigade group moved to concentration area near SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN (9274) and arrived there 90 minutes before H hour which was 0730 hours.

The attack opened with a barrage of 624 guns, and although the promised air support did not materialise owing to the weather, 44 Brigade gained their objective -- ST MAUVIEU (9268) -- by 1130 hours and 46 Brigade were on their objective -- CHEUX (9167) -- by midday.

10 HLI and 2 GORDONS moved up for the second phase of the battle at 1830 hours.

The attack by 10 HLI was held up for one hour owing to congestion in CHEUX, and it was finally decided to put off the attack until first light next day because they could not reach their Start Line or make contact with the supporting tanks.

Some of the Squadron of tanks that were to support the 2 GORDONS' attack were also unable to get through CHEUX, and the 2 GORDONS attacked with only a few tanks at 1900 hours. They suffered heavy casualties through sniping and mortar fire and lost touch with their two leading companies which reached COLLEVILLE.

Battalion Headquarters was held up 800 yards NORTH of COLLEVILLE (9265) and reorganised during the night.

Tuesday, 27 June

10 HLI's attack was due to start at 0630 hours, but they had more difficulty in contacting their tanks.

10 HLI reached the Start Line only to find it covered with fire from MGs and Mortars. They suffered casualties and were unable to get forward; they were attacked by four Mk VI tanks in orchard SW of CHEUX (9065). At 0900 hours the Adjutant reported that the right hand company was encircled by tanks and cut off, and that a Mk VI had penetrated to within 150 yards of Battalion Headquarters. Later reported that this tank was knocked out, as well as the other four.

10 HLI attempted to push on and reach a point 300 yards from their Start Line, but they suffered casualties and were forced to withdraw to the Start Line, where they remained pinned down for the rest of the day. A tank battle was proceeding on the right in area LE HAUT DU BOSQUE (9066).

2 A & SH passed through the 2 GORDONS with TOURVILLE (9364) as their objective. After skirmishing in TOURVILLE 2 A & SH got astride the main road with two companies and formed a firm base.

2 A & SH ordered by Brigade Commander to push on and capture bridge 935635. This was captured intact at 1630 hours.

2 A & SH then dug in while elements of 11 Armoured Division crossed the bridge and 2 GORDONS made a firm base at TOURVILLE.

Wednesday, 28 June

During the day, 2 GLAS H, who had taken over at COLLEVILLE, were attacked from the EAST. To clear up this situation 10 HLI put in an attack on MOUEN (9365) at 1945 hours supported by a squadron of tanks.

On the left flank their leading elements reached their objective -- the road-railway bridge EAST of MOUEN 940657. The right leading company, however, was held up by two dug in tanks. Snipers in the orchards and MG fire from the tanks caused casualties.

The tanks were engaged by our armour and one was destroyed. Later 10 HLI accounted for the second tank. 10 HLI could advance no further and dug in for the night in a position a few hundred yards from their start line.

Bde Tac Headquarters moved to TOURVILLE in the 2 GORDONS area.

Tuesday, 29 June

At first light 10 HLI were withdrawn to COLLEVILLE to enable 43 DIV to carry out a successful attack in a Southerly direction.

2 A & SH pushed out patrols fwd to secure the bridge on OBAN route (915623). This bridge was captured intact.

The Bn followed up and took up an all round defensive position to North and South of river on the outskirts of GAVRUS (9161).

Enemy counter attacks were reported with tanks and infantry against 7 SEAFORTH at LE VALTRU (9163) and 9 CAMERONIANS at GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON (9064).

An armoured battle took place all afternoon South of River ODON. The bridge over the ODON was now held by 159 Inf Bde and 2 A & SH, who repulsed several counter attacks during the course of the afternoon and evening.

2 GORDONS also repelled several small counter attacks during the day. During one of these and when enemy tanks were reported in the rear, the Bde Comd, who had been a favourite target for snipers and mortars throughout the operation, looked at his watch and remarked "It's time for tea". Tea was then taken.

In the evening, the Brigade Commander received orders from the GOC to place 10 HLI and 2 GORDONS under command 46 Brigade. Tactical Headquarters moved to COLLEVILLE beside 46 Brigade Tactical Headquarters.

Friday, 30 June

At 0200 hours a long Slidex message was received ordering 227 (H) Infantry Brigade to move to area GAVRUS - MISSY (8962) and to be clear of road bridge over ODON by 0230 hours. Brigade Commander decided to move at 0700 hours. Led by a section of carriers from 2 GORDONS, Tactical Headquarters headed column to bridge 935635.

It was reported that a few enemy tanks were active on the Southern bank of the ODON overlooking the road and at 0930 hours the Brigade Commander was recalled to meet the GOC at COLLEVILLE.

At 0930 hours 2 GORDONS were heavily mortared in an orchard off the road TOURVILLE - TOURMAUVILLE (9362). They suffered heavy casualties, among whom was the Brigade Major, Major J.A. LOCHORE, who was killed by a mortar bomb when on foot seeking to deploy the GORDONS from the road in order to avoid casualties.

At 0300 hrs 29 Armoured Brigade had been withdrawn across the ODON and the GOC decided to concentrate 2 GORDONS and 10 HLI at TOURVILLE and in wood SOUTH of MONDRAINVILLE respectively.

Brigade Tactical Headquarters then returned to COLLEVILLE and Battalions took up their positions as ordered. It was then decided to withdraw 2 A & SH into reserve at COLLEVILLE, but 2 A & SH were out of communication with Brigade, their wireless vehicle having been hit and for 12 hours they were cut off.

During this time the 2 A & SH were frequently attacked by enemy infantry who did not press home the attack and were held. Two troops of tanks were sent by the Brigade Commander to the Bridge SOUTH of LE VALTRU to extricate them. By first light next morning the majority of the Battalion had been withdrawn safely to COLLEVILLE. During the night the Brigade Tactical Headquarters, 2 GORDONS and 10 HLI were heavily mortared.

Saturday, 1 July

Mortaring and shelling continued throughout this day, during which arrangements were made for the relief of the Brigade by 158 Infantry Brigade. The relief was completed by 0400 hours, 2 July, and the Brigade were concentrated in reserve area NORREY-EN-BESSIN (9270) and BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE (9272)

Total casualties for the whole action were 38 Officers and 661 Other Ranks, made up as follows:-

Brigade Headquarters	- One Officer killed, one officer wounded and one other rank wounded.
10 HLI	- Three Officers killed, eight Officers wounded and one Officer missing : 48 other ranks killed, 168 other ranks wounded, 17 missing.
2 GORDONS	- Three Officers killed, seven wounded two missing, 46 other ranks killed, 175 wounded, 31 missing.
2 A & SH	- One Officer killed, eleven wounded: 21 other ranks killed, 130 wounded and 24 missing.

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Unit HQ 227 (Highland) Inf Bde

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Brig JR Mackintosh-Walker, MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
le HAUTE du BRETTEVILLE	1		The Bde was relieved by 160 Inf Bde in the COLLEVILLE area and Bde HQ moved to reserve area at le HAUTE du BRETTEVILLE (922725)	
BRETTEVILLE	2		Relief of the Bde gp was completed at 0400 hrs, and Bde Comd, who had stayed at COLLEVILLE until the relief was completed, returned to Bde Headquarters at 0700 hrs.	
BRETTEVILLE -do-	3	1030 -	GOC 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ and thanked and praised the Offrs and men for the part they played in the battle at CHEUX New Bde Major, Major HS Spens, A & SH, arrived. 227 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No. 1 issued	 APPX 'A'
-do-	4 to 7		Bde HQ had quiet period with no incidents of note.	
-do-	8	-	Amendment No. 1 to 227 (H) Inf Bde Standing Orders for Ops issued	APPX 'B'
-do-	9	-	Amendment No. 2 to 227 (H) Inf Bde Standing Orders for Ops issued	APPX 'C'
-do-	10	1830	Bde HQ moved to 926740 (Ref Map CAEN 7F/1 1:50,000), South East of SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN (9274) to allow 12 Corps HQ to take over Bde HQ's previous location.	
	11	-	227 (H) Inf Bde Move Table for concentration of Bde Gp in area VERSON (9565) issued together with trace of unit areas	APPX 'D'
BRETTEVILLE	14	0900	Bde Comd held a briefing conference for Coy Comds on Operation "Greenline"	Appx E
-do- VERSON -do-	15	0030 0400 2145	227 (H) Inf Bde moved to concentration area at VERSON 227 (H) Inf Bde concentrated in area VERSON Preceded by a hy barrage, and aided by artificial "moonlight", the Glas H, who had been placed under comd of the Bde for this op, left the start line NW of Pt 112. Early in the battle, the leading Coys lost touch with Bn HQ and the smoke programme interfered with the direction of the attack. Comd of 2 Glas H asked for the smoke to stop and this was done.	

			At 2300 hrs LE BON REPOS, the first objective, was taken. At 2335 hrs 2 Glas H reported everything going to plan and at 2359 hrs ESQUAY was captured. Glas H then withdrew from ESQUAY according to plan and consolidated on the high ground on the East side of LE BON REPOS. At about 2320 hrs 2 Gordons and 2 A & SH moved forward and 2 Gordons made contact with units of 44 (L) Inf Bde. Bde Tac HQ, which has been established at 1900 hrs in a field north of the Calvary at BARON, came under heavy mortar fire from 2130 hrs onwards, and at 0100 hrs four mortar bombs dropped on and around the White Scout car. Both wireless sets were knocked out and the Bde Comd was killed.	
VERSON	16		Infm of this was passed over the wireless through RA channels by OC 131 Fd Regt, RA, who took over comd of the Bde until the arrival of OC 2 Gordons, Lt Col EC Colville, who had been authorised by the GOC to take comd of the Bde. The death of Brig JR Mackintosh-Walker was a great loss. His demeanour and presence forward in the battles were an inspiration to the troops under his comd. He was buried by two of his staff officers under mortar fire in the churchyard at BARON 942625 at 1400 hrs. The acting Bde Comd, Lt Col EC Colville moved Bde Tac HQ to 44 (L) Inf Bde HQ and a LO with wireless set went there and contact with Units was restored. In the meantime 2 Gordons had taken their objective and were instructed to dig in. Every effort was made to arrange timings for further advance of 2 A & SH and HLI, but they proved unsuccessful owing to the inability of the tanks and infantry to tie up. The Bde Comd then ordered all four Bns to dig in where they were and to form a firm base. Many further attempts were made to plan and execute further attacks by 2 A & SH and 10 HLI, but they proved unsuccessful. HLI	

VERSON			remained dug in supporting 2 Glas H to the SE of BARON and A & SH remained dug in in the area LES VILAINS. Throughout the day, 2 Glas H were counter attacked repeatedly especially from the area of the rd LE BON REPOS - EVRECY. Although tanks supported the German attacks they were all repelled. In the later stages the Germans employed as many as six tanks, and the Gordons, thanks to some good shooting by 131 Fd Regt RA, destroyed five Mk IVs. During the night, a small force of German bombers attacked the forward areas and one stick of bombs fell in the Bde HQ area, but there were no casualties.	
VERSON	17		The position remained unchanged throughout the day until the night when the Bde gp, excl 2 Gordons, was relieved by 160 Bde at 2100 hrs. 227 Bde then moved to reserve areas around LE HAUTE DU BOSQUE. At about 0645 hrs the Bde Sig Offr, Captain N MacLean, with three signalmen, left Bde HQ to visit Bns with signal equipment. He left 2 Glas H about 0730 hrs and has not been heard of since. On investigation no sign could be found of the party or jeep in which they were travelling and it is thought that they took the wrong turning and drove into the enemy line.	
CHEUX	18 -	23	Authority was received from 21 Army Group for the promotion and appointment of Lt Col EC Colville to comd 227 (H) Inf Bde, and several other changes were made in the Staff. Captain I MacPherson-Rait (HLI) was appointed Staff Captain in place of Capt RD Spence (HAC) and Captain C Alexander (A & SH) was appointed IO in place of Captain JN Watkins (Seaforth). The Bde remained in the reserve area until 23 July when they moved to the CAUMONT Sector (see att Move Order Appx "F") to relieve the 11 Regt of the 2 American Division.	
CAUMONT	24		The relief was completed by 2359 hrs, and the Bde dispositions were as follows:- 10 HLI = CAUMONT 2 A & SH = LE REPAS 2 Gordons = In area Pt 172 North of CAUMONT with a counter-attack role on CAUMONT. Bde HQ = Situated in the Gordons area.	

CAUMONT	25 -	28	The period from 25 - 28 Jul was devoted to patrolling on this front to find out the enemy dispositions and to keep them under complete subjection. This was the first time the Bde had had the opportunity of patrolling on a large scale, and changes in routine procedure and handling of patrols were effected as experience was gained. Most outstanding lesson learned was the inability to move large patrols through "Bocage" country. Patrol strength of one officer and three ORs was most suitable Due to vigorous patrolling and the arrival of deserters through our lines it was learned that the 326 Inf Div had relieved 2 Pz Div on 22 and 23 July. Shelling and mortaring during this period was intermittent and there were few casualties.	
CAUMONT	28	-	To take full advantage of the American successes in the ST LO Sector preparations were made for an attack by 15 (S) Inf Div on the CAUMONT Sector. 44 (L) Inf Bde relieved 227 (H) Inf Bde, who moved into concentration areas on the night 28/29 July. On the night 29/30 July the Bde moved into assembly areas for the attack on the morning of 30 July. At approximately 1900 hrs 29 July LUTAIN WOOD was attacked by rocket firing Typhoons. The operation was carried out as laid down in attached Confirmatory Notes (Appx "G") <u>PHASE I:</u>- 9 Cameronians on the right encountered a minefield between LE BOURG and SEPT VENTS which delayed the armour but did not prevent the infantry reaching their objective. On the left LUTAIN WOOD was the strongest enemy locality encountered during the op, but Phase I was completed by 1030 hrs. <u>PHASE II</u>:- On the right 10 HLI dropped behind their tanks on the move forward; married up again, and soon reached their objective.	

			2 A & SH on the left were far behind their tanks as the going was slow due to mopping up South of LA FORTERIE which took some time. Phase II was completed by 1500 hrs. PHASE III:- This was carried out by 46 (H) Inf Bde and was completed by 1830 hrs. During the night 30/31 Jul all Bns were subjected to heavy mortar fire and 2 Gordons were still clearing LUTAIN WOOD.	
CAUMONT	31		Bde HQ moved to LA TEINTURIER (6955) at 1700 hrs. Due to the fact that 43 Inf Div on the left could make little progress, 6 RSF, of 44 (L) Inf Bde were put under comd of the Bde and took up positions South East of LUTAIN WOOD to protect the left flank of the Bde. The task of 15 (S) Inf Div, especially 227 Bde, now was to protect the left flank of 8 Corps while 11 Armd Div and the Guards Armd Div passed through to exploit the breach already made by 15 (S) Inf Div Strength States for Bde HQ, LAD and Def Pl are attached as Appx "H"	

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Unit HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde

Month and Year AUGUST, 1944

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LA TEINTURIERE	1	-	The attached copies of a congratulatory message from the C-in-C to GOC 15 (S) Inf Div and an Order of the Day by GOC 8 Corps summarise the achievements of the Division on 30 and 31 Jul. 227 (H) Inf Bde played a leading part in this op.	Appx "A"
-DO-	2	-	The Division was ordered to sp the advance of the Gds Armd Div to VASSEY (7832). The Bde Gp moved on tks and unit tpt to take over the high ground Pt 238 (6848) to Pt 244 (6947) from 32 Gds Inf Bde. Bde HQ moved to orchard 685497.	APPX "B"
ST MARTIN DES BESACES	3		On our left flank the enemy held the area of MONTAMY 7346 until driven out by 43 Inf Div on 4 Aug, and Nebelwerfer were active from this area.	
-- DO --	4		Thunderbolt aircraft with Allied markings dropped two bombs in 2 Gordons area. There were no casualties.	
-- DO --	5		The Gds Armd Div was pinched out by 43 Inf Div and 15 (S) Inf Div. 15 (S) Inf Div was ordered to continue the advance to VASSEY. The Bde Gp, with 3 Scots Gds and one sqn 4 Coldstream Gds under comd, was ordered to secure ESTRY (7437), LE THEIL (7635) and LA ROCQUE (7733). The Bde passed through 44 (L) Inf Bde, then holding the ridge South of the rd CATHCOLLES (7044) - MONTCHAUVET (7243). The leading Bn, 2 A & S H, lost one vehicle on a mine at X rds MONTCHAUVET, and all Bns encountered mortar fire on the rd East of the village. Little opposition was expected, but the enemy were holding our objectives in strength. 2 A & S H lifted further mines at x rds LA CAVERIE (7743) and South of the x rds encountered hvy fire from MGs and SP guns. They withdrew to a posn along the rd East of the village of MONTCHARIVEL (777415). On entering ESTRY 2 Gordons encountered mines and heavy opposition from snipers, MG positions and dug in tks. They withdrew to allow a	

			concentration to be put down and 10 HLI were diverted from their objective --- LE THEIL --- to assist them. In this second attack casualties were heavy and the Bde halted on the line X rds ESTRY 746378 to Pt 208 (776414), 2 A & S H left and 2 Gordons right. Bde HQ was est at 762438 (near MONTCHARIVEL).	
MONTCHARIVEL	6		Except that 2 A & S H moved up to consolidate their position on Pt 208 at AU CORNU (776414), the Bde Gp remained in these positions. Meanwhile, 44 (L) Inf Bde prepared for future op on ESTRY.	
MONTCHARIVEL	7	-	Attempting to improve their position by pushing two coys forward, 2 A & S H suffered cas from dug in tks and MGs. All three Bns were heavily mortared and shelled throughout the day. During the day, the Bde Comd received a personal message from Comd 8 Corps congratulating him on the fine fight the Bde was putting up. An enemy vehicle carrying containers of hot coffee motored into the 2 A & S H area and was captured.	Appx 'C'
-- DO --	8	-	Two German Mk IV Specials drove onto the x rds at AU CORNU in the 2 A & S H area and were knocked out by A Tk guns firing at a range of 1200 yards. During the night, 2 A & S H were relieved by 8 Royal Scots.	
-- DO --	9		Bde HQ moved to the West of MONTCHARIVEL at 7543 during the morning, and later in the day 10 HLI and 2 Gordons were relieved by 6 RSF and 6 KOSB. The Bde Gp was then given a counter attack role on AU CORNU and ESTRY.	APPX "D"
-- DO --	10 -	13	This period was devoted entirely to patrolling, and aided by many Polish deserters, a clear picture of the enemy defences and strength was built up before the Division was relieved by 11 Armd Div.	
-- DO --	14		The Bde moved to a reserve area at MALTOT (South of CAEN), where they remained until AUG 17 when they moved to Divisional conc area at BOIS HALBOUT (0146).	APPX "E"
BOIS HALBOUT	18		The Bde Comd attended a Divisional conference in the evening to discuss future plans, trg and adm.	
-- DO --	19		Seven enemy planes attacked 2 A & S H area and dropped HE and AP bombs. During this 20 minutes attack, which started at 0005 hrs, seven ORs were killed and 18 wounded, including the A/CO, Maj J Kenneth and Padre.	
BOIS HALBOUT	20		The Bde Gp was ordered to prepare to advance EAST to secure the high ground in area Pt 240 4662 to Pt 240 4664, as a preliminary to securing the crossings over the Rivers VIE and TOUQUES. Due to the rapid advance of the Polish Armd Div and Canadians, this Op was cancelled.	APPX 'F'

BOIS HALBOUT	21 -	23	The Bde Gp remained in the BOIS HALBOUT area until Aug 23, when they moved to conc area at PERTHVILLE NERS 2033 preparatory to a further adv to the line NEUBORG R0283 - EMANVILLE R0374.	APPX "G"
PERTHVILLE NERS	24		The Bde Gp then moved to NEUPHE SUR DIVES 3329 prior to advancing to EMANVILLE.	
NEUPHE SUR DIVES	25		Continuing the advance the Bde Gp reached EMANVILLE at 2000 hrs, and prepared to move up to the R SEINE on the next day.	
EMANVILLE	26		The Bde Gp pushed on to the SEINE and were concentrated around LOUVIERS R2299 by 1800 hrs ----- the 95 miles advance from PERTHVILLE NERS having been completed without a major incident. The Bde took up positions at LOUVIERS as follows:- Bde HQ 215885 10 HLI LOUVIERS 2188 2 Gordons LOUVIERS 2188 (with one coy on the high ground 2 A & S H 1988. over the River EURE at 2489)	
LOUVIER	27		During the morning, the Comd 12 Corps flew to Bde HQ and informed the Bde Comd that the Bde must cross the R SEINE by evening. ~~The Bde Comd held a hurried 'O' Gp, gave his plan, and~~ The operation began at 1430 hrs --- less than three hours after the Corps Comd's visit --- in the area of ST PIERRE 2791 and VENABLES 3387. 10 HLI started to cross in DUKWS in the ST PIERRE area and had completed the crossing by 1700 hrs. The only opposition they encountered was light MG fire and they lost only two ORs killed and ten wounded in reaching their objective, HERQUEVILLE (2993). 2 Gordons attempted to cross in assault boats in the area of VENABLES 3387, but they met heavy MG fire. In addition many of the boats capsized due to engine trouble, and ~~only ten men of the leading coy reached the opposite bank~~ they lost 25 killed, including 'D' Coy Commander, Major Tindall, and 25 wounded. Only ten men of the leading Coy reached the opposite bank and they were immediately taken prisoner. 10 HLI were then ordered to send a Platoon to intercept this column and release the prisoners. This was accomplished very quickly and without a fight. It was then decided that 2 Gordons should cross on 10 HLI's bridgehead. This was carried out without incident and 2 Gordons gained their objective ~~LA ROQUETTE 3593~~ MUIDS 3491 without further loss.	

MUIDS 3491			2 A & S H crossed at ST PIERRE in the early morning of 28 AUG without incident and quickly reached their objective, the wood at VATTEVILLE 3495.	
LOUVIERS	29		227 (H) Inf Bde Headquarters moved across the SEINE in the morning and was est in the MUIDS area 3491. The Bns remained in the same positions, and during the day 44 (L) Inf Bde and 46 (H) Inf Bde extended the bridge head.	
MUIDS	30 -	31	The Bde Gp remained in these positions while 53 (W) Div and 4 Armd Bde passed through the br head. On 29 Aug notification was received that the Bde Comd, Brig EC Colville had been awarded the DSO ~~for the leading part he played in the battle at VERSON on Jul 16.~~ for his conduct when commanding 2 Gordons in the fighting around CHEUX during June, 44. 227 (H) Inf Bde HQ Strength returns are attached at Appx 'H'	

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Unit HQ 227 (H) INF BDE

Month and Year SEPT 1944

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MUIDS	1		At short notice 2 A & S H were placed under comd 53 (W) Inf Div and ordered to take over a bridgehead on the SOMME.	APPX "D" Folio 1
MUIDS	3		At 1100 hrs the Bde Gp, less 2 A & S H, moved to area LE TRONQUAY (5115), where they harboured for the night.	
LE TRONQUAY	4		The Bde moved to CRIQUIERS (6338)	
LE CRIQUIERS	5		The Bde Gp, less 2 Gordons marching personnel, crossed the R SOMME to BOUBERS-sur-CONCHE (0603), where 2 A & S H rejoined the Bde. A small party from Bde HQ stayed behind to make arrangements for TCVs to lift 2 Gordons.	
BOUBERS	7		The Bde was now given the task of occupying COURTRAI (8558) and taking up defensive positions around the town. The shortage of TCVs made it impossible for 2 Gordons to be brought forward and 2 Glas H were placed under comd for this op, but at the last minute 2 Glas H were taken away to rejoin their own Bde, 46 (H) Inf Bde. When the Bde Gp reached a point four miles from MENIN, it was learned that the enemy were holding COURTRAI in strength. Consequently, the Bde was ordered to harbour for the night in an area East of COURTRAI. The Bde crossed the BELGIAN Frontier at 2100 hrs at MOUSCRON and harboured for the night in the BOSSUYT area (9547). The troops received a tremendous welcome from the civilians in the move fwd, but the enthusiasm shown by the people when the Bde column moved through TOURCOING and MOUSCRON was unparalleled. At times it was impossible for the convoy to move. The road was blocked by crowds of people who insisted on shaking hands with the troops and decorating the vehicles with flags and flowers.	APPX "D" Folio 2
BOSSUYT	8		The role of 15 (S) Inf Div now was to stop any enemy movement from West to East by holding the COURTRAI - GHENT road. 227 (H) Inf Bde then started to advance to contact in the general direction GHENT,	

			with 2 A & S H leading, followed by 10 HLI with 2 Gordons coming up direct from BOUBERS. No enemy opposition was encountered, and after an uneventful advance the Bde Gp concentrated in area South of GHENT as follows:- Bde HQ - NAZARETH 0972 10 HLI - LA PINT 1474 2 Gordons - NAZARETH 0972 2 A & S H - MACHELEN 0271	
NAZARETH	11		After three uneventful days in this area, the Bde Gp was ordered forward to the HOMBEEK area (6874), North of BRUSSELS, where the Div concentrated for ops in the ALBERT CANAL area.	
HOMBEEK	12		The men were given a holiday, and many of them were able to spend a few hours in BRUSSELS.	
HOMBEEK	13		The Bde left to take over the bridge head established by 50 Div over the ALBERT CANAL at STEELEN (0786). During the move forward, however, the C-in-C, Fd Marshall Montgomery visited the Div Comd and gave ~~a change of plan~~ the news that the enemy was withdrawing from the ALBERT CANAL. This necessitated a change of plan, and 227 (H) Inf Bde was now ordered to push forward to the ESCAUT CANAL, with 10 HLI to occupy MOLL 1791 and 2 A & S H to push through to the ESCAUT Canal At DONK 1695. This was completed by last light with little opposition, and the Bde concentrated as follows:- BDE HQ - MEERHOUT (1485) 10 HLI - MOLL (1792) 2 Gordons - MEERHOUT (1485) 2 A & S H - DONK (1695)	
MEERHOUT MEERHOUT	15		The Bde Comd, Brig EC Colville, DSO, and other Offrs and Men of the Bde attended investiture held at HQ 15 (S) Inf Div, where he was presented with the DSO by Field Marshall Montgomery. During this time, 44 (L) Inf Bde had established a bridge head over the ESCAUT Canal, North of GHEEL (0888), and it was decided that 227 (H) Inf Bde should establish a second bridge head over the canal in the area West of DONK. The Bde Comd ordered 2 Gordons to cross first, and the crossing was to be done by means of barges and planks. 10 HLI were to follow and secure DESSCHEL (1697). 2 A & S H would then cross and take up posns to the right of DESSCHEL, and 2 Gordons would occupy posns to the left of DESSCHEL.	

MEERHOUT		-	During the planning air photos revealed many errors on the map, and the position chosen for the bridge head actually entailed the crossing of two canals. However, the first Canal was blocked with barges and it was thought that it would not prove difficult to cross this first obstacle. At 2300 hrs it was finally decided that the op would start before first light 16 Sept.	
MEERHOUT MOLL	16		2 Gordons started to move forward at 0130 hrs and 227 Bde Tac HQ moved to the College at MOLL (1690) at 0300 hrs. C Coy, 2 Gordons leading Coy, began to cross the first Canal at 0315 hrs. Bargees, who were living on the barges, assisted the leading troops by placing sacks on the boats, and the leading Coy, together with a dismounted section from the Carrier Platoon, reached the 'Island' without incident. B and D Coys also reached the 'Island' without mishap, but dawn was now beginning to break and as the leading coy moved down to the lock, where they were going to cross the Canal by planks, they were seen and fired on by a MG post. This post was quickly silenced by Bren, mortar and PIAT fire, but the alarm had now been raised and the enemy brought down heavy fire, including 88s and mortars, on to the 'Island'. It was now daylight, and 2 Gordons were pinned to the ground by the weight of the enemy fire. At 1200 hrs it was decided to abandon the operation and 2 Gordons pulled back into ACHTERBOSCH (1592), leaving C Coy on the 'Island' to guard the southern bank of the canal. Despite the fierce enemy fire put down on them, the 2 Gordons casualties were light, four being killed, including one officer, and 12 wounded. It was now decided that 227 (H) Inf Bde should move to the area of GHEEL (0888) and extend 44 (L) Inf Bde's bridge head. Consequently, 10 HLI were moved to GHEEL at 1600 hrs and given the task of taping areas and start lines for an attack by 2 Gordons and 2 A & S H to widen 44 Bde's bridge head on the night 17/18 Sept.	
MOLL	17		C Coy, 2 Gordons, was withdrawn from the 'Island' during the night, and 227 (H) Inf Bde, less 10 HLI, moved to the area North of GHEEL with dispositions as follows:- Bde HQ - 099903 10 HLI - 0888 2 Gordons - 0989	APPX "D" Folio 3

			2 A & S H - 0789 There was another change of plan, however, and 227 (H) Inf Bde were ordered to relieve 44 (L) Inf Bde in the bridge head during the nights 17/18 and 18/19 Sept. On completion of the relieve 227 Bde was to take offensive action and attempt to burst out of the bridge head while 44 (L) Inf Bde and 46 (H) 1nf Bde covered the canal line. This change of plan was due to 15 (S) Inf Div being given the task of guarding the left flank of 53 (W) Inf Div. Although the enemy had the exact range of the crossing with his guns and mortars and frequently put down a concentration on the crossing, the first relief, 2 A & S H taking over from 8 RS, was completed without incident.	
GHEEL	18		It was now decided that 2 Gordons would relieve 6 KOSBs in the bridge head to-night, and 10 HLI withdrawn into reserve in the GHEEL area. 7 Seaforth, from 46 (H) Inf Bde, took over the task of guarding the Southern bank of the Canal from 10 HL1. The relief of 10 HLI by 7 Seaforth was completed by 1830 hrs. Due to heavy enemy artillery action, the relief of 6 KOSB by 2 Gordons was delayed from 2100 to 2000 hrs, but eventually the relief was completed by 0100 hrs without mishap. At last light, the enemy launched a counter attack of approx one Bn strength with two tanks against 2 A & S H. The full weight of this attack fell on one platoon, but they fought magnificently and after reaching a point 50 yards from our forward positions the enemy fell back in disorder.	
GHEEL	19		After a day of constant shelling of the bridgehead the enemy launched another counter attack at last light, but this was not as strong and determined as the previous night and was quickly broken up. It was now decided that 10 HLI would relieve 6 RSF in the bridgehead to-night and this was carried out without incident.	
GHEEL	20		As the bridgehead had now served its purpose by containing large numbers of enemy troops and preventing any large scale enemy movement Eastwards towards the British Second Army 'Corridor' from EINDHOVEN to NIJMEGEN, it was decided to evacuate the bridgehead. The task of watching the Canal line was given to 7 Armd Div and 227 (H) Inf Bde was placed under comd of 7 Armd Div.	

			It was arranged to evacuate the bridgehead during the night, and due to good planning this particularly tricky operation, which started at 2215 hours, was completed by midnight without the loss of a single man.	
GHEEL	21		The Bde now concentrated in and to the South of GHEEL, except 10 HLI who were given the task of watching the Canal crossing and preventing any enemy infi1tration across the Canal. The Bde was now dispositioned as follows:- Bde HQ - 101865 10 HLI - 084939 2 Gordons - 091892 2 A & S H - 092859	
GHEEL	22		The Bde, less 10 HLI, rejoined 15 (S) Inf Div, and was ordered to concentrate in area WILHELMINA CANAL (3825) prior to attacking BEST (3726). 10 HLI remained under comd of 7 Armd Div. The Bde moved at 1330 hrs, and after crossing the DUTCH Frontier in BORKEL area (3799) at 1700 hrs, harboured for the night at VELDHOVEN (3714), as follows:- Bde HQ - 375144 2 Gordons - 373148 2 A & S H - 379146	APPX "D" Folio 4
VELDHOVEN EINDHOVEN	23		The Bde moved at 0930 hrs to area of WILHELMINA CANAL (3825), and concentrated North of EINDHOVEN as follows:- Bde HQ - 418201 2 Gordons - 423204 2 A & S H - 405223 At 1500 hrs the Army Comd, Lt Gen Dempsey, visited Bde HQ and informed the Bde Comd that 227 (H) Inf Bde was being placed under Army comd and would be used in ops in conjunction with either 15 (S) Inf Div or 50 (N) Div. 10 HLI left 7 Armd Div and rejoined the Bde w.e.f. 1800 hrs. They arrived at EINDHOVEN at 2200 hrs and were located at 421198.	APPX "D" Folio 5
EINDHOVEN	24		Plans were made and re-made during the day until finally at 1700 hrs it was decided that 227 (H) Inf Bde would rejoin 15 (S) Inf Div and carry out mopping up operations in the area of BEST (3726), West and North of the Railway. The Bde Comd held an O Gp at 2100 hrs and gave his plan, as detailed in 227 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No. 6	APPX "D" Folio 6

EINDHOVEN	25		Prior to the attack Bde HQ moved fwd to ACHT 393232. 2 Gordons began the attack at 1000 hrs, and although they encountered heavy mortar and MG fire from well sited weapon pits, they got two coys astride the railway line. At this juncture the Divisional Comd visited Bde HQ and informed the Bde Comd that another change in plan had been made, and 227 (H) Inf Bde were now to advance towards LIEMDE (3632) 2 Gordons, who had suffered heavy casualties, were told to halt and return. The advance on LIEMDE was to be made by 10 HLI on the right and 2 A & S H on the left.	APPX 'D' Folios 7 & 8
ACHT ACHT	26		Starting at 0700 hrs, good progress was made by both 10 HLI and 2 A & S H until they reached the woods north and West of DONDERDONK (3930). The enemy had strong dug in positions along the wood and air support was asked for to enable the advance to proceed. Rocket firing Typhoons attacked the wood, and although more than 80 prisoners were taken the enemy held the woods too strongly for the advance to continue. The Bde then took up defensive positions as shown on the attached trace with Bde HQ at 395289.	
DE VLEUT	27 -	30	During the next four days vigorous patrolling was carried out by the Bde, and in addition to taking many prisoners a detailed enemy order of battle was built up. During Sept 28 a propaganda effort, backed up by rocket firing Typhoons, was tried against the enemy from 10 HLI area. This was successful, and brought many deserters and PW. One patrol from 2 A & S H consisting of two men brought in 40 PW. All PW during interrogation said that they were tired of fighting and were only waiting for a chance to surrender. Nevertheless, the enemy mortars and arty were active but caused few casualties. During the afternoon of 29 Sept, enemy arty and mortars got the range of Bde HQ and the HQ was moved to 407292.	

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Fmn: HQ 227 (H) INF BDE

Comd: Brig EC Colville, DSO

DATE	PLACE	I N F O R M A T I O N	Ref To Appx
1 - 4	VLEUT	227 (H) Inf Bde was relieved by units of 51 (H) Inf Div during this period and by 4 OCT was concentrated in the reserve area of BAKEL (6125) - MILHEEZE (6424) - DEURNE (6520). The relief was completed without incident and on the afternoon of 3 Oct Bde HQ moved to BAKEL (612248).	Appx D Folios 1 & 2
4 - 18	BAKEL	The Bde Comd directed that during rest period Bns should concentrate on house clearing and that in view of the number of personnel from other arms being transferred to the infantry a permanent Bde training wing should be started by Maj GH Hutcheson (2 Gordons). In addition, Bns also carried out training with armd troop carriers. Although termed a "rest" area, the ground in front of the Bde area was only thinly held by units of 11 Armd Div and 7 US Armd Div, and on the night 7/8 Oct enemy patrols laid mines on the main road between MILHEEZE (10 HLI area) and DEURNE (2 Gordons area) at 652227 and on several tracks North East of MILHEEZE. Following this incident Bns were ordered to send out patrols along the road during darkness. On 8 Oct, however, more US units moved into the area they were discontinued. Lt Gen Sir Richard O'Connor, Comd 8 Corps, visited Bde HQ during the afternoon of 7 Oct and Lt.Gen Sir Miles Dempsey, Comd Second Army, during the morning of 10 Oct. Senior officers of the Bde were introduced on both occasions. Two operations were planned for the Bde during this period, but were cancelled at the last minute. Finally on 18 Oct it was decided that the Bde would return to the ST OEDENRODE (4232) - BEST (3926) area and relieve two Bdes of 51 (H) Inf Div.	Appx D Folio 3
19	BAKEL	In addition to the usual Bde Gping, 15 (S) Recce Regt and 9 Cameronians were placed under comd of the Bde. The Bde moved during the morning and the relief was completed by first light 20 Oct. The Bde HQ moved into its previous location at VLEUT (403289) and the remainder of the Gp was disposed as shown on the attached trace.	Appx J Folio 1

20 - 24	VLEUT	A vigorous patrolling policy was adopted and together with previous patrol results provided an excellent enemy picture. The attached enemy defence plan was produced by Bde HQ on 22 Oct. On 22 Oct 51 (H) Inf Div launched an attack on the enemy positions to the North East of the Bde front, and it was decided that when 51 Div captured ESCH (3037) and BOXTEL (3234), 227 Bde would clear the wooded area of LIEMPDE (3632) to the line of the BOXTEL - BEST railway. For this operation, 6 RSF, 6 KOSB and 6 Gds Tk Bde, less 3 SG, were also placed under comd of the Bde. So successful was the advance of 51 Div that it was thought the enemy may have been forced to pull back on the Bde front. Patrols during the night 23/24 Oct, however, stated that the enemy was still in position. Further patrols were sent out at first light and they found that the enemy had vacated his FDLs. Civilian reports also stated that the enemy was withdrawing on the Bde front, and at 1200 hrs it was decided to put the operation into motion but with only the normal three Bn gping. The advance met with only isolated pockets of resistance, and although mines and booby traps caused some trouble and a few casualties all Bns were dug in along the line of the BEST - BOXTEL railway by last light. During the afternoon, civilians entering BEST from the NAASTEBEST area stated that the enemy was also withdrawing from this sector in the direction of OIRSCHOT. Later in the day, three deserters walked into the 9 Cameronians lines. They said they were part of a rear guard left at OIRSCHOT and had walked all the way to BEST without seeing a German. Recce patrols were immediately sent along the BEST - OIRSCHOT road, and after overcoming trouble with mines reached OIRSCHOT which they reported clear.	Appx J Folio 2 Appx D Folio 8
25	VLEUT	Continuing the advance the Bde moved into the area around OIRSCHOT (3125) and on 26 Oct pushed forward again to the area of MORGESTEL (2330) where the Bde concentrated prior to attacking TILBURG.	Appx D 9 & 10
27	MORGESTEL	Moving behind 44 (L) Inf Bde, 227 (H) Inf Bde were to clear the West half of TILBURG as shown on attached Op Instr No. 11 44 Bde met with fierce resistance on the Southern outskirts of the Town, but after breaking through this crust they advanced quickly and entered the Town at 1430 hrs. The advance of 227 Bde was held up by bad traffic congestion and a broken bridge. However, the Bde Comd went forward to push the column on and 2 Gordons entered the Town on armd troop carriers soon after 1700 hrs, closely followed by 10 HLI and 2 A & S H. Although a few snipers had been left in the town, the greatest obstacle to the Bns advance was provided by the cheering crowds blocking the roads. Due to heavy traffic, Bde HQ did not move into TILBURG until the following morning.	Appx D Folio 11

28	TILBURG	Soon after arriving in TILBURG, the Bde was placed under two hours notice to move to the ASTEN (6113) Sector, where 7 US Armd Div was being hard pressed by fierce enemy attacks over the DEURNE Canal. The Bde eventually left for ASTEN at 1700 hrs and arrived in the ASTEN area at 2300 hrs. The position on the arrival of the Bde was that the enemy had built three bridges across the DEURNE Canal and had succeeded in getting tanks and SP guns across and driven the Americans out of MEIJEL (7106).	
29	ASTEN	During the morning the enemy retook the villages of SLOT (6613), LIESEL (6614) and advanced six miles up the MEIJEL - ASTEN road. ~~The American Comd decided that he would use two of the Bde's Bns to counter attack along the ASTEN - MEIJEL road in an attempt to restore the situation. This decision, however, was overridden and~~ It was decided that with the arrival of 15 (S) Inf Div in the area during the day, the Division would take over the whole sector from the Americans. This relief was started during the night 29/30 Oct and despite two nuisance raids by enemy bombers was successfully completed before first light. The Bde was disposed as shown on attached trace	Appx J Folio 3
30	ASTEN	When the enemy continued his advance at first light, he met with such fierce resistance that he quickly withdrew leaving many dead and wounded, and during the day lost one officer and 43 ORs as prisoners. From that time, the enemy lost the initiative, and with strong arty support and active patrolling the Bde dominated the front.	

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UNIT: HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944 Comd: Brig EC Colville, DSO

DATE	PLACE	I N F O R M A T I O N	Ref To Appx
1	ASTEN	2 A & S H carried out a raid on an enemy post at 649077. Bad going made Tk support ineffective and the enemy put down such a fierce concentration of mortar and arty fire that it was decided to return. One tk had to be left but this was recovered the next day. Lt Gen Sir R O'Connor, Comd 8 Corps, visited Bde HQ.	
2	ASTEN	During the morning 10 HLI and 2 Gordons made local attacks to conform with the advance made by 44 and 46 Bdes. Apart from mines and booby traps both Bns advanced unopposed and took their lines forward a mile.	
3 - 5	ASTEN	Apart from occasional shelling, the next three days were very quiet on the Bde front, and on 4 Nov 2 A & S H were withdrawn to rest at ASTEN.	
6	ASTEN	During the morning the Bde Comd visited tps of 7 US Armd Div at NEDERWEERT, where it was proposed that 227 Bde would take over from Combat Comd 'A'. 6 RSF took over from 10 HLI and 2 Gordons, who were withdrawn to rest at ASTEN and HELMOND. During the night six enemy aircraft strafed the Bde area. There was no damage or cas and two flares which failed to ignite dropped on Bde HQ.	
7	ASTEN	2 A & S H moved to area PLAT VELD (6804) during the afternoon and came under comd 152 Inf Bde, of 51 Inf Div, w.e.f. 0600 hrs 8 Nov; 51 Div having relieved 7 US Armd Div.	
8	ASTEN	The Bde relieved 44 Bde. Bde HQ moved to LIESEL at 1500 hrs, and the relief was completed without incident. Great difficulty was caused by the vast numbers of Schu mines laid throughout the area. Even the enemy experienced trouble with his own mines, and several of them were blown up by their own mines.	
9	LIESEL	During the day the Div Comd and the Bde Comd visited Bns, including 2 A & S H.	
10	LIESEL	44 Bde relieved the Bde, Bde HQ returning to ASTEN, 10 HLI to ASTEN and 2 Gordons to HELMOND.	
11 - 13	ASTEN	The next three days were very quiet, and on 13 Nov 2 Gordons relieved 2 A & S H at PLAT VELD.	
14	ASTEN	During the night civilians reported that the enemy was withdrawing, and plans were made for 10 HLI to advance into MEIJEL (7106) at first light. A patrol of pl strength was sent into the town immediately.	

15	ASTEN	10 HLI moved into MEIJEL at first light and they entered the town without meeting any opposition. Extensive mining and booby traps made progress very slow and caused a few cas. Bde HQ moved to HEUSDEN (636105) during the afternoon.	
16	HEUSDEN	Apart from active patrolling there was little to report during the day. Lt Gen Sir R O'Connor, Comd 8 Corps, visited Bde HQ.	
17	HEUSDEN	2 Gordons returned to rest at HELMOND and 2 A & S H moved from HELMOND to LANGSTRAAT 710041, just South of the HLI, with one coy across the NORD Canal protecting the bridge at 710041. Throughout this period the Bde had dominated the enemy by vigorous patrolling and secured a clear picture of the enemy's dispositions.	
18	HEUSDEN	During the day, 10 HLI and 2 A & S H edged forward towards the canal. 10 HLI moved one coy to the canal at 727066 and 2 A & S H pushed a coy forward to a feature dominating the canal at 720048.	
19	HEUSDEN	During the night there were indications that the enemy was pulling out from the Canal line and one coy 10 HLI crossed the canal without being opposed. They made contact with 5 Seaforth, of 51 Inf Div, who had advanced along the road from BERINGEN 7406 without encountering any enemy but they reported mines and rd blocks. Class 40 br was started immediately and by night 10 HLI were concentrated in BERINGEN.	
20	HEUSDEN	The Bde Gp, less 10 HLI, moved across the Canal, with 2 Gordons leading. 2 Gordons advanced to a point about three miles North of BERINGEN, where they harboured for the night, with 2 A & S H immediately behind them. During the day's operations 2 Gordons took 41 PW. 2 Gordons sent out patrols but they contacted the enemy in str and withdrew. Bde HQ moved to North of BERINGEN at 752062.	
21	BERINGEN	Two coys from 2 A & S H attempted to outflank the enemy opposition reported by 2 Gordons patrol, but ran into mines, and as 2 Gordons were not making good progress along the main axis 2 A & S H recalled their two coys and followed immediately behind the Gordons. Blown br at 764085 held up the advance and it was decided that the two Bns should concentrate in this area for the night.	
22	BERINGEN	The Bde moved forward in general direction of SEVENUM 8113. Little opposition was met, but in addition to the mines and road blocks, the operation was made very hazardous by the bad weather, continuous rain having made the roads and tracks little better than quagmires. Despite the extremely bad conditions by last light 2 Gordons had occupied VOORSTE-STEEG 8013 with 10 HLI and 2 A & S H in the area of VOORST 8112 and 8113.	

		Bde HQ was est at VOORSTE-STEEG 803129. Despite the difficult going, few vehicles were lost and the advance of the Bde was highly praised by the Corps Comd. During the night and early morning 88 SP guns shelled the Bde HQ area, but there was no damage or cas.	
23	VOORSTE-STEEG	The Bde HQ advanced to capture HORST 8218. 10 HLI led the advance and apart from mines, rd blocks and craters entered the town shortly before mid-day without encountering any opposition. By 1500 hrs the Bde was concentrated in HORST. Continuous rain had made the main axis impassable and 131 Fd Regt RA was unable to advance in sp of the Bde. This was felt very keenly at night when the Bde HQ was twice shelled by SP guns, setting an amn truck on fire and wounding three ORs.	
24	HORST	Bns spent the day patrolling, and the shelling of the town decreased. The Corps Comd, Lt Gen Sir Richard O'Connor, visited Bde HQ during the morning. Although the rds to HORST were still difficult to hy traffic 131 Fd Regt were able to move forward and arrived at HORST during the afternoon. During the day, First Lt John B Hoggs, Jun, American Air Force pilot, who had been shot down six weeks previously and had evaded capture by acting as a deaf mute, came into Bde HQ, and was able to supply infm about the local defences.	
25	HORST	The Bde Gp continued the advance to TEINRAIJ 8523. Apart from mines, rd blocks and hy shelling, opposition on the ground was light and by the afternoon 2 Gordons had occupied SWOLGEN 8722, 2 A & S H TIENRAIJ and 10 HLI EIKELENBOSCH 8521, with Bde HQ north of HORST at 828188.	
26	HORST	The HLI and Gordons edged forward again, the HLI reaching the outskirts of BLITTERSWIJK 8727 on the West Bank of the River MAAS and the Gordons reached DE HEI 8922 and the outskirts of BROEKHUIZENVOORT 9023. 2 A & S H remained in the area of TIENRAIJ except for one coy which was moved onto the feature at GUN 8724.	
27	HORST	During the night 10 HLI moved into BLITTERSWIJK which they occupied after a sharp fight. 2 Gordons sent a fighting patrol into BROEKHUIZEN, but were held up by mines. 2 Gordons, however, had already occupied posns overlooking the river and the Bn OP did good work in directing arty fire on the ferry. During the morning Bde HQ moved to EIKELENBOSCH 855213.	
28	EIKELENBOSCH	Plans for the relief of the Bde were now put into operation. By 2345 hrs the relief of 10 HLI by RUR of 3 Inf Div had been completed, and Bde HQ, 10 HLI and 2 A & S H moved to rest at ASTEN.	
29	ASTEN	2 Gordons were relieved by 159 Inf Bde, of 11 Armd Div, and also moved to ASTEN to rest.	

30	ASTEN	Lt Gen Sir Richard O'Connor, comd 8 Corps, visited Bde HQ at 1100 hrs to say farewell to senior offrs of the Bde on relinquishing his comd as Corps Comd. Great praise is due to 20 Fd Coy RE for their magnificent work during the month in clearing countless minefields and maintaining roads in very bad conditions.	

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Unit: HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde

Comd Offr: Brig EC Colville, DSO

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Between December 1-8 the Brigade, concentrated in ASTEN (6213), continued training. Brigade and Divisional conferences were held to discuss the policy of holding a line of the River MAAS (See Folio 1, Appx D).

On December 3 the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Brigade played in the town square and the Burgomaster had tea at Brigade HQ.

On December 7 the Brigade relieved Bns of 158 and 160 Bdes, of 53 Div, on a line from the Derivation Canal (7998) to North of BAARLO (8705), which was later extended on the left as far as 875080.

Throughout the month two Bns were in the line; one Bn in reserve at EGCHEL (772037) and Bde HQ at HELDEN (793037). Reliefs were carried out as shown in Folio 6 Appx D.

The problem of observing the entire river line and covering it by fire was not an easy one and on a few occasions enemy patrols crossed the river.

On the night 11/12 Dec, 10 HLI had two skirmishes with the enemy. First a section going to its night position was ambushed at 861029. One member of the patrol was wounded and one enemy was taken prisoner, but was too seriously wounded to be interrogated. Later another patrol bumped the enemy on the road leading due east from BAARLO. One man of 10 HLI was killed and one wounded.

Three enemy patrols were seen during the night 17/18 Dec; a small one at 852024 and three enemy at wood 841015 were seen by 10 HLI and a strong patrol of 14 at 806980 by 2 Gordons. In each case the patrols were engaged by small arms fire and followed up by a fighting patrol, but no contact was made. Patrol which crossed at 806980 immediately went back across the river in a motor boat and were engaged by mortars.

On the night 21/22 a rubber boat with a crew of three crossed at 836008 and was shot up by a Gordons post. One of the crew swam to the river bank and was taken prisoner. Soon afterwards three enemy, who had been lying up all day on the West bank, came down to the river bank expecting to be taken back across the river and were captured. Much useful information was obtained from these prisoners of 7 and 15 coys of Para Regt HARDEGG (See Folio 16 Appx F).

By day excellent OPs were established by Inf and RA and a great deal of information was obtained (See Folios 1-15 Appx F).

In general, the enemy had every advantage in establishing OPs as the ground on the East bank overlooks that on the West, but he took little advantage of this, and it is interesting to note that the prisoners taken by 2 Gordons were

sent on recce because it was thought that there were few troops in this sector as very little movement had been observed.

An exercise to test communications and observation from OPs was held on 23 Dec (See Folios 1-3 Appx J)

The Comd-in-Chief, Field Marshall Sir Bernard L Montgomery, KCB, DSO, presented medal ribbons to men of the Division at ZOMERON School (591112) on 13 Dec, when seven officers, including Lt Col RWM de Winton, CO of 2 Gordons, and seven ORs of the Brigade received awards.

After the presentation, the Bde Comd, BM and DAA and QMG attended an address given by the C-in-C to senior officers.

At Christmas the best was made of difficult circumstances and each Bn in turn had a good dinner when out of the line. Messages of good wishes were received from the Divisional and Corps Commanders (See Folio 4 Appx J).

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Unit Headquarters 227 (H) Inf Bde

Month and Year JANUARY 1945

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELDEN	1	-	The enemy opened the New Year with a well planned raid on 10 HLI outpost on the bank of the R MAAS at 828999. Starting at 0230 hrs a box barrage was put down around the post and then the position was attacked by at least 12 enemy. Four HLI men were missing after the raid, presumably PW. The Commanding Officer visited the area at 0030 hrs when all was quiet. At 0230 hrs the outpost reported being fired on from the West bank of the river. Section of the rear platoon was immediately ordered forward by the Coy Comd, but on approaching the post they came under fire from each flank of the position and were pinned down. The reserve platoon of 2 A & S H, under comd 10 HLI, were then sent forward but on reaching the post found no trace of the enemy except a stick grenade. No one was seen to cross or recross the river in the vicinity of the outpost although this part of the river was under observation the whole time. It was thought that the enemy must have been lying up on the West bank of the river. During the morning there was considerable enemy air activity over the Div Front and of the 30 enemy planes seen five were shot down and two more damaged by AA fire. At 1715 hrs the enemy put down 50 shells in 15 minutes on the HELDEN (7804) area. No damage or casualties were caused by the shelling except 2 Gordons had one three-ton vehicle damaged.	
HELDEN	2-20	-	Then followed a quiet period, with heavy snow storms proving the worst enemy. As the Bde area had not been thoroughly searched by the units previously in this sector, it was arranged that members of the Interior Military Forces of the Netherlands should be given this task, and on 9 Jan they swept the woods in the area but found no trace of the enemy.	APPX 'J' Folio 5

			This spell of quietness was enlivened by a mock crossing of the river staged by 2 A & S H, who launched a boat from the slipway in KESSEL (8200) at 2057 hrs on 11 Jan. There was only slight reaction from enemy guns and mortars, but the enemy appeared to 'Stand To' all night and there was considerable MG fire. Comd 8 Corps, Lt Gen EH Barker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, visited the Bde area on 14 Jan and went round Coy areas. He also visited several OPs. One OP in the Kessel area was hit by mortar bombs half an hour before the Corps Comd arrived there. Lt Gen Barker had lunch at Bde HQ before leaving the area. Later in the day the Bde Comd left for HQ 15 (S) Inf Div to take over comd of the Division while the Div Comd was absent on leave. Lt Col HP Mackley, OBE, OC 10 HLI, arrived at Bde HQ to assume comd of the Bde. COs Conference was held at Bde HQ at 1000 hrs 15 Jan to discuss the relief of the Bde by 1 SS Bde and plans for training. A small party of RAF pilots and air gunners paid a two-day visit to the fwd bns, 10 HLI and 2 Gordons, from 16-17 Jan to see how the infantry live in the line. On their return they gave a very appreciative account of their visit. On 17 Jan Brig EC Colville, DSO left for leave to ENGLAND. The Bde was relieved by 1 SS Bde on 20 Jan, 6 Cdo relieving 10 HLI at BAARLO (8604) and 45 (Marine) Cdo relieving 2 Gordons at KESSEL. The relief was completed without incident, and the Bde then moved to the SEVENUM (8114) area to relieve 44 (L) Inf Bde. 2 Gordons relieved 6 RSF in BLERICK (9009) and 2 A & S H relieved 6 KOSB North of BLERICK in area (8912), 10 HLI being in reserve at MAASBREE (8207). During the Bde's stay in the BAARLO- KESSEL sector, a fairly comprehensive picture of the enemy 'layout' on the East bank of the River was built up due to the excellent reports from OPs. The Bde spent only six days in the BLERICK Sector before being relieved by 6 Air Landing Bde of 6 Airborne Division on 26 Jan.	APPX 'J' Folio 1 APPX 'J' Folio 7

			On 24 Jan six Spitfires (believed to be enemy) and two FW 190s attacked tpt in the area of 2 A & S H Comd Post and also along the SEVENUM - BLERICK rlwy causing damage and casualties. 2 A & S H had one driver killed and two Jeeps and one 15-cwt truck damaged, and 6 Air Landing Bde had two men wounded and two Jeeps and three 3-ton vehicles shot up. 10 HLI were relieved by 6 Armd Recce on 24 Jan and moved to rest area at MERXPLAS (9910) in BELGIUM. Bde HQ moved to GOIRLE (1427), south of TILBURG, but Bde Tac HQ did not leave SEVENUM until 26 Jan, when 2 Gordons and 2 A & S H were relieved. 2 Gordons moved to area NW of MERXPLAS at 9715 and 2 A & S H moved to GOIRLE (1427) The Div now came under comd 30 Corps and on 29 Jan Lt Gen BG Horrocks, CB, DSO, MC, Comd 30 Corps, visited Bde HQ, where he met the Bde Comd, Brig EC Colville, DSO, who had returned from leave during the day, Bn Comds and also Coy Comds. The Div Comd attended the Bde discussion and cloth model exercise on the "Assault against Fortified Enemy Defence Positions" held on 31 Jan.	APPX 'J' Folio 4.

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Unit HQ 227 (H) INF BDE

Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GOIRLE	1		Planning for OP "Veritable", which had started soon after the Bde's arrival at GOIRLE (1527), was in full progress, and an outline of events at the end of January was as follows:- Jan 28 The Acting Bde Comd, Lt Col HP Mackley, OBE, 10 HLI, carried out a recce from OPs in the KAMP (7656) and GROSSBEEK (7555) area and selected FAA and Start Line. Jan 29 The Acting Bde Comd gave outline plan to Comds of Bns and Sp Arms. The Bde Comd returned from leave in the evening Jan 30 The Bde Comd and Lt Col Mackley went to the OPs North West of GROSSBEEK Jan 31 A cloth model discussion on "The Attack on a Strongly Fortified Position" was held, followed by the Bde Comd's first "O" Group During this period, conc areas in NIJMEGEN (7082) and routes forward to the FAA were recced. Routes presented a serious problem as the roads were very narrow and tree-lined and a complete thaw at the end of January, made the going, which had previously been extremely hard, very soft. In addition, another problem arose over the many minefields between the FAA and Start Line; but Cdn troops on the ground undertook to lift these prior to "D" Day.	Exact details of time and place of these conferences are shown in Appx "D", Folios 1 & 5
GOIRLE	2		The Bde Comd's Briefing Conference took place at Main Div HQ at 1400 hrs, after which Bn Comds' Briefing Conferences were held. An excellent model was used.	
GOIRLE	3		Unit recce parties moved to NIJMEGEN	

GOIRLE	4		All Officers of the Div attended briefing by Corps Comd and Div Comd in TILBURG (1632) at 1100 hrs	
GOIRLE	5		The Bde Gp moved from GOIRLE to NIJMEGEN in accordance with Movement Order No. 19. In several places the bottom fell out of the road, and the last vehicles did not get in until after first light on 6 Feb	Appx "D", Folio 12
NIJMEGEN	6		The Bde Comd held his final "O" Gp at 1000 hrs and then made recce with Bn Comds	
NIJMEGEN	7		The weather continued to be wet and it was questionable whether the operation could be carried out with full tank & "Funny" support; but after trials had been carried out, the plan remained unchanged. However, it was decided that the inf and their "F" vehicles should move in front of the tanks and "Funnies" from the conc area to the FAA to reduce the possibility of a bogged vehicle delaying the whole column While Coy and Platoon Comds were making their recces, there was slight activity by enemy aircraft in the GROSSBEEK area. At 1830 hrs Tac Bde HQ moved down SKYE Route to HUIZE RHATIA (752566) and arrived in time to see the bombing of CLEVE (8955) and EMMERICH (9660). By 2359 hrs the Defence Platoon was dug in and the Comd Post established in a cellar. ~~This HQ, which was shared with a Bn HQ of the Cdn HLI, was surrounded by MGs Mortars and A Tk guns employed on "Pepper-Potting" and was 600 yards in front of the gun area~~	
NIJMEGEN	8		The Fire Plan was carried out as in Op Order No. 5, and there was only very slight enemy reaction. ~~The noise was deafening and most reassuring.~~ Despite all difficulties Bns reached their FAAs on time and 2 A & S H crossed the Start Line early and were well up behind the barrage having crossed our own A Tk minefield west of the KAMP-WYLER road. All Flails were bogged and first casualties were suffered getting through the enemy A Per and A Tk minefields East of this road; but the tanks had soon made a way for the inf The going was extremely bad, our Bde axis, SKYE Route, almost non-existent, and several vehicles were bogged. In spite of the going and the water-filled A Tk ditch West of the town, 10 HLI entered KRANENBURG (8056) as planned. Fewer demolitions had been carried out than was expected and the tanks entered the town via the main road. Both Bns reached their objectives on time. There was heavy mortar fire and shelling from the high ground in the REICHSWALD area.	Appx "D", Folio 9

			SKYE Route was quite impassable and Bde Tac HQ moved up to KRANENBURG at 1800 hrs on 46 Bde axis, AYR, and were established at 801558 by 2000 hrs.	
KRANENBURG	9		2 Gordons moved forward from KAMP during the night via the WYLER-KRANENBURG road which had not been cleared and encountered many obstacles. Under comd 44 Bde they breached the SIEGFRIED LINE at first light, taking up positions in the NUTTERDEN (8455) area During the afternoon 10 HLI moved forward and took up positions at 846552 on the right of 2 Gordons. At about 2015 hrs a heavy gun scored a direct hit on 2 Gordons Comd Post. The Sp Coy Comd, Signal Offr and nine ORs were killed, the Int Offr and two ORs wounded. Main Bde HQ joined Tac HQ in the evening.	
KRANENBURG	10		There were many changes of plan, but finally the Bde was ordered to clear the roads to allow 43 Div to pass through, as little opposition was expected in CLEVE. In the afternoon 2 Gordons took up positions just West of the TIERGARTEN at 854559 and 2 A & S H relieved two Bns of 44 Bde on the MATERBORN feature, area 870546, to allow them to assist in the clearing of CLEVE. Tac Bde HQ left at 0830 hrs for NUTTERDEN and took over 2 Gordons HQ at 838557. Main Bde HQ joined at 1500 hrs.	
NUTTERDEN	11		10 HLI followed by 2 Gordons moved down the DONSBRUGGEN-CLEVE road and by last light were engaged in clearing the North of the town, where 2 Gordons succeeded in gaining a bridgehead over the canal at 901557. Bde HQ moved to DONSBRUGGEN and was established at 856573.	
DONSBRUGGEN	12		The Bde was now pinched out of the battle. 10 HLI and 2 Gordons remained in CLEVE and 2 A & S H moved to DONSBRUGGEN. The Bde stayed in this area until February 19, during which time several operations were planned; but did not take place. The floods which had hitherto been contained by the road and railway embankments on our left flank began to spread and it was ~~only~~ with difficulty that the Bde A2 Ech vehicles were extricated from KRANENBURG. The road at this point became passable only to DUKWS and "Weasels", which were engaged in bringing up supplies and evacuating casualties and prisoners.	
DONSBRUGGEN	14		Several jet propelled aircraft flew over the area and bombed CLEVE	
DONSBRUGGEN	15		Field Marshal Montgomery visited Bde HQ at 1230 hrs.	

			10 HLI were placed under comd 46 Bde and advanced down the road to CALCAR, and by first light were within a mile of MOYLAND (9651) and had taken 80 prisoners. Thereafter the Bn captured the high ground South West of the village against very heavy opposition and beat off counter attacks supported by SPs.	
DONSBRUGGEN	19		The Bde Group, less 10 HLI, moved to PFALZDORF (9147), and Bde HQ was established at 917473. The Bde column was shelled when travelling through CLEVE, but there were no casualties. 10 HLI were relieved at night and went to rest area in CLEVE. 2 Glas H were placed under command of the Bde. An operation was planned and an "O" Group held at 1400 hrs for the capture of BUCHHOLT (9543), SCHLOSS CALBECK (9443) and the high ground in between. 2 A & S H, on the left, were to capture BUCHHOLT, 2 Gordons SCHLOSS CALDBECK and 2 Glas H, on a narrow front, were to push through in the centre. The Start Line was approximately the line of the GOCH-CALCAR road. The tanks of the Coldstream Gds were placed in support for this operation and Kangaroos were allotted to the Bde. At the same time, 4 Som LI, in order to conform with the Bde's attack, were to secure HALVENBOOM (9645).	
PFALZDORF	20		The first Bn, 2 A & S H, crossed the Start Line at 1100 hrs and secured their objective by 1300 hrs. 2 Gordons were on their objective by 1530 hrs and 2 Glas H by 1700 hrs. 4 Som LI, of 214 Bde, 43 Div, conformed by capturing HALVENBOOM by 1330 hrs. Initially, enemy opposition was fairly light, except from snipers, and almost 300 prisoners were taken, but all Bns, particularly 2 Gordons, encountered heavy and concentrated arty and mortar fire once on their objectives. In addition there were a few casualties from mines of all types. During the night SCHLOSS CALBECK was subjected to particularly heavy arty fire; one shelrep sent at midnight reported 200 shells.	
PFALZDORF	21		6 RSF came under command of the Bde and were ordered to make a bridgehead and clear the woods South of the bridge at 941421. The attack went in at 2000 hrs and by 2030 hrs had reached their objective. Fierce counter attacks were immediately launched against them and it was decided to withdraw into a tight bridgehead Bde Tac HQ was established at 933445. During the night enemy aircraft bombed the area and several sticks fell close to Bde HQ.	

PFALZDORF	22		10 HLI reverted to under command of the Bde and relieved 2 Glas H, who reverted under command 46 Bde. 46 Bde attacked through the Bde, and one coy of 2 Gordons with tk sp attacked along the railway to capture the area of the farms SCHLUBECKSHOF and PLEESENHOF (9442). The coy was counter-attacked immediately after reaching its objective and another coy with tank support had to be put in to restore the situation	
PFALZDORF	23		During the night the Coldstream Guards, of 5 Gds Bde, Gds Armd Div, relieved 2 A & S H. 10 HLI sent out a fighting patrol to the farm of HERRING-SCHENHOF (9643), where they ~~patrol secured~~ captured 12 prisoners.	
PFALZDORF	24		9 Inf Bde, of 3 Brit Div, moved into the area to relieve the Bde, less 2 A & S H. At 2130 hrs fire broke out in the farm at Bde HQ. The farm was burned out, but there were no casualties and all vehicles parked in the area were quickly driven to safety.	
PFALZDORF	25		The relief of the Bns was completed by 0600 hrs, and Bde HQ moved at 0730 hrs to rest in TILBURG, where they arrived at 1500 hrs. Throughout Op 'Veritable' over 1000 prisoners were taken by the Bde. The magnificent sp of 3 Scots Guards played a great part in this achievement.	

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Unit HQ 227 (H) INF BDE

Month and Year MARCH 1945

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1	-	The Div Comd visited the Bde and addressed each Bn in turn congratulating them on the good work done on Op 'Veritable'. He had lunch at Bde HQ Bde HQ held an officers' dance in the Liedertaffel and afterwards many letters proclaimed it a success.	Appx B, Folio 1
TILBURG	4	-	A Divisional Memorial Service was held after which the Massed Pipes and Drums played Retreat.	
TILBURG	5	-	The Bde Gp left TILBURG and under comd 12 Corps concentrated in the following areas:- Bde HQ REKUM 5760, 10 HLI DAALRIMBY 5562, 2 Gordons EYSDEN 5767 2 A & S H 5760	Appx D, Folio 2
REKUM	6	-	Training instructions were issued and planning started for Exercise 'BUFFALO' and Op 'TORCHLIGHT'.	
REKUM	10	-	GOC held a cloth model discussion at HQ 12 Corps on Exercise Buffalo after which Bde reps recced the exercise marshalling areas.	
REKUM	12	-	Reps went to the Op marshalling area to recce routes, etc. The Bde Comd went to two points at 095460 and 104460 to look at the river banks and first Bde objectives. Going was good and the Bunds and banks were not as difficult to negotiate as first reports had suggested.	Appx D, Folio 8
REKUM	13	-	Final arrangements were made for exercise Buffalo.	
REKUM	14	-	Exercise Buffalo took place. The exercise was not tactical and was designed to practice staffs and bank unit personnel and accustom Bns to working with LVTs. H hour was 1230 and the first wave of the assault was excellent, but the second wave was too far behind and it was decided that they should go almost one behind the other. The ferrying of vehs was far too slow and this situation was not improved when LVTs, drifting down stream, broke the ferry cables. Air Marshal Tedder, Gen Dempsey and Gen Ritchie watched the exercise.	

REKUM	15	-	Exercise Buffalo was repeated, but this time H hour was at 0400 on the 16th. The movement lights were too far back and as the morning was very foggy the assault took place in total darkness. With the exception of one LVT which lost direction and landed on the near bank, driving was excellent, and the first wave had all landed by 0404 hrs. Move of the reserve Bn was very slow as the shear pins in many of the storm boats broke after the first coy had been landed. Movement of vehs was speeded up considerably. The Corps Comd visited Tac Bde HQ during the exercise after which the Bde Comd attended a co-ordinating conference on Op Torchlight.	
REKUM	17	-	Detailed recce of the op marshalling area was carried out	Appx D, Folio 8
REKUM	21	-	Bde Comd, Bde Maj and Tac Bde HQ moved to marshalling area and established at 057448	
REKUM	22	-	The Bde Gp moved to the marshalling area in accordance with Move Order No. 21. Final co-ordinating conference was held at Tac Bde HQ	Appx D, Folio 21
MARIENBAUM	23	-	During the evening and night, control organisations were set up and Tac Bde HQ was established at 088449 at 2000 hrs.	
	24	-	At 0200 hrs the first LVTs went into the water and thereafter one wave followed another very quickly. There were almost no casualties in crossing the river itself. 2 A & S H after clearing HUBSCH 0947 pushed north along the bund and were soon in the area 100494. 10 HLI met stiff opposition and when daylight came were caught on the very open ground between WOLFFSKATH 1146 and OVERKAMP 1147. Bn HQ was in contact for some time to the right of WOLFFSKATH and were fortunate in being able to make their way back to the cover of the bund. The central area of the bund 1046 and the farm buildings 1047 were still occupied by the enemy at daylight and one coy of 2 Gordons was placed under comd of 2 A & S H and had cleared this area by 1200 hrs. At last light 10 HLI were in OVERKAMP, REE 1147 and the outskirts of MEHR 1248. During the night 2 Gordons relieved 2 A & S H who were placed under command 46 Bde. 46 Bde had pushed through on the right to occupy MEHR and HAFFEN. Enemy on the Bde front were fanatical paratroops and they put up very stubborn resistance.	
	25	-	Tac Bde HQ crossed the river at 1800 hrs and was established at 116476 by 1830 hrs.	

REE	26	-	During the day 2 Gordons pushed North along the bund in area of WAYERHOF 106498 and on their left contacted patrols of 1 Gordons of 51 Div. During the night the Bde was ordered to relieve 9 Cameronians and 7 Seaforth of 46 Bde, and (with two Bns under comd) to take over the area between the Rhine at 0949 to the wood at 1349. 10 HLI took over positions in MEHR and HAFFEN with posts at WISSHOF 120504 and surrounding farms. 2 Gordons re-adjusted their positions to maintain contact with them.	
REE	27	-	Bde positions remained unchanged but both Bns patrolled forward to the area of the wood 1352	
REE REE	28	-	Prior to clearing the large wood South East of HALDERN 1253 227 Bde concentrated in the area of 137494 to 147495, and 9 Cameronians came under comd in place of 2 A & S H who remained under comd 46 Bde. At 0900 hrs 46 Bde started to clear the wooded areas in squares 1552, 1452 and 1453. They met little opposition and took 70 PWs, mainly of 22 Para Regt. Bde HQ moved to 144496 by 1100 hrs. Bde Comd with OC 131 Fd Regt visited CRA for arty co-ordinating conference at 0900 hrs. H hour was decided for 1400 hrs. The weather did not permit Typhoons to attack the wood prior to the attack. The Bde attacked with 2 Gordons on the left and 10 HLI on the right. Little or no opposition was encountered, but heavy mining and booby traps were found on most of the roads, particularly at the north end of the wood. Few PWs were taken on our front, and one when interrogated said they had been told to hold out in that area to the last but had withdrawn. SP bays, searchlights and a vacated Bde HQ were found. The Bde took up positions on the North and West sides of the wood. There was no contact with the enemy. Bns were ordered to take as much rest as possible and to hold the line with minimum troops.	
	29	-	2 A & S H reverted under command of the Bde and 9 Cameronians returned to 46 Bde. Bde conference was held at 1000 hrs to ~~confirm~~discuss policy of rest while in this area.	

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Unit HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde

Month and Year APRIL 1945

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HALDERN	1	-	The Bde Gp was resting in the HALDERN (1253) area	
HALDERN	2	-	Bde Comd and OC 2 Gordons attended the funeral of Maj Gen TG Rennie, GOC 51 (H) Inf Bde.	
HALDERN	3	-	The Bde Gp was ordered to move to concentration area south of the DORTMUND-EMS Canal opposite IBBUREN (9010) with the intention of relieving 155 Inf Bde in their bridgehead. Harbour parties under DAAQMG left in the morning and the Bde Comd left at midday to contact 52 (L) Inf Div at HEEK (6595). However, there was a change of p1an. 15 Div was to come under comd 8 Corps with the general intention of following 11 Armd Div and clearing up behind them. Bde Gp was to concentrate in the area GREVEN (9188) but meanwhile the Bde Comd and harbour parties established themselves at HEEK for the night, and the Bde Gp moved there the following morning.	
HEEK	4	-	The Bde Gp harbour parties left HEEK at 0400 hrs for the GREVEN (9188) area, but a further change of plan involved concentrating in the EMSDETTEN (8597) area and to the South of the town. The Bde Gp left at approx 0900 hrs and arrived in the EMSDETTEN area at 1700 hrs. The plan for the following day was the clearing of the woods between LENGERICH (0898) and OSNABRUCK on a two Bn front, 10 HLI right and 2 Gordons left.	
EMSDETTEN	5	-	Bns moved off on TCVs at 0700 hrs. 2 A & S H were left with the residue of the two clearing Bns to be picked up when TCVs became available. Only a few enemy stragglers were encountered and at the end of the day the Bde Gp concentrated in the area of NAHRENDORF (0613) when Bde HQ at 086105.	
		-	2 Gordons found a French Sjt who showed them where a few Germans were intending to hold out with arms and ammunition hidden in a house and where the local Gauleiter lived. Both parties were rounded up successfully.	

NAHRENDORF	6	-	Bde Comd attended an 'O' Gp at Div HQ at 1030 hrs and received orders for the Bde Gp to concentrate in the area BOHNHORST 7326 and WAKMSEN 7529. All Bde Gp vehicles and supporting arms moved at 1800 hrs, but marching personnel had to wait the arrival of TCVs from 46 Bde the following morning. Bde HQ was est that night in BOHNHORST at 760290.	
BOHNHORST	7-9	-	The Bde Gp remained in the Bohnhorst area for the next three days and during this period cleared all the woods in the area taking many prisoners.	
BOHNHORST	10	-	The Bde Gp left Bohnhorst to concentrate in the area WUNSDORF (1527) prior to continuing the advance to the ELBE. Bde HQ arrived at 1800 hrs but the arrival of the Bns was delayed due to bad roads.	
WUNSDORF	11	-	Bde Gp left at 0700 hrs to advance to CELLE (5951). Opposition was very patchy, but 20 Fd Coy RE had one bulldozer knocked out by bazooka fire when filling in a crater. By last light leading troops of 10 HLI were less than two miles from CELLE, but it was decided to wait until the following morning before going into the town. The column spent the night on the road.	
	12	- -	By first light 10 HLI entered the town and although all bridges in the town were blown, 10 HLI managed to get two coys over the railway bridge which was passable to foot traffic. 2 Gordons then rushed a coy to the southern outskirts of the town to seize a light wooden bridge which had been reported intact. This was accomplished and, although the bridge eventually collapsed, most of the Bn had reached the far bank of the river. 2 A & S H also got across the river successfully and pushed out two or three miles from Celle before nightfall. The REs worked hard on building a class 40 bridge in the centre of the town and completed it by 2000 hrs. Bde HQ crossed at 2005 hrs and was est on the East bank.	
CELLE	13 and	14	SEE SPECIAL ACCOUNT ATTACHED	
HOLDENSTEDT	15		At 0300 hrs the Bde attack on UELZEN began. 10 HLI, left, were to take the suburbs of VEERSSEN (8888) and the wood to the south of it at 8887. 2 Gordons, right, moving on the main HOLDESNSTEDT - UELZEN road were to clear as much of the town as possible and seize the bridge over the river ILMENAU, while two coys of 2 A & S H crossed the river in the area 899869 and secure the high ground on the East bank overlooking the town. The opposition was strong and fanatical troops, some of which had recently come from DENMARK, supported by SP guns, and almost all armed with bazookas, put up very stubborn resistance.	

			10 HLI soon reached their objectives, but there were still many pockets of enemy to be mopped up and at least two SP guns in the area. The leading tank with 2 Gordons was hit by a bazooka on the edge of the town, where there was a strong point near the main road, and while the tank was burning, it was impossible to move forward without being silhouetted. 2 A & S H had great difficulty in getting their boats through the woods West of the river and the crossing was considerably delayed. By first 1ight, however, the coys were dug in at 904875 and 904873. At first light the Bde Comd visited OC 2 Gordons and spoke to OC 10 HLI. At 0730 hrs the GOC came to see the Bde Comd and it was decided that the Bde should consolidate and not attempt to go further.	
HOLDENSTEDT	16		The Bns remained in position and sent recce parties to prepare billets for the Bns coming out during the night. The Bde was relieved that night by 46 Bde and the relief took place without incident. The Bns then concentrated as follows: 10 HLI and 2 A & S H in HOLDENSTEDT and 2 Gordons at BORNE 8883. During the afternoon Capt. N. McLean, who was Bde Signal Officer until being captured at BARON in Normandy in July, visited Bde HQ for tea after his camp near BRUNSWICK had been overrun by the Americans.	
HOLDENSTEDT	17		44 Bde after capturing several villages to the East of Uelzen reached the town East of the river. During the evening and night 46 Bde cleared the town from which the enemy had withdrawn as 11 Armd Div and 6 AB Div had almost linked up on the main road to the North of it.	
HOLDENSTEDT	18		At first light the Bde Gp, with 2 A & S H leading, advanced through Uelzen, and moving via BIENENBUTTEL (8408), had by mid-day reached the area of VASTORF (8815). As 2 A & S H leading vehicles were moving out of Uelzen they were strafed by enemy aircraft, but had no casualties. The Gp prepared to harbour in VASTORF, but GSO 1 brought orders for the concentration of the Gp in the area SCHARNEBECK (8525) from which all bridges over the NEETZE Canal were to be guarded. By 1600 hrs the Bde Gp was in this area and had contacted units of 29 Armd Bde. 2 A & S H pushed on to HITTBERGEN (9031) and 2 Gordons to LUDERSBERG (9828).	
SCHARNEBECK	19	-	The Bde Comd met the Div Comd at HQ 1 Cdo Bde at 0930 hrs. 2 Gordons moved to BARUM (7831), 10 HLI to LUDERSHAUSEN (8131) and	

			Bde HQ to BRIETLINGEN (8029). It was not possible to move fighting vehicles forward of Barum and Ludershausen as the bridges over the many small streams and "Sees" were blown. Sappers worked hard under intermittent fire from 88 mms to build the bridge at 823323. However, coys of 2 Gordons pushed on to BUTLINGEN (7834) and a coy of 10 HLI to farm buildings 8233, where they made contact with an enemy patrol from ARTLENBURG (8334), where the enemy was still defending a bridgehead. An attack by 10 HLI, supported by artillery, started at midnight and by first light the following morning Artlenburg and AVONDORF (8135) had been cleared and approximately 150 prisoners taken. 2 A & S H patrolled into HOHNSTORF (8733).	
BRIETLINGEN	20	-	Bns established OPs and manned them until April 28, during which time a picture of the enemy defences was obtained which was later of value to 44 and 1 Cdo Bdes. In addition several line crossers provided an enemy order of battle. The entire Bde area was very flat and exposed, particularly as it was overlooked by high ground along the North bank of the Elbe. For three days there was intermittent shelling in the forward villages, but this had stopped almost completely by the 25th.	
BRIETLINGEN	27	-	The Bde Comd attended final co-ordinating conference at Div for operation ENTERPRISE (crossing of the Elbe)	
BRIETLINGEN	28	-	Bde Comd held his final conference at Bde HQ at 1000 hrs and at 1100 hrs briefed all officers of the Bde. Bde Tac HQ left at 2200 hrs for AVONDORF (8135), and was established close to the river without incident.	
AVONDORF	29	-	At 0200 hrs Operation Enterprise started, and 44 Bde very quickly established a bridgehead at 8335. Opposition was fairly light and shelling was moderate due to the fact that the enemy began to withdraw his guns into reserve positions immediately the operation began. 44 Bde soon made contact with 1 Cdo Bde who crossed West of LAUENBURG (8734), and at 0930 hrs 10 HLI started to cross and were followed by 2 Gordons. The operation went exactly as planned (see Appx 'D', Folio 4) and approximately 900 prisoners were taken. Immediately the enemy had readjusted his gun positions, the bottle neck at 840350 was constantly shelled and there were several casualties. 2 A & S H, while under comd 44 Bde but not committed, were particularly unlucky, receiving several direct hits while concentrated in the quarry at 831354. Very stiff opposition was met by 2 Gordons in TESPERHUDE (8037), but by last light all Bns had consolidated on their objectives ---	

AVONDORF		-	- 10 HLI holding HASENTHAL (7940) and the high ground to the West, 2 Gordons in Tesperhude and the railway buildings at 7837 and leading troops of 2 A & S H holding the line of the track running South from GRUNJAGER (7839). LO 2, who was control duty near the crossing site, was almost buried when a bomb exploded ten yards away from his trench wrecking his jeep. There was constant air activity over the bridgehead. 2 Gordons captured two swimmers ("Frogmen") who were making a recce of the bridge sites.	
AVONDORF	30	-	Bde Tac HQ moved across the river via the Class 9 bridge at LAUENBURG (8734) and by 1100 hrs were established in GRUNHOF (803382). Main Bde HQ moved across the Class 40 bridge at ARTLENBURG (8334) and joined Tac HQ at 1900 hrs. The Bde Comd crossed the river at 0800 hrs and visited Bns In the afternoon 2 Gordons were ordered to move to HAMWARDE (7843). 10 HLI patrolled into this village from WIERSHOP (8041) and had reported opposition, but a sudden display of white flags was investigated and the village was occupied by 2 Gordons without a fight. 2 A & S H then readjusted their positions to fill in the gap created by the move of 2 Gordons. 10 HLI had to maintain a guard on a large camp for Russian workers at 794400. Shelling of the bridgehead still continued to be heavy and 2 Gordons were unlucky in losing all their cooking utensils when the cooks trucks were hit during the afternoon. However, the DAAQMG quickly mustered a complete set of cooking stores from units in the Bde Gp and 2 Gordons were able to have a cooked meal that night.	

The Advance of 227 (H) Inf Bde Gp from Celle to Uelzen 13/14 Apr 45

By midnight of April 12th 1945 227 (H) Inf Bde Group were firmly in occupation of Celle on the R ALLER, and a Class 40 bridge had been completed in the centre of the town.

The Brigadier at an 'O' Group earlier in the evening had issued orders for the advance to be continued with all speed to Uelzen, the leading battalion to leave Celle at 0800 hrs on Friday 13th April. Refuelling and replenishment of supplies went on during the night and at 0800 hrs 10 HLI left the town with their coys riding on the Churchills of 3 Scots Guards. Following them came the Brigadier's Tac HQ with the COs of 2 GORDONS, 2 A & S H, 3 SG, 131 Fd Regt RA and 20 Fd Coy RE, and the remainder of the Brigade Group extending along 7 miles of road.

The advance continued without incident until 10 HLI were within a few miles of ESCHEDE, 10 miles NORTH EAST of Celle, where a blown bridge caused a halt while recce parties were sent out to find an alternative route. Within half an hour the column was on the move again by a route which made a detour to the South East returning into ESCHEDE from the South. During the whole of this time small parties of prisoners, mainly youths from disorganised GAF units, were brought in and sent marching down the column to the rear.

Friday the 13th seemed to be living up to form however and a few miles further on 10 HLI were brought to a halt by a 20 foot wide crater across the road in a swampy area where a detour was impossible. To add to the difficulty two SP guns and some small arms were covering the crater, causing some delay until they were dealt with. The SP guns retired down the road, and it was thought that they were covering a mobile demolition group operating from one to two miles ahead of our leading troops.

When the opposition had been silenced, the Scots Guards laid a tank bridge over the crater and the advance was resumed, but only for a mile or so. When the leading tanks of 10 HLI were a mile short of the village of Weyhausen they reported yet another crater, the largest yet, which would in the opinion of the OC 20 Fd Coy require a 40 foot Bailey bridge. This crater was too under small arms and bazooka fire, and one RA halftrack was hit by a bazooka, but only slightly damaged. After some time a time-bomb exploded in the road near the crater, destroying one RE Vehicle and causing eleven casualties to the RE recce party which had come forward up the column. Further investigation showed eight more of these time-bombs, so the area was taped off and a deviation to the North was recced.

It was now 1800 hrs and the rate of advance had averaged two miles an hour, when the column set off again through a thick forest to the North of the main road to try to re-enter the main road at Weyhausen. Just as it was beginning to grow dark and the HLI were approaching the village from the North the inevitable happened - another huge crater was reported. In addition, during the previous two hours, ominous explosions had been heard further along the main road, indicating that more craters lay ahead.

The Brigadier went forward to see the CO of 10 HLI and at 2100 hrs ordered as much of the column as possible to move up and park in a ride in the forest which fortunately could accommodate three lines of vehicles and was nearly a mile long, and with the vehicles nose to tail in this ride, petrol and food was brought up.

Orders were given out that at 0100 hrs the column would resume the advance along a track running North East through the forest almost parallel with the main road two miles away.

The night was black, but searchlights had been brought up to the edge of the forest, and gave invaluable light on an enterprise which without them would have been extremely difficult. As it was, the column set off at 0100 hrs, and having left Friday the 13th behind, very quickly proceeded to leave the forest behind too. The leading vehicles kept up a cracking speed and the rest of the column kept pace, along a track which in daylight would have been considered third class. The vehicles rumbled through the forest with branches whipping the faces of the vehicles commanders as they peered forward through the thick cloud of dust to try to catch a glimpse of the vehicles in front.

By now the light of the searchlights was left behind and with no vehicle showing any lights the fact that the column kept up and lost very few vehicles points to a very high standard of driving in all the drivers taking part.

The HLI "had their whips out" now, and tore straight through the villages of Hesseringen, Suderburg and Holxen, shooting up one enemy staff car and various other vehicles en route. The majority of the enemy in these villages however were still in their beds as the tanks rumbled through, and were too confused and bewildered to do anything but surrender when the dawn came.

At 0530 hrs on the 14th 10 HLI had reached the southern outskirts of Uelzen and had bumped into stiff opposition, and the tanks in Brigade Tac HQ were having a short encounter with a small party of enemy in Holdenstedt, two miles to the South. Further to the south in the villages along the route dazed prisoners were being collected by the unit which happened to be on the spot. In one instance a party of three from the Field Regt collected instead of the eggs they went out for, several dozen prisoners. The total bag for the whole night was approximately eight hundred.

The opposition in the south and south western outskirts of Uelzen was strong and 2 GORDONS and 2 A & S H were brought forward to attack. Some ground was gained and the 2 A & S H made some progress to the North East, crossing a stream and establishing two coy positions on our right flank. As all three battalions by now were very tired, having been on the move in all for four days, with only two short night rests, the positions gained were consolidated, and eventually the Brigade Group was relieved by 46 (H) Inf Bde for a well earned rest.

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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY
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Unit HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde

Month and Year MAY, 1945

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GRUNHOF			On May Day the projected 8 Corps bridgehead had been secured, had in many places been expanded, and from it the 11th Armoured Division had broken out towards the Baltic. The Bde occupied the following positions:- 10 HLI - WORTH (7744) 2 Gordons - HAMWARDE (7843) 2 A & S H - Area 7839 Bde HQ - GRUNHOF (7938) When Bde HQ arrived in GRUNHOF on 30 April, the telephone system was still operating and the Dutch interpreter answered calls from both GEESTHACHT (7540) and HAMBURG. At mid-day General Barker, GOC 8 Corps, came to see the Bde Comd and discuss the further enlargement of the bridgehead and before he left suggested that negotiations be opened on the 'phone with the Burgomaster of GEESTHACHT, whose number was soon acquired from the local authorities. At 1500 hrs the interpreter passed the following message:- "It is not the wish of the Allied Military Commander of this District to destroy GEESTHACHT, but this will be inevitable unless the town is surrendered by 2000 hrs to-night. A similar warning was given to the German Commander of LAUENBURG. It was unheeded and the town is now utterly destroyed and many soldiers and civilians have been killed or wounded. You must contact your local military commander at once and I shall ring up in one hour for your answer." When the interpreter rang up one hour later, he was informed by the Chief of Police that the Burgomaster was still at the Military	

			Commander's HQ, and asked if we would ring back in three quarters of an hour. The Burgomaster had still not returned three quarters of an hour later, so the Chief of Police was informed that if a decision had not been reached in 15 minutes time, negotiations would be broken off. At the end of the 15 minutes, the interpreter rang again, and this time the Burgomaster had returned. He said he was sorry that although the civilians and soldiers were agreeable, the Military Commander would not agree to the surrender of the town. The Burgomaster, however, pleaded that we should spare the town as it was full of hospitals and evacuees, and asked if he could come and talk the matter over. This ended the negotiations and the telephone system was then put out of order. Meanwhile, during the afternoon a civilian in GRUNHOF had given the information that there was 170,000 tons of V2 explosive stored in GEESTHACHT.	
GRUNHOF GRUNHOF	1		At 0300 hrs a Major, Lieut and the manager of the explosive factory at GEESTHACHT came through 2 A & S H lines carrying a white flag and were brought to Bde HQ On arrival at Bde HQ they said they had come to make arrangements for the surrender of their town. The Bde Comd informed them of his terms which included the withdrawal of all German troops from the town by 1200 hrs and the provision of police to guide our troops into the area. The Germans were then conducted back to their own lines, and a further meeting was arranged to take place at the x roads at 778390 at 1000 hrs to confirm the terms. At 1000 hrs the German officers together with the Burgomaster returned, and it was agreed that the police of GEESTHACHT would guide our troops into the area at 1400 hrs.	

			2 A & S H and 1/5 Welch, of 159 Bde, who were under comd the Bde, entered the area without incident, and occupied the high ground to the North of the town. In the evening the town was bombed by enemy planes but no damage or casualties were caused. An outline "O" Gp held at 1930 hrs is as follows:- 15 (S) Inf Div was to protect the left flank of the 11th Armoured Division. 227 Bde, supported by one sqn Coldm Gds and two tps 15 Recce Regt, would advance at 0800 hrs tomorrow on two axis. 10 HLI, 2 Gordons and Bde HQ right, 2 A & S H left. On the right, the leading Bn, 10 HLI, would clear HOHENHORN (7445), KROPPELSHAGEN (7147) and occupy the area NEU BORSEN (6946). On the left 2 A & S H would clear the buildings in square 7344, ESCHBURG (7144) and occupy BORNSEN (6945).	
GRUNHOF	2		10 HLI met stiff opposition in HOHENHORN (7445), which was defended by Marine troops supported by 20 mm SPs. Approx 150 PW were taken and the Bn pushed through the wood west of the village on a narrow front and cleared FAHRENDORF (7146) and KROPPELSHAGEN of Wehrmacht troops. 2 Gordons then swept through the wood on a wide front. Meanwhile 2 A & S H were making good progress along their axis when at 1100 hrs a German Major, who had conducted the surrender of GEESTHACHT, and a Lieut came through their lines, and the Bde Comd went to 2 A & S H Bn HQ to meet them. They said they had come to make arrangements for their Commander to meet our Commander. A meeting place was arranged, and they returned early in the afternoon with a Colonel who told the Bde Comd that he had come to make arrangements for Field Marshal Busch, C-in-C North Germany, to meet our Commander. The Colonel also asked if "Cease Fire" could not be put into force on this sector, but the Bde Comd told him that our advance would continue.	

			The Divisional Commander then came forward and took the Colonel back to Corps HQ, where arrangements were made to receive Field Marshal Busch through the lines of 2 A & S H at 0700 hrs the following morning. Throughout OC 2 A & S H was in the unenviable position of trying to fight a battle. Meanwhile the Bde Gp had made good progress and by 1800 hrs Bde HQ was at 715467, 10 HLI west of KROPPELSRAGEN and 2 Gordons in FAHRENDORF, with 2 A & S H at BORNSEN (6945). Two carriers of 2 A & S H were hit by bazookas on their final objective. At 2030 hrs the Burgomaster and Chief of Police of BERGEDORF (6447) came through the 2 A & S H lines and were sent to Bde HQ, where they told the Bde Comd that they wished to surrender the area of BERGEDORF. The Bde Comd, however, insisted that the ground to be surrendered should include all the country to the North of BERGEDORF up to and including the Autobahn. They said they could not do this as the area North of BERGEDORF was not under their control, but they agreed to go back and return with a military representative to arrange for the surrender of this area.	
FAHRENDORF	3		They returned through 2 A & S H lines at 0330 hrs but without a military representative. They explained to the Bde Comd that they had not been able to contact the military governor due to communications having broken down. They guaranteed that there would be no opposition in their area, and thought that it was unlikely there would be any fighting in the area to the North of the town. The Bde Comd then said he would order his troops not to fire on BERGEDORF, and that a local "No Firing" order was in force until 0700 hrs due to the expected arrival of Field Marshal Busch. The Burgomaster and Chief of Police remained at Bde HQ The expected arrival Field Marshal Busch through the lines of 2 A & S H at 0700 hrs did not materialise. Instead a German Major presented himself and said that Admiral Doenitz's representatives had gone direct to 21 Army Gp HQ.	

			During the afternoon, 10 HLI moved to WITZHAVE (7255), 2 Gordons and Bde HQ to KASSEBURG (7856) and 2 A & S H to ROTHENBEK (7655). This was carried out without incident.	
KASSEBURG	4		The Bde continued the advance, and, meeting no opposition, reached AHRENSBURG (6567) by 1600 hrs. Bde HQ was est at 667663, with 10 HLI and 2 A & S H in AHRENSBURG and 2 Gordons at Gr HANSDORF (6866). At 2200 hrs the news was received that the German Army facing 21 Army Gp had surrendered unconditionally and that all fighting in North West Germany and Holland would cease at 0800 hrs 5 May.	
AHRENSBURG	5		Fighting ceased on 21 Army Gp Front at 0800 hrs.	
AHRENSBURG	6		Bde Church Parade with Pipe Bands was held on the lawn in the grounds of the Officers' Mess. The Bde Comd thanked all Supporting Arms, particularly 131 Fd Regt, RA, for their magnificent co-operation with the Bde.	
AHRENSBURG	7		News was received that the whole of the German Army had surrendered unconditionally and fighting would cease at 0001 hrs 8 May.	
AHRENSBURG	8		Fighting ceased at 0001 hrs, and the day was officially announced as VE Day.	
AHRENSBURG	10		The Divisional Commander addressed the Officers and Men of Bde HQ and thanked them for all the work they had done.	
AHRENSBURG	12		Bde HQ moved to new area of VINZIER (687837) at 1500 hrs and was est by 1800 hrs. The Officers' Mess at NUTSCHAU (7084) was in the house of General Baade, Commander of the 90 PG Div, and many interesting diaries were found.	APPX "D" Folio 2
VINZIER	13		10 HLI and 2 A & S H moved to their new areas of ZARPEN (8389) and BADOLDESLOE (7487). 10 HLI were est as follows:- BN HQ - Zarpen (833902) A Coy - Renhorst (8090) B Coy - Zarpen (8289) C & D Coys - Badendorf (8789) 2 A & S H were est as follows:-	

			Bn HQ - 775780 A Coy - Bad Oldesloe 7482 B Coy - Rethwischdorf 7681 C Coy - Politz 7479 D Coy - Meddewade 7882 2 Gordons remained at Gr Hansdorf, and maintained guards on PW Camps in the area. The Bde Comd held a conference with Bn COs to discuss the rounding up of all German soldiers still wandering about the area and also the collection and disposal of Displaced Persons, who were mostly Russians. In order to facilitate this task two Russian officers from PWX Camp at BAD OLDESLOE were attached to Bde HQ. Copy of the message addressed to the Bde Comd when they left on 19 May is attached.	APPX "D" Folio 1 APPX "J" Folio 9
VINZIER	14		2 A & S H reported that a 13-year-old boy had been killed by a German booby-trap ---- a pair of motor cycling goggles connected to an explosive charge ---- at POLITZ 751792	
VINZIER	15		The Bde Major addressed the men of Bde HQ and gave them an outline of occupation duties and conditions, and stressed the strict need for non-fraternisation.	
VINZIER	16		Bn Adjutants and RSMs met at Bde HQ to decide on a general policy for guard mounting.	
VINZIER	17		Order for the Bde's move to LUBECK issued	APPX "D" FOLIO 3
VINZIER	18		2 Gordons moved to LUBECK and 2 A & S H to TRAVEMUNDE	
VINZIER	19		Bde HQ left at 1230 hrs for LUBECK and arrived at approx 1400 hrs 10 HLI also moved to LUBECK	APPX "J" FOLIO 10
LUBECK	24-26		The Bde Comd inspected the Guard and Billets in the Bn areas during the three days General Barker, Comd 8 Corps, visited the Bde area on 26 May, and arrived by plane at approx 1000 hrs	
LUBECK	28		In response to a proclamation in the local Press sheet, more than 3,000 German soldiers who had been discharged after 1 April paraded in the BUNIAMSHOF (9489). Thereafter, approx 1,000 were temporarily discharged on medical grounds and another 1,000 temporarily released to carry on essential employment.	

			NOTE: The innumerable DP problems, etc, following the Bde's arrival in LUBECK will be dealt with in the June War Diary.	

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Unit 8 RS

Month and Year June 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col R DELACOMBE MBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WORTHING	1st		Situation normal - location no change. Bn HQ located at WELLINGTON HO, MILTON ST (Ref O.S 1" to 1 mile Sheet 133 577215) On the evening of 31st May 44 CSM Robertson of C Coy died in WORTHING HOSPITAL as a result of an injury sustained on training on the afternoon of 31 May.	
		0700	Bn snipers carry out range firing practice at STEYNING range.	
		1200	Capt Walker IO attends IO's conference at Bde and a discussion with Photo Interpretation officer 15(S) Div.	
	2nd	1430	A large percentage of the Bn watch an air circus which was composed of different allied & enemy a/c. This demonstration was very instructive from an aircraft recognition point of view.	A Walker Capt IO
	3rd		The Commanding Officer carried out an adm inspection of the Bn. Situation normal.	
	4th	1000	A Communion service for CofS personnel was held in CHRISTS CHURCH WORTHING.	
	5th	0700	Bn snipers carried out firing practice on the beach.	
		1730	Lecture by SO to offrs and WOs on Air to Ground signals.	
	6th	0815	Commanding Officer holds promotion conference and discusses final points in preparation for move to marshalling area.	A Walker Capt IO
	7th	2100	Major DAD Eykyn 2i/c and Sgt Laing I Sgt leave unit as advance party for move overseas. Commanding Officer and Rifle Coy Comds visit 7 R Tanks.	
	8th		Award of MBE to Capt (QM) CR Mackay announced in London Gazette. Col The Viscount Elibank visits the Bn and sees various aspects of trg and final preparations for move to marshalling area. All vehs are loaded and undergo road test.	
	9th	1700	Commanding Officers conference. Draft of 12 ORs arrive from 52 RHU.	A Walker Capt IO

			It is announced in 21 Army Gp Gen Routine Orders that the Commander in Chief's certificate for good service has been awarded to the following members of the Bn: 3056642 Sgt Fraser JW HQ Coy 3057022 Sgt Scott JT S Coy	A Walker Capt IO
	10th		Preparations for move complete. Unit standing by for move instructions.	
	11th	0900 1040 1300	Adj proceeds to HQ West Sussex District to receive orders for move to Marshalling Area. Bn prepare to move. Commanding Officers 'O' Gp. Instructions issued for move. Road and rail parties parade prior to move off at 1330 hrs. Rail party consisting of marching personnel of the Bn entrain at WORTHING STA under comd of Major MH Cooke OC 'B' Coy and proceed to Marshalling Area near UCKFIELD, EAST SUSSEX (27 officers & 503 ORs). Veh party composed of Bn tpt (8 offrs & 270 ORs) leave WORTHING and proceed to Embarkation Area via DORKING and LONDON situated approx two miles EAST of WEST INDIA DOCKS. Veh party arrives in this area at 2000 hrs. Rail party arrives in their marshalling area at 1700 hrs. Bn residue under command of Capt WQ Ballantyne D Coy remain in WORTHING.	A Walker Capt IO
	12th	 1430	VEH PARTY Veh party remain in embarkation area, complete final stages of waterproofing and are issued with extra kit and rations for the sea passage and subsequent landing. During the morning the vehicles proceed to West India Dock and loading commences. Veh party is split into two parties, one part travelling in the "PARK BENJAMIN" a US built ship and the other party in "BRADFORD CITY" a 7500 ton SUNDERLAND built ship. MARCHING PERSONNEL (RAIL PARTY) Marching party leave camp and proceed to a camp near WEST FIRLE where special rations and kit etc is issued. This party remain in camp and carry out normal trg until 1600 hrs 15 June.	A Walker Capt IO
	13th	 2100	VEH PARTY Loading of vehs on ship continues. MARCHING PERSONNEL Carry out trg in camp. Adv party which had set off on 7th Jan disembarked from the SAM HOUSTON II and proceed to assembly area near St Croix sur Mer.	A Walker Capt IO
	14th	0700 1030 1200 1600 1725	VEH PARTY Personnel for PARK BENJAMIN leave camp and proceed to docks. PARK BENJAMIN leaves West India Dock on first stage of journey. 2nd portion of veh party arrive at docks. All personnel for BRADFORD CITY embark. BRADFORD CITY moves out of docks and sea voyage commences.	

			Advance PARTY move from assembly area to location approx 2 miles south of CREULLY (9080 Sheet 7F/1). Bn HQ at BRECY Chateau 882780 Sheet 7F/1.	A Walker Capt IO
	15th	0300 1600 1845 1030	VEH PARTY Proceed in convoy through Straits of Dover and along south coast proceeding WEST. There was no enemy interference and ships arrived off the beachhead at 2000 hrs. MARCHING PERSONNEL Leave camp and embus for embarkation area, where embarkation took place in three ships and was completed by 1830 hrs. Ship loads were made up as follows - A Coy HQ Coy and S Coy - B Coy and half C Coy - D Coy and remainder of C Coy. Port of embarkation - NEWHAVEN. Ships leave harbour. ADV PARTY Move to 44 Bde conc area in village of BRECY approx 3 miles SW of CREULLY.	 A Walker Capt IO
OFF THE BEACHHEAD	16th	 1215 1200 1715	Unloading of vehs from ship begins. 1st 4CT from BRADFORD CITY beaches on 'J' Beach and vehs wade ashore through approx 3ft 6" water. The party consisted of the Commanding Officer, IO, OC Carrier Pl and a number of tracked vehs. The party proceed to an assembly area a few miles inland and first stage of de-waterproofing commences. A few other of the Bn adm vehs also arrived in marshalling area and after de-waterproofing the small unit convoy moved off to conc area at BRECY where they were met by the adv party and guided into the unit conc area, arriving in this area at 1500 hrs. Throughout the afternoon the build up of the Bn in the conc area continues as the ships are unloaded offshore. MARCHING PARTY Arrive off beachhead. Coys disembark at 'M' beach and proceed to assembly area. After short halt and readjustment of equipment, Coys proceed to unit conc area first Coy arriving at approx 2100 hrs.	 A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	17th	 1900	Bn HQ established at CHATEAU DE BRECY (SH 7F1 882780) and Coys located in adjoining orchards. Build up continues but unit vehs not all unloaded from ships. Address by Bde Comd, Brig HDK Money DSO, to all offrs and NCOs in gardens in rear of Bn HQ.	Note Conc complete by 1800 hrs 18 June. With the exception of one man sick in the marshalling area, all personnel, vehs, arms & eqpt arrive complete without loss.
	18th	 1130	8RS Adm Instr No. 1 issued (see diary letter B1 attached) Commanding Officer and IO set off on recce of defensive position at HEROUVILLETTE (1272) with a view to the Bn taking over this part of the front from the unit at present holding this posn. After returning about 1900 hrs the Commanding Officer holds an 'O' Gp at the Bn HQ at	 A Walker Capt IO

			2015 hrs and issues instrs for move. All instrs however are cancelled later in the evening. RC and combined CofS and CofE Church Parades are held during the morning in the Bn area. An RE officer gives a demonstration to all officers and NCOs on two new types of German mines at Bn HQ at 1130 hrs.	
	19th	1000	Commanding Officer attends Bde Comd's conference at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde.	A Walker Capt IO
	20th	0915 1000 1100 1900 1800	Commanding Officer and Capt Walker Bn IO attend Briefing Conference at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. CO holds preliminary 'O' Gp. CO and IO RV at BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE (SHEET 7F/1 M.R 9272) for Bde Comds 'O' Gp. After the 'O' Gp a recce is carried out for an operation which will take place in the near future, and at 1400 hrs the Bde Comd holds a coordinating conference at the above RV. The CO and IO return to the unit location at 1730 hrs. CO holds Bn 'O' Gp. Unit harbour party leaves for new area During the day S & C Coys carry out a route march and HQ & A Coy hold a baths parade in the RIVER SEULLE.	A Walker Capt IO
	21st		The day is mostly spent in recce by Coy Comds and Pl Comds of the forward areas in connection with future ops. The Commanding Officer and IO attend briefing conferences by Bde Comd.	
	22nd	0900 1700	CO and IO attend Bde Comd's conference at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. B Coy carry out short route march. During the morning the CO and IO visit HQ 46(H) Inf Bde to liaise on forthcoming ops, and also the Bn assembly area at 918754 near SECQUEVILLE where the Bn will move prior to the forthcoming op to be known as Operation EPSOM. (EPSOM) The Commanding Officer holds briefing conference of all offrs and NCOs on an earth model on operation 'EPSOM'. Reps of B Sqn 9 R Tanks, 2 GH (46(H) Inf Bde), 6 KOSB and 159 A Tk Bty taking part in the op also attend.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	23rd	0900 1015 1500 1800	CO & IO attend Bde Comds conference at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. D Coy were briefed by OC D Coy on sand model. Due to a change in the Bde plan affecting the Bn, the Commanding Officer briefed all offrs and NCOs on the sand model again. Commanding Officer proceeds to HQ 8 Corps for a briefing conference.	
	24th	1100 1900	CO's admin conference at Bn HQ. Briefing of Coys continues during the day. Mov Order No. 1 issued. Veh advance party leaves for F.A.A.	 See diary letter B2 A Walker Capt IO

		2100 2300	Marching personnel of Bn leave conc area at BRECY and proceed to FAA at 918755 (ref Sheet 7F/1) near SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN. Veh party leave conc area and proceed to FAA above.	
	25th	 0900 1030 1815	Bn conc in field in F.A.A. Bde Comd holds briefing conf for all offrs in the Bde down to Coy Comds. The Div Comd was also present and addressed all present on the forthcoming Operation "EPSOM". COS church service is held in the field. Conference on move to FUP takes place. Shortly after the conference Major DAD Eykyn 2i/c, and reps from Coys leave for FUP.	 A Walker Capt IO
	26th	0030 0730 0	Bn leave FAA and proceed to F.U.P. for operation "EPSOM" arriving in F.U.P. at approx 0230 hrs where dispersion in the FUP took place and slit trenches dug. (Ref Sheet 7F/1 area 918711) OPERATION EPSOM Bn move forward preceded by arty barrage from S.L. on track west of NORREY EN BESSIN (9270) from 911706 to 918706. A and B Coys forward with A Coy on the right and B Coy on left with objectives line of road FONTENAY 8767 - CAEN 0268 from 913680 to 923682. These Coys are followed by CO's R Gp and C and D Coys right and left rear Coys respectively with objectives - C Coy area LA GAULE 920675 and D Coy wood 928680. B Sqn of 9 R Tanks were in sp. The attack progressed favourably in spite of mortar and MG fire from enemy posns well dug in, and by 0915 hrs A & B Coys had reached their objectives. C Coy passed through A Coy posns and attacked and captured LA GAULE. D Coy moving forward on the left and attacking and capturing WOOD 928680. By 1030 hrs all objectives had been captured and Coys were digging in and reorganising. Enemy sniper and MG activity continued during the day but no deliberate counter attack developed on our sector of the front. Later in the morning B Coy arrived to join D Coy in the wood, the orchards in area 913681 being taken over by D Coy 6 KOSB, the res Bn in the Bde. This was the first time the Bn had been in action since it was formed and all objectives were gained. During the operation the following casualties were sustained: Officers Wounded Capt RAC Simpson S Coy Lieut A Campbell B Coy Lieut RI Elder B Coy ORs Killed:- sixteen Wounded:- eighty-nine Missing:- two	 A Walker Capt IO Coy Comds during OP "EPSOM" A Coy - Major WR Logan B Coy - Major MH Cooke C Coy - Major JAH Douglass MBE D Coy - Major JC Cadzow S Coy - Capt RAC Simpson HQ Coy - Capt WS Cox A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO

			Total Casualties:- 3 offrs and 107 ORs	
	27th		The Bn remain on their objectives until the evening when reps of a bn* from 129 Bde begin taking over with a view to the bn being relieved. Relief is carried out in stages during the night of 26/27 June and by 0730 hrs on 27th June the bn had moved back to a posn at 916695 approx one mile in rear of the fwd area. During the day general maintenance was carried out and tps in general having a well earned rest although still under occasional arty fire from the enemy.	* 5 WILTS A Walker Capt IO
		1930	CO and IO attend Bde 'O' Gp.	
	28th	0830	Area to East of Bn posn shelled.	
		0930	3 offrs and 96 ORs arrive as reinforcements and are distributed to Coys.	
		1530	CO & IO attend Bde O Gp.	
		1630	CO holds Bn 'O' Gp on return and issues orders for an attack which the Bn was to carry out that evening.	A Walker Capt IO
		1700	Bn ready to move and set off for SL on rd Fontenay-le-Pesnel 8766 - CARPIQUET 9668 (Sheet 7F3) from X tracks 891677 to 905679. Commencement of advance D Coy held posn on the SL as a firm base with A Coy right B Coy centre and C Coy left. The advance was supported by 7 R Tks less one Sqn and Q Bty 21 A TK Regt (Sp 17 pdr guns). The final objective was the line of the rly from 897642 to 908645. Zero hour was at 1915 hrs. The advance which was to clear up any enemy snipers and isolated posts in the area progressed favourably	A Walker Capt IO Coy Comds A Coy - Major Logan B Coy - Major Cooke
		2050	without much opposition and it was only at 2050 hrs that enemy opposition was encountered in any strength and the leading Coys paused on the general line 898652 to 904647 as the light was beginning to fail and there was insufficient time for staging an attack after carrying out proper recce. The Coys took up a def posn for the evening & dug in and Bn HQ was est at 899654.	C Coy - Major Douglass D Coy - Major Cadzow S Coy - Capt DB Hume HQ Coy - Capt WS Cox A Walker Capt IO
	29th	0500	CO holds 'O' Gp and issues orders for attack on to the rly line.	
		0700	A and B Coys begin attack by expanding their posn and clearing the enemy from some hedgerows on their immediate front. Strong enemy opposition was encountered incl tks and a tk battle took place in area 901646 between our own and enemy tks. This caused some delay to the second phase of the attack which involved C & D Coys advancing to the rly line.	
		1003	After arty concentrations on the enemy posns C and D Coys advanced, C Coy capturing area 907646 and D Coy orchard 899643. Enemy MG fire and mortar fire was particularly heavy at this stage and caused some casualties to our tps.	A Walker Capt IO

			C Coy secured the objective and reorganised but D Coy were forced under heavy enemy pressure to withdraw to a line of trees approx 300 yds from their objective and take up a posn there in front of B Coy in area of orchard 903648. The battle continued in intensity with no great change in posns but an attack by the depleted D Coy reinforced by a pl from B Coy succeeded once more in gaining the orchard and holding it. By this time, due to the casualties sustained, the Bn was relieved in the fwd area by the 6RSF and took up a close def posn in area around Bn HQ 899654, immediately in rear of 6RSF. Throughout the day the enemy exerted pressure along the front probing with tks and inf but all counter attacks were held. During the operations on 28th & 29th June the following casualties were sustained by the Bn. Killed:- 19 Wounded:- 113 Missing:- 20 Coy casualties were as follows: Killed Wounded Missing A Coy 2 19 - B " 8 30 4 C " 5 11 3 D " 1 40 13 HQ " 1 6 - S " 2 7 -	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	30th	 1100 1400 1530	During the morning the Bn moved to area 902658 approx 500-600 yds in rear of original posn. Bn HQ was est at 902659. CO & IO attend Bde 'O' Gp. CO & IO carry out recce of defensive posn on the SW edge of LE HAUT du BOSQ in area 903655. CO holds 'O' Gp and issues orders for occupation of the above defensive posn. By early evening all Coys were in posn dug in with C & D Coys in area 902658 and A & B Coys area 907653. Bn HQ was est at posn 904658. Enemy shelling & mortar fire continued spasmodically during the day.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO

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Unit 8 RS

Month and Year July 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col R DELACOMBE MBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	July 1st	0700	A counter attack was made by the enemy on the Rt fwd Coy of the Bn in front but did not materialise into anything more than a local action and was repelled by the fwd tps with the support of the tanks. Further local attacks developed in the fwd area later in the day but no penetration was achieved and the Bn was not engaged in any fighting. Enemy mortar activity still continued. During the day the CO of the 1st Oxf and Bucks Regt and reps carried out a recce of the Bn area with a view to his unit relieving the Bn on the following day. The Commanding Officer (8RS) held a short 'O' Gp and issued instrs on the relief due to take place on the following day and the move to the rear RV.	Casualties 1st July Offrs ORs Killed 1 Wounded 3 Missing - A Walker Capt IO
	2nd	0900 1040	Bn preparing for hand over to relieving Bn. (approx) Marching personnel of Coys assemble in Rear RV in orchard 903664 after being relieved by incoming sub-units. By 1530 hrs veh and marching parties had arrived in rear area east of ST CROIX GRAND TONNE (8874) in area 888742, where a period of rest and reorganisation is begun.	A Walker Capt IO
	3rd	 1245	Bn still concentrated in rest area carrying out maintenance and necessary repairs to vehs and eqpt. Short address by the Div Comd, Major General GHA MacMillan DSO MC, on the previous week's operations to all ranks. Two officers and 121 ORs arrived in the Bn as reinforcements and were distributed as necessary throughout the Coys according to their qualifications and Coy requirements. Most of the day was spent as a day of rest and recuperation after the week's operations, which gave little chance for rest or sleep.	A Walker Capt IO
	4th	0915 1030	Talks by Bde Comd to all offrs and NCOs at Bn HQ, on the recent operations. CO attends conference at 15(S) Div HQ. During the day general maintenance was continued and stores and kit checked & cleaned.	A Walker Capt IO

Field	5th	0830 0845 1000	CO holds 'O' Gp and discusses points raised at Div conf on previous day. Major DAD Eykyn, 2i/c, IO and OC A Tk pl carry out recce of def posn at X rds 903731 with a view to the Bn occupying action stations in the area should the necessity arise. 2i/c issues orders at pt 903731 for occupation of posns. During the afternoon all Coys dug def posns in the Coy areas allotted to them. Fifty members of the Bn attend a concert in BAYEUX given by the Concert Party of a neighbouring division.	 Ref Map Sh 7F/1 A Walker Capt IO
Field	6th		Coys continued during the day to improve their def posns and carry out maintenance of vehicles and eqpt. The CO attended Div HQ for an address by the CinC 21 Army Gp Gen Sir B Montgomery.	
	7th	 2030	The Commanding Officer & the IO carried out a recce during the afternoon with a view to the Bn taking over the right hand sector of the bridgehead over the RIVER ODON from the 4th Bn DORSET REGIMENT. During the early evening Coy, pl and section reps had carried out a recce of their respective areas to be taken over. Marching personnel of Coys leave area of St CROIX GRAND TONNE 8974 and proceed by march route to Bde Dis P at 919652 near COLLEVILLE 9265 where guides met the column and led Coys via the br over the RIVER ODON at 930630 to their def posns preparatory to taking over from the corresponding sub units of the unit being relieved. The dispositions of the Bn were then as follows:- Bn HQ est at 934627 - A Coy area 927627 - B Coy area fm 934625 - C Coy area 930626 - D Coy area south of br at 930630. Earlier in the afternoon tps had been filtered fwd to this area in order to offload essential stores etc and then proceed back to rear Bn area at ST CROIX GRAND TONNE. The essential vehs followed the marching coln to the new area in the evening. The change over took place very smoothly without incident or interference from the enemy although on the way up from the rear area some mortar fire was brought down not far from the marching coln without causing any casualties. Major Lane-Joynt, South Lancashire Regt, arrived in the Bn on the morning of the 7th to take over 2i/c of the Bn from Major DAD Eykyn who had proceeded on 6th July to assume command of 11th Bn RSF in 49 Div.	 A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	8th	0030	The Bn had completely taken over from 4th Dorsets and except for occasional enemy mortar and arty fire in the vicinity there was nothing to report. During the night our own arty was extremely active.	<u>Casualties 8th July</u> Offrs ORs Killed - - Wounded 1 2

		0430 2200	Bn stands-to till 0530 hrs in def posns. During the day enemy activity was on a small scale and except for individual movement reported by our OP's and occasional mortaring the enemy remained passive. Our own tps made themselves completely acquainted with the new Bn layout improving posns where possible. The morale of the opposing tps must have been very low as several deserters gave themselves up to our fwd tps. Major Mould, Worcester Regt, reported for duty as OC D Coy. During the night 8/9th two patrols were sent out, one each by B and C Coys approx 800 yds ahead of our FDLs but though enemy mov could be heard no actual contact was made.	Missing - - AW A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	9th		During the day there was little to report except for isolated enemy targets which were observed and engaged by our arty and mor fire. The CO of the 1st/5th Welch Regt carried out a recce of the Bn area with a view to his unit taking over the bn sector.	
	10th		During the day there was little enemy activity on the front. Reps of the relieving unit arrived during the evening in preparation for the change-over.	<u>Casualties 10 July</u> ORs:- 1 killed 1 wounded AW
	11th		During the night 10/11 July the Bn was relieved from its posn in the bridgehead over the R. Odon and proceeded back to the rest area at ST CROIX GRAND TONNE (SH 7F/1 8874). During the day rest and reorganisation was carried out.	A Walker Capt IO
	12th		The Bn remained in the rest area. A recce is carried out by the CO & IO in the area of MONDRAINVILLE 9264 and TOURVILLE 9364 with Bde recce party and planning for an operation for breaking out of the bridgehead over the RIVER ODON is carried out.	
	13th	1000 1500	CO and IO attend Bde 'O' Gp. Bn 'O' Gp. Recce party from Bn sets out to recce FAA in area MONDRAINVILLE - TOURVILLE for forthcoming operation. Regarding this op the CO liaises with affiliated Tk bn. During the day the priority residue of the bn arrived and joined the bn in the rest area.	A Walker Capt IO
	14th	 2100 2300	During the morning and afternoon briefing of the bn took place by the CO. Each Coy also being briefed by the CO on the scale sand model of the area of the forthcoming op. Due to a slight change another recce party sets off to recce a new FAA in the same gen area as before. OO No. 1 and Mov Order No. 1 for Op "GREENLINE" issued. Marching party of Bn leave for FAA. Veh party leave rest area for FAA.	 A Walker Capt IO See Appx C1 and C2 att.
	15th	0100	Arrive FAA. Bn HQ est 927648.	

		1400	The day was mostly spent in lying up in the FAA & in final tying up of details of attack. Recce party for FUP sets out returning at 1500.	
	16th	0300 0530	Bn leaves FAA & moves to FUP between LES VILAINS 930625 and R. ODON. Zero hour for attack. The attack is planned in three phases: (a) D Coy (Major Mould) objective gen area gully 924622 (b) A Coy (Major Gullett) objective GAVRUS 9161 (c) C Coy (Major Douglass MBE) objective BOUGY 9161, B Coy being in reserve. The attack progressed favourably against varying opposition, a considerable number of prisoners being taken and by 1017 hrs all objectives had been gained and Coys consolidated. At the commencement of the attack the Commanding Officer Lt Col R Delacombe MBE was wounded by splinters from a mortar bomb and had to be evacuated through the medical channels. Major Layne-Joynt 2i/c then took over command. The number of casualties suffered by the Bn in the attack was comparatively small but on the objectives casualties were sustained through hy enemy arty and mortar fire. For the remainder of the day Coys continued to improve their defensive posns and were now reorganised as follows: A Coy area - wood 916612, B Coy area 906613, C Coy area BOUGY 912610 and D Coy orchard 914614. Bn HQ was est at BOUGY CHATEAU 913614. Attempts to infiltrate by the enemy were all repelled.	A Walker Capt IO Casualties 16th July Offrs ORs Killed 2 20 Wounded 4 91 Missing - 2 AW A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	17th		An order of the day from Lt Col Delacombe was given out to the Bn. A Coy of the 6RSF were put under comd of the bn to hold the gap between C and B Coys in area 909611 as the Bn was fairly "thin" on the ground in this area. Again during the day the enemy tried infiltration but without success and our own Coys maintained inter-coy patrols which gave warning of enemy intentions. The enemy was however now much more passive due to the hy defeat of the previous day but continued with mortar and arty fire in the bn area.	See Appx C3 Casualties 17th July Offrs ORs Killed - - Wounded 1 10 Missing - - AW A Walker Capt IO
	18th	1900	The odd German prisoner continued to be brought in or give himself up but otherwise there was no great activity on the bn front. D Coy made local attack in area wood 909611 to clear up enemy in it but encountered very hy M/G fire and not having tk sp or arty sp due to close proximity of our tps the attack was called to a halt before completion and D Coy returned to their original posn. Reps of the Royal Welsh Regiment visited Bn with a view to taking over.	Casualties 18th July ORs Killed 4 Wounded 7 Missing - AW A Walker Capt IO
	19th		Patrol activity continued during the day and enemy spotted opposite the fwd coy posns were engaged by 3" mor or arty fire. Otherwise, there was nothing of importance to report.	Casualties 19th July ORs Killed 2

				Wounded 10 AW
HAUT DE BOSQ	20th		During the night 19/20 the Bn was relieved and proceeded to a rest area at HAUT de BOSQ in gen area ORCHARD 905665. Once again the task of reorganising and re-equipping where necessary was begun. Advantage was also taken of Mobile Bath facilities & a number of vacancies at the Corps rest camp were given to the Bn. This was a most welcome rest period for all.	A Walker Capt IO
	21st		Bn remains in rest area. Major Chalmers S.L.I. arrives to take over 2i/c of the Bn on Major Lane-Joynt assuming command of the Bn.	
	22nd		Bn still in rest area. CO and SO carry out recce of def area at LA VACQUERIE 6659 (Sh 6F/4) with a view to taking over this sector of the front from the U.S. troops then in occupation.	A Walker Capt IO
	23rd	0830 0930 1345 1455	Recce party leave for new area. Harbour party leave to recce conc area for bn prior to moving fwd to take over. Marching personnel of Bn leave by TCV and proceed via AUDRIEU (7F/1 8671) JERUSALEM 8172 - LA BELLE 7669 - LA BUTTE (6F/2 7469) - ST HONORINE DE DUCY 7365 - to conc area in VILDAY 693633. Veh party leave for conc area by above route. During the evening preparations for the take over during the night were completed.	A Walker Capt IO
LA VACQUERIE	24th		During the night 23/24 the bn took over the LA VACQUERIE sector and by morning was est as follows: Bn HQ 662598 A Coy 656594 B Coy 664587 C Coy 670590 D Coy 672592. During the day there was little enemy activity on the ground except for mortaring and shelling in fwd Coy areas. A slight readjustment of Coy posns took place on orders from Bde and C Coy now occupied LA VACQUERIE 668597. A tp of 15(S) Div recce took up posn between A & B Coy in area 662592 & another tp area 668589.	<u>Casualties 24th July</u> 1 OR wounded AW A Walker Capt IO
LA VACQUERIE	25th	 1015 1340	Coys settled in def posn with inter Coy patrols established. Patrols into the enemy lines were also carried out and valuable information obtained during night 24/25th. Div Comd Major Gen GHA MacMillan DSO MC accompanied by Comd 44 Bde visit Bn. CO & IO attend conf at HQ 44 Bde. They were accompanied on their return by reps of 2 Glas H of 46 (H) Bde who carried out a recce with a view to taking over the sector. Enemy activity was again on a small scale.	A Walker Capt IO
LA VACQUERIE	26th		During the night 25/26th there was a considerable number of patrols sent out when contact was made on a number of occasions. Enemy activity was also marked along the FDLs of fwd Coys.	

LA VACQUERIE		0630	An attack by US forces on the sector on right of the Bn posn commenced and considerable fire sp was given to it by our sp arms in engaging enemy targets. This attack gained considerable ground but after enemy counter-attacks was temporarily held up but later pushed fwd again. During the evening and the night of 26/27th the bn sector was taken over by 2 Glas H and the bn proceeded to a rear area near LA MULOTIERE 713636.	A Walker Capt IO
	27th		Bn remains in rest area. One other rank was killed & 3 wounded by enemy shelling of the area in the early morning. Rest and reorganisation & cleaning up was the general order of the day.	Casualties 27th July ORs Killed 2 Wounded 2 Missing - AW
	28th		No change in Bn location. During the day the CO & IO carry out recces for counter attack roles to be done if necessary by the bn in area LA VACQUERIE 6659, CAUMONT 7059 and LA REPAS 7259. Baths, cinema & concert were popular with those privileged to attend but at 2000 hrs a sudden change of plan necessitated the Bn preparing to move back to the LA VACQUERIE area as soon as possible and by 2130 hrs the Bn was again on the move.	A Walker Capt IO
LA VACQUERIE	29th		During the night 28/29th the Bn once more took over the def posn around LA VACQUERIE, but enemy activity was again negligible during the day due to the US troops on our right flank now being slightly fwd of the bn posn.	Casualties 29th July 1 OR killed AW A Walker Capt IO
	30th		No change in bn location. Inter coy patrols continue as before but there was nothing of importance to report. During the day the remaining Bdes of the Div put in an attack south from CAUMONT and it appeared that in face of this threat the enemy were withdrawing on our front, even mortar & arty activity having considerably decreased.	
	31st		Following the success of the ops south of CAUMONT the bn move during the early hours of the morning through CAUMONT and then south. Some hours were spent in a conc area at 693558 during which time the CO & IO attended a Bde Comds conference on possible sp roles for the Bde. Instrs were finally given for an attack with tk sp on a high feature in area 709532 to fill a gap between 227 Bde on the left on pt 226 (711536) and 46 Bde in area pt 309 (694512). After Coy Comds recce and liaison with the tk bn cooperating (4 GREN GDS) the attack was finally tied up and commenced at 1845 hrs. The bn advanced on its objective from the west with two Coys up, A on right & B Coy on left. D Coy followed in rear of A Coy and C Coy	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO

			followed B Coy. Limited sp was given by the tks who had failed to tie up with the left Coy on the S.L. However, no enemy opposition was encountered as the enemy apparently had withdrawn when his flanks had been threatened. Coys were thus able to establish themselves on their objectives and reorganise as follows: B Coy area X tracks 711532, A Coy area 709528, C Coy 707534, D Coy 705530. Bn HQ was est area 705535. Some enemy activity was apparent to the East of the fwd coy posns and there was occasional mortaring and shelling of the bn posn. Otherwise there was little of importance to report.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO

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Unit 8 RS

Month and Year Aug 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col PR Lane-Joynt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
REF MAP 6F/4 1/50,000	1st	- 1800	Bn HQ located 705535 A Coy 709528 B Coy area X tracks 711532 C Coy 707534 D Coy 705530. During the day there was little enemy activity on the Bn front and no enemy were encountered by inter-coy patrols. Attack to clear ground & wooded country between Bn and nearest troops on right in area 6951 was made by 6 KOSB. Attack met some opposition from enemy tks & inf but was successful & contact was later est by our Rt fwd Coy with this unit. Enemy concs reported in BOIS DU HOMME 7151 shelled by our arty. During the early evening C Coy (RS) was moved into posn behind 6 KOSB in area 702527 to thicken up defence of this sector in view of poss enemy counter-attack. Later in the evening this Coy returned to the original posn when posn had been firmly secured by 6 KOSB.	A Walker Capt
	2nd		Due to adv of other Br units on left flank enemy activity ceased entirely except for occasional long range shelling, and there was little to report. A number of rfts arrived for the bn (67 ORs from 6 Border Regt / 9 ORs from 32 RHU). C Coy was given task of clearing any isolated enemy from wood in front of bn posn at 7152 but after patrols had reported wood clear & contact made with friends on left the op was not carried through. Recce parties set off to recce FAA in area 680465.	A Walker Capt
	3rd	 1600	The Bn remains in area 705535 but Coys were conc near Bn HQ in view of an impending move. Bn leaves present area & moves to FAA area 680465. CO and IO attend 44 Bde O Gp at HQ Gds Armd Div area 678455 for operation to take place on morning of 4th Aug, 44 Bde being under command for this op.	
	4th	0245 0630	Bn move to FUP area Pt 266 (694424) prior to attack arriving in FUP at 0500 hrs. Attack commences. SL line of stream from Le Desert 7043 to 705430. Objective was high ground to the east to pt 283 (738420). The attack was preceded by arty fire but no enemy were encountered on the	A Walker Capt

			objective, having cleared off as soon as our arty opened fire that morning.	Casualties 4 ORs wounded AW
		1030	All objectives gained. Coys est as follows: A Coy area 736422, B Coy area 731422, C Coy area 733420, D Coy area 737419, Bn HQ area 734422. Enemy activity was again confined to shelling of high ground. A few stragglers were rounded up during the day. A Pl of A Coy acted as covering fire to the south west of MONTCHARIVEL 7442, whilst other troops of the Bde occupied the	
		2030	village. Inter Coy patrols were established & later in the day a carrier patrol was sent to recce routes to the east for a possible move.	A Walker Capt
	5th		During the day the Bn remained in posn, with little of note to report.	
	6th		The Bn was now under orders for a quick move and by early afternoon were prepared for an immediate move.	Sheet 7F/3
		1330	Harbour party sets off to recce conc area 771418 followed a short time later by the Bn. Arriving in this area a temporary def posn was taken up by Coys in view of poss enemy counter attack from area LASSY.	Casualties 1 OR wounded A Walker Capt
	7th		During early morning recce parties were sent fwd to new def posn and bn moved fwd to area of village 7639. B and D Coys occupied posns on SE of road at 764394 and 766395 respectively, A and C Coys having def posns in areas NW of rd at 364395 and 765396 respectively. The enemy remains very passive and no direct contact was made though this was to be expected as the Bn was slightly in rear of the line of the FDLs from ESTRY 7437 (Sheet 6F/6) and Pt 208 (772390 Sheet 7F/5). During the late evening and morning of the 8th Aug patrols were sent out to contact neighbouring units & also two recce patrols. Contact with units on the flanks was made but recce patrols did not encounter enemy.	A Walker Capt
	8th		During the day the only incident of note was the approach of 3 enemy tks and SP guns to X rds 769405 (7F/3) where two were knocked out by A tk guns of the unit on our left rear, on the NW side of the cross roads. Later in the day reps of the 2 A&SH carried out a recce of the Bn posns with a view to taking over during the night 8/9 Aug.	Casualties 2 ORs wounded A Walker Capt
	9th	0200	Bn leaves present location and proceed to area 735394 and begin taking over from 3rd Bn Irish Guards. The take over was effected without incident and after readjustment of posns the Bn was disposed as follows: Bn HQ area orchard 735394 (Sh 6F/6), A Coy - 734395, B Coy - 736395, C Coy - 733391 & D Coy 738392. In this posn the Bn came into Bde reserve.	Casualties 1 OR wounded

	10th		Bn located as for 9th Sept - Little enemy activity except for occasional mor or arty fire. Recces for counter attack role carried out.	Casualties 2 ORs wounded A Walker Capt
	11th		Located as above. An opportunity for reorganisation & cleaning up was taken due to passive enemy resistance in fwd area of the Bde.	Casualties 1 OR wounded
	12th	2100	During the day recces were carried out by Coys as the Bn was being called on to relieve the two fwd bns of the Bde. Enemy mortaring of area continued. Standing patrol of one pl strength continued by night at 750381 on left of 6RSF. 5 OR Rfts from 32 RHU join Bn. Change over with 6 KOSB & 6 RSF takes place & continued until completion with little reaction from the enemy. Bn HQ located 743385 with B Coy in res area 745385 and other Rifle Coys as follows: C Coy area 741375 A Coy 745378 D Coy 747379.	A Walker Capt
ESTRY 6F/6 7437	13th	1415 1830 2300	Considerable slackening of enemy activity was noticed on the Bn front suggesting signs of an enemy withdrawal. During the afternoon vigorous patrolling was carried out by Coys all information pointing to the fact that the enemy were pulling out from that sector. Recce party of 4 KSLI arrive to take over Bn sector. Carrier patrol sent out beyond Estry to south. Road found blocked and mined. REs protected by B Coy were given the job in the late evening of clearing the village of Booby traps and mines. 4 KSLI in process of taking over sector.	Casualties 3 wounded A Walker Capt
	14th	0200- 0430 1930	Bn moves back from rear RV at 723400 (Sheet 6F/4 1/50000) to CATHEOLES 7044 to rest area. During the day however instrs were issued for move back to the eastern sector of the bridgehead area and at 1600 hrs the Bn moved off to AMAYE-SUR-ORNE (Sh 7F/3 1/50000) via VILLERS BOCAGE (see Appx A attached) and eventually arrive in rest area LES IFS 966571.	
	15th		Bn in rest area at LES IFS 966571. Reorganisation and re-equipping where necessary takes place. Coys allowed mobile baths. 5 Rfts from 32 RHU join Bn.	
	16th		Bn still conc in rest area as on 15th Aug. Rest and reorganisation continues.	A Walker Capt
LES IFS 966571 Sheet 7F/3	17th		Bn still located at LES IFS 966571. Visit to Bn of Div Comd Maj Gen Barber and address by Div Comd to all ranks. Brigadier Cockburn MBE Comd 44(L) Inf Bde accompanied the Div Comd.	
Sheet 7F/3 1/50000	18th		Bn moves to area CHATEAU 999454 near CESNY BOIS HALBOUT by march route. Coys conc as follows A Coy 999453 B Coy 997453 C Coy 998450 D Coy 000453. Bn HQ est at Chateau 999454. Commanding Officer attends conference at Div HQ.	

	19th 19th to 22nd		Bn located as for 18th Sept. Trg was carried out by Coys with short route marches. Advantage was taken of the prolonged period of rest in bringing the bn up to full fighting efficiency again. During this period there was little else to report except for the appearance for the first time since the Bn's arrival in France of a Mobile Canteen, and also an "Officers Mobile Shop". Situation otherwise normal - nothing to report	A Walker Capt A Walker Capt
	23rd		Following the complete collapse of the German forces in Normandy there commenced a period of mobile ops which entailed moves of some considerable distances in an effort to keep pace with the German retreat. The Bn left present location on the morning of the 23rd and proceeded by TCV via FALAISE to DAMBLAINVILLE (SH 3A&8 1/250000 2138) where the night 23/24 was spent in harbour. 13 Rfts from 32 RHU join Bn.	
	24th		Leave DAMBLAINVILLE and proceed by TCV to MEULLES 5868 (Sheet 7 1/250000) and harbour.	
1/250000 Sheet 7 LE NEUBOURG	25th	0930 2130	Depart for LE NEUBOURG 0283 via ORBEC 6573 and BERNAY 7979. Bn HQ est 031841 and Coys disposed as follows: A Coy area 0487 B Coy 0484 C Coy 0683 D Coy 0386 (FRANCE SHEET 8F/2 1:50000) in defensive posns to the N and NE of LE NEUBOURG. Enemy still continuing hasty withdrawal and bn not engaged in any fighting. Situation normal - nothing to report.	
	26th	0630	Coys relieved by 6RSF and 6KOSB and withdraw to posns A Coy area rly station 031829, B Coy area C Coy area 032828, D Coy area 030826. In these positions it was possible to carry out maintenance and reorganisation to a great extent with no interference from the enemy whose main purpose appeared to be to get back over the RIVER SEINE with all possible speed. Situation normal.	A Walker Capt
LE NEUBOURG	27th	0900 1730 2200 2300	Bn moves from LE NEUBOURG by MT to area west of LOUVIERS 2289 (1/50000 Sheet 9F/1) and by 1130 hrs is est as follows: Bn HQ - 203893, A Coy 202892, B Coy 204890, C Coy - 200892, D Coy 204891, S Coy 201891. CO and IO attend Bde O Gp and afterwards carry out a recce for a crossing of the RIVER SEINE in the area of PORTEJOIE 290920 night 27th/28th Aug 44. Bn O Gp at Bn HQ and orders for river crossing issued. Bn leaves present area by march route and proceed to FAA in area 2794. Veh party move in rear of Bn to veh park in area 268922. Tac Bn HQ was est at 290921 in PORTEJOIE next to 44 Bde regulating point.	A Walker Capt

1/50000 Sh 9F/1	28th	0300	After the assault Bn (6RSF) has crossed with some MG opposition from the enemy the Bn which had been called fwd from the FAA began the crossing. Some difficulty was encountered at the most southerly crossing at pt 289918 due to enemy interference from further up river. D Coy however eventually managed to cross without mishap at this crossing while C, B, HQ and A Coys crossed at pt 291921. Crossings were made by assault boats in each case. Enemy resistance became negligible due to 6RSF having est their limited bridgehead on the east bank and the crossing was uneventful except for occasional indirect enemy MG fire, and completed by first light. After a short pause in the RSF bridgehead while mopping up of some snipers took place at 0730 hrs the Bn moved out of the Bridgehead along the east bank of the river and adopted a defensive posn on rt of 6RSF in area 285912, disposed as follows: Bn HQ 285912, A Coy 286913, B Coy 286912, C Coy 284911 and D Coy 284912. No contact was made with the enemy who had withdrawn from the area at 0600 hrs that morning. During the afternoon and evening the build up of the bn in the bridgehead continued as vehs were ferried across by raft at PORTEJOIE. Later in the day on the completion of a Cl 40 RE br at 272906 the complete veh party that remained on the west bank was able to join the Bn. CO and IO attend Bde O Gp when instructions are issued for an adv to contact the enemy on the following day.	A Walker Capt A Walker Capt A Walker Capt
NEAR HERQUEVILLE 2991	29th	0700	Bn leaves present location and moves fwd in adv to contact formation with A Coy as vanguard Coy via DAUBEUF 325942 - VATTEVILLE 3295 - LE LONDE 3396. Our fwd tps reached the limit of their adv at X rds 350966 with very little opposition, a few prisoners being taken. The bn then adopted a def posn in area LE LONDE with Coys disposed as follows: A Coy south of rd in area 346965, B Coy N of rd in area 346966, C Coy area 331960, D Coy area 331965. Bn HQ was est at 332964. Contact patrols were carried out with units on rt and left and during night 29/30 two patrols were sent to AMFREVILLE 3498 and returned with the infm that the enemy appeared to have withdrawn from the village.	1/50000 Sheet 9F/1 A Walker Capt
LE LONDE	30th		Enemy activity throughout the area was confined to a few rds shellfire which caused no damage and on account of the very bad weather and the tactical situation permitting, a relaxation of the state of alertness was ordered and Coys were able to make use of the available cover in the vicinity of each Coy area. As a precaution a pl of B Coy was moved out to occupy a posn at pt 159 337973 but shortly after the posn had been occupied permission was given by higher authority to withdraw it as the situation to the North had	A Walker Capt

			gone so well in our favour and the enemy had completely withdrawn from the area.	
LE LONDE	31st	1030 1430	Bn remains in present area carrying out maint and reorganisation. A Bde O Gp took place at Bde HQ to discuss plan for dealing with pockets of enemy believed hiding in woods immediately South of the FLEURY SUR ANDELLE 3704 - PONT ST PIERRE 3101 rd. The Bn were given the task of adv North from BACQUEVILLE 380989 (Sheet 9F/1) and clearing woods in a gen line through the BOIS DE BONNEMARE 3501 NW to main rd. The wood clearing presented many difficulties with regard to control and eventually after a very slow advance and trying to keep contact with 6KOSB on right in the FORET DE BACQUEVILLE 3701 the leading Coys finally gained the road on the North end of the wood without encountering any enemy. By this time darkness was beginning to fall and the second stage of the op, that of sweeping through the BOIS de DOUVILLE 3200, was cancelled and the Bn returned to LE LONDE at 2230 hrs. 12 Rfts join Bn from 32 RHU.	Sheet 9E/5 1/50000 Walker Capt A Walker Capt

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Unit 8 RS

Month and Year Sept 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LE LONDE	1	1000	Bn still located at LE LONDE (1/50000 Sh 9F/1 map ref 332964). Orders received for move of harbour party to new area but later cancelled. During the day Coys attended Mobile Bath Unit and continued with general reorganisation and administration. 31 Reinforcements arrive in Battalion.	
	2nd	1500	Administration in general continues. Harbour party leaves for new location.	
LA FEUILLIE	3rd	0700	Bn leaves Le Londe and moves in TCVs to LA FEUILLIE (Sheet 9E/6 1/50000 map ref. 5015). Bn HQ est at 505152 with Coys as follows in non-tactical locations: A Coy 502153, B Coy 501154, C Coy 500155, D Coy 499155, S Coy 499156. Situation normal, nothing to report. Administration continued.	A Walker Capt
	4th	0900	Bn leaves LA FEUILLIE and moves to area CRIQUIERS (1/50000 Sheet 9E/4 6537) in two parties, first veh party arriving at 1200 hrs followed by embussed tps who arrived at approx 1600 hrs. In the location Bn was still conc in non-tactical posns and ready for further move forward when ordered.	See Appx E1
	5th	0900 2100	Veh party leave CRIQUIERS and proceed to OEUF (Sheet 1/250000 NW Europe map ref. 0710) arriving at 1700 hrs. Some stray enemy were reported in wood 0610 to the west of the village and personnel of Rifle Coys not yet having arrived, personnel from HQ & S Coys who had travelled with veh party carried out the op of clearing this wood but no enemy were located. Rifle Coys arrive at OEUF.	See appendix E2 A Walker Capt
OEUF HALLUIN Sheet 7 1/100000	6th	0800	Bn departs from OEUF in accordance with Move table att as Appx E3. No opposition was encountered until leading tps of the Bde reached HALLUIN (1/100000 Sheet 7 Belgium & NE France) when it was found canal br between HALLUIN and MENIN had been blown and enemy were occupying posns on the north bank of the canal. It was then decided to move the Bde to area WEVELGHEM 7954 where a small bridgehead was held over the river. The Bn in this operation was given the task of	See appendix E3 A Walker Capt

Belgium & France LAUWE 7953			making a firm base at the river br 798545 and then of taking up a def posn on southern outskirts of LAUWE 7953 with a view to being prepared to carry out any necessary counter-attack in the WEVELGHEM Bridgehead. 'B' Coy took up posn on south bank of river at br 798545 and remainder of Bn was disposed as follows: Bn HQ - 794528, A Coy - 797527, C Coy - 797524, D Coy - 793524.	A Walker Capt
1/100000 Sheet 7 (Belgium & NE France) COURTRAI SH 53 8557	7th	 0500 0900 2100 2300	By midnight 6/7 Bn was complete in posn but shortly afterwards orders were received for the Bn to move to COURTRAI 8557 and take over the defence of nodal point from 7 Seaforths of 46 Bde. Main body of Bn leave LAUWE for COURTRAI. Change-over complete and Bn now disposed as follows: Bn HQ - GRAND HOTEL 854568, A Coy area brs 843570 and 847572, B Coy - area br 861576, C Coy - area brs 853572 and 855573, D Coy and S Coy 857565. During the day there was little enemy activity from north bank of canal where Belgian resistance forces were active and brought in approx 120 prisoners. Reps of 4 RWF (53 Div) arrive with a view to their Bn taking over Bn area in COURTRAI. Bn leaves Courtrai and spends night 7/8 Sept on south-east outskirts of the town at MOORINEGOOD 867562 preparatory to advancing to contact enemy on morning of 8th Sept.	Sh 53 1/50000 France & Belgium A Walker Capt
Sheet 7 1/100000 Belgium & NE France Sheet 7 1/100000 France & Belgium HARLEBEKE 8859	8th	0830	Bn leaves present location and proceeds in advance to contact formation to North East on road COURTRAI - DEYNZE 0573. The enemy were still in full retreat and no opposition was encountered by the time HARLEBEKE 8859 was reached though approx 60 enemy PW were taken with little opposition in scattered localities. Here the Bn took up a defensive position guarding the River LYS on the north west of HARLEBEKE and the remaining Bns of the Bde were passed through to continue the advance. Bn now disposed as follows: Bn HQ est at 885590, A Coy 906613, B Coy area 875586, C Coy 887600, D Coy DEERLYCK 9159. Enemy continued withdrawing to the east on the North side of RIVER LYS but despite danger of his encirclement by British tps further to NE, did not attempt any break through our def line of RIVER LYS. Any attempt at breaking out could hardly be expected in view of enemy's demolition of most bridges over the river.	A Walker Capt A Walker Capt
	9th		Bn remains at HARLEBEKE. Situation normal - nothing to report.	
1/250000 Sheet 2 and 3 NW Europe	10th	0830	Bn leaves HARLEBEKE and proceeds by TCV to MALINES 7175 (NW Europe 1/250000 Sheet 3) via VICHTE 9557 - KERKHOVE 0152 - RENAIX 0846 - NEDERBRAKEL 2052 - NINOVE 3856 - X rds 4755 - ASSCHE 5263 - WOLVERTHEM 5967 - MALINES.	A Walker Capt

MALINES 7174 1/50000 Sheet 45		1530 1900	Bn est at MALINES as follows: Bn HQ & HQ Coy 715748, A Coy 714756, B Coy 719755, C Coy 724748, D Coy 720741. The task of the Bn in this location was solely defence of nodal brs and there was no contact with the enemy. Situation normal - nothing to report. During the evening the CO and Coy recce parties went fwd to OOLEN 9886 (1/50000 Sheet 24 & 34) with a view to carrying out a recce for possible canal crossing in area immediately west of HERENTHALS 9790 but owing to wrong information from higher authority it was found impossible to carry out this recce as the enemy were holding HERENTHALS in strength and also had posns to the west on the south bank of canal.	A Walker Capt
	11th	0730 1800	CO and IO carry out recce of area held by D.L.I. of 50 Div in area 0685 (Sheet 25 & 35 1/50000) with a view to Bn taking over this position. Pipe band of Bn play retreat in MAIN SQUARE, MALINES. The retreat was watched by a very large number of spectators who displayed a very keen interest in the performance.	 A Walker Capt
Sheet 25 & 35 1/50000 France & Belgium	12th	0715 0800 1430 1830	CO and IO start off for Bde 'O' Gp at 085831, followed about one hour later by Coy Comds and Coy recce parties. After Bde 'O' Gp, CO, IO and Coy Comds & recce parties are taken fwd to D.L.I. Bn area to prepare for change over. Bn main body leaves MALINES and proceeds to F.A.A. at ZAMMEL at 048814. Bn leaves present area and proceeds by Class 9 bridge at 070844 to new Bn area. Bn HQ est at 067858 and Coys in conc areas immediately to west of DLI posns with a view to taking over. By 2100 hrs C and D Coys had taken over. A & B Coys were unable to take over until dark due to exposed positions but by 2300 hrs the Bn was complete in new positions and patrols had been sent fwd to GHEEL to try and contact enemy. Enemy activity during the day had been confined to shelling and mortaring of the fwd area.	 A Walker Capt
GHEEL	13th	0500 1530 1545	Patrols during the night into GHEEL reported enemy had evacuated the town and at 0800 hrs the Bn moved fwd to occupy it, Bn HQ being established at 083883. During this complete operation approx 100 enemy prisoners were taken. Bde 'O' Gp took place at Bn HQ. Bn 'O' Gp. Bn at immediate notice to move.	 A Walker Capt

GHEEL		1630 1830	Bn leaves GHEEL and proceeds North on the TURNHOUT - GHEEL road to area 078909 where Bn HQ is est with coys disposed astride the main road slightly further NORTH. CO and IO with 2i/c and OC 177 Fd Bty and later with OC Coys carry out recce of canal for assault crossing during night 13/14th Sept. Despite the short time available and lack of time for proper recce by lower comds the Bn was ordered to cross the canal at first light on 14th Sept and at 2400 hrs 13 Sept CO issued orders for assault crossing of the canal at first light.	A Walker Capt
GHEEL AART 0793 AART (GHEEL BRIDGEHEAD) GHEEL BRIDGEHEAD	14th	0530 0630	During the early hours of the morning the assault boat lorries were brought up into the woods at 070923 and assault boats offloaded. Coys also moved up into the area preparatory to the crossing. Leading Coys begin crossing. B Coy on right at point 069926 and A Coy on left at pt 065925. Considerable enemy MG and rifle fire was encountered but despite this the initial crossing was successfully accomplished by these Coys and B Coy after reorganising on far bank advanced to North of AART village to point 074934 with a view to engaging enemy posns in the village from the rear. Again despite enemy opposition the Coy gained its objective. D Coy crossed the canal immediately in rear of B Coy at the same pt and after slight pause for reorganising attacked eastwards toward the village, while Tac Bn HQ crossed at pt 065925 in rear of A Coy and with A Coy advanced behind D Coy to the village. C Coy in the meantime were left in posn on south bank of canal in woods at 075927 to assist the operation with covering fire. D Coy gained their objectives in the west end of the village and 'A' Coy were passed through to attack the eastern half of the village and exploit beyond gen line of lock at 079928. Opposition however was now very strong and A Coy were unable to extend the bridgehead as ordered. 'C' Coy were therefore ordered to cross the river and assist A Coy and the two coys were finally able to push back the enemy and also clear area of lock 079928 where it was proposed building a bridge, the bridges all having been previously blown by the Germans. However this was not accomplished without severe casualties and during the day coys had to withstand fierce and repeated enemy counter-attacks. Enemy shelling and mortaring of the bridgehead area was particularly heavy and on account of this and also the area of the lock coming under S.A. fire from enemy MGs the RE were unable to construct a bridge and all communication with the south bank of the canal was by assault boat under very hazardous conditions, making the supply of food and ammunition a very serious problem.	A Walker Capt A Walker Capt A Walker Capt A Walker Capt

GHEEL BRIDGEHEAD			Despite all the enemy efforts however by last light except for slight loss of ground on the eastern outskirts of the village the bridgehead remained intact. Since the assault crossing this morning approx 70 PWs were taken. The Bn was now disposed as follows: Tac Bn HQ:- 075930, A and C Coys gen area rd junc 076931 to lock 079928, B Coy 073933, D Coy - 073928.	A Walker Capt
GHEEL BRIDGEHEAD	15th	0200	During the early hours of the evening after dark, enemy infiltration and counter-attacks were resumed and some penetration of the bridgehead was achieved, A and C Coys being engaged in fierce fighting during which time A and C Coys were overrun and also two secs of carriers on that flank. This caused the almost complete collapse of the eastern flank of the bridgehead and positions had to be readjusted as follows: B Coy were withdrawn from their present position and took up posn in area 076930 while remaining personnel of A & C Coys amounting each to approx one platoon strong took up posns at 074929 and 078928 respectively.	A Walker Capt
GHEEL BRIDGEHEAD		0600	Further enemy attempts to reach the crossing site at 075927 were held and the bridgehead remained firm though considerably depleted in numbers. Enemy shelling of the area again became very heavy with the defeat of his counter-attacks and he was making considerable use of roving S.P. guns and also AA 20mm guns. Further enemy counter-attacks developed during the morning but with excellent arty support all attacks were repulsed.	A Walker Capt
		1500	6 RSF cross canal and ease the pressure on this Bn by attacking through the village and eastern outskirts followed at 1930 hrs by 6	
GHEEL BRIDGEHEAD		2000	KOSB who occupied areas 073930 and 076932 and by dusk the bridgehead had again resumed its initial proportions.	A Walker Capt
	15/16		During the night no enemy attacks developed and the posns were unchanged by first light on the 16th.	
GHEEL BRIDGEHEAD	16th 17th		During the day enemy activity continues though on a slightly reduced scale, but later increased again and the Bn was engaged in repelling these attacks. Our own arty was very active engaging enemy mors & SP guns shelling the Bridgehead area. During the afternoon orders were received for the Bn to be taken out of the Bridgehead and reorganise during the night 16/17th but due to enemy attempts at infiltration again on request by the COs of the other two Bns in the bridgehead the Bn did not start to come out of the bridgehead until 0700 hrs 17 Sept. This operation had again to be carried out by assault boat as it had been found impossible to construct a bridge due to enemy shelling but by 0900 hrs the evacuation of the Bn from the	A Walker Capt

GHEEL 1/50000 Sh 25 & 35		0900 2100	bridgehead was complete and Coys had come back to reorganise in GHEEL 0888 with Bn HQ est at 074877. During the day much needed reorganisation and administration was carried out. Orders received for Bn to be ready to move at 0815 hrs 18th Sept.	A Walker Capt
GHEEL MOLL 1790 Sheet 25/35 1/50000	18th	0915	Bn leaves GHEEL and proceeds to area NORTH of MOLL 1790. Bn HQ est at 169914 with Coys as follows: A Coy 160925, B Coy 172932, C Coy 170930, D Coy 153925, S Coy 175925. In this locality Bn was under command 15(S) Div Recce Regt and in reserve behind 15(S) Div Recce Regt who were holding posns on south bank of the JUNCTION CANAL.	A Walker Capt
SHEET 25/35 1/50000	19th	0800 1315	Bn still in same locations. Situation normal - nothing to report. Bn begins to take over positions on canal from Recce Regt and is finally disposed as follows:- Bn HQ - 157925, A Coy area 158934 with pl on canal bank at 157947, B Coy - area X rds 160926, C Coy area 169941 with pl at 170949, D Coy area 148935 with pl at 143943. C Coy finally moved complete into a def posn around factory bldgs at 168947 while fwd platoons of coys were withdrawn at dark and patrols were sent fwd by each Coy to canal bank. Lateral contact was also made between coys and also with neighbouring formation. Enemy activity limited to occasional shelling. Situation otherwise normal.	A Walker Capt
Sheet 25/35 1/50000	20th	 1930	Bn still in same location. Enemy movement and activity still continues on north side of canal and engaged by our arty. Inter coy patrols continue with nothing of importance to report. Carrier patrol reports contact and skirmish with small party of enemy in area of woods 1292. Enemy withdrew and on a search being made could not be contacted.	A Walker Capt
Sheet 1/100000	21st	 1030 1330 1630	No change in Bn positions. OC of relieving unit 8H arrives and discusses relief with CO. Bn ready to move having conc in coy areas, but move postponed for two hours at least. Bn moves off from ACHTERBOSCH 1692 en route for HOLLAND. Route via MOLL - X rds 3494 / SH 26/36 1/50000) - canal crossing 353961. Harbours for night 21st/22nd at BROEKHOVEN 3609.	A Walker Capt
Belgium & NE France Sh 7 EINDHOVEN (HOLLAND)	22nd	0900 1100 1400	CO and IO attend Bde O Gp at RIETHOVEN 3608. Bn 'O' Gp at Bn HQ. Bn moves to EINDHOVEN 4218 via STEENSEL 3411 - VELDHOVEN 3713 - MEERVELDHOVEN 3815. Bn HQ est at 421198. Coys located as follows in localities: A Coy 422198, B Coy 421198, C Coy 423197, D Coy 422197. Tactical situation permitted of Coys being under cover in local schools but def posns were dug in Coy areas in case of necessity for same.	

EINDHOVEN	23rd	0800	Bn ready and standing by to advance Northwards on road to BEST (1/100000 Sheet 5) 3726 in rear of 6RSF. This move was delayed however but the Bn left EINDHOVEN during the afternoon and proceeded to area a few miles NW of EINDHOVEN and harboured for the night. Bn HQ was est at windmill 403229 and Coys disposed as follows: A Coy 393233, B Coy 392232, C Coy 394230, D Coy 399235.	A Walker Capt
			Situation normal - nothing to report.	
		2015	CO and IO attend Bde O Gp. Orders received for advance on morning of 24th Sept.	
		2200	Bn 'O' Gp - CO issues orders for advance to contact at 0700 hrs 24th Sept.	
BEST (1/100000) Sheet 5 3726	24th	0700	Preceded by a troop of 15(S) Div Recce Regt the Bn advanced North on main EINDHOVEN - S'HERTOGENBOSH road. Coy objectives were as follows: A Coy 375279, B Coy 373279. B Coy led the advance and gained their objective with no opposition and A Coy then occupied posns on right of B Coy. C and D Coy were then brought up into posns on the left flank in areas 365277 and 366275 respectively. Bn HQ was established at 377272. Vigorous patrolling by fwd Coys located enemy posns in southern edge of woods 369286 to 365283 with other posns at 375286 and also in area of railway line at 363277.	A Walker Capt
BEST		1100	A Coy advance on right to take enemy posns at 369286 but in face of hy opposition from MG fire to the front and rt flank were forced to consolidate at 372285.	A Walker Capt
		1400	Enemy counter attacks on a small scale were directed at left fwd coy posns but with sp of arty these were repulsed.	
		1445	On instrs from 44 Bde for Bn to form a tight defensive locality in area of X rds 372279, A & B Coys were left in posn but C & D Coys were to move to areas 368281 and 373282 respectively.	A Walker Capt
BEST		1630	A Coy disengage and move to original posn on the right of 'B' Coy.	
		1700	Bn HQ move to area 279276 in rear of A Coy.	
			Patrol activity continued and enemy positions located were engaged by arty and mortar fire.	
			Enemy arty activity in the Bn area also increased in particular in area of X rds 372279.	
			During the night Coys carried out vigorous patrolling all along the front, and contact patrols with own tps on right and in rear were maintained.	A Walker Capt
BEST 1/100000 Sheet 5	25th	0845	CO & IO attend 'O' Gp at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde.	
		0930	CO holds Bn 'O' Gp at Bn HQ and orders issued for attack by C & D Coys on enemy posns at 369286.	
		1045	Coys move to SL in front of A & B Coy posns.	

BEST 1/100000 Sheet 5		1100 1400	D Coy on rt encounter hy enemy MG fire from front and rt flank and despite arty assistance were unable to gain objective. Enemy mortar and arty fire continued and it appeared the enemy were holding the southern edge of the wood in considerable strength. The enemy MG from rt flank was also directed on rt flank of D Coy axis of advance making fwd movement impossible without hy casualties. On account of this it was decided to postpone the operation and C & D Coys resumed their def posn recently vacated. Enemy activity continued on the front and was engaged by our arty & mortars. Enemy shelling at frequent intervals continued. Night patrols continued.	A Walker Capt
	26th		Contact still being made with enemy in known localities and recce patrols pushing fwd fired on by enemy MGs. Own arty active. 4 PWs taken - situation otherwise normal.	
BEST 1/100000 Sheet 5 Sheet 5 1/100000	27th	 0930 1930 2100	Patrols during night 26/27 report enemy still in posn on rt in front of D Coy but appeared to have pulled back slightly on left in area of woods 365285. Reps of 2 Gordons arrive with a view to their Bn relieving 8RS, and carry out recce of area. Unit harbour party leaves for new area. Relief of Bn by 2 Gordons begins and is completed by 1130 hrs. Bn on relief moves by march route to harbour area in woods 3930, Bn HQ being est at 393303. Coys take up local defence of area as follows: D Coy 392303, C Coy 393303, B Coy 394304, A Coy 397305. CO and IO proceed to 'O' Gp at HQ 44 Inf Bde. Bn 'O' Gp at Bn HQ. Orders issued for attack on morning of 28th Sept.	A Walker Capt A Walker Capt
Sheet 5 1/100000	28th	0430 0530 0655	Bn leave present area and proceed by march route to FAA at 401317 in preparation for attack on FRATERSHOEF 389325. A Coy cross start line at track junc 394321 and attack houses at 391322. Objective gained with little opposition and Coy consolidates. B and C Coys pass through A Coy and attack, objectives houses 389325 to houses 387325 with B Coy right, C Coy left. Opposition on right very light but considerable MG fire was encountered by C Coy but coy objectives gained and consolidated. Bn HQ est in area of A Coy at houses 391322 while D Coy were passed through to take up posn on left flank at 388321. Carrier secs were utilized to complete the perimeter defence of bn area. Approx 70 PW taken during bn attack. Prisoners of very varied selection and ERSATZ units. During the day there was considerable shelling of Bn	 A Walker Capt

FRATERSHOEF 390323 1/100000 Sheet 5			area and mortaring also increased in intensity. Enemy in located posns to front engaged by our arty.	A Walker Capt
		1700	Counter-attack develops on left flank directed at A Coy area and Bn HQ. Estimated strength of enemy - one coy. Enemy managed to infiltrate to 150 yds from Bn HQ but were driven back by S.A. fire from Bn HQ personnel from houses 391322 and excellent arty defensive fire. After retreating 8 stretcher bearers bearing Red Cross flag approach Bn posn and ask for truce to enable them to collect 50	
FRATERSHOEF 390323 1/100000 Sheet 5			stretcher cases. Truce of one hour granted. All firing stopped. Five minutes after expiry of truce one enemy shell landed in Bn area but for remainder of night there was no other enemy activity. Our own patrols were active in all Coy fronts during the night.	A Walker Capt
FRATERSHOEF 390323	29th	0530	Stand-to, situation normal, nothing of importance to report during night. Daylight recce patrols were sent out by all coys and various enemy posns were located, and later engaged by arty and mortar fire. One sec of 15(S) Div Recce Regt also patrolled fwd areas and reported contact with strong enemy posns 600 yds to west of fwd coy locations. Typhoons were also very active rocketing and machine gunning enemy in considerable numbers in woods 3730, 3731.	A Walker Capt
	30th	0030	Bn still in same location. Local Coy patrols still operating. During the night enemy activity increased in fwd areas and it was apparent enemy were now occupying posns much closer to our FDLs. New enemy positions confirmed by patrols.	
		0530	Stand-to. Situation normal.	
		0630 - 0815	D Coy patrol wipe out MG posns at 386321, one German killed, one prisoner and one escaped. Enemy continue sporadic shelling & mortaring of Bn area.	A Walker Capt
FRATERSHOEF 390323 1/100000 Sheet 5			Considerable enemy movement was noticeable during the day and engaged by small arms, mortar, and arty fire.	
		1800	Very heavy shelling of Bn area during which time approx 200 shells fell in Bn locality. Also accompanied by MG and rifle fire and in view of probable counter attack, our arty defensive fire was called for and appeared to stop enemy's attempt to form up for counter-	
FRATERSHOEF 390323 1/100000 Sheet 5			attack. No counter attack developed though considerable enemy movement heard in woods and sounds of horse drawn transport. During the night sounds of enemy activity, digging, and movement of horse drawn tpt continued. Occasional enemy shelling continued. Coy patrols very active. During the night very good assistance to observation was given by searchlights in rear areas being directed over Bn locality. This "artificial moonlight" made any enemy movement up to 80-100 yds from	A Walker Capt

FRATERSHOEF 390323 1/100000 Sheet 5			our posns difficult to escape detection and was very much appreciated by fwd troops. A Walker Capt IO, 8th Bn The Royal Scots	A Walker Capt

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FRATERSHOEF	1st		Bn still in defensive posn as follows: Bn HQ - 391322, A Coy - area 391322, B Coy 388325, C Coy 388324, D Coy 389323. During the early hours of the morning there was considerable enemy movement and activity in the vicinity of fwd coys though no attack developed. Two Germans who approached within 30 yds of a C Coy posn were both fired on and wounded, and had to be evacuated through the R.A.P. Patrols reported movement in woods at 385323 and also in vicinity of houses 386325. However by first light coys	A Walker Capt IO
FRATERSHOEF		0600	reported that except for noise of movement and digging during the night there was little else of importance to report. Enemy shelling and mortaring of the Bn area continued infrequently causing little damage or casualties.	
		1030	Coy Comds in turn briefed on relief of Bn which was to take place on the night 1/2/Oct.	
		1130	Harbour party leaves for new area.	
		1230	Reps of relieving unit (5BW) arrive and go round Bn area. During the day there was little enemy activity except for mov of small enemy parties on the front.	A Walker Capt IO
FRATERSHOEF		1930	Relief of Bn by Coys begins and is carried through without incident and is complete by 2300 hrs.	
	2nd	0030	Coys arrived in TCVs at GEMERT for commencement of rest period.	
		0300	Veh party arrives at GEMERT. Bn HQ est at 578309 and Coys as follows: A Coy - 585309, B Coy - 582308, C Coy - 583307, D Coy - 586315, S Coy 584318.	

GEMERT			From 2nd to 19th Oct the Bn remained at GEMERT resting, reorganising and re-equipping where necessary. Training was also carried out as were recces for various ops which were expected to take place. Recreation and entertainments also occupied some time. A summary of events during the period is given below:-	A Walker Capt IO

	3rd	0930 1330	Address by Div Comd Maj Gen Barber to all ranks in the Bn followed by march past with pipe band, the salute being taken by the Div Comd. Football match versus HQ 44(L) Bde. Result: 8RS 4 HQ 44 Bde 2	
GEMERT	5th		Inter Bn football and tug of war competition concluded. The Bn won the tug-of-war competition but was defeated in final of football competition by 6RSF by 5 goals to 2.	A Walker Capt IO
	6th	1345 2000	CO attends Bde 'O' Gp on future ops. Bn 'O' Gp on intended relief of Suffolk Bn (8 Bde 3 Inf Div). During the day the Bn pipe band took part in the Retreat played by the massed pipe bands of 15(S) Div in the Castle Grounds HELMOND. The Div Comd, and Corps Comd Lt Gen Sir R. O'Connor were present.	
GEMERT	7th	0730	Bn recce parties set off for 8 Bde HQ at MOLENHOEK 7053 (Sheet 3 1/100000). A recce was carried out of Bn area at MOOK 7251 but during the morning orders were received that the operation was postponed and later cancelled, and the recce parties returned to the Bn.	A Walker Capt IO
	8th		Church parade at GEMERT.	
	9th	1000	CO holds promotion conference at Bn HQ.	
	10th		Visit of Army Commander Lt Gen MC Dempsey MC to HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. CO attends.	
GEMERT	12th	0900 1100 1700	Commanding Officer and reps from Coys proceed to sector of the front, for recce and attachment, held by 7 US Armd Div in area 6493 (ref 1/100000 Sh 4). This attachment was carried out with a view to future operations in the sector. The Commanding Officer returned to the unit on the evening of the 12th Oct but remainder were attached to 7 US Armd Div until 17th Oct when they rejoined the Bn on the cancellation of the operation. Major Douglass 2i/c, and Coy Comds with IO carry out recce for exercise "ANTEDOTE". HM King George VI accompanied by Field Marshall Sir BL Montgomery pass through GEMERT.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx D1
	13th		EXERCISE "ANTEDOTE". The exercise as described in 8RS Gen Instr No1 entailed the crossing of a canal by the other two Bns of the Bde to form a limited bridgehead followed by 8RS who were passed through to extend the initial bridgehead. The crossing took place on the canal area 527261 (ref 1/100000 Holland Sheet 5) at first light by the two forward Bns on a two Bn front and at 0730 hrs 8RS proceeded to cross on the right hand bn sector with C Coy followed by D Coy on the right crossing by KAPOK bridge constructed for and used by the right hand assault bn. A Coy crossed slightly east of	See Appx D1 A Walker Capt IO

GEMERT			the KAPOK br by assault boat while B Coy in rear of A Coy were directed across the br to avoid delay as the two right hand Coys had crossed while some delay was taking place at the crossing by assault boats. On the other side of the canal the Coys deployed and then advanced on to other objectives when the exercise was terminated. The following points were brought out by the exercise (a) Careful tasking of approach of Coys to canal bank to avoid congestion at crossing places (b) Coys to get clear of crossing places on far bank as quickly as possible and avoid 'bunching' (c) Minimum time to be spent on deploying and move off to objectives.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
GEMERT	15th		Church parade.	
	16th		Training in Coys continues.	
	17th	1100 1400	Warning order received for move on 18th Oct, but this order was later cancelled. Return of party from attachment to 7 US Armd Div on cancellation of operation.	
	18th		Warning order received for move on 19th Oct, and preparations made for the move.	
VEGHEL	19th	0800 1330 1600	Bn recce party leaves GEMERT and proceeds to VEGHEL 4737 with a view to taking over def posn from 1/7 Queens (three Coys) and one coy 1/5 Queens, the Bn having been placed under command 7th Armoured Division. Bn leaves GEMERT by TCV and proceeds to VEGHEL, and take over begins. Bn now located as follows: Bn HQ 469397, A Coy 430415, B Coy 444422, C Coy 476376, D Coy 442429. CO and IO proceed to HQ 131 Inf Bde (7 Armd Div). During the evening of 19th and the night 19/20 vigorous inter-coy patrols were carried out but no enemy were encountered on the North East bank of the canal, though there was occasional enemy shelling of the Bn area and also MG fire from across the canal.	See also Appx D2 A Walker Capt IO
VEGHEL	20th 20/21		Location - no change. During the day enemy activity was again confined to occasional mortaring and shelling of fwd Coy areas. The few enemy observed on the other side of the canal by Coys and patrols being engaged by S.A. fire. The night again brought no new developments and patrols between Coy localities had nothing to report.	A Walker Capt IO
VEGHEL	21st	1115 1200- 1700	Comd 7 Armd Div visit Bn HQ and orders the Commanding Officer to conc the Bn in VEGHEL when released from its present role. Occasional mortaring & shelling throughout the day. A and D Coys withdrawn from line of canal in order to allow Typhoons to attack enemy in woods on south side.	 A Walker Capt IO See also Appx D3

	21/22	1700	A & D Coys re-occupy fwd posns on canal. During the evening of 21st and early morning of 22nd our patrols were again active but the only enemy activity was occasional Spandau fire along canal banks not directed at any posn in particular and causing no casualties.	
VEGHEL	22nd		Location - no change. Little enemy activity was observed across the canal during the day but one German was killed by a Bn sniper during the afternoon. Patrol from A Coy which attempted to move to NW along canal fired on by enemy from MOLENWIEK 404425.	A Walker Capt IO
VEGHEL	23rd	0630 1050 1205 1530 1645 1700 1900	Situation normal - location no change. Visit to Bn HQ of Comd 15(S) Div. Orders given to CO that when Bn concentrates in VEGHEL, it once more comes under command 44(L) Inf Bde, with wireless silence. Contact made by D Coy with own tps (51 Div) advancing NW on south side of canal. As advance of 51(H) Inf Div continued on south side of canal, enemy activity became negligible. CO & OC B Coy proceed on recce with a view to B Coy relieving a sqn of 8H on evening of 23rd in area 4346 guarding the eastern exits from the woods. S Coy move to conc area in VEGHEL. D Coy move to conc area in VEGHEL. B Coy move by march route from present area & proceed to take over from sqn 8H. Situation otherwise quiet.	A Walker Capt IO
VEGHEL	24th	0930 1000 1315 1400 1900 2130 2330	Orders received from HQ 131 Bde for remainder of Bn to conc in VEGHEL. A Coy move to conc area in VEGHEL. Instrs sent to OC B Coy to move to DINTHER Church 439412 where TCVs would convey the Coy to VEGHEL. Bn HQ move to VEGHEL and conc under command 44(L) Inf Bde again. Bn HQ est at 478377 with Coys concentrated in vicinity. CO attends 'O' Gp at 44 Inf Bde and receives instrs for Bn to move to VLEUT 3928. Bn move by MT from present area via ST OEDENRODE 4232 and conc in area VLEUT. Bn 'O' Gp at Bn HQ 387283. CO issues orders for Bn advance to contact from BEST 3726 to OIRSCHOT 3125 via X tracks 373278 - AARLE 3526 - STRATEN 3326 - NOTEL 3226 on the following morning.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx D4 A Walker Capt IO
	25th	0645	'C' Coy as leading coy move over S.P. and proceed on axis as given above, the remainder of the Bn following in rear in adv to contact formation. Considerable enemy demolitions and mines were	

			encountered in area of level crossing 364274 causing a few casualties and damage. Pioneer Pl however ably cleared a way and the advance continued. No enemy opposition was encountered the enemy having withdrawn to the North towards S'HERTOGENBOSCH.	
OIRSCHOT		1200	Bn arrive at OIRSCHOT and is disposed as follows: Bn HQ - 318258, A Coy 317257, B Coy 317256, C Coy 316260, D Coy 318262.	A Walker Capt IO
		2315	Bn 'O' Gp for move to HEUVELSTRAAT 2128.	
	26th	0710	Veh party leave OIRSCHOT and proceed to HEUVELSTRAAT via MOERGESTEL 2230 to areas recced by harbour party which had left about one hour before.	
		0715	Marching personnel of Bn leave OIRSCHOT and proceed via north bank of WILHELMINA Canal to HEUVELSTRAAT.	
		1130	Bn conc in HEUVELSTRAAT and at 45 mins notice to move.	
HEUVELSTRAAT		1130	Harbour party leaves for HILVARENBEEK 1924 but considerable number of enemy mines and demolitions caused delay in the area of BIEST 2026 and Pioneers and REs assistance was necessary before progress with the recces could be made.	A Walker Capt IO
		1630	Marching personnel leave HEUVELSTRAAT and proceed via BIEST to HILVARENBEEK 1924.	
		1730	Veh party leaves present area for HILVARENBEEK.	
		2100	CO and IO attend 'O' Gp at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde and orders received for the Bde attack on TILBURG on 27th Oct.	
			The Bn was placed in reserve for this operation, the attack to be carried out by 6RSF and 6KOSB.	A Walker Capt IO
HILVARENBEEK			Bn still conc at HILVARENBEEK.	
	27th	1000	Marching personnel leave HILVARENBEEK and proceed via VOORT 192256 - BIEST 207267 to reserve area at 193285 where they were dispersed in the woods in coy areas.	
		1300	Veh party leaves present area and proceeds by main road via BIEST to reserve area.	
			The Commanding Officer remained at TAC HQ 44 Bde throughout the attack by the other two Bns in the Bde, and returned to the bn at 1630 hrs preparatory to the bn moving forward into TILBURG 1632 now that the other bns had overcome all opposition in the southern half of the town and other troops were occupying the northern half having attacked from the east side.	A Walker Capt IO
		1700	Bn moves fwd into southern outskirts of TILBURG and Bn HQ is established at 182312 with Coys disposed in nearby factory's buildings, the Bn having no tactical role.	
TILBURG	28th		Bn remains at TILBURG and the opportunity is taken during the day of cleaning up stores and equipment.	A Walker Capt IO

TILBURG		1930	Bn receives orders to be prepared to move at 0200 hrs 29 Oct to eastern sector of the 2nd Army front with remainder of 44 Bde and preparations are made for the move.	
NEAR DEURNE	29th	0215	Bn leaves TILBURG in TCVs, head of coln passing S.P. at HILVARENBEEK at 0310 hrs. Route via EINDHOVEN, GELDROP, HELMOND arriving at 0730 hrs in conc area on southern exit of DEURNE 6520 (ref 1/100000 Belgium & NE France Sheet 4). Bn HQ est at 643190.	
		0900	Bn occupies def posn A Coy 644182, B Coy 648182, C Coy 650184, D 645187.	
		1200	CO and IO to Bde HQ.	A Walker Capt IO
		1400	CO & IO meet Comd 44 Bde at ASTEN CHURCH 6113. Bn moves by march route to conc area 625130.	
		1600	Commanding Officer gives out Orders. Bn to recce area RINKVELD as possible def posn (644139).	
		1700	Confirmatory orders from Bde re def posn. Bn occupies def posn, Bn HQ est at 645138, A Coy 641136, B Coy 650136, C Coy 648138, D Coy 644138.	
		2000	7 US Armd Div commence withdrawal through the Bn.	
NEAR LIESEL 6614	30th	0300	A Coy patrols contact 2 A&SH at 625134.	
		1200	Bn moves fwd to take over posns from 6 RSF who are moving fwd to occupy LIESEL 6614. Posns occupied as follows: Bn HQ 656138, C Coy 658140, D Coy 657138.	A Walker Capt IO
		1200	A & B Coys under comd 2 Glas H to stem enemy infiltration in wood 6612. A & B Coys remain under comd 2 Glas H during night with posns A 658133, B 660133.	
			Contact made by patrol with 2 Glas H & 6 RSF during the night. Patrol contacting 6 RSF missed the RSF Coy at 665145 and walked into enemy lines. They took two prisoners. On their return journey they were shot at by enemy MG, one of the PW being killed and one wounded. One of our patrol was wounded. There was some enemy shellfire during the day.	A Walker Capt IO
NEAR LIESEL	31st		Situation normal during the morning. A & B Coys still under comd 2 Glas H.	
		1200	Bn 'O' Gp at Bn HQ.	
		1445	8RS incl A & B Coys with in sp One Sqn 4 TK GREN GDS occupy promontory of wood 6612. No enemy encountered but during the operation there is intense fire from enemy arty, mortars, and nebelwerfers. This op cost the Bn in casualties 4 offrs and 48 ORs killed and wounded. Locations: Bn HQ 663125, A Coy 663123, B Coy 666123, C Coy 665120, D Coy 668120.	
		2100	Patrol from C Coy finds suspected enemy post at 664117 had been evacuated, and posn occupied.	A Walker Capt IO

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NEAR LIESEL 6614	1st	- 1700	Bn located as follows: Bn HQ 663125, A Coy 663123, B Coy 666123, C Coy 665120, D Coy 668120. Situation unchanged. Enemy shelling not so heavy as on previous day. CO and IO attend Bde 'O' Gp. Patrolling during the night did not make contact with the enemy.	
	2nd	0930 1045 1200	Bn leaves for F.U.P. for attack on MOOSTDIJK 6908. Leading carrier blown up on 'R' mine killing two signallers, wounding OC Carrier Pl and 3 ORs. Bn arrives in F.U.P. 675132. Bn cross S.L. with one sqn 4 Tk Gren Gds in sp. Very few enemy encountered during this advance but considerable number of mines and hy shelling and mortaring. All Coys in posn by 1600 hrs. Bn HQ 696095, A Coy 697089, B Coy 688094, C Coy 694286, D Coy 690092.	See Appx E1 A Walker Capt IO
MOOSTDIJK	3rd	- 1430	Situation normal except for heavy enemy shelling and mortaring. CO attends Bde 'O' Gp. Patrols during night find no enemy to west of Bn area, but est an enemy post at 695082.	
MOOSTDIJK	4th	0600	No change in locations. Slightly less enemy arty activity than before. Patrols to west and south find nothing except one enemy post at 693078. One patrol however from A Coy failed to return and is presumed to have been ambushed and captured.	X It was announced on RADIO ARNHEM on 8th Dec that these men were POW. A Walker Capt IO
	5th		Situation comparatively quiet, little enemy activity seen on bn front though enemy was very active on the front of bn on left, and attack by 6 KOSB & 6 RSF was postponed after tks in sp had encountered enemy minefields and also got bogged in the extremely soft & marshy ground. Only slight enemy mor & arty activity during the day.	See Appx E2

MOOSTDIJK	5/6		Patrols again probed fwd from our FDLs during the night for a considerable distance but encountered no enemy on our immediate front though on the left the enemy was still active.	A Walker Capt IO
	6th		Enemy activity during the day was negligible except for occasional shelling and mortaring. During the night 6/7th our patrols were again active in front but it appeared that the enemy had pulled back on this flank, leaving behind mines and booby traps.	
MOOSTDIJK	7th		Situation unchanged - Bn on left report SCHANS still occupied by the enemy. Owing to the quiet situation it was found possible to allow a limited number to attend the Mobile Baths and also a Mobile Film Show.	A Walker Capt IO
	8th	- 1900	A very quiet day with nothing of importance to report. Recce parties of the 10 HLI made a tour of bn area during the early afternoon as the bn was being relieved on the evening of the 8th Nov for a 48 hrs rest period in ASTEN. Bn concentrated in ASTEN 6113 after relief having been carried out by Coys.	See Appx E3
ASTEN	9th	0800	Bn located in ASTEN. The day was spent in cleaning up of equipment etc and reorganisation as necessary. Limited numbers from Coys also attended local Army Film Shows. Coys were also able to attend the Mobile Bath Unit.	A Walker Capt IO
NEERKANT	10th	- 1430 1800	Bn still located in ASTEN - Administration continues. Bn recce party consisting of CO, IO, Coy and Pl Comds leave for recce of def posn at present occupied by 2 Gordons in area NEERKANT 698094. Coys leave ASTEN in TCVs for LIESEL 670144 where they debussed and marched to NEERKANT and proceeded to take over from 2 Gordon H. The take over was completed by 2100 hrs without incident with Coys located as follows: A Coy 698097, B Coy 708088, C Coy 702093, D Coy 707095, Bn HQ was est at 700092.	 See Appx E4 A Walker Capt IO
NEERKANT	11th	0800 1100	Situation normal - nothing of importance to report during the night. Some enemy shelling and mortaring of Bn area. Bn HQ changes location to 698094 and A Coy to 698095. Some enemy activity seen on east bank of DEURNE CANAL. Owing to the open nature of the ground B and D Coys movements in fwd areas had to be restricted, being under observation from the east side of the canal. During the night a 'B' Coy recce patrol reached SCHANS at 709082 without encountering any enemy.	 A Walker Capt IO See Appx E5
	12th	0800	Situation normal - occasional shelling during the night. Our own arty was extremely active.	

NEERKANT			The day was uneventful with little enemy activity. The greatest danger was from scattered mines particularly in B Coy area and some casualties were incurred. Bn Pioneer Pl swept safe lanes in the Coy area to prevent further accidents. Night recce patrol reached 711079 and 714081 without incident.	A Walker Capt IO
	13th	0700 1000 1415	CO visits Coys to say goodbye on his leaving the Bn. Enemy movement seen on far bank of canal. Little enemy activity apart from shelling and mortaring during the day. The Commanding Officer departs. Major JAH Douglass MBE 2i/c assumes command pending arrival of new Commanding Officer.	See Appx J1
NEERKANT NEERKANT	14th	0200-0600 1100 1900 1000	Recce patrol reaches 718077 without encountering any enemy. New Commanding Officer, Lt Col BA Pearson arrives from 2 A&SH. On instructions from 44 Bde to occupy SCHANS, the Commanding Officer issues orders to OC C Coy to carry out this operation. In view of the danger from mines, assistance was to be given to C Coy by the Pioneer Pl. OC S Coy, Pioneer Pl Comd & SO attended this 'O' Gp. A Coy takes over from D Coy during the early evening, the change-over being complete by 1930 hrs. D Coy now occupy A Coy's posns. C Coy preparing for move to B Coy area preparatory to moving fwd to SCHANS.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx E6 A Walker Capt IO
        NEERKANT	15th	0005 0115	Carrier Pl in posn formerly occupied by C Coy. C Coy report arrival in SCHANS without incident and by 0225 hrs have completed the occupation of the village. Mines were encountered by a standing patrol in area 713082 causing one casualty. Pioneer Pl did excellent work in mine clearing. Enemy activity on this part of the front apart from shelling and mortaring was negligible but units on the right conforming in the general move fwd found the enemy active in the MEIJEL area and HELDENSCHEDIJK 7206.	 A Walker Capt IO See Appx E7 for move of flanking unit
     NEERKANT	16th		During the night 15/16 an enemy patrol was reported in front of B Coy but contact was not made with it, but our own recce patrol which reached 720078 reported no enemy in the area. Except for occasional enemy sniping from across the canal on B Coy area there was little to report. Infrequent shelling continued without causing damage. The Commanding Officer accompanied by OC 6RSF visit C Coy area and SCHELM 704086 and arrange for C Coy 8RS to move back into SCHELM and SCHANS to be occupied by a coy of 6RSF who were now in area HOF	 A Walker Capt IO

			7007. This operation was carried out in the early evening without incident.	
NEERKANT	17th	 1600	During the night 16/17th a recce patrol from B Coy reached the canal in area 719089 and established the presence of the enemy on the far bank. During the afternoon reps of 6KOSB arrived with a view to their bn taking over from 8RS in the early evening. Relief begins and is carried through by Coys without incident and is completed by 1930 hrs. Coys on their relief embussed in M.T. at rd junc 693102 and proceed independently to rest area in ASTEN. Owing to the unlikelihood of receiving sufficient reinforcements to make the bn up to full strength, orders had been received from HQ 44 Bde to the effect that the bn would have to be reorganised on a three Rifle Coy basis. This change over was carried out in accordance with details in Appx G1. The other bns in the Bde were already organised on this basis.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx G1 A Walker Capt IO
ASTEN	18th	- 1500 1800	Bn in rest area at ASTEN, Bn HQ 620133. The day was devoted to administration, cleaning up and checking of stores. Opportunity was also given for Coys to attend Mobile Bath Unit, and vacancies were allotted at Army Film Unit shows in ASTEN & HELMOND. CO & IO attend 'O' Gp at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. CO holds short 'O' Gp and gives out projected operations in which the Bn would take part. Some administrative problems in the bn were also discussed.	 A Walker Capt IO
ASTEN ASTEN	19th	1130 -1215 1215	Church service in Presbyterian Church ASTEN. During the morning the Corps Commander Lt Gen Sir R O'Connor KCB DSO MC paid a short visit to the bn, and spoke to a number of the officers and men on an informal tour of HQ & B Coys. The Commanding Officer speaks to all available Offrs and ORs in the bn, the first opportunity he had had of doing so since assuming command. Bn Harbour party leaves for HOF 7007 but returns on information being received that bn would remain at ASTEN, night 19/20th Nov. One liberty truck per Coy proceeded to EINDHOVEN. In the evening the Commanding Officer held a conference of Coy Commanders on general points of organisation and administration.	 See Appx E8 para 17 A Walker Capt IO
	20th	 1600 1730	Bn still located in ASTEN. Bn recce party proceeds to MEIJEL. Bn leaves ASTEN by TCV and proceeds to conc area in MEIJEL. Bn conc in MEIJEL as follows: Bn HQ 714067, A Coy 713065, B Coy 713066, C Coy 713066, S Coy 715065.	 A Walker Capt IO

MEIJEL	21st	0800 1630 2300	There was nothing to report during the night and the bn remains in conc area during the day awaiting orders. Pioneer Pl at instant readiness to go and assist 227 Bde, proceeding later in the evening and being att 227 Bde for 48 hrs. Orders received from 44 Inf Bde:- Bn at 2 hrs notice to move wef 0800 hrs 22nd Nov. Harbour party to be ready to move at 0700 hrs.	See Appx E9
MEIJEL	22nd	0730 0915 1500 1930	Harbour party leaves. Officer representatives from Coys come to Bn HQ for short conference on the impending move and tactical situation. Harbour party returns to Bn. Owing to the nature of the ground and the heavy rains of the last few days it was found almost impossible to move transport in fwd areas and orders were received that the bn would remain in present location. Orders received from 44 Inf Bde to the effect that there would be no move tomorrow but that work parties would be required for roads.	A Walker Capt IO
MEIJEL	23rd	0730 0900	Composite party from the bn of one offr and 50 ORs proceed to HELENAVEEN to assist RE in carrying out maintenance work. During the day Coys carry out maintenance work on the LIESEL - MEIJEL road. CO, Adj & SO visit 44(L) Inf Bde Tactical School at HELMOND during the afternoon.	A Walker Capt IO
	24th		Location no change. Bn continues to find work party for RE and also to carry out administration.	
	25th	1000	Comd 44(L) Inf Bde holds Training Conference for COs at HQ 8RS. Work party assists RE in rd & br maintenance.	
MEIJEL	26th	0930 1000 1130	Work party of one officer and 50 ORs proceed to HELENAVEEN. Church service held in MEIJEL for CofS and CofE personnel. Comd 44(L) Inf Bde, Brigadier H.C.H.T. CUMMING-BRUCE DSO who had taken over from Brigadier COCKBURN visits Bn HQ. Administration and training continues.	A Walker Capt IO
MEIJEL	27th	0800 0900 1400 1430 1630	Work party proceeds to HELENAVEEN. All Coys proceed on route march, returning by 1300 hrs. Instrs received from 44 Bde for Commanding Officer to proceed immediately to HQ 56 Inf Bde with a view to the bn taking over from 2 ESSEX in area 8811 on the following day. Recce parties to follow as soon as possible. CO and IO proceed to HQ 56 Inf Bde at 864132 and thence to HQ 2 ESSEX 876121, and carry out a recce of bn area. Bn Recce party leaves for 2 ESSEX, and meet CO at HQ 56 Inf Bde when instrs are given to Coy representatives regarding respective areas to be taken over.	A Walker Capt IO

		1935	CO and IO return to MEIJEL, when Commanding Officer is informed that take-over from 2 ESSEX has been postponed. Recce parties to remain night at 2 ESSEX.	
MEIJEL	28th	 1100 1200 1430 1730	RE assistance continues to be provided. CO proceeds to HQ 6RSF for conference held by Comd 44 Bde. Bn recce party returns from 2 ESSEX. Lt Carr and 2 ORs of A Coy leave for 4 Lincs to carry out patrol in area 8808 acting as covering party for recce party from R.A.C. but returns at 1630 hrs as patrol was being carried out by bn holding that sector. Commanding Officer's conference at Bn HQ on future ops.	A Walker Capt IO
MEIJEL	29th	 1430 1800	Administration and training continues. CO proceeds to Bde planning conference for OPERATION 'GUILDFORD'. All Coys inspect A.P.C. ("Kangaroos") of 'A' Sqn 49 Armoured Personnel Carrying Regt with which the Bn was to operate in the forthcoming operation for the capture of BLERICK 8909 on the west bank of the RIVER MAAS opposite VENLO (this operation was known as operation 'GUILDFORD'). Commanding Officer's Conference for Coy Comds on OPERATION "GUILDFORD", and a rehearsal to be carried out on the morning of 30th Nov, to practise those taking part in the co-operation with "KANGAROOS".	A Walker Capt IO
MEIJEL	30th	0845 0915 1100	CO, 2i/c and Coy Comds proceed to area 6210 where practice was to take place and arrange final details on deployment of Coys etc. Bn less dets of S Coy mounted on KANGAROOS proceed to area 6210 where a rehearsal on forming up, advance and deployment and "de-tanking" is carried out according to the bn plan for OP "GUILDFORD". After the rehearsal the bn returned to MEIJEL in the KANGAROOS. CO proceeds to HQ 44 Bde for farewell address by Comd 8 Corps, Lt Gen R O'Connor KCB DSO MC. Planning for OP 'GUILDFORD' continues. In the evening a St Andrew's night was held at Bn HQ attended by all officers.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MEIJEL 7167	1st	-	Bn still concentrated at MEIJEL with Bn HQ at 714067. Planning for op 'GUILDFORD' continues.	
		1430	CO, 2i/c, IO, SO, Rifle Coy Comds and Adj attend sand-model discussion at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde on operation "GUILDFORD".	
MEIJEL	2nd		Final details for operation tied up.	
		1530	Commanding Officer's 'O' Gp at Bn HQ and final orders issued for Bn attack on BLERICK. Reps from sp arms present.	
		2000	Instructions received from 44 Bde that should armour fail to carry out first phase of op due to state of the ground the inf were to be prepared to carry out the attack without the sp of the armour. Such a plan involving the use of Bangalore torpedoes to blast the wire was fixed by the CO, and the Coys informed of the possible change.	A Walker Capt IO
		2330	Message received from 44 Bde that op would take place and that Phase I (the armoured battle) would be attempted despite ground conditions, followed by Phase II. As much loading of essential stores in Kangaroos as was possible was carried out by Coys during the evening.	A Walker Capt IO
NEAR BLERICK (8908)	3rd	0630	Coys move off in Kangaroos from MEIJEL via BERINGEN 7505 - PANNINGEN 7704 - MAASBREE 8207 and by 0755 hrs had halted with head of coln at 845085 awaiting instrs from 44 Bde to move fwd to FUP in area 875087. Each R Coy had been allotted 11 Kangaroos with 5 to Tac Bn HQ. No 'F' echelon vehs accompanied the coln in view of the extremely bad state of the ground.	See Appx E1 (only incl in original copy of Diary)
		0930	Instructions received from 44 Bde that flails and AVREs had been successful in breaching the wire and minefields and throwing a bridge over the A tk ditch on bn sector in lanes 1, 2 & 3 and the bn had to move fwd for commencement of Phase II.	A Walker Capt IO
			The Commanding Officer held brief 'O' Gp of Rifle Coy Comds on receipt of this instr and ordered B Coy to move off followed by A Coy, B Coy to proceed via Lane 2 to their 1st objective (Houses 893092 Codename - PENGUIN) while A Coy were to move to their objective (area 895086 ALBATROSS and MALLARD) by Lane 1.	See Trace att to Appx E1 See Trace att to Appx E1

		0940	B and A Coys move off in APCs and move through FUP area 875087 into respective lanes.	
NEAR BLERICK 8908		0955	B and A reported through lanes and over A tk ditch, moving towards objectives.	A Walker Capt IO
		1000	Wireless communication now becoming difficult. Bn HQ and C Coy move up towards FUP and halt with head of coln at 868088. Ground opposition to B and A Coys advance in the initial stages was not very heavy though shelling and mortaring increased as the attack progressed. Having 'debussed' from the APCs between the A tk ditch and their objective A Coy by 1030 hrs had established themselves on ALBATROSS and shortly afterwards reached 'MALLARD'.	
BLERICK 8908			B Coy 'debussing' about 200 yds short of PENGUIN had cleared this objective by 1045 hrs and were now moving through ALBATROSS to BLACKCOCK, opposition however now increasing.	A Walker Capt IO
		1115	C Coy on orders from CO move fwd and advance through lane 1. Some delay however was caused through some APCs becoming bogged having taken the wrong turning off into the lane. The move fwd was resumed after a 15 min delay and at approximately 1150 hrs C Coy crossed the A tk ditch on Lane 1 and proceeded to 'debus' just short of PENGUIN. Bn HQ followed immediately in rear of C Coy.	
BLERICK			B Coy by now had cleared up enemy opposition to the east of the left hand sector of BLACKCOCK and were moving towards the river. C Coy encountering little opposition move down towards the river on the right of B Coy.	A Walker Capt IO
		1300	Tac Bn HQ est at 894091 with Coys as follows: A Coy HQ 894087 with pls at 894087, 894085, 896087, B Coy HQ 898089 with pls at 898089, 900091 and 902090, C Coy HQ 897088, pls at 896088, 899086 and 897085. General mopping up in the sectors allotted to Coys continued, and some more enemy were rounded up from the numerous cellars in the town.	
BLERICK		1750	CO 6KOSB arrives at Bn HQ with instrs from Comd 44 Bde for relief of Bn in the early morning of 4th Dec. Frequent heavy shelling and mortaring of the Bn area continued.	A Walker Capt IO
		2030	2i/c arrives at 894085 with Coy carriers but in view of the relief no F ech tpt was now required and the carriers returned with the 2i/c after the Commanding Officer had arranged the details of the relief.	
		2330	L.O. arrives from 44 Bde with details of relief.	
BLERICK	4th	0400	Visit of acting BM 44 Bde to Bn HQ to confirm details of relief. There was again some enemy shelling during the night.	A Walker Capt IO

BLERICK		0650 0700 0800 2400	A Coy leave present posns and proceed by march route to rd junc 877087 where met by guides and later to new coy area 875087 with Coy HQ at 872088. Message received from 6KOSB to the effect that they had completed occupation of new posns necessitated by 8RS relief. C Coy leave present area and move by march route to BOEKEND and Coy HQ is est at 875098. B Coy move by march route to gen area 845085 and Coy HQ est there. Bn HQ moves by APC (command, sig, Med and RA Kangaroos that had been retained after the attack) to ROOTH 8408, Bn HQ being established at 850092. During the afternoon the Commanding Officer and OC C Coy carry out a recce of gen area 885115 at present held by Coy 2 Glas H with a view to C Coy taking over that evening. C Coy having taken over from 2 Glas H Coy are located as follows: Coy HQ 882118, Pls at 883114, 886114 & 885117. There was occasional enemy shelling and mortaring in the Bn area but no damage was caused.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
ROOTH 8408	5th		During the day the following changes of location took place:- A Coy HQ moved to BOEKEND at 875099 leaving two pls in original area and one in occupation of HOUT-BLERICK 8807. Carrier Pl occupied WIELDER 883105. During the day there was again spasmodic shelling in the Bn area. Our own arty was very active.	
ROOTH	6th	 1400	Location no change. A party of war correspondents visited the Bn and were entertained to lunch at Bn HQ, afterwards interviewing some members of Rifle Coys on their experiences. Brigadier HCHT Cumming Bruce DSO Comd 44 Bde visited Bn HQ. S Coy changed location during the afternoon and established Coy HQ at 848089. Situation otherwise comparatively quiet.	A Walker Capt IO
ROOTH	7th	0800 0930	Situation normal, occasional shelling during the night. CO proceeds to conference at HQ 44 Inf Bde. During the morning 2i/c and OC Pioneer Pl carry out recce in area 880075 with a view to a possible Coy area in this locality. Pioneer Pl later cleared this area of mines and taped off routes into the posns. On his return from Bde the CO visited A & C Coys and informed the Coy Comds of future intentions etc.	A Walker Capt IO

		2145	Later in the day at a short conference OsC B & S Coy and officers of HQ Coy were informed of the various points arising from the Bde conference that morning. Contact patrol from C Coy proceeded to level crossing at 892113 to meet patrol from 6RSF but due to non-arrival of RSF patrol no contact was made.	A Walker Capt IO
ROOTH 8408 ROOTH	8th	0300 1000	Patrol investigating houses at 885073 where enemy posn was suspected found houses unoccupied and no trace of any enemy in the locality. B Coy leave present area to take over from 'C' Coy and relief is completed by 1230 hrs. 'C' Coy returns to locality vacated by B Coy. During the day apart from occasional shelling in fwd area there was nothing of importance to report. The first two enemy a/c to be seen for some considerable time flew over the Bn area at 4000 ft late in the afternoon. Patrol made contact with 6RSF at level crossing 892113 at 2230 hrs. 25 reinforcements from 10 BW arrive.	A Walker Capt IO
   ROOTH	9th	1125 1530 2000	Major Gen Barber DSO MC Comd 15(S) Div visits Bn HQ. The Commanding Officer visited fwd Coys during the morning. Comd 44 Bde, 2i/c 6KOSB & OC B Coy 6KOSB visit Bn HQ to discuss with CO the occupation of BERCKT CLOISTER 868062. It was decided to occupy this area with a platoon of A Coy (8RS), A Coy being warned to have one pl standing by to proceed and occupy the posn. 12 Pl B Coy proceed to occupy area houses 889123 recces having been carried out earlier in the day. There was again occasional enemy mortar and arty activity during the day.	A Walker Capt IO
   ROOTH	10th	0800 1000	9 Pl A Coy leave present area by MT and proceed to BAARLO 8505 and carry out occupation of area 868061. 'S' mines were located in area 12 Pl B Coy causing one fatal casualty and Pioneer Pl carried out mine clearance of this area. Situation otherwise quiet with some occasional mortaring fwd of B Coy. A draft of 2 officers & 100 ORs arrived from 7 Green Howards. In view of the strength of the Bn, arrangements for the reforming of D Coy were made.	A Walker Capt IO
	11th	 1200	No change in location - situation very quiet. Comds 44 & 46 Bde visit Bn HQ to arrange details of relief of Bn on 16th Dec.	
  ROOTH	12th	 1300	Another quiet day with little to report. Commanding Officer visits fwd Coys during the morning. CO & IO 9 Cameronians visit Bn HQ to discuss details of forthcoming relief.	A Walker Capt IO

			The rehabilitation of D Coy continues at 'A' echelon. During the period when bn was in Bde reserve opportunity was provided for baths, entertainments etc, a small proportion being allowed away on each occasion.	
ROOTH ROOTH	13th	 1100	Location no change. There was little of importance to report during the day. CO and 2i/c leave to attend presentation by CinC of awards to officers and ORs of the division. The following officer & other ranks of the Bn were decorated: Lt JR Stobo (B Coy) MC Sgt D Douglas (Sigs Sgt) MM Sgt R Laing (Int Sgt) MM Cpl C Moore (B Coy) MM Other awards gained by members of the Bn were: Lt Col Lane-Joynt DSO Major MH Cooke (wounded 31 Oct) MC During the early afternoon a change over between B & C Coys was carried out being completed by 1430 hrs. Situation otherwise normal apart from increase in enemy shelling in BOEKEND area.	 A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
ROOTH	14th	1030	Corps Commander visits bn accompanied by Comds 15(S) Div and 44(L) Inf Bde. During the day enemy activity was again confined to a further increase of shelling and mortaring, mostly in the gen area immediately east of BOEKEND 8709. A number of vapour trails left by V2's were observed during the day, bearings being taken on the points of origin and reported.	
	15th		Situation unchanged with little to report, followed by a very quiet night.	A Walker Capt IO
ROOTH	16th	1200	CO returns from Div HQ. Enemy activity was again confined to occasional shelling and mortaring in the fwd areas. Situation normal.	
    ROOTH	17th	0945 1830	Commanding Officer leaves to visit HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. During the day there was considerable enemy air activity with some jet propelled a/c but no offensive action was carried out by them in the Bn area. Occasional enemy shelling continued. CO holds short conference on forthcoming change-over with 6RSF, recce parties having been sent off during the afternoon to stay with 6RSF and become acquainted with the local situation prior to arrival of the Bn.	 A Walker Capt IO
	18th		The day was generally quiet with preparation being completed for change-over. D Coy took over C Coy posn in area 8811. Immediately	

BLERICK 8909			after last light Bn moved by march route by Coys through BOEKEND and WIELDER 8710 and began take-over from 6RSF. Bn HQ moved to 894097 while Coys were located as follows: A Coy HQ - 892102 with pls as follows: 893103, 894106 and 892105. B Coy - HQ at 900095, Pl areas 897098 - 902097 - 903099, 902095 - 905095. C Coy - HQ at 898092, pl areas 900094, 899092 and 902091. D Coy - as for previous C Coy posns. Carrier Pl in ground role - 902103.	A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK 8909	19th	1045 1130	There was little enemy activity during the day apart from very infrequent shelling. Comd 44 Bde visits Bn HQ & makes a tour of C Coy area. Comd 11 Armd Div visits Bn HQ to find out details of local situation in view of probable relief which however never took place. There was no enemy activity on this side of the river during the night, and reports were only received of occasional spandau & rifle fire from east bank of river. A considerable amount of work was done by Coys in improving the defences by sandbagging, wiring and laying of trip flares. This work more or less continued during the whole time the bn occupied this sector.	A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK 8909	20th	1430	The day was again uneventful apart from occasional shelling & mortaring, with an enemy 'leaflet' raid on the BLERICK area. During the afternoon the A tk pl carried out a successful shoot against tower 905087, believed an enemy O.P., scoring 11 direct hits out of 13 rounds fired. D Coy relieved a tp of 15(S) Div Recce Regt in gen area 890122 and are now disposed as follows: HQ 889123, pls 891123 (moves at night to 893124), 885117, 890114. Relief was complete by 1830 hrs.	A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK 8909	21st		During the early hours of the morning a strong enemy patrol overran post of neighbouring unit at 894129 and D Coy were ordered to send a pl along rly to Recce Regt posn at 893135 and contact this posn. Patrol returned to Coy position at 0730 hrs without having made contact with the enemy. During the day there was little of importance to report. There was little enemy activity during the night also.	A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK 8909	22nd		Instrs received that Bn would take over area North of Blerick from 'A' Sqn 15 Recce Regt by evening. CO and OsC B & C Coy carry out recce of the area during the morning. Preparations were completed by the afternoon for the relief, and on relief of fwd Coys by Coys of 6KOSB the bn move to the northern sector of the Bde front and took over from A Sqn 15 Div Recce Regt.	A Walker Capt IO

NEAR BLERICK			The relief was somewhat delayed by hy mortaring and shelling which continued most of the day. The relief was otherwise carried through without any other interference & Coys were complete in new location by 2400 hrs. The Bn was now disposed as follows: Bn HQ 869133 *(A Coy - HQ & pls by day 867133 & by night HQ 869133 & pls areas 871134, 867133 and 868132). B Coy - HQ - 892135 & pl areas 892135, 894137 & 893133. C Coy - HQ - 891142 & pl areas 891142, 896139 & 897143. D Coy - HQ - 889122 & pl areas 891122, 890114 & 892124. Carrier Pl & A tk pl occupied in a ground role areas 893129 & 868148 respectively. The night was very quiet apart from some rifle fire from across the river.	A Walker Capt IO * Not relieved in BLERICK until 23rd Dec.
NEAR BLERICK	23rd	1430	Situation normal - Comd 44 Bde visits Bn HQ at 0945 hrs. There was considerable shelling of the area during the day & our arty was also active. CO attends conference at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde at SEVENUM 8114. During the night there was some enemy patrol activity in the neighbourhood of GROOTRAII 896121 and fire was exchanged between patrol & D Coy listening post. Patrol withdrew & was not again located. A Coy arrived in posns (already given) on their relief in BLERICK where they had been u/c 6KOSB for the previous 24 hrs. Arty & mortar activity on both sides was considerable during the night.	A Walker Capt IO
NEAR BLERICK	24th	0800	Situation normal after 'noisy' night. Little was observed of the enemy during the day though what movement that was seen was engaged by our arty & mors. There was also occasional arty & mortar fire in the bn area. There was little activity during Christmas Eve though the church bells of VELDEN 9014 were heard ringing during the evening presumably with no military importance. Five civilians crossed the river during the morning & were evacuated.	A Walker Capt IO
NEAR BLERICK	25th		Christmas day brought one of the quietest so far in the sector. Comd 44 Inf Bde visited Bn & went round Coys with the Commanding Officer. It had been anticipated that the Germans would perhaps try some form of large scale raid on Xmas day as all reports from civilians pointed to this. However after considerable work, the defences had been greatly improved & in a state of complete readiness, the bn	A Walker Capt IO

			awaited a possible attack across the river. This however never materialised & Xmas passed with little to report.	
NEAR	26th		The day was again quiet & except for the usual exchange of arty fire there was little to report.	A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK ROOTH 8408	27th	1230	Another quiet day with preparation being made for relief of Bn by 6RSF. Recce parties of 6RSF arrive. Take over was carried through during the afternoon & evening without incident and bn move back to reserve area as follows: Bn HQ 850092, A Coy 875099 with pl at WIELDER 882105 & a pl by night at 875087, B Coy - 847090, C Coy - 838085, D Coy - SEVENUM 8111, S Coy - SEVENUM 8114. The A tk pl in a ground role occupied posns at 847076 as local protection to gen area. There was nothing to report during the night.	A Walker Capt IO
ROOTH	28th	1030	Period of administration & rest where possible begins. Visit of Comds 15(S) Div & 44 Inf Bde to Bn HQ. While the bn was 'in the line' there had been no opportunity to celebrate Xmas & have Coy Xmas dinners. This was now possible & today Coy Xmas dinners were held by B & C Coys in MAASBREE 8208 & by D Coy in SEVENUM 8114. The CO, Adj & RSM attended.	A Walker Capt IO
ROOTH	29th		Location no change - situation normal. Xmas dinners held by HQ & A Coys at MAASBREE & by S Coy in SEVENUM. B Coy move to SEVENUM & A Coy occupy B Coy area in the late morning. Dutch Coy under command of Bn moves to area vacated by A Coy in BOEKEND - WIELDER area 8710, with posns as follows: HQ - 882105 & pls at 886115, 887110, WIELDER & BOEKEND 875099 (by day only) moving at night to 877086. During the night there was nothing to report.	A Walker Capt IO
	30th		Situation normal - location no change. Administration continues. 2i/c 6KOSB visits Bn to discuss with CO changeover with 6KOSB on evening of 1 Jan 45. 'Scotsman' Press Correspondent arrives to stay for few days with Bn.	See Appx G1
	31st	0945 1200	Another quiet day with nothing to report. CO visits Dutch Coy & 6KOSB in BLERICK to discuss details of relief. Church parade in MAASBREE.	See Appx G2 A Walker Capt IO

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ROOTH 8408	1st		Situation normal - location no change. Bn HQ est 850092. Preparations being made for move of Bn into BLERICK to relieve 6KOSB. During the morning there was considerable enemy air activity in the area, over 30 enemy a/c being seen. One FW 190 was destroyed above bn area by Spitfire. Pilot picked up by neighbouring unit. Bn moved into BLERICK in the late afternoon, Bn HQ est at 895090 at 1800 hrs and all Coys being complete in new areas by 1945 hrs. Bn disposition now as follows: Bn HQ 895090, A Coy HQ 898092 with pls at 900093, 902091, 900088. B Coy HQ 900095 & pl areas 898098-902103, 902097-903099, 902095-905095. C Coy HQ - 897089 & pl areas 897092, 896088 & 897088. D Coy - HQ 893083 & pl areas 894082, 892080 & 897085. Carrier Pl in ground role 898087 & A tk pl in ground role at 893103. Apart from occasional shelling there was nothing to report during the evening or night.	
BLERICK 8909				A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK 8909	2nd		The day was very quiet with nothing of importance to report. During the night however there was some enemy patrol activity in area 891077 & also in area 899098. This latter patrol challenged Pl Comd & Runner of B Coy in English then fired on them, runner being killed and Pl Comd wounded. Patrol then disappeared towards river.	A Walker Capt IO
	3rd	0830	There was nothing else to report during the night & D Coy cleared area houses 891079 at first light without finding any trace of enemy patrol of previous night. Permission asked by & granted to OC D Coy to occupy area of 889081 & 891077 by pl. This op was carried out at last light & other posns now adjusted as follows: Pl of D Coy in area 897085 move to area 889081 & 891077. Carrier Pl move one sec to area 897085. Sec 'C' Coy by night occupy posn area 896085.	
BLERICK 8909				A Walker Capt IO

	4th	 2340	Situation normal - occasional shelling & mortaring of Bn area during day while our own arty & mors were very active, engaged enemy seen moving on far side of river during the day. One gun of A tk pl moved into posn at 904096 in order to be able to engage area of br if necessary.	 A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK 8909	5th	0800	During the night there was nothing to report. Considerable mov of small parties of enemy were seen from time to time in gen area of main rd & cemetery (899076 & 901073) & were engaged by arty & mor fire. Enemy arty & mor activity was on a reduced scale. During the night there was occasional Spandau & rifle fire from East bank of river while our own Coys carried out harassing shoots throughout the night.	
BLERICK 8909 BLERICK	6th 7th 8th	 0020 0800 2200 0700	There were reports of enemy mov in area on rt of D Coy during the early morning but no patrol was seen. Enemy were also reported by Sqn Recce Regt in area 883069. The day was again fairly quiet with nothing to report. Apart from the usual Spandau & rifle fire from enemy & our own harassing shoots there was little to report on immediate front of bn but Sqn of Recce Regt at HOUT BLERICK 8807 (under comd 8RS) reported engagement with enemy patrol at 877074 which made off when fired upon. Situation normal - location no change. Very quiet day with nothing to report. Recce Regt Sqn report engagement with enemy patrol in area X tracks 878072. Otherwise quiet night. Report from arty that during the night enemy patrol had laid some mines (tyre busters) across main road in area 872088 damaging tyres of arty veh which came up the road. This was probably carried out by patrol reported by Recce Regt during the night.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK			Isolated enemy movement during the day engaged with SA, mortars & arty fire. Enemy activity negligible, followed by a very quiet night.	
	9th	0800	Situation normal - nothing to report. Quiet day on whole of bn sector.	
	10th	0055	Patrol reported in area of 902103 but made off when challenged. No further developments. Enemy mortaring & shelling of area increased during the day. Our own arty was very active while Coys again carried out harassing shoots during the night 10/11 Jan.	 A Walker Capt IO
BLERICK	11th	0800	Location no change - night passed without incident. Quiet day on the whole.	

		2200	Enemy patrol reported by Recce Regt in area 879065 but was lost to view when 'artificial moonlight' was extinguished and could not be traced by time request for "moonlight" to be continued was put into effect. Exchange of MG & rifle fire continued occasionally across river during the night.	
BLERICK MAASBREE 8207	12th	0350 0800 1815	Patrol in area 894106 engaged by A tk pl listening post and then made off east towards river. Nothing further to report during night. Situation normal. Preparations made during the day for relief of bn by 6RSF on evening of 12 Jan. Change-over commenced immediately after last light and was completed by 2100 hrs. Bn HQ move to MAASBREE 827080 with Coy as follows: A Coy - SEVENUM 802143 B Coy HQ 880105 with pls at 885116, 887110 & 882104-876087. C Coy 837085, D Coy 847090 & Dutch Coy under command 810147 (VOORSTE HEES), Carr Pl (1 off + 20) occupied DUBBROEK 847076 while remainder carrier pl and S Coy were in area 806142.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	13th - 20th		The bn was now in Bde reserve and it was possible to carry out a certain amount of administration & general cleaning up of arms, eqpt etc. In addition, a proportion of Coys was able to attend cinema shows & concert parties. On 18th Jany, Coy Comds carried out a recce of area at present occupied by 2A&SH in HELDEN 7903 - EGCHELHOEK 7703 with a view to the bn taking over this area. Situation otherwise normal.	 A Walker Capt IO
MAASBREE EGCHELHOEK	20th	 1130 1400 1500 1600 1630	Final preparations carried out by Coys for move to new area. During the latter part of the morning Coys moved by march route to new areas as follows: A Coy EGCHELHOEK 772038 B Coy HELDEN 790037 C Coy HELDEN 789040 D Coy EGCHEL 773032 Comd 44(L) Inf Bde visits Bn HQ. Reps from 10 HLI arrive in Bn area & proceed to take over areas vacated by Coys. Bn HQ closes at 827080 and moves to EGCHELHOEK 771038. Bn complete in new area. Comd 44 Bde visits Bn HQ with DAA & QMG. The Commanding Officer visited Coys in their new locations and also visited HQ 1 Commando Bde during the early evening as the Bn was now under command of this formation for the time being.	See Appendix E1 & 3 A Walker Capt IO

EGCHELHOEK			C Coy as duty company sent one pl to No 45 RM Commando 873044 at last light while two pls reported to No 6 Commando at 835013, as an anti-patrol precaution. B Coy carried out the duty of Mobile Coy should the necessity for such a force have arisen. The above operational roles were to be carried out by Coys in turn every 24 hrs.	See Appx E2 A Walker Capt IO
		2330	Instructions received to send complete Bn harbour party to GRAMMONT (Map ref 2848 Sheet 2 1/250000) leaving at 0930 hrs on 21st. Orders had been received earlier in the evening that only a skeleton harbour party to be sent.	
EGCHELHOEK	21st	0930 1030 1200	Harbour party leave for GRAMMONT area. Commanding Officer visits HQ 15(S) Div at PANNINGEN 775048. Instrs received that Bn was now to proceed to area south of HERENTHALS (9791 Sh 3) and that new harbour party would be required. Our Commanding Officer returns from 15(S) Div HQ. It was decided to send OC 'C' Coy (Major McIntyre) off as early as possible to carry out recce of the area & remain there until arrival of Bn, probable date of move being 22nd Jan.	A Walker Capt IO
		1245 1400 1430 1630	Recce party from relieving Bn (12 Para Bn) arrive. CO leaves for conference at HQ 15(S) Div. Major McIntyre leaves to recce area. CO returns from 15(S) Div with orders for Bn to take over area at present held by 45 RM Commando by morning of 22nd Jan.	
BAARLO 8504		1700 1815 1915	CO, 2i/c & IO leave for HQ 1 Commando Bde to arrange details of relief. CO holds 'O' Group for Comds of A, B & C Coys at HQ B Coy. 'O' Group at Bn HQ & orders issued to remaining Coy Comds & reps for move & relief.	A Walker Capt IO
BAARLO	22nd	0200 0600 0900	During the night relief of 45 RM Commando was carried out by the Bn, Coys proceeding independently to new area in tpt and taking over according to timetable as laid down by the Commanding Officer in his orders. Bn HQ leaves present location and moves to 853047. Relief complete and Bn now disposed as follows: Bn HQ 853043. A Coy - HQ 860050 with pls at 867061, 860047 and 859050 with sec at 867048. B Coy - HQ 847043 with pls at 855031 by day and two pls area Coy HQ and at night pls at 855031, 848032, 860027. C Coy - HQ at 854048, two pls area BONG 8405 and one at 863037 by day, and by night one pl at 863037, pl at 863044 and pl at 865048. D Coy - HQ at 843025, pls by day 843023, 847026 and 846024, by night one pl 843023 to 847015, one pl 847026, one pl 847022 to 852018.	A Walker Capt IO

BAARLO			Carrier Pl occupied ground role in area X rds 859057 with two secs by night at 871057 and 872052. The day was very quiet with negligible enemy activity though our own sp arms engaged enemy movement during the day. Reps from 12 Para bn visited Coys in evening after dark to become acquainted with general layout in view of their taking over area on evening of 23rd Jan. 1430 Bn comes under direct command of 15(S) Div.	A Walker Capt IO
BAARLO NEERKANT MEIJEL	23rd 24th		Another quiet day with preparations being made for hand-over to 12 Para Bn. Relief began at last light and after being relieved Coys moved in tpt to NEERKANT 6909 (Sheet 27 SW/East). Relief was complete by 2000 hrs. Bn spent night 23/24th at MEIJEL and on the morning of 24th Jan moved by tpt to rest area in TILBURG (Sheet 5 1/100000 1532) arriving at 1600 hrs where column was met by harbour party redirected from GRAMMONT and guided to rest area. Bn HQ was est at 179322.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx E4
TILBURG	25th		Bn located in rest area in TILBURG. Situation normal nothing to report.	A Walker Capt IO
TILBURG 1/50000 Sheet 2A&3A 1733	26th		Administration & general cleaning up of arms, eqpt, transport etc continues.	
	27th	 1700	Another day of administration and general cleaning up. Men were allowed out after lunch. CO attended conference at Bde HQ on future operations. C Coy held a successful dance in the evening.	
Tilburg	28th	 1030 1200 1400	A rest day. Church service by Padre in Garrison Theatre. Coys marched down under own arrangements. CO's conference for Coy Commanders on future operations and training. CO and 2i/c made recce of trg area. HQ Coy held dance in the evening.	 CGR Mair Capt A/IO
	29th		Normal training starts in Coys - drill, P.T., weapon training etc. Sgts Mess Dance in the evening.	
	30th	 1100	Training continues. C and D Coys on range. CO attended conference at HQ 30 Corps at BOXTEL 3385 (Holland 1/100,000 Sheet 5) on future operations.	
	31st	 1430	Training continues. S Coy on range. C.O. attends further conference at Bde HQ on future operations.	 CGR Mair Capt

			Cold spell breaks. Rapid thaw.	A/IO

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TILBURG 1/25000 Sheet 2A&3A 1733	1st	 1300	Training and general administration continues. A Coy on range in morning. Bn proceeds by Coys to area 183285 to watch demonstration of attack on pillbox strongpoint by Crocodiles and Avre. Weather now very mild and snow almost entirely gone. D Coy dance in the evening.	
	2nd		All Coys did training with Crocodiles, Avre and Kangaroos.	See Appx E1 & 2
	3rd		Administration and interior economy. Bn played KOSB at football and lost 3-5. Officers dance in evening.	 CGR Mair Capt A/IO
TILBURG	4	1030 1400	The Corps Commander (Lt Gen Horrocks) addressed all officers on future operations. Bde cloth model on future operations attended by CO, IO, SO and Coy Commanders. Lt Col Pearson returned from UK leave and assumes command of the Bn.	
	5		General training. B and D Coys on the range. B Coy held dance in the evening.	
	6th		Bn moves to NIJMEGEN during afternoon & evening leaving B Ech (Oi/c Capt Cox) in Div Adm Gp at GOIRLE.	See Appx E3, D1, D2
NEAR NIJMEGEN	7th		Day spent in Liaison and final tying up with supporting arms (Kangaroos, Avres, Flails & 4 Tk Gren Gds) for op 'Veritable'.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx E1 & 2
	8th	1030 1630 2340	CO and SO (acting IO) attend Bde 'R' Gp. CO & SO/IO enter Germany on recce for first time but OC B Coy (Major D Drummond) having crossed the border in Germany at 1625 hrs proceeding on recce to FRASSELT 8153 with OC Breaching Force was first member of the bn to enter enemy territory. Bn cross S.P. and spend night in Kangaroos on road. Owing to change of plans bn role did not materialise. CO and IO/SO spend night at Bde HQ 783553. Rain had fallen all day and mud made going very bad.	 A Walker Capt IO
	9th	0730	Bn move on PEARL BLACK route to KRANENBERG 8056 in Kangaroos where CO & IO/SO rejoined the Bn. Bn then moved through 2 Gordons at	

			NUTTERDEN 8455 A Coy patrol bringing in 20 PW of 84 Inf Div. B & C Coys occupied ESPERANCE 8655 followed by D & A Coys. Approx 70 PW taken without much opposition. Final posns Bn HQ BOMSHOF 847555, A Coy 866548, B Coy 868554, C Coy 869550, D Coy 869546. Weather wet & cold, roads extremely bad.	A Walker Capt IO
	10th	 1700	Plan to attack CLEVE cancelled & plan to mop up from SW evolved. SL road 885544 to 881548. Zero 0700 hrs. D & A Coys leading with B & C following. D Coy move towards SL but the attack was cancelled through congestion with own tps in area (43 Div). Bn HQ moved to REICHSWALD FOREST 862548. Weather still very wet.	
	11th	0900 1100 1900	Mopping up operation cancelled. IO/SO & Coy Comds RV at HQ 129 Bde (43 Div) preparatory to Bn occupying area held by 4th & 5th WILTS & mopping up in that area. Bn in position & located as follows: Bn HQ 889552, A Coy 884548, B Coy 888554, C Coy 891554, D Coy 883550. hrs approx. Reps from 1st Bn CANADIAN SCOTTISH (Royal Scots affiliated Bn) of 3 CDN DIV arrived preparatory to taking over positions. Rain at night.	A Walker Capt IO
	12th		Relief by Canadians did not take place but bn moved to area BARRACKS 8855 for rest, being in CORPS reserve at approx 2130 hrs. Bn HQ est at 889556. Bn at one hours notice to move in sp of 43 Div on receipt of code-word 'NUTS'. Weather mild by day but wet at night.	A Walker Capt IO
	13th	1000	CO & IO/SO to 43 Div HQ. Bn to recce counter-attack routes etc on posn held by 1 WORCS. CO, Coy Comds, A Tk Pl Comd & IO/SO recce posns area WISMANNSGUT 9052 returning at 1330 hrs, to be informed that plan is cancelled. Order received for Bn to be at 1 hrs notice to move in sp of 53(W) Div to be followed later by order 'No move tonight'. Weather fine.	
CLEVE 8955	14th	0800	Bn at 1 hrs' notice to join 43 Div, which was later changed to 3 hrs notice and finally "No move today". IO rejoined unit from UK leave.	A Walker Capt IO
CLEVE 8955 Germany 1/50000 Sh 6	15th	0930	CO & IO attend Bde 'O' Gp at HQ 44 Inf Bde. Orders received for attack on X rds 960462. On his return to the bn CO holds 'O' Gp and issues orders for this operation. However, a message was then received from Bde to effect that this operation was cancelled & there would be no move today. Weather dull but dry.	
	16th	1000	Location - no change. CO attends 'O' Gp at HQ 44 Inf Bde & receives orders for attack on high ground NE of GOCH in area 9245-9344.	A Walker Capt IO

CLEVE 8955		1400	Recce party sets off for harbour area near HAU 9152 but returned shortly afterwards when due to number of tps in the area it was found impossible to harbour any more tps in that area. CO holds 'O' Gp for capture of high ground NE of Goch. This operation was also cancelled due to good progress of fwd tps of 43 Div in this area. Weather dry but foggy.	
CLEVE 8955	17th	 1430 2015	Location no change - Bn prepared for move fwd to harbour area. CO attends Bde 'O' Gp and receives orders for attack on GOCH 9143. Recce party standing by at 10 mins notice wef 1430 hrs. Final orders received 'no move today'. CO holds 'O' Gp at Bn HQ for attack on GOCH on following day.	A Walker Capt IO
PFALZDORF 4691 NEAR GOCH 9043 GOCH 9043	18th	0830 0930 1330 1415	Bn preparing to move. CO, IO & Coy Comds go fwd and carry out recce at pt 918453. Bn move to FAA in area PFALZDORF 4691. CO receives instrs to proceed to Bde HQ as soon as possible. Orders received at Bde for accelerated plan of attack on GOCH. Bn to provide one coy in Kangaroos as armd recce force on axis CARTER. Orders passed by CO to OC A Coy to carry out the op. Coy complete in Kangaroos and with two tps tks in sp ready to move 1315 hrs. Tac Bn HQ and Kangaroos move in rear of A Coy and est at 925453. Remainder of Bn await further back in area 920463. A Coy proceed on CARTER but are held up at A tk ditch which was impassable and AVRE bridge was sent fwd. Some difficulty was met with in getting br into position & Kangaroos could not cross ditch due to collapse of br. 20 PW were however taken at this stage. Orders received from 44 Bde HQ that operation would not take place as planned. A Coy to remain in posn at ditch. Tac Bn HQ move to 919455 in rear of B Coy (leading Coy) & C Coy on axis HIKER. Zero hour 1500 hrs. Armd Breaching force preceded B Coy on 'HIKER' who after experiencing considerable difficulties with br of A tk ditch, debussed from Kangaroos & attacked forwards and established themselves in area factory 911445. C Coy were then ordered to proceed fwd to area 909443. Difficulty was again experienced at the A tk ditch due to the heavy going & Kangaroos becoming bogged. After crossing the ditch and making towards their obj, this Coy was counter-attacked and for the remainder of the evening there was no comn with the Coy, contact again being made at first light. Visibility was very poor now that darkness had fallen and a thick fog nullified any effect of artificial moonlight. D Coy were then passed through on foot and established themselves with B Coy in a tight defensive posn for remainder of the night. Tac	A Walker Capt IO See Appx E4 A Walker Capt IO See Appx E4 A Walker Capt IO

GOCH		2230	Bn HQ remained in same location though earlier in the evening the CO & IO carried out a recce of the A tk ditch in area of the br, finding the track for Kangaroos almost impassable. CO & IO proceed to HQ 6KOSB at 923447 where CO had talk with Bde Comdr.	A Walker Capt IO
GOCH GOCH 9043	19th	0500 0900	A Coy on orders from CO move from present position at A tk ditch and est themselves in area 913441 being unable to cross the rly line due to heavy enemy fire. With the sp of the tks which had gone fwd shortly after first light Coys were now able to carry out some mopping up in their areas and a total of 300 prisoners were taken. Tac Bn HQ moved along CARTER route & est itself at 915441 while Coys on orders from CO carried out a systematic clearing of area allotted to the Bn. This was completed by approx 1730 hrs & Bn HQ moved & established itself at 909443, the remainder of the Bn HQ now having joined. Bn now disposed as follows: Bn HQ - 909443 A Coy - area factory 908439, B Coy - 906443, C Coy 907437, D Coy 910442. Enemy shelling and mortaring, which had been intense during the opening stages of the battle had now decreased considerably and was confined to harassing fire.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	20th		Location no change - situation normal. Occasional enemy shelling of area. Reorganisation & checking of kit where possible is carried out.	
	21st		Another day with no important changes. Bn remains in Goch which now had almost become a 'back' area. CO visits HQ 44(L) Inf Bde to see Corps Commander.	A Walker Capt IO
GOCH 9043	22nd	 1645 2015	CO and IO proceed to Bde and then on recce of area 9442 (at present held by 6RSF) as bn would be carrying out attack from this area on following day. CO attends Bde 'O' Gp and receives orders for attack on area 9441-9440, as left hand bn of Bde. Bn 'O' Gp & orders issued to Coy Comds.	 See Appx E5
	23rd	0615 0900 1000 1000	Bn ready to move. Move by march route to F.A.A. in gen area 942441. Leading Coys leave FAA. Tac Bn HQ moves to 943426. D Coy followed by C Coy leave FUP in wood 943417 with in sp two tps tks. D Coy directed on wood 946411 and houses 909411 and C Coy following in sp. Despite opposition & heavy DF fire from enemy arty & mortars objective was gained completing Phase I of Bn plan.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx E5

		1100	Phase II commenced after short delay. B Coy on right with C Coy on left having followed in rear of D Coy. Communications now became very bad & it was difficult to keep in touch with the fwd coys though this was possible through the LO of Tk Sqn in sp & arty FOO.	A Walker Capt IO
		1400	Phase II complete with Coys now disposed as follows: A Coy area 947403, B Coy 945400, C Coy 948402, D Coy to area 947404 having been relieved by A & D Coys 6RSF placed under command of the Bn & located as follows: A Coy - 949411, D Coy 945411. 8RS Carrier Pl dismounted occupied area 947407 while sqn 15 Recce Regt under comd occupied for a short while posn in area 948412 but were withdrawn later in afternoon when RSF Coys & Carrier Pl were est in posn.	947404 947407 A Walker Capt IO
		1600	Tac Bn HQ moved to 942413.	
		1700	Coys firmly est in posn. CO visits Coys. Heavy shelling & mortaring of Bn area. This continued throughout the night though no counter-attack developed. A number of SP guns were abandoned by the enemy during this operation and approx 90 PW were taken. Fwd Coys had patrols out during the night. Our own mortars and arty were very active.	
	24th		Enemy arty & mortar activity continues. Comd 44 Bde visits Bn HQ & fwd Coys. There was little enemy activity apart from arty & mortar during the day, though snipers were active in B Coy area.	A Walker Capt IO
		1700	CO & IO of 5 E Yorks arrive on recce with a view to that unit taking over Bn area on 25th Feb. Bn harbour party returns to A Ech. There was no contact with enemy during the night though shelling & mortaring continued.	See Appx E6
	25th		Situation normal - little to report overnight with no change in Coy locations. Reps from relieving Bn arrive. Relief is carried out by stages during the afternoon and evening and is completed by 2245 hours. Bn now conc in former FAA in area 944444.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx E6
	26th	0830	Bn moves by TCVs to VUGHT (MR 3243 1/250000, 2A & 3A NW Europe) arriving at approx 1230 hours. Bn conc in SS barracks on south side of town (3242). Orders received for move on following day to area TURNHOUT and harbour party sent off.	A Walker Capt IO
VUGHT	27th	1030	Bn leave VUGHT in TCVs and proceed via TILBURG to rest area at VOSSELAER 0206 near TURNHOUT in Belgium (Ref 1/250000 NW Europe Sheet 3) arriving in VOSSELAER at approx 1330 hrs.	

			Remainder of day spent in settling in and general cleaning up. Bn HQ est at 015055.	
NEAR TURNHOUT 0607 (NW Europe 1/250000 Sh 3)	28th	1015 1400 1800	CO attends conference at HQ 44 Inf Bde in TURNHOUT on gen points regarding adm, trg, recreation etc. CO's conference at Bn HQ to discuss pts arising from Bde conference. 106 reinforcements join Bn from RHU. CO's promotion conference at Bn HQ for Coy Comds. Adm & recreation continue.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO 8RS

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VOSSELAER 1/250,000 Sheet 3 0206	1st		Bn conc in rest area. Administration and interior economy continue. 2 offrs & 168 ORs proceed on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS. Baths for whole bn in TURNHOUT during morning & afternoon. Small percentage also attend cinema show. Weather - rain in morning, remainder of day fine.	
	2nd		Bn remain in rest area. General administration continues.	
VOSSELAER 1/250,000 SH 3 0206	3rd		Location, no change - a Rehearsal took place for the visit & inspection of the G.O.C. 15(S) Division, Major Gen CM Barber DSO on 5th Mar.	A Walker Capt IO
	4th		Church Service in the morning otherwise nothing to report.	
VOSSELAER	5th	1215	Orders were received for move of bn to HAELEN near DIEST on 6th Mar and preliminary arrangements made accordingly. Visit and inspection of bn by Maj Gen CM Barber DSO GO Commanding 15(S) Div during which the General spoke to all ranks on the achievements in the recent fighting near CLEVE and GOCH. After the inspection the General took the salute at the march past of the bn led by the Commanding Officer Lt Col BA Pearson. In the afternoon members of the bn pipe band took part in Retreat played by the massed pipe bands of the Division in the Main Square, TURNHOUT. A Bde Officers Dance held in the evening in TURNHOUT was attended by a considerable number of the officers of the Bn.	A Walker Capt IO
HAELEN	6th	1000	Bn leave present area and move to HAELEN 1564. Remainder of day spent in settling down in new area.	See Appx D1 A Walker Capt IO
	7th		Administration continues. Coys able to carry out limited trg programmes.	
	8th		Location - no change, nothing to report.	
	9th		In view of future role of the Bn, trg with Buffaloes now took place, companies practising getting in and out of the craft and loading of vehicles, on a Buffalo specially allotted to the Bn for this	A Walker Capt IO

HAELEN			purpose. Vehicle drivers were also practised on a mock-up Class 9 raft.	
	10th		Situation unchanged - trg continues.	
	11th	 1700	Trg continues. CO attends Bde conference at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde.	
HAELEN	12th	 1700	Ref operation 'TORCHLIGHT'. Major JAH Douglass MBE, 2i/c & reps from Coys carry out a recce of bn marshalling area. Ref EXERCISE "BUFFALO". Commanding Officer, Coy Comds & IO carry out a recce in Exercise area and arrange details with affiliated sqn of 11 R TKs and rep of Bank Control etc. Commanding Officer again attends Bde conference.	 See Appx E5 D3, D4 See Appx E1,2,3,4 and D2 A Walker Capt IO
	13th		Location - no change. Trg continues. Preparations being made for move out on 14th Mar on EXERCISE BUFFALO.	
HAELEN	14th	0700 2100	Bn move by TCV to Marshalling area HOUTHUIZEN 5872 for EX BUFFALO. The operation was carried out during the early afternoon the sequence of ops being as laid down in Trace 'P' to 44 Bde Exercise instr No3. After the crossing Coys were disposed on their objectives as follows: A Coy 625696, B Coy 624691, C Coy 620692, D Coy 621687 with Bn HQ at 621691. Bn returned to rest area at conclusion of exercise except for all tracked vehs which returned to Marshalling area at HOUTHUIZEN remaining there night 14/15th for repeat of exercise to take place on night 15/16th Mar. Commanding Officer holds conference at Bn HQ with Coy Comds to discuss points arising from the exercise.	See Appx E1,2,3&4 D2 A Walker Capt IO See Appx E4 A Walker Capt IO
HAELEN	15th	0900	CO attends conference at HQ 44 Bde. During the late afternoon the Bn again moved to Marshalling Area at HOUTHUIZEN preparatory to carrying out night Exercise 'BUFFALO'. The exercise was purely a repetition by night of the events of the day exercise on the 14th apart from some minor changes. Zero hour for the river crossing was 0400 hrs. Benefitting from the daylight rehearsal, the exercise was carried through without any major hitch, though minor problems did arise through Buffaloes becoming bogged prior to reaching the river. Vehicles were transported over the river either by Buffalo or Class 9 raft. The exercise was brought to a premature close at 0630 hrs and by 0930 hrs the bn was back in rest area apart from the tracked vehs following later in a separate convoy.	 A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
HAELEN	16th		Location no change - situation normal. CO proceeds on recce for operation TORCHLIGHT.	 Ref Appx D3,4,

			Training continues.	E5.
	17th		Planning for OP TORCHLIGHT was now at an advanced stage and during the morning Coy Comds briefed their sec comds on a model of the area of operations. Trg continues.	
	18th		Nothing to report. Bn attends Church Service in the morning.	
	19th		Location no change - nothing to report.	A Walker Capt IO
HAELEN	20th		Commanding Officer, Coy Comds & IO with Capt Wall OC Carrier Pl (acting as ULO) carried out a recce during the day at XANTEN 1141 and LUTTINGEN 1142 visiting OPs of 7/9 The Royal Scots and viewing that part of the RHINE where the crossing was to be made and also studying Coy objectives on the east bank of the river. This was the first time that the 8th Bn and 7/9th Bn Royal Scots had come in contact with each other during the war. Coys continued trg.	
HAELEN	21st		Preparations were now almost complete for Op 'TORCHLIGHT' and during the day mov instrs were received from Bn HQ for move of all tracked vehs to marshalling area on early morning of 22nd Mar. Commanding Officer holds conference of Coy Comds on gen points regarding the move & Op "TORCHLIGHT".	A Walker Capt IO
NEAR XANTEN	22nd	0645 1400 1900	S Coy leave HAELEN and move to Marshalling area at 072408 west of XANTEN 1141. CO, Coy Comds, Adj & IO leave for Marshalling area. Main body under 2i/c leave HAELEN and proceed by TCV to Marshalling area, arriving at approx 0600 hrs on 23rd Mar. Bn HQ was est at NEU BIESENHOF 077411, Coys being concentrated in nearby farms.	Appx D3,4. Ref 1/25000 Germany 4304 A Walker Capt IO
NEAR XANTEN	23rd	 1430 1800 2200 2345	The morning was spent resting after the long journey from HAELEN while in the afternoon all loading of the Buffaloes with 'preloaded' vehs was completed and Coys made final preparations for the crossing, and liaison with BUFFALO troops. CO & IO attend final Bde 'O' Gp before the operation. CO holds 'O' Gp at Bn HQ. Coys move to BUFFALO loading area track in woods at 073408, all BUFFALOES being drawn up in line ahead on the track facing NE and Coys 'embussing' in order A,B,C,D,Bn HQ (exact loading as per Appx D5). Column moves off down LVT track towards river, zero hour being fixed for 0200 hrs 24 Mar. At LVT dispersal point A Coy move by left lane, B Coy in centre, & C Coy on the right lane.	 A Walker Capt IO
	24th	0200	LVTs with assault Coys enter river and make for east bank.	A Walker Capt IO

ON THE RHINE			On reaching the bank Coys "debussed" and after short pause for reorganisation made off for objectives as follows: A Coy - RONDUIT 132442, B Coy - areas 137441 - 135445, C Coy - area track juncs 136435. Although enemy shelling and mortaring was on a fairly light scale at this stage there was considerable opposition from numerous spandaus. D Coy and Bn HQ crossed shortly after the assault Coys, D Coy being directed at area 135439 and also providing a pl to relieve 'B' Coy pl in area 137441 to enable B Coy to extend fwd to occupy area 134447.	
BISLICH			A and B Coys had gained their primary objectives comparatively quickly despite stubborn opposition but isolated spandaus continued to cause trouble and had to be mopped up. C Coy encountered stiff opposition on the way to their objective and some fierce fighting took place but their objective was gained and the process of clearing up began. Coys sent out small patrols within their area to round up all the enemy lying up in the cellars of the numerous houses.	A Walker Capt IO
BISLICH			Coys were now disposed as follows: A Coy - RONDUIT 132442 - HQ 131445 B Coy - 136443 - 134447 C Coy - 137435 D Coy - 135438 - 137440 Bn HQ was est at 135434	A Walker Capt IO
		0945	The enemy were still in occupation of VISSEL 137453 and JOCKERN 144450 and an attack by B Coy on the former followed by D Coy on the latter was staged with tk sp. These attacks were successfully	
		1000	completed as the airborne tps arrived and began dropping a few miles inland. Following on the arrival of the airborne troops enemy resistance in the neighbourhood quickly crumbled and Coys were able to complete the mopping up in their areas.	A Walker Capt IO
BISLICH				
		1230	Bn HQ move to area GOSSENHOF 134447 and at 1430 hrs approx A Coy moved to JOCKERN 144450 in rear of D Coy. Later in the afternoon C Coy moved up to occupy area 135444.	
			Orders were received for early move on the morning of the 25th and CO held 'O' Gp at 2000 hrs at Bn HQ regarding the move.	See Appx E8
		2115	CO returns to Bde for fresh instrs regarding move.	A Walker Capt IO
			Following upon the Airborne Operations on the morning of 24th Mar and the advance of the bn from the initial bridgehead at BISLICH 1343, a patrol of the Carrier Pl moving along main road from VISSEL 1345 to br 154470 made first contact at this point with tps of 3 Para Bde of 6 Airborne Div, at 1515 hrs.	

			At 1600 hrs the Commanding Officer, Lt Col BA Pearson made personal contact with the Comd 3 Para Bde at this bridge. This was the link-up between the assaulting ground tps and the airborne troops completed.	A Walker Capt IO
GOSSENHOF 134447	25th	0800 1400 1900	Bn move off as part of Bde main body in adv to contact. When the leading elts of the Bde began to meet stiffer opposition, the Bn halted in woods in area 160475 awaiting orders to move fwd. Orders received for one Coy to move fwd under command 6RSF and 'C' Coy detailed for this task but shortly after departure the order was cancelled and 'C' Coy rejoined the Bn. Enemy mortaring during this period had suddenly intensified in the area of the woods but was very spasmodic. Bn move fwd by march route to area 189496 and conc there preparatory to taking over area astride 'autobahn' in gen area 195513 after 6KOSB had passed through this area to the east.	A Walker Capt IO
	26th	0030 <

			short, the Coy held firm and the enemy attacks died down. During this period there had been intermittent enemy shelling and mortar fire and in addition, enemy SP guns had been active from the North of the objectives. Tac Bn HQ remained in area autobahn at 197512. Enemy resistance lessened with the approach of the dawn and Coys were now firmly est in their localities.	A Walker Capt IO
	27th		During the day a considerable amount of enemy mov was seen which appeared to be a general withdrawal to the North-East. This was continually engaged by our arty with good results. Enemy shelling of the area continued intermittently during the day.	
NEAR LOIKUM 1853 1/25000 SH 4205	28th	0030 0400 1000 1100	Carrier Pl patrol sent forward to area HAVELINGSKATH 189528 and on reporting it clear B Coy move fwd and occupy the area, their area being taken over by C Coy 6KOSB. Major General BARBER DSO Comdg 15(S) Div and Comd 44 Inf Bde visit Bn HQ. C Coy released from 6RSF where they had been occupying a posn in the woods at 207502 and conc in area 202505. With the progress of events on the left and right flanks the bn now found itself in a "rear" area with the situation very quiet.	A Walker Capt IO
	29th		During the morning D Coy moved to rest area west of LOIKUM at 184539 and were followed in the afternoon by the remainder of the Bn which was now conc as follows: Bn HQ - 180542, A Coy 173547, B Coy 176546, C Coy 174546, D Coy 184539, S Coy 184545. A period of administration and reorganisation now commenced.	A Walker Capt IO
NEAR LOIKUM 1853	30th	1100	Church service held by Padre in village church attended by all available personnel. The GOC 15(S) Div, Major General CM Barber DSO visited the bn during the latter part of the morning. Rest and reorganisation continues.	
	31st		Coys were given the opportunity of attending the Mobile Bath Unit during the morning in LOIKUM. Situation quiet - nothing to report. A Walker Capt IO	

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Commanding Officer Lt Col BA Pearson

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NEAR LOIKUM 1/100,000 Sheet P1	1st		Bn conc in gen area LOIKUM (Ref 1/100000 1854) Church parade took place during the morning otherwise nothing to report.	
	2nd		The day was spent in general on administration, Coys also carrying out short route march.	
	3rd		Location no change - situation normal. In course of the morning a lecture on 'Civil Control' was given to NCOs by a rep of Mil Govt. Mov instrs for 4th Apr were received during the afternoon and preparations made for the move.	A Walker Capt IO
	4th	0900	Harbour Party leave for GREVEN 9188 but during the latter part of the morning instrs were received that there would be no move today. Comd 44 Bde visits Bn HQ. Harbour party remained at new location.	
	5th	0800	Bn leave LOIKUM in TCVs and proceed via BOCHOLT to BOGHORST arriving approx 1330 hrs, where Coys were concentrated in areas near Bn HQ. Bn HQ was est at 765928 (1/100000 Sh P2).	See Appx D1
BOGHORST	6th	 1300 1400 1415	During the day Coys carried out a comprehensive search of bn sector for arms and ammunition, a considerable quantity being collected. Order for move on 7th Apr received. CO attends Bde 'O' Gp at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. Bn 'O' Gp at Bn HQ, orders issued for move on following day. Harbour party leave for ESSERN 6929. Remainder of day spent in preparation for move on 7th Apr.	A Walker Capt IO
	7th	0930 1730	Leave BOGHORST and proceed via OSNABRUCK to ESSERN. On passing through OSNABRUCK all ranks were struck by the terrific devastation caused by the RAF bombing. Bn arrives at ESSERN.	See Appx D2 A Walker Capt IO

			In conjunction with the other two bns in the Bde the bn was given the task of clearing OSTER WALD in gen area 6522 and 6523 and instrs were issued to Coys for this op on 8th Apr.	(1/100000 Sh N3)
ESSERN	8th		During the major portion of the day Coys were engaged in this wood clearing op which however proved fruitless though A Coy gave chase to a few Germans who managed to escape into the undergrowth. The operation was completed by 1530 hrs and Coys returned to ESSERN by march route.	A Walker Capt IO
	9th	1730	During the morning Coys carried out general administration. Warning order for move on following day received, followed during the night by new orders for move to LAHDE 8520.	
	10th	0800 1930	Harbour party leaves. CO & IO attend Bde 'O' Gp and on their return further details of move issued to Coy Comds. This move was as many of those recently carried out by the bn, being purely a non-tactical move from one location to another trying to catch up with the leading formations now 'swanning' out ahead against very little opposition. During the day the bn moved to LAHDE 8520, Bn HQ being est at 865197.	A Walker Capt IO
	11th	0530 0930 1600	Harbour party once again off. CO attends Bde 'O' Gp. Bn leaves LAHDE and proceed to ELZE 3544. Bn HQ est at 359452 with Coys conc in nearby farms. Most of the time was now spent in dealing with various problems such as collecting of arms and ammunition, rounding up German stragglers and suspects, house searches, etc.	See Appx E2 (1/100000 Sh N4) A Walker Capt IO
	12th	 1000 0515	Situation unchanged. Harbour party standing by and Coy Comds visit command post to get general situation. Harbour party leave for CELLE 5850 but due to lack of accommodation rejoined the battalion later in the evening.	 A Walker Capt IO
ELZE	13th	0530 2100 2230	Harbour party leaves for Celle to be followed by the battalion in TCVs at 1200 hrs, arriving in CELLE at approx 1500 hrs. CO and IO attend 'O' Gp at HQ 44 Bde and orders received for taking up of def posn to NE of UELZEN (1/100000 M5 8989) after its capture. Orders issued to Coy Comds at Bn 'O' Gp.	
CELLE CELLE	14th	0730 0930 1030	Bn ready to move but now orders changed to ½ hrs notice wef 0900 hrs. Major Douglass 2i/c visits Bde HQ to get latest information on operations. CO & IO to Bde for move with Bde 'O' Gp while Bn moved with main body of Bde Gp along main rd to UELZEN 8988.	 A Walker Capt IO

			Opposition to the advance by another Bde of the division had stiffened considerably in front of UELZEN and the main road leading up to the town from the south being blocked and impassable and having been bypassed to the NW, the bn was ordered by the Bde Comd to clear the main road from WEYHAUSEN 7869 - BREITENHEES 8574 to HOLDENSTEDT 8784. This op commenced at 1215 hrs and the rd being impassable for vehicles or carriers the initial clearing was carried out by a process of leap frogging the Rifle Coys through each other. Opposition to the adv was negligible though quite a number of PsW were collected in by Coys, who cleared up what opposition or road blocks were encountered on the way. The Carrier pl had meanwhile succeeded in finding a way through the woods to circumvent the demolitions on the road and moving out ahead contacted a detachment of 2A&SH of 227 Bde at HOLDENSTEDT (8784). By 1900 hrs that evening the remainder of the Bn had arrived in HOLDENSTEDT and taken up an all-round def posn with the exception of 'B' Coy who remained the night at BREITENHEES 8574. Bn HQ was est at 877839.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
HOLDENSTEDT NIENDORF II NIENDORF II	15th 16th	1900	Ops in front of UELZEN having come to a stand-still it was intended that the Bde should bypass UELZEN on the east and as a preliminary during the morning the bn moved to area BORNE 8883 and the Carrier pl carried out offensive patrolling occupying WRESTEDT 9082. Contact was made with the enemy in WRESTEDT and to the east towards the railway. This however was cleared up by the Carrier pl who were later reinforced in the village by A Coy. Later in the day with German resistance in the immediate vicinity crumbling the bn moved fwd and took over from 6RSF in NIENDORF II. Coys took up a perimeter defence of the village with C Coy fwd at area X tracks 917864. During the night patrolling was carried out, enemy being encountered in area rd junc 927857 and casualties inflicted on them. The patrol was led by Lt J Stobo MC. During the early morning C Coy moved up and occupied this area and were later joined by B Coy. Bn HQ was est at 906852. The enemy were still strongly defending UELZEN and to further its outflanking to the east the Bn was ordered to attack and capture GR LIEDERN 9388. The attack was planned to be carried out with artificial moonlight and tk sp at 0200 hrs 17th Apr, and during the 16th detailed recces were carried out by Comds. In the late evening the Bn moved up to the FAA in area 930869 where the assaulting Coys, D Coy on the left	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO See Appx E3 A Walker Capt IO

			and A Coy on the right, "married up" with the tks. Tac Bn HQ moved up in rear of start line to 930869.	
	17th	0200	Following our arty programme, D and A Coys cross SL and move fwd due Northwards to objective with axis of adv on other side of track leading into village from the south. B and C Coys remained dug in in rear of SL. Both assault Coys made good progress against minor opposition which was quickly overcome and got firmly est on their objectives, D Coy in area 928885 and A Coy area 932883. C Coy meanwhile were ordered to follow up quickly and est themselves in North end of village in area 932885 to be followed by B Coy taking up a posn centrally in south end of village. By first light the Bn was firmly est in the village with Tac Bn HQ at 929884, and the process of final mopping up and house searching being carried out. During the day patrolling revealed the presence of the enemy in OLDENSTADT 9190 some demolitions being set off on rd from GR LIEDERN to OLDENSTADT when our carrier patrols were observed. Ground opposition however was negligible and the problem was to circumvent the natural and artificial obstacles in the way.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO See Appx E4
OLDENSTADT	18th	 1700	Despite the rd craters, the Carrier Pl were able to find a route across country into OLDENSTADT and rounding up the Germans then pushed northwards through RIPDORF in direction of MOLZEN and MASENDORF. Resistance was negligible and A & D Coys were ordered to move fwd and occupy the two villages respectively, Bn HQ and remaining two Coys being est in OLDENSTADT, B & C Coys on NE and NW outskirts respectively and Bn HQ at 920900.	A Walker Capt IO
OLDENSTADT			Comd 44 Bde visited Bn HQ during the evening with orders for Bn to conc on 19th Apr, all German resistance in the neighbourhood having been overcome through link-up with formations on rt and left.	A Walker Capt IO
	19th	0700 0800 1215	Carrier Pl move off to HEITBRACK 9296 to ensure that village is clear preparatory to move in of bn. A & D Coys leave present location for HEITBRACK, followed later in the morning by B and C Coys. Bn HQ leave OLDENSTADT and move to HEITBRACK, being est at 920967.	See Appx E5
HEITBRACK			During the morning Comd 44 Bde visited Bn HQ and offered his congratulations to the Commanding Officer on the announcement of his being awarded the D.S.O.	A Walker Capt IO
	20th	0930	Harbour party leave for VASTORF 880150. Bn move by march route during the day from HEITBRACK to VASTORF - VOLKSTORF area. Bn HQ est at 879152. Night 20/21 spent in this harbour area.	See Appx E6
LUNEBURG	21st	0930 1400	Harbour party leave for LUNEBURG 7820. Coys move by march route from VASTORF to LUNEBURG.	

			Bn concentrated in CAVALRY BARRACKS LUNEBURG.	A Walker Capt IO
LUNEBURG	22nd		A period of rest, reorganisation and administration begins. Commanding Officer attends Bde conference.	
	23rd		Situation unchanged - nothing to report.	
	24th		The Commanding Officer and Second-in-Command proceed to Div HQ for address by Comd 8 Corps. The Div having been given the task of the assault crossing of the Elbe, this had been delegated to 44(L) Inf Bde and planning for that operation now began.	A Walker Capt IO
LUNEBURG	25th		During the day the Commanding Officer had the opportunity of going up in an air O.P. and studying that part of the River ELBE across which the Bn was to operate, viz area ARTLENBURG 8334 - SCHNAKENBEK 8434 (1/100000 Sh L5). Planning for the operation continued. The Adj held a Bn drill parade in the morning while an inter-Bn football match against 6KOSB took place in the afternoon, the result being two goals each.	
LUNEBURG	26th	0930 1430	Commanding Officer attends conference at HQ 44 Bde and discusses further details of the op. CO holds Bn 'O' Gp since orders had been received that it was possible that the crossing would take place on night 26/27th Apr. These orders had however been misinterpreted at a higher formation and were cancelled later in the afternoon, the crossing being scheduled for night 28/29th Apr.	A Walker Capt IO
LUNEBURG	27th	0400	CO, Coy Comds, IO and pl comds carry out a dawn recce of RIVER ELBE at ARTLENBURG, studying the crossing places and objectives on the far bank. This close-up recce proved invaluable when the time for the actual crossing took place. Planning had now been practically completed and preparations for move to assembly area on 28th were being made. During the evening a dinner was held in the Officers Mess at Bn HQ attended by senior officers of the battalion, guests including the Comd 15(S) Div, Comd 44(L) Bde and Comds 6RSF and 6KOSB, together with certain members of the staffs of Div and Bde HQ.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
LUNEBURG ON THE ELBE	28th	1000 1700	COs conference and final 'O' Gp for the operation which was called operation ENTERPRISE. Coys complete preparations for move to Marshalling area. A & B Coys move up in unit tpt to marshalling area in woods at 825285 followed by C,D Coys and Bn HQ (Tac) at 1900 hrs. Fortunately the weather was very good and no discomforture was suffered sitting in the woods till the time for moving off to join the Buffaloes. Certain priority vehs were preloaded immediately on arrival in marshalling area.	See Appx E1,H1 and D6 See Appx D3. See Appx D3 (Gp1)

		2315	Coys move to join Buffaloes in Buffalo Marshalling area and "embus" on arrival.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx D4
	29th	0015	Coys leave Marshalling area in LVTs and proceed down taped LVT track towards river, approx 3 miles away. Tac Bn HQ followed the leading coys, B & A who were making the initial assault.	
		0200	Assault Coys, B Coy on left & A Coy on right, enter river in LVTs at pt 835347 and make for opposite bank. Tac Bn was est behind ho on	
ON THE ELBE			river bank at pt where LVTs entered river.	A Walker Capt IO
			The assault Coys gained the opposite bank successfully despite some S.A. fire and some mortar and arty D.F. fire. The opposition in the immediate neighbourhood was quickly overcome and these coys began moving off the river bank to their objectives at 837353 and 838352 respectively.	
		0215	In the meantime the follow up Coys, C on left & D on right, crossed the river with Tac Bn HQ and started pushing out towards their	
			objectives (areas 835353 and 836354 respectively) after a slight	A Walker Capt IO
			pause on the river bank for reorganisation. Tac Bn HQ was est near river bank at 838351. Opposition was mostly confined to arty and mortar DF which was falling fairly consistently near the crossing places. A considerable number of PsW however were being taken by Coys as the bridgehead gradually expanded and our coys all being est on their objectives, Phase II, the enlargement of the bridgehead was started.	
			Coys were now moved by stages to new posns as follows: B Coy area	A Walker Capt IO
ON THE ELBE			839360, C Coy area 830356 - 832358, D Coy area X rds 834363, and A Coy 835359. Bn HQ was est at 837354. Coys being firm in these positions Carrier pl was given the task of patrolling forward.	
			At this stage enemy arty fire was extremely heavy, especially on the one route leading out of the off loading point on the river bank. Ground opposition being negligible orders were received to push forward and at 1415 hrs the Commanding Officer held an 'O' Gp at	
			"FORTH" (MR 835363) and issued orders for a further adv.	See Appx D2
			C and A Coys were ordered to occupy area "EARN" (BULTEN MR 8338),	A Walker Capt IO
			while meantime the Carrier pl which had reported the posn clear pushed on and occupied KRUKOW, carrying out offensive patrolling throughout that area.	
			Permission was obtained from Bde for the Bn to occupy KRUKOW 8239 and on arrival of B and D Coys at BULTEN they were ordered fwd into the village, being followed shortly afterwards by A & C Coys.	
KRUKOW 8239			By 1830 hrs the Bn was disposed as follows: Bn HQ 827394, A Coy area 830397, B Coy 836394, C Coy 836397 and D Coy 835393.	A Walker Capt IO

			The Bn remained in this area during the night, with the state of alertness considerably relaxed due to the non-existence of any enemy resistance.	
	30th	0800	B and D Coys move fwd and take over PIEPENDORF 818409, but orders were received for a further advance and the bn proceeded by march route along road to KOLLOW 8144 with a view to eventually occupying SCHWARZENBECK 8248. There were numerous reports from the Tp Recce Regt in sp, of enemy opposition etc on the way but after numerous delays the adv finally speeded up and the town of SCHWARZENBECK reached without incident, in the late afternoon. Bn HQ was est 823488 with Coys located A Coy 819486, B Coy 819495, C Coy 818487, D Coy 816493.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHWARZENBECK 8249	1st		Location no change - Bn disposed as follows: Bn HQ 823488, A Coy 819486, B Coy 819495, C Coy 818487, D Coy 816493. Coys carried out local patrolling fwd of coy localities. Comd 15(S) Div, Maj Gen CM Barber DSO visited Bn HQ. There was some intermittent enemy shelling of the area, which however did not cause any damage.	
		2100	CO & IO attend 'O' Gp at HQ 44(L) Inf Bde for clearing of woods in area SACHSEN WALD, to the north-west of the town.	
		2230	Commanding Officer holds 'O' Gp at Bn HQ and issues order for clearing of sector of the wood allocated to the Bn.	A Walker Capt IO
	2nd	0730	Bn with tk sqn Coldm Gds in sp ready to move off for SCHWARZENBECK.	
		0745	B Coy mounted on the tks move fwd along main road to GRANDE 7657 as adv guard coy. Remainder of bn followed in rear by march route tactically disposed. On reaching X rds 788522, it was found that the road ahead was blocked by a crater and B Coy were ordered to make a detour to the east of the woods via X tracks 808528 and 793543, reaching their obj, X rds 780538 without opposition but collecting in a considerable number of enemy PsW.	A Walker Capt IO
			A, C & D Coys meanwhile were disposed along track to the west from X rds 788522 and in extended order proceeded to carry out a drive through the woods to the North with final objective main rd from X rds 780538 to 751527. Opposition was again negligible though considerable numbers of enemy stragglers were rounded up. A total of 240 PW were taken during the operation. Some short but sharp enemy shelling of X rds 780538 took place, causing some casualties.	A Walker Capt IO
			The Carrier pl meanwhile reported GRANDE and KUDDEWORDE 7657 clear and in the late afternoon the bn moved fwd and concentrated in KUDDEWORDE 7657 with Bn HQ at 764572, Coys being disposed for perimeter defence of the village. The Carrier pl continued to patrol fwd into neighbouring village rounding up approx 240 PsW.	

			The night 2/3 May was spent in this location, orders being received by LO from 44(L) Bde late that night for move to RAUSDORF 7258.	A Walker Capt IO
GRANDE - KUDDEWORDE 7657 PAPENDORF	3rd	0900	The Carrier Pl having been sent on ahead to report on the village the remainder of the Bn followed by march route to RAUSDORF. Orders were received to push on to PAPENDORF 6960 and the CO and Coy Comds carried out a recce of this area for Coy positions prior to the arrival of the Bn, the village having already been cleared by the Carrier Platoon. By midday the Coys had commenced to occupy their def posns but on orders from Bde to the effect that all enemy tps in the HAMBURG garrison area had laid down their arms, the Bn concentrated in the village and was finally disposed with Bn HQ at BRAAK 665603 together with S and D Coys, the remaining three rifle coys spending the night at PAPENDORF.	A Walker Capt IO
BARGTEHEIDE	4th	0900 1000	Veh column leaves BRAAK for conc area in BARGTEHEIDE 6673. Rifle Coys leave BRAAK and proceed by march route to BARGTEHEIDE. Bn HQ was established at 665733 with Coys conc nearby, in the western end of the village. During the evening it was announced the GERMANS had surrendered unconditionally on all Second Army Fronts, hostilities to cease at 0800 hrs 5 May.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx G1
BARGTEHEIDE BARGTEHEIDE	5th	0800	An informal Bn parade took place in front of the Command Post to commemorate the end of hostilities. The pipers played the Fall in and after the Cease Fire had been sounded by the bugler, the Commanding Officer addressed all ranks informing them officially of the end of hostilities and congratulating them on the completion of a long and arduous task, since the initial landing in Normandy. He also spoke of the tremendous amount of work which was still to be done in winning the peace, now that we had won the war in Europe. The biggest problem was now the rounding up and dispatch to the PW cage of the hundreds of Germans, on foot, in carts, and in tpt who were now streaming down the roads. Another problem was the feeding etc of the innumerable DPs in the various camps. The Bn was responsible for a Russian PWX camp at JERSBEK 6474 having approx 1700 PWX and the task was given to D Coy, the complete company moving from BARGTEHEIDE to JERSBEK to facilitate the task.	A Walker Capt IO A Walker Capt IO
	6th		With no further tactical role, the Bn now busied itself with admin matters and an increase in sport and recreation. The Bn remained at BARGTEHEIDE until the 14th May and a summary of events until then is given below.	

BARGTEHEIDE	8th		Comd 15(S) Div visits Bn HQ. Pte Nelson, C Coy, takes part in VE Day broadcast after 9pm news from the BBC studio at LUNEBURG.	A Walker Capt IO
	9th		Instrs having been received for a move in the near future to area BAD BRAMSTEDT, the CO, SO and OC HQ Coy carry out recce of this area.	
	11th		On account of the innumerable problems in the BAD BRAMSTEDT area regarding German PsW, allied PWX and DPs, A Coy moved to this area ahead of the Bn, the Coy being located in BAD BRAMSTEDT with Coy HQ at 419943. Recce parties for HQ Coy and Bn HQ move to new area.	A Walker Capt IO
	12th		CO and IO recce new Bn area.	
	13th		Bn attend Bde drumhead service at BARGTEHEIDE, Comd 15(S) Div also attending. B Coy move to new area from BARGTEHEIDE and are est at WAHLSTEDT in NAVAL ARSENAL with Coy HQ at 624980.	
KREIS SEGEBURG BAD BRAMSTEDT	14th		Remainder of Bn move to new area according to Appx A to 8RS S/7 of 13 May. Bn HQ est at 419930 with HQ Coy A Coy area BAD BRAMSTEDT HQ at 419943 B Coy area WAHLSTEDT 6298 HQ at 624980 C Coy area BOOSTEDT 5004 HQ at 507042 D Coy area RICKLING 5904 HQ at 598037 S Coy area GROSSENASPE 4600 HQ at 470005	See Appx G2 A Walker Capt IO
BAD BRAMSTEDT	15th 15-31st		The Commanding Officer proceeds on Gas Course to UK and Major Douglass MBE, 2i/c takes over Command. Coys were now busily engaged in making a census of all DPs PWXs etc in Coy areas. A coy area of responsibility covered many square miles when it is considered that to travel round the bn area entailed a journey of almost 50 miles. There were numerous DP camps, munition dumps etc throughout the area needing administered or guarding while the rounding up of enemy stragglers and mounting of check points had to be continued. A considerable increase in the sporting activities of coys took place with numerous inter-coy football matches.	A Walker Capt IO See Appx G3 A Walker Capt IO

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Unit 8 RS

Month and Year June 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col BA Pearson DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BAD BRAMSTEDT	1st		Locations no change - Bn remains in BAD BRAMSTEDT area disposed as follows Bn HQ 419930 with HQ Coy. A Coy area BAD BRAMSTEDT with Coy HQ 419943 B Coy area WAHLSTEDT, HQ at 624980. C Coy area BOOSTEDT 5004, HQ at 507042. D Coy area RICKLING 5904, HQ at 598037 S Coy area GROSSENASPE 4600, HQ at 470005. Nothing of importance to report - Normal occupational tasks and administration continues.	
BAD BRAMSTEDT	7th		Commanding Officer returns from leave and re-assumes command of the Bn. OC HQ Coy (Capt WS Cox) and 2i/c (Major JAH Douglass) proceed to SCHWERIN, MECKLENBURG to carry out a recce of the area to which the Bn would be moving within a few days.	A Walker Capt
	8th		Commanding Officer, 2i/c and IO carry out recce of new area at SCHWERIN. S and A Coy hold Coy sports during the afternoon. HQ Coy Concert Party give a concert to a representative number from Coys in the evening.	
BAD BRAMSTEDT	10th		Advance party of Bn leave for new area. Bn preparing for move on following day.	A Walker Capt IO
SCHWERIN 1/100,000	11th	0830	Bn leaves BAD BRAMSTEDT and moves to SCHWERIN. Bn HQ est at SCHWERIN 437651 A Coy at PLATE 4957 - BANZKOW 5154 with Coy HQ at PLATE 498571. B Coy - Coy HQ at 438640 and Coy Conc in immediate vicinity. C Coy - Coy HQ at 435637 with Coy Conc in immediate vicinity. D Coy - Coy HQ at 477627 with two pls area MUESS 4862 one platoon 492622. S Coy HQ in Ordnance Dump at 463582 with pls disposed in adjoining dumps in BUCHHOLZ FOREST. The bn was now responsible for manning	See Appx. G1, G2 A Walker Capt

SH L6. MR. 4365 SCHWERIN			frontier posts along the STOR Kanaal, the demarcation line between the British and Russian zones of occupation. This task was carried out by D Coy who manned a frontier post at 492622 while A Coy were responsible for frontier posts at PLATE (499575 and 501573) and BANZKOW (514542). In addition Coys carried out a census of the areas allotted with regard to PWX and DPs. Considerable quantities of enemy arms and eqpt scattered about the area were centralised and disposed of. General administration continues.	A Walker Capt IO
	14th		During the afternoon a Bde rehearsal parade for the visit of the Comd 2nd Army on the 16th took place.	
	16th	1130 1215	Bn marches on parade, at parade ground in front of MUSEUM, SCHWERIN for inspection of 44 (L) Bde by Lt General Dempsey KCB DSO MC Commander 2nd Army. After the inspection the Army Commander delivered a farewell address on the dissolution of 2nd Army as a fd force.	A Walker Capt IO
SCHWERIN	19th		Information having been received that the present area would be handed over to Russian control in the near future, the CO & IO carry out a recce of stop lines to be manned during the period of the change over to prevent civilian movement from the area to the west. OC C Coy carried out a recce of the second Stop Line for which his Coy was to be responsible.	See Appx. G3.
SCHWERIN	20th		D Coy provide ceremonial guard of one officer and 50 ORs at their frontier post for visit of Russian General to the British zone of occupation as the guest of Maj Gen Barber DSO Comd 15 (S) Div.	A Walker Capt IO
	21st		C Coy hold Coy Sports during the afternoon.	
SCHWERIN	24th		An event of almost international importance took place during the afternoon when a Russian football eleven on the invitation of Major Cadzow MC came over to play a D Coy eleven at football. A number of Red Army officers and men were present including the Div General, the Russians also bringing their band. Our own battalion was there in strength, complete with pipe band, while in addition there was a good representation from the staff of Bde & Div HQ. After a most enjoyable game D Coy won by 10 goals to 6. After the match the Russian team and officers were entertained to tea by D Coy.	See Appx J1 A Walker Capt IO
	25th		Due to demands war made on the bn for drafts for SEAC the CO held a Coy Commanders' conference to discuss the situation.	A Walker Capt IO
SCHWERIN	30th	0930	Orders having been received that the Russians would take over the area wef 1st July, the Commanding Officer attends Conference at HQ	

			44 Bde and a warning order is issued to Coys to be prepared to move on the 1st July.	
		1030	CO's conference for Coy Comds at Bn HQ to discuss the move.	
		1200	Zero hour for Op "COMMA". Stop lines manned.	See Appx. G3.
			During the afternoon Coy adv parties left independently for BAD BRAMSTEDT area to which the bn was returning.	A Walker Capt IO

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Unit 8 RS

Month and Year July 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col BA Pearson DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHWERIN Ref 1/100,000 Sh. L6 4365 BAD BRAMSTEDT	1st	0800 0900 1530	Russians cross demarcation line and take over VPs in area. Bn leaves SCHWERIN in TCVs and proceeds to area BAD BRAMSTEDT (Ref 1/100000 Sh K4, 4194) area originally occupied by the bn. Posts which had been manned for OP 'COMMA' were withdrawn by 1000 hrs. Bn arrives area BAD BRAMSTEDT. Coys proceed to areas originally occupied except B Coy now located in BAD BRAMSTEDT. Bn now disposed as follows. Bn HQ - BAD BRAMSTEDT - 419927 HQ Coy - BAD BRAMSTEDT - 419928 A Coy - BAD BRAMSTEDT - HQ at 419943 B Coy - BAD BRAMSTEDT - HQ at 413943 C Coy - BOOSTEDT - HQ at 507043 D Coy - RICKLING - HQ at 602033. S Coy - GROSSENASPE - HQ at 470005.	A Walker Capt IO
	2nd		Coys settling in in new areas. General administration and reorganisation takes place. Census of Coy areas with Ref to DP/PWX Camps commenced, and normal occupational duties continue.	
	4th	0915	CO attends Mil Gov Conference at BAD SEGEBURG.	
	5th- 12th		Nothing of importance to report	
	7th		CO carried out admin inspection of HQ Coy.	
BAD BRAMSTEDT	13th/ 14th		Bn sports held at BAD BRAMSTEDT. The weather was excellent and competition between Coys very keen. Preliminary heats were run off on 1st day, main events being carried through on 14th. S Coy won the inter-Coy competition. Div Comd Maj Gen CM Barber DSO attended and presented the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.	A Walker Capt IO
	15/ 22nd		Nothing to report.	
	23rd		CO's conference for Coy Comds	
	26th		Commanding Officer's admin inspection of D Coy.	

	27th		B Coy play S Coy 6 KOSB in final of Bde Basket Ball Competition and win by 22 pts to 8.	
	29th		Farewell Church parade attended by all Coys. Address given by SCF 15 (S) Div who was giving up appointment on return to civilian life (Rev AW Sawyer C.F.)	A Walker Capt IO
BAD BRAMSTEDT	30th		COs conference for Coy Comds Inspection of vehs in Bn by CREME 15 (S) Div	
	31st		Lt Gen EH Barker CB, DSO, MC visits the bn and carries out a general admin inspection of HQ and S Coys.	A Walker Capt IO

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Unit 6 RSF

Month and Year Jun 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col CR BUCHANAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Worthing	1		Normal training. Waterproofing continued. Companies continued firing practice out to sea.	
	2		Normal training.	
	3		Normal training. Special Cashier lectured to Imprest Holders at Bde HQ at 1400 hrs.	
	4		Divine Service in Worthing Presbyterian Church.	
	5		Normal training. Waterproofing of vehicles continued. Inter-Platoon Competitions in W.T., mine laying etc and football started.	
	6		Normal training. Inter-Platoon Competitions continued.	CR Buchanan Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers
	7		Normal training. Inter-Platoon Competitions.	
	8		Normal training. Inter-Platoon Competitions.	
	9		Normal training.	
Worthing	10	0030	Orders received from Q(M) Seco to be prepared to move not before 1200 hrs. LO sent to HQ Seco to receive rd and rl tables. According to previous instrs received these orders should have been issued by HQ Sx Dist.	
		1403	Marching party under comd of Maj Agnew left WORTHING STA by train. Lt Patrick and 36 ORs with 5 vehs left behind as residue.	
		1500	Comd Offr with veh party passed SP. As OC Convoy the Comd Offr moved 1 hr ahead of the coln in accordance with instrs. No arrangements had been made at the RV to guide him to the transit camp and he had to ask at the nearest police sta. 1 L/Cpl and 2 Fus absent when Bn moved off.	
		2115	Both veh and marching parties conc in transit camp T7 at WANSTEAD. No unit sheet available from Movement Control. "Hotel system" in camp adequate.	

Wanstead	11 to	0900 1030 1030 1600	Unit sheet received from Movement Control. Bn split into five craft loads of vehs and marching personnel mixed. Unit sheet did not correspond at all with details previously issued in unit staff table. This added considerably to the difficulty and time taken in breaking down the Bn into ship loads. Serial T39 under comd Capt TODD moved to camp T1 - 9 vehs, 14 personnel. 50% of Bn vehs with dvrs only moved to EAST INDIA DOCKS to load into LST and MTS. Final stages of waterproofing carried out.	
	12	a.m. 2130	Loading of vehs continued. Lt TF MacCONNACHIE adm to ESSEX County Hospital with damaged back. Serial S55 moved off to docks. Composition: CO, IO, "B" Coy, one pl C Coy, Carrier pl.	CR Buchanan Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers
Wanstead	13	0550 0625 0730 2000	T36 moved to docks by TCV. Composition : A Coy, HQ Coy, S Coy HQ T34 moved to docks by TCV. Composition : Adm pl. S60 moved to docks by TCV. Composition : C Coy less one pl, D Coy. All ships moved from the docks to join convoy at mouth of Thames Estuary.	
	14	2100	Convoy weighed anchor. Ships orders laid down for action in the event of attack by U or E boats or long range shelling by coastal guns.	
	15	1930 2100	Convoy dropped anchor off "Juno" beach. No incident reported during the voyage. Marching personnel started to disembark. Carried by LCT from ship to beach. No landings allowed after 2300 hrs.	
	16	0600 to 1400 1400 2100	Disembarkation of marching personnel and vehs continued. Personnel moved through beach transit and assembly areas by ship loads. All marching personnel reported to Bn conc area at BRECY. 50% vehs had arrived in conc area. De-waterproofing started immediately.	
Brecy	17	1800	Conc reported complete. 1 offr and 8 OR cas between WORTHING and BRECY.	
	18	1000 0930 1400 1900 1400	CO & IO attended Bde 'O' Gp and carried out recce in area of RANVILLE. Normal Church Service in Bn area. Adv party warned to move 19 Jun. Bn 'O' Gp. CO gave outline plan for move of Bn to RANVILLE. IO RE demonstrated new German mines found on the beaches : (i) "Pot" mine - A.Pers. (ii) "Regal" mine - A.Tk.	CR Buchanan Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

Rucqueville	19	0745 1000	Orders issued last night cancelled. Op planned has been cancelled because the Div cannot be concentrated in time. CO attended Bde 'O' Gp. No fresh infm. Rain all day. No incidents to report. Bn still in conc area at RUCQUEVILLE.	
	20	0915	CO attended Bde 'O' Gp. High wind with intermittent rain.	
	21		Weather still bad with high wind and skies overcast. Recces by Coy Comds in area of NORREY EN BESSIN.	
	22		Limited recces continued in area of NORREY EN BESSIN. Bn still in conc area at RUCQUEVILLE. 1 offr and 11 ORs rfts received from 32 RHU.	
	23		Lt JE Bowman, B Coy, killed by shell splinter at NORREY EN BESSIN.	
	24	1400 2000	CO held briefing conference on a cloth model for exercise "Epsom". All offrs and NCOs down to sec comds attended. Weather very good. Bn moved to FAA in SECQUEVILLE for Op "Epsom".	 See Appx "A"
Secqueville	25		Day spent in preparation and briefing for Op "Epsom".	
St Mauvieu	26		Op "Epsom". Attack by 15(S)Div in which 44(L)Inf Bde took part. Bde took the two left objectives with rt 8RS, left 6RSF. 6RSF objective village of ST MAUVIEU. H Hour 0730. Attack was carried out with heavy arty barrage, depth 500yds. A and B Coys were assaulting coys, C behind A, D behind B in reserve. Cas were incurred in the left coy by shorts in the barrage. On arrival on objective it was found to be strongly held by men of a unit of SS Hitler Youth Div, who carried out sniping during the clearing of the objectives with devastating results. The operation of clearing the village was well carried out by the Bn, but proved a slow and costly procedure, and it was not until 1700 hrs that the northern end of the objective was finally cleared by which time the Bn was very thin on the ground as the result of cas. Counter attack was launched about 1800 hrs on the left flank but was beaten off and no penetration was made except to an orchard at the northern end of the village. Later a further counter attack on the rt flank was seen to be developing and the CO, in order to avoid the posn being infiltrated, had to call on Bde for the assistance of two Coys 6KOSB. Bde Comd however decided in view of the cas incurred by the Bn in the operation to date to send up 6KOSB complete less one rifle coy to take over from 6 RSF. This relief was completed with difficulty as counter attacks were in progress during a portion of the time, and it was not until 2300 hrs that the final elements of the Bn were withdrawn from the posn to reserve. Total casualties incurred in this operation were as follows: Killed : 21	See Map Appx 'B' CR Buchanan Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

			Wounded : 113 Missing : 9 This was the first time the Bn had been in action since Jun 1940 and for the majority of the personnel of the Bn it was their first battle inoculation. The Bde Comd expressed to the Comd Offr his appreciation of the conduct of the Bn in a difficult operation.	CR Buchanan Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers
Le Mesnil Patry	27		The Bn spent the day in reserve area in the vicinity of LE MESNIL PATRY where it cleaned up and reorganised.	
	28		Day spent in the same vicinity.	
	29	0430	The Bn moved out and took up a posn in the vicinity of woods at 898664 where it was ordered to be prepared to support 8RS in their clearance of the area between RAURAY and LE HAUT DU BOSQ. By 1400 hrs it was clear that 8RS were meeting fairly stiff opposition and would not only have difficulty in reaching their final objective but would have difficulty in holding such a long front. 6 RSF were ordered to assist them and take over and hold a portion of their objective when captured. C and D Coys were ordered to take over the right half of the objective from 8RS. During this period of take over the Germans counter-attacked and the posns were never really firmly taken over. As a result our line was pushed back to the line of the reserve coys of 8RS. But the Germans did not press their counter-attack. The Bn spent the night in a defensive posn in the area of LE HAUT DU BOSQ 898655.	
Le Haut du Bosq	30	0600 1400	In the early morning at about 0600 hrs the Bn moved back to an orchard in the village of LE HAUT DU BOSQ where it remained till the afternoon. At about 1400 hrs the Bde took up an anti-Panzer hedgehog in the vicinity of 905660 with 6 RSF in reserve area. Intermittent mortaring took place during the night.	CR Buchanan Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Unit 6 ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

Month and Year July 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt-Col CR BUCHANAN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1 Jul	1830	During the day the Germans attacked the Div on our right, 49 Div, and the right forward Coy of 6 KOSB was pushed in. "C" Coy 6 RSF was ordered to attack supported by tks and arty to re-take the posn, which it did with zero at 1830. "C" Coy remained in the re-captured posn under comd 6 KOSB to strengthen the Bn posn.	
St Croix Grand Tonne.	2 Jul	1230 2300	At 1230 hrs the Bn was relieved by a Bn of HLI from 53 Div and went into a rest area at ST CROIX GRAND TONNE 8874. "A" and "C" Coys under 6 KOSB were not relieved till 2300 hrs.	
"	3 Jul		The Bn spent the day cleaning up and re-organising the allotment of officers to Coys and appts.	See Appx "A"
"	4 Jul		Rest period	
	5 Jul		Rest period	
	6 Jul		Rest period	
Baron.	7 Jul	2400	The Bn moved from ST. CROIX GRAND TONNE by march route to BARON 9462 and relieved 8 HANTS in the line. Relief completed by 2400 hrs. The Bn is now in 12 Corps.	
"	8 Jul		Bn in line, no incidents and a quiet day. Recce patrolling by night from "B" Coy.	
"	9 Jul		Bn in line, no incidents and still a quiet day. Intermittent shelling with German mortars.	
"	10 Jul		43 Div with barrage and tks, H hour 0500. The Bn took no part in this attack, but the whole of our posn was heavily mortared and shelled during the day and we had the following casualties:- Killed - 4 (Other Rks only) Wounded - 7 (incl Lt AF YOUNG) Missing - Nil (Other Rks only).	
Baron	11 Jul		The Bn remained in the line and during the day it was subjected to further shelling and mortaring. The casualties for the day were:- 6 Killed (Other Ranks only)	

			11 Wounded (Other Ranks only) 2 Missing (Other Ranks only). Some vehicles were hit. The Bn was relieved by 5 Welch Regt during the night Jul 11/12th.	APPX ~~"E"~~"F"
St Croix Grand Tonne.	12 Jul		Relief was completed by 0315 hrs and the Bn moved back to ST. CROIX GRAND TONNE for a period of rest. During the period in the line from 7/12 July the total casualties were:- 11 Killed (Other Ranks only) 19 Wounded (incl Lt AF YOUNG) 2 Missing.	
St Croix Grand Tonne.	13 Jul		Bn at ST. CROIX GRAND TONNE resting.	
Colville.	14 Jul	2100	Bn left ST CROIX GRAND TONNE at 2100 hrs and moved to a fwd assembly area in the vicinity of COLVILLE 9265 in preparation for Operation GREENLINE. (44(L) Inf Bde Operation Order for the operation is attd). Spent the night 14/15 July in F.A.A. Slight shelling of FAA during the night. Suffered a few casualties.	Appx "B".
"	15 Jul	 2145 2343	"D" Day for operation GREENLINE. The Bn lay up in FAA all day. Bn was Reserve Bn of Bde for this operation. Operation started with Phase CLYDE (see Bde Operation Order) H hour for which was 2145 hrs. CLYDE reported OK by 2343 hrs.	 Appx "B"
GAVRUS	16 Jul	 0256 0720 0400 0830 0930 1020	FORTH reported O.K. by 0300 hrs. MELROSE reported O.K. by 0256 hrs. KNIFE reported still holding out at 0720. Bn standing by at 30 mins notice from 0400 hrs to proceed to GAVRUS and take over from 8 RS who were moving on to BOUGY after capturing GAVRUS. CO and OsC "C" and "B" Coys proceeded to GAVRUS 0830 hrs to carry out recce to take area from 8 R.S. which was still being shelled. At approx 0930 "B" and "C" Coys and A.Tk guns arrived up at GAVRUS and got into posn to hold it. Remainder of Bn arrived up about 3/4 hours later. 8 RS two coys released to join the remainder of their Bn at BOUGY. DUNBAR, i.e., capture of BOUGY reported complete by 1020 hrs. Bn left A.2 echelon tpt in assembly area and dug itself in to [Possible page missing in original]	
Gavrus			This was a most unpleasant area as it was shelled and mortared intermittently during the whole time the Bn was there.	

		2000	As 8 RS had suffered fairly heavy casualties in capture of BOUGY Comd 44(L) Bde instructed 6 RSF to send them one Coy to reinforce them in holding BOUGY and to be placed under comd 8 R.S. "A" Coy was sent off at 2000 hrs. Touch was gained with OXF & BUCKS on the left of the Bn who were operating north of the River ODON. During the night 16/17 July the enemy shelled and mortared GAVRUS almost continually. The RAP moved back to LES VILLAINE the location of the CCP as it was not possible to do any treatment in the GAVRUS area.	
Gavrus	17 Jul		A certain number of vehicles were knocked out by shelling and maintenance became difficult as a result. Casualties on the whole were very small considering the amount of shelling. Deep slit trenches had been dug. The Bn remained in reserve to 44(L) Bde in posn at GAVRUS. Slight counter-attacks against 8 R.S. and 6 KOSB were held by them. The remainder of operation GREENLINE continued but KNIFE STIRLING and BERWICK were not captured as planned.	
Gavrus.	18 Jul	1100	Bn remained in GAVRUS night 17/18 Jul. At approx 1100 hrs the C.O. was informed by Bde Comd that the Div Comd had said the Bn should if possible be moved out of GAVRUS in view of the shelling situation to another posn from which it could operate as Reserve Bn to the Bde. The CO recced the area north of the R. ODON in the vicinity of the WOOD at 906626 and the Bn moved to take up a posn in this vicinity at approx 1730 hrs. "A" Coy remained with 8 RS.	
	19 Jul	1030 2100	Bn still in area 906626. Orders were received from 44(L) Bde that the Bn would be relieved by 1 OXF & BUCKS and reps from this Bn arrived for recce at 1030 hrs. Relief was completed by 2100 hrs and the Bn moved back to the area 905665 near HAUT DE BOSQ for a period of rest. During operation GREENLINE the Bn suffered the following casualties:- Officers wounded: Lt JDM Steel Lt A Tweedie Lt PE Labonte Capt GD Monro RACHD. Other Ranks killed: 14 Other Ranks wounded: 50 Missing: 5. NOTE IN CONNECTION WITH SHELLING AND MORTARING IN GAVRUS ON 16, 17 AND 18 JULY. It was considered that the shelling and mortaring which was intense might have been directed on the village as a result of the Germans using D.F. apparatus to locate the Bde rear link wireless	APPX "D"

			scout car. It was noticed that on several occasions after the Bde rear link and the Bn control 18 set had sent out a tuning call a "stonk" came down on the Bn H.Q. area within 15/20 minutes.	
905665	20 Jul		The Bn remained in the rest area at 905665 re-organising and cleaning up. The area is by no means ideal as a rest area. It is in the middle of a gun area and it is completely open and bare. The Bde Comd held a conference on casualties which are required to be replaced.	
905665	21 Jul		Bn still in the rest area. Lt-General N. RITCHIE Comd 12 Corps visited the Bn. Parties of men were sent off to a Field Cinema show during the day.	
905665	22 Jul		The Bn remained in rest area. CO carried out recce of new area to which the Bn is going.	
Caumont.	23 Jul	 1200	The Bn moved by TCV to the area of CAUMONT to take over from 2nd Bn 10 US Inf who were in the line in this sector. 15(S) Inf Div relieved 5 US Inf Div. The relief was carried out during the night 23/24 July. 15(S) Div came into 30 Corps from 1200 hrs today.	15(S) Div and 44(L) Bde orders for relief attd. Appx "C".
Caumont.	24 Jul	0600	The relief was completed by 0600 hrs. Quiet day in the line except for a certain amount of shelling and mortaring. No casualties to personnel. Two patrols were sent out but no enemy was found in the localities which were searched.	 APPX "C"
Caumont.	25 Jul		Fairly quiet day, except for intermittent shelling and mortaring. This increased in intensity during the night. The Bn however, being well dug in in foxholes dug by personnel of the U.S. unit we relieved suffered only one casualty. One recce patrol was sent out but obtained little information except that the house to which it was sent was occupied.	
"	26 Jul		Nothing particular occurred on the front except intermittent shelling and mortaring which was not heavy. The Bn suffered two casualties. At night the Bn was relieved by 9 Cameronians of 46 Bde. Relief was completed by 0300 hrs.	 APPX "E"
Mesnil.	27 Jul		The Bn proceeded to a rest area at MESNIL. Div Concert Party gave a show to the Bn in the bivouac area.	
"	28 Jul	 2215 0300	The Bn remained in area of MESNIL till the evening when at 2015 hrs orders were received to proceed to the area of CAUMONT and take over that position of the line which we held before we were relieved by 9 Cameronians on July 24th. The Bn left the bivouac area at 2215 hrs and the relief was completed by 0300 hrs 29 Jul. No difficulty was experienced in the relief as the Bn was taking over from 9 Cameronians again.	

Caumont.	29 Jul		Bn spent a quiet day. Very little shelling. Brig HDK Money D.S.O. came to say goodbye on appt to the War Office. New Comd 44(L) Bde is Brig COCKBURN A & SH. 15(S) Div reverted to 8 Corps.	
Caumont.	30 Jul	 1330 2000	Operation BLUECOAT started, H Hour 0655 hrs. 44(L) Inf Bde formed the firm base through which 15(S) Div 46 and 227 Bdes advanced. 30 Corps and 8 Corps carried out the attack. 15(S) Div supported by Gds Tk Bde and 11 Armd Div attacking on 8 Corps front. 43 Div supported by tks attacking on 30 Corps front. 8 Corps made good progress from the start and got well fwd to the line of 2nd Phase by approx 1330 hrs, but 43 Div on 30 Corps front made little progress from the start line with the result that the flank of 227 Bde on left of 15(S) Div was exposed. 6 R.S.F. were lent to 227 Bde to protect left flank. The Bn moved over from posn on firm base west of CAUMONT to take up posn south west of LALONDE 7157 to facing EAST to cover approaches from the east. The Bn was in posn by 2000 hrs and spent the night in this posn.	
Lalonde.	31 Jul		The Bn spent a quiet period and was not attacked from the open flank to its front. CR Buchanan Lt-Col Comd 6 R.S.F.	44(L) Inf Bde Operation Order No. _____ dated _____ at Appx "D"

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Unit 6th Bn The Royal Scots Fusiliers

Month and Year August 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col CR BUCHANAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LE BENY BOCAGE	1 Aug	0800	The Bn rejoined 44(L)Bde and concentrated with the rest of the Bde in the area of the Orchard 694565 with a view to moving forward to the high ground to the East of LE BENY BOCAGE to exploit the advance of the 11 Armd Div. But this operation was postponed as although considerable success had been achieved on the front the left flank was still open to a certain extent. The Bn was therefore ordered to take up a position in the vicinity of the farm at 692538 facing South in reserve to the remainder of the Bde which was dispersed to protect the left flank of the Div. During the day it became obvious that the enemy was pulling out on this front although leaving strong rearguards.	Appendix "A"
	2 Aug		The Bn spent a quiet night with no shelling and did not move although it was at four hours notice to do so all day.	
ST PIERRE TARENTAIN	3 Aug	1130	At about 1130 hrs the Bn moved carried on tanks of 4 Gren Guards to an FAA in the vicinity of ST PIERRE TARENTAIN 7045 where it arrived at about 1230 hrs. Orders were received at 1400 hrs to attack and capture the hamlet of LA COUR 723438 supported by one sqn of 4 Gren Gds. This attack was supposed to be put in with zero at 2030 hrs but owing to the fact that the Bn could not complete the necessary previous recces etc in time it was changed to 2100 hrs. The attack was successful and the objective captured. Consolidation had to be carried out in the dark. Casualties were light, Lieut Street, 2/Lt Hollidge, 2/Lt Patrick, 2/Lt Campbell were wounded and the casualties in ORs were killed 8 wounded 17.	Appendix "B" Appendix "C"
MONTCHARIVEL	4 Aug	1900	The Bn spent a quiet night and was not counter-attacked. At 1900 hrs the Bn moved out to occupy the village of MONTCHARIVEL 7442. The adv gd on arrival found the village held by approx a coy and some armd cars. An attack was put in round the left flank by two tps of Churchills (4 Gren Gds) and two	

			pls "C" Coy in support working round the left of the village. This attack cleared the village but not till approx 2200 hrs. The Bn then entered the village and was disposed to hold it. All Recces for defences had to be carried out in the dark, but fortunately there was a bright moon. Cas killed 8, wounded 5, missing 14.	
	5 Aug		The Bn remained in MONTCHARIVEL and 227(H) Bde passed through to continue the adv. The rest of the Bde were disposed with 8 RS in LES FIEFFES 7241 and 6 KOSB in LA MOTTE 7541.	
	6 Aug	0700	Bn at 2 hrs notice to move wef 0700 hrs and move to an FAA on the main rd to VASSY just South of Condraies with 8 RS on the other side of the rd and 6 KOSB close behind. The Churchills accompanied the Bn and harboured close by.	Appendix "D"
	7 Aug		Bn moves partly carried on tanks and partly by march route to a position on the high ground in 7438. 8 RS to area LES CLOS and 6 KOSB 7440. Some shelling and mortaring but few casualties.	Appendix "E" Appendix "F"
	8 Aug		After an evening and night of "O" Gps and preparation Bn moved to an FAA at 740387 for an attack on ESTRY.	
ESTRY	9 Aug		44(L) Bde attacked ESTRY with Bn Coldstream Churchills under comd 6 RSF left with one sqn, 6 KOSB right with another, 8 RS in reserve. The object of the attack was to clear ESTRY and then retire to positions near Xrds at 756379. The leading coys "A" and "C" were to cross the start line at 1200 hrs and clear the village while "D" right and "B" left were to dig in on the main rd. The start line was the stream at 7438. The Bn was very weary but the leading coys set off and reached the Northern edge of the village which they found to be strongly held. The Churchills had difficulty in crossing the stream and were late in arriving on the objective and the A.V.R.E. was hit in the early stages. The leading coys struggled on during the afternoon but did not manage to get into ESTRY itself or reduce the strongpoint of the Church. Meanwhile "D" Coy had dug in behind the main rd without much trouble but "B" had been heavily shelled and mortared on the start line and while digging and were reduced to 38 in number but managed to establish themselves before dark. The CO was slightly wounded in the arm about 1300 hrs but when the 2 IC went up he insisted on finishing the battle and was only evacuated later in the evening when the 2 IC took over. By this time "A" and "C" Coys had retired on to "D's" firm base and the Bn was disposed "C" Coy at the Xrds with one pl forward of the lateral rd, "A" Coy at the rd & tr junc 749380 with one	

			section fwd of the lateral rd and "B" Coy at 751382, the Carrier Pl lining the track leading to "A" Coy at 749380 and "D" Coy dug in just South of the stream. Lt Col CR Buchanan was wounded and evacuated in this action.	
ESTRY	10 Aug		Lt Col I Mackenzie assumed command of the Bn. After a night of very heavy shelling and mortaring "B" Coy were withdrawn into reserve near Bn HQ at 745385 and it was arranged that the Churchills stayed on the left flank with "A" Coy. The KOSB occupied similar positions on the right of the MONTCHAMPS-ESTRY rd.	
	11 Aug		Bn remained in defensive positions all day and were relieved by 8 RS at night. Higher Comd were insistent that the enemy were withdrawing but this was found not to be the case and an advance to contact plan to move to the high ground overlooking VASSY had to be abandoned.	Appendix "G" Appendix "H"
MONTCHAMPS	12 Aug		Bn at MONTCHAMPS and washed, bathed and changed clothes for first time for three weeks. Move to ST PIERRE TARENTAINE 7045 in the evening.	Appendix "J"
ST PIERRE TARENTAINE	13 Aug		Bn remained all day at ST PIERRE TARENTAINE and continued to clean up, check deficiencies and carry out maintenance tasks. The mosquitoes and wasps were extremely troublesome.	
LES IFS	14 Aug		The Bn moved by TCV to LES IFS. After a march of four miles from the debussing point the Bn were dispersed in some orchards and fields clear of the village. The area had not been completely cleared of mines. This was done by RE with the assistance of the Pioneer Pl. Apart from the mosquitoes and wasps which infested the area it was clean and afforded plenty of shade.	
	15 Aug		The Bn remained all day at LES IFS and bathed in a stretch of river, this entailed a march of some 3 miles each way. All coys held a drill parade and the Bn was addressed by the Div Comd.	
	16 Aug		A CofS Church Parade was held during the morning. The remainder of the day was allotted to coy drill parades, cleaning of weapons and rest.	
CESNY-BOIS-HALBOUT	17 Aug		The Bn moved by TCV to CESNY-BOIS-HALBOUT 9945. This move was done in order to conform with the concentration of 15(S)Div. The area was constricted owing to the presence of "B" Echelon of 7 Armd Div who had already occupied the best billets.	
	18 Aug		No move was anticipated, or took place on this day. Coys spent the day cleaning up, holding drill parades and washing clothes.	

	19 Aug		All coys carried out route marches of approx 12 miles to harden the men's feet, which had become very soft at ESTRY. The Bn was warned to stand by at 3 hrs notice to move from 0900 hrs on 20 August.	
	20 Aug		15 Div were allotted the task of securing crossings over the rivers LA VIC and LA TOUGES to the East of LES SAP 5859. The role of 44(L)Bde was to secure the high ground pt 258, 4159 - pt 261, 4160 - pt 259, 3334. The CO held his "O" Gp at 1030 hrs and ordered that the Bn was at 3 hrs notice till 1500 hrs and thereafter at 15 mins notice. Through the afternoon messages were received from Bde to the effect that the move was increasingly unlikely owing to the congestion of the rds leading fwd. At 1900 hrs the Brigadier arrived at Bn HQ and informed the CO that the move was cancelled and that no move was expected for a further 48 hrs till the situation fwd had been clarified.	Appendix "K"
	21 Aug		All Coys had prepared training programmes which included a 12 miles march, however owing to the heavy rain throughout the day these programmes were cancelled and the Bn moved into buildings which had by now been evacuated by "B" Echelon of 7 Armd Div.	
	22 Aug		The weather cleared up and showed signs of becoming fair, by 1000 hrs the sun had come out and the Bn were able to dry their clothes. All coys carried out route marches, during which they were able to hold several tactical exercises and to bathe. Dinners were eaten out of billets. The Bn harbour party was ordered to stand by at 15 mins notice to move from 1700 hrs. The Bn was informed that no move other than harbour parties was expected on 22 August. No destination was given in the warning order.	
	23 Aug		During the night 22/23 Aug it poured with rain, however as the Bn were all under cover of buildings no ill effects were felt. The Bn moved, embussed in TCVs, at 1545 hrs to the area of DAMBLAINVILLE 2038 via USSY 0841 and FALAISE, 15(S)Div having been ordered to concentrate EAST of FALAISE with a view to advancing to the river SEINE and starting on 24 or 25 August.	
DAMBLAINVILLE	24 Aug		The Bn area at DAMBLAINVILLE was in some low lying fields off the main rd. Heavy rain fell during the night but the Bn had rigged up good bivouac shelters and emerged damp rather than wet. Owing to the congested state of the rds fwd no move took place before 1600 when the Bde moved to an area SW of ORBEC 6572, the Bn being allotted the area of the village VIEL 5768. We arrived late in the evening just as it was getting dark and	

			found a congestion of Canadians clearing out of the area. Bn HQ and most of the coys found accommodation in houses, however the night was fine. The CO was warned to attend Bde "O" Gp at 0700 hrs on 25 August and the Bn was warned to expect to move at 0900 hrs.	
	25 Aug		A very trying day involving a move of approx 35 miles, embussed in TCVs which took from 0900 hrs till 2400 hrs 25/26 August. The Bde moved via BERNAY 8078 and BEAUMONT-LE-ROGER 9376 to the general area of LE NEUBOURG 0263. The rds were crammed with traffic and very dusty. The bridges over the river LA ISLE at BEAUMONT-LE-ROGER had not been repaired by the time we got there and such as remained would not carry TCVs, in consequence the Bn debussed and marched the last 10 miles to a reverse slope position immediately SW of IVILLE 0486. Very little information was available about the enemy, however a general air of optimism prevailed and COs were warned to be prepared to recce fwd for crossings over the river SEINE. This project was abandoned later. The Bn was widely dispersed and could do little more than cover the rds and obvious approaches, however it was generally understood though not confirmed, that an American Armd Div was deployed NE of our positions.	
IVILLE	26 Aug		The Bn was informed that a move was most unlikely and that 227 Bde would pass through during the day and occupy LOUVIERS 2288. The situation fwd remained obscure and such reports as were received indicated that the battle was fluid.	
ST LUBIN	27 Aug	1000	The Bn moved to ST LUBIN 1989 at 1000 hrs and harboured in some thick woods. 227 Bde were ordered to secure a crossing over the SEINE at ANDE 2890 at 1800 on 27 Aug. Various alternative plans were in store for us but at 1815 an LO arrived and gave orders that we were to be at immediate notice to move and secure a further crossing over the river. No further details were available at the moment. At 2000 hrs the Bn moved by march route, under the RSM, to a FAA in the area of some farm buildings 277935 NE of PORTEJOIE 2892. Meanwhile the CO gave out his orders and conducted officers on a brief recce before dark. Briefly the plan was as follows:- The Bn were to cross the SEINE at PORTEJOIE and establish a bridgehead at HERQUEVILLE. The crossing was to be made in assault boats with two coys ("C" and "D") up; transport was divided into priority routes, the first group being 15 vehs which were to include the rear link and 4 6 pr guns while other	Appendix "L" Appendix "M"

			gps were organised by the MTO on the priority by which they were required within the bridgehead.	
	28 Aug		Zero hr was ordered at 0030 hrs. The crossing was made almost without opposition, "A" Coy were unfortunate and had two boats shot up by an isolated automatic weapon and lost 1 officer and 8 ORs, fwd coys did not consolidate their final objectives till after dawn on 28 Aug as the thick scrub and high cliffs proved almost impenetrable in the dark.	
		0800	However, by 0800 hrs on 28 Aug the Bn had firmly established the bridgehead and had started to ferry tpt across. During the morning the remainder of the marching tps of the Bde were ferried across.	
		1500	At 1500 hrs the KOSB took over the Bn positions and the Bn was ordered to stand by for a night advance and attack on SENNEVILLE 3197 - the reason why the RSF were again to be used for this action was that no other Bn in the Bde had yet got its "F" and "A" Echelon tpt across the river.	
		0830	At 0830 the Bn moved to a FAA at 306945 slightly South of the fwd tps of 227 Bde who had by now cleared the wood 3194. The CO took Coy Comds on a recce during the move of the Bn but did not manage to see much of the ground.	
SENNEVILLE	29 Aug	0030	At 0030 hrs 29 Aug the Bn advanced in the following order:- "B" "D" "C" "HQ" "A" Coys with the object of establishing itself on the high ground EAST of the wood 3196 and SE of SENNEVILLE prior to an assault at first light. The advance was completely	
		0200	successful and by 0200 hrs the high ground was occupied without major incident, a few small enemy posts had been met but no casualties were sustained by our tps. Just before reaching the final positions on the high ground "D" Coy, who had been passed into the lead, found themselves some 500 yds too far WEST and at the same time bumped into a small enemy post. They brought heavy LMG fire to bear on the enemy and then swung EAST to correct their positions. The effect of this manoeuvre was to puzzle the enemy as to our line of adv and flares were sent up from several directions by enemy who presumably thought they were being outflanked.	
SENNEVILLE			These enemy posts subsequently withdrew before dawn.	
		0700	At 0700 hrs the fwd coys moved in to clear and occupy the	
		0800	village of SENNEVILLE and at 0800 hrs "A" Coy started to clear the large wood 3196 immediately SOUTH of the village.	
		0900	By 0900 hrs the village had been occupied and by 1200 hrs the	
		1200	wood was reported clear by "A" Coy.	

			Remainder of the day was spent digging in and improving our positions, two small recce patrols were sent fwd to the villages of AMFREVILLE-SOUS-LES-MTS 3098, ORGEVILLE 3298 and AMFREVILLE-LES-CHAMPS 3498, these patrols reported the villages to be very lightly held. Throughout the day it poured with rain but the bulk of the Bn were under cover in barns and houses so did not suffer unduly.	
	30 Aug		A day spent at one-third alertness and the remainder resting. Tpt was ordered to keep off the rds as 53 Div was passing through 15 Div. Throughout the day heavy showers fell. The Bde Comd visited the Bn and told the CO that we could anticipate remaining at SENNEVILLE for a further 3 or 4 days.	
	31 Aug		A fine sunny day.	I Mackenzie Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SENNEVILLE	1 Sep		Reinforcements from 2/5 Lancs Fus and 6 Border Regt joined and sent to coys. Day of rest.	
	2 Sep		Further day of rest. Coys bathed in the SEINE. Div Comd spoke to reinforcements at 1630 hrs and later took tea in HQ mess. Harbour party left at 1430 hrs for area LE CAMP JEAN 4915.	
	3 Sep		Bn moved off for LE CAMP JEAN in two parties - MT at 0730 hrs arriving at 0930 hrs - marching tps at 1230 hrs being picked up half way at 1700 hrs. Whole Bn conc LE CAMP JEAN area 1800 hrs.	
LE CAMP JEAN	4 Sep		A further move forward of about 20 miles using own tpt to ferry marching personnel. Main body left LE CAMP JEAN for area HADANCOURT 6738 with tps embussed in unit 3 ton lorries at 0800 hrs arriving at 1030 hrs. 3 ton lorries then returned to pick up stores. Bn conc HADANCOURT 1600 hrs and received orders to prepare to move fwd following day in TCVs.	Appx "A"
HADANCOURT	5 Sep		Bn moved to L'ABBAYETTE 1009 in two parties. Bn tpt left HADANCOURT at 0830 hrs arriving at 1630 hrs after a long move with very heavy traffic on the roads. Marching tps in TCVs left at 1630 hrs and arrived at 2030 hrs. Orders were received for a move fwd to ROUCERS, BELGIUM 7670 the next day, KOSB acting as adv gd to Bde.	Appx "B"
L'ABBAYETE	6 Sep		Bn crossed the Bde SP at 0923 hrs, marching tps being embussed in TCVs. A long uneventful journey as far as the enemy was concerned, followed. The local population showed great enthusiasm along the whole route, every town and village turning out to greet us. In some places civilians were a hindrance to smooth movement. At about 1700 hrs the adv gd reported the br over the R LYS between MENIN 7554 and HALLUIN 7553 blown. At this time the Bn was halted on the rd SOUTH of RONCQ 7449. Orders were received to close up and harbour area HALLUIN for the night. "A" Coy was ordered to cover the br on Northern outskirts of HALLUIN. Bn HQ was est at 753530.	

HALLUIN	7 Sep		Bn moved to cover the crossings of the COURTRAI BOSSUYT CANAL from incl br 923533 to incl br 880569. Bn left HALLUIN at 0530 hrs and relief of 2 GH on canal was complete by 0730 hrs with Bn HQ est in SWEVEGHEM 9055. At 1630 hrs orders were received to clear enemy from DEERLYCK 9159. "C" Coy with under comd the Carrier Pl, a sec A Tk guns and a sec Mor with in sp 190 Fd Regt and 59 Med Regt attacked at 1935 hrs. Complete success was achieved. 75 prisoners and a quantity of enemy equipment was captured and only two casualties sustained. At 2230 hrs "B" Coy was ordered to join "C" Coy to assist holding the village for the night. Orders were received for move to R LYS on 8 Sep.	
DEERLYCK	8 Sep	0830	At 0830 Bn conc DEERLYCK before moving fwd to R LYS. Adv to LYS was achieved without opposition but approx 250 enemy gave themselves up including two naval ratings. Bn covered all crossings from excl br 956654 to excl rd river junc 898624. Infm received that bn was likely to remain in present posn until 10 Sep. Bn HQ est DESSELGHEM 9163.	
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MALINES	10 Sep		Orders received to conc area MALINES 7275. Bn moved off 0830 hrs. Journey without incident and Bn conc in rest area by 1500 hrs.	Appx "C"
MALINES	11 Sep		Day of rest and maintenance. Regimental football team played the town on the town ground - result win for town 7 - nil. Orders received to take over br hd on ALBERT CANAL in area STEELAN 0684. Adv parties left at 1830 hrs.	Appx "D"
STEELAN	12 Sep		Bn moved up to assembly area at OOSTERLOO 0682 without incident arriving at 1030 hrs. Br hd taken over from 6 Green Howards at 1730 hrs on general line 076842 - 076852 - rd junc 072855 - houses 068854 - 064848. Intermittent shelling during afternoon and evening.	Appx "E"
STEELAN	13 Sep		During the night the enemy withdrew North of the JUNCTION CANAL 1093. Carrier patrol was sent out to ZITTART 1283 and MEERHOUT 1484 and reported both clear of enemy. "D" Coy was accordingly ordered to occupy posn in area Xrds 121837. At 1400 hrs orders were received to relieve 8 RS in GHEEL 0888. Relief completed by 1800 hrs. Intermittent shelling during evening and night. One OR of "D" Coy killed.	Appx "F"
GHEEL	14 Sep		Day of rest and maintenance. "A" Coy moved up to the MEUSE - ESCAUT CANAL at 089931 at 1500 hrs to stop any enemy infiltration South of CANAL. Slight enemy opposition was encountered from woods 0992 which were cleared successfully.	Appx "G" Appx "H"

			Orders were received in the afternoon for the remainder of the Bn to move up to reinforce the br hd held by 8 RS across the CANAL at 0793 on 15 Sep. Casualties - 2 killed, 5 wounded from "A" Coy.	
GOOREINDE	15 Sep		The Bn left GHEEL at 0600 hrs and moved up to FAA in area 076920. At this time although 8 RS were across the CANAL crossings were under MG and sniper fire at times. Crossing was made at 1230 hrs in assault boats by "B" and "D" coys followed by Bn HQ and "C" Coy. Although enemy shelling had been persistent from the time of arrival at FAA the crossing was achieved without casualties. The village was cleared and penetration made to rd junc 074940. Enemy later counter-attacked and forward troops were pulled into rd junc 074934. Heavy enemy shelling and mortaring continued all day and throughout the night. Several enemy counter-attacks were put in in varying strengths. Some achieved slight penetration but all were eventually driven back or broken up. Killed 7 other ranks, wounded 3 officers 43 other ranks.	Appx "J" Appx "K"
GOOREINDE	16 Sep		Enemy counter-attacks and infiltrations beginning at 0730 hrs prevented the expansion of the bridgehead and they continued throughout the day accompanied by very heavy artillery and mortar fire. Movement in road around the bridgehead was extremely hazardous. Air support by Typhoons somewhat eased the shelling from 1430 hrs until 2005 hrs when a very strong counter-attack developed. Through a captured document it was found that the objective for this attack was the factory at 075928. This attack was broken up by mass artillery concentrations and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Shelling continued throughout the night but was very slightly lighter. Killed 2 officers 6 other ranks, wounded 36 other ranks.	Appx "L" Appx "M" Appx "N"
GOOREINDE	17 Sep		Heavy fighting continued in the bridgehead during the day. There was slight infiltration during the night but all enemy were thrown out by 0800 hrs with losses to them. A further op at 1500 hrs cleared the enemy from houses at 078933 all being killed or captured and one 22 mm gun destroyed. Shelling of the area was lighter until 1230 hrs and practically ceased from then until 1430 hrs in face of airborne ops being carried out. Later shelling became intense and at 1730 hrs was very heavy indeed including some heavy enemy guns. Several enemy counter-attacks developed and were pressed with great determination. Some slight penetrations were made but were always thrown out. 2 officers and 18 other ranks of the Herman Goering Trg Regt surrendered to the Bn today after attack by PIATs. Wounded 10 other ranks.	Appx "O"

GHEEL	18 Sep		Bn relieved in the bridgehead by 2 A & SH and returned to GHEEL conc there by 1130 hrs. Owing to the failure of class 9 raft all Bn transport across the canal had to be left for 2 A & SH use. The past few days were the heaviest fighting the Bn has had since Aug days in the beach head, shelling being perhaps heavier than at any other time. Total casualties over the period, killed, wounded and missing were 7 officers 141 other ranks. Reorganisation, rest and maintenance were carried out in GHEEL. Orders were received for move to MOLL 1690 at 1730 hrs. This was later postponed until 1100 hrs 19 Sep.	Appx "P"
SLUIS	19 Sep		Orders for move to MOLL changed. Bn ordered to take over line of canal from incl canal junc 206960 to excl crossing 172951 and to stop any enemy penetration to SOUTH. Bn left GHEEL at 1100 hrs and was conc in FAA in area 180924 by 1145 hrs. By 1400 hrs the Bn less "A" Coy, one platoon "C" Coy and two sections carriers were conc in SLUIS 1893. "A" Coy was ordered to watch crossing at DONCK 1795. One platoon of "C" Coy was to guard class 40 bridge at 200928 and one section of carriers was to guard approaches at each bridge 208943 and 186946. Enemy positions were located in houses and wood at 186954 by a fighting patrol of "B" Coy but were not dislodged. Patrol withdrew to SLUIS.	Appx "Q"
SLUIS	20 Sep		"B" Coy cleared enemy from SOUTH side of CANAL at 186954 and were firmly established there by 1200 hrs. Very light shelling of SLUIS area at 2200 hrs. No damage. Orders received for move on 21 Sep to EINDHOVEN area. No other activity.	Appx "R" Appx "S"
RIETHOVEN	21 Sep		Bn conc in area SLUIS during morning in preparation for move. Due past SP at 1450 hrs. After considerable delay due to other traffic on route SP was eventually passed at 1600 hrs. Journey was very slow due to heavy traffic and by nightfall Bn had only reached area WESTERHOVEN 3706 and was ordered to harbour in REITHOVEN 3608 for the night.	Appx "T"
EINDHOVEN	22 Sep		Move to conc NW of EINDHOVEN continued and Bn concentrated in area 403225 by 1500 hrs. No contact with enemy throughout the day.	Appx "U"
BEST	23 Sep		Bn moved up to enlarge the bridgehead over the WILHELMINA CANAL in area of BEST 3726 to the NE. After slight enemy resistance our forward troops were established at Xrds 384279 and position was consolidated for the night. The larger plan of a push through to BOXTEL 3234 was not able to be achieved owing to enemy resistance.	Appx "V" Appx "W" Appx "X"
VLEUT	24 Sep		A further enlargement of the bridgehead to the NE took place today by coy gp actions. By nightfall the Bn had consolidated the	Appx "Y" Appx "Z"

			position in and around VLEUT 3828. In places stiff opposition was encountered.	
VLEUT	25 Sep		Bn remained in area VLEUT. Patrols were sent out all day to locate enemy positions in woods to NW. A Coy posn was located by a patrol from "D" Coy astride the track at 378292.	Appx "AA"
VLEUT	26 Sep		An adv up the track running NE from VLEUT was ordered. All enemy were to be cleared as far NORTH as 373298. The country was extremely close and only allowed the advance to be made with one company at a time. "B" Coy cleared the enemy from posn 378292. "A" Coy, "D" Coy and "C" Coy were then passed through. "A" Coy reached final objective by 1430 hrs against strong enemy MG fire. A considerable number of enemy snipers were active and the whole area was alive with Bosche which were very difficult to find owing to the nature of the country. At 1700 hrs a withdrawal was ordered and the Bn was ordered to concentrate in area EAST of DONDERDONK 3930 with a view to adv North on right flank of 227 Bde following day. Conc complete by 2000 hrs.	3929
DONDERDONK	27 Sep		The Bn was to attack and capture FRATERSHOEF 3832 during the day but owing to reports of strong enemy opposition from 6 KOSB this attack was put off until night and the objective reduced to the two groups of houses at 395323 and 393320. The attack went in at 2100 hrs with "D" Coy right and "C" Coy left preceded by a heavy artillery conc on the objective. By 2200 hrs the objective had been captured and consolidated, 53 prisoners being captured with killed 4 other ranks, and wounded 1 officer and 4 other ranks as casualties.	Appx "BB" Appx "CC"
DONDERDONK	28 Sep		Posn consolidated with "C" and "D" Coys as above and "A" Coy and "B" Coy at 398317 and 398320 respectively. Enemy snipers active. Our snipers accounted for three enemy. At 1700 hrs a sharp counter-attack was launched by the enemy mostly against 8 RS but "C" Coy was involved. Very heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy who asked for a truce from 1915 hrs to 2015 hrs to collect his wounded. This was granted. Uneventful night.	Appx "CC"
DONDERDONK	29 Sep		Little activity during the day. Spasmodic shelling by enemy.	
"	30 Sep		More patrols were carried out and some prisoners taken. At 1800 hrs very heavy enemy shelling began in area of "C" Coy which lasted until 1830 hrs. Small arms fire was also directed on to this coy locality. Some enemy came out into the open at this time and it was thought that a counter-attack was developing but heavy concs from our arty broke up whatever there was of it. A letter from Comd 2nd Army was issued during the month on conditions on entering Germany.	Appx "DD" Appx "EE"

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GEMERT	1944 1 Oct 2 Oct	2200 0200	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		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.	

"	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.	

LIESEL HAZELDONK LIESEL	30 Oct	 1700	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. 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.	
LIESEL	31 Oct	0830 1530	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. 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.	HWP Harrison, Major pp Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Unit 6 RSF

Month and Year Nov 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col I Mackenzie DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SLOT	1 Nov		Quiet morning. Troops rested and washed. CO held conference. Orders to move received in afternoon. Bn to SLOT before nightfall. Considerable enemy shelling in the late afternoon and night. CO gave orders out for next day's attack.	
MEITIEL BROEK	2 Nov	 1630	RSF with Glasgow Highlanders on right carried out first phase of advance of 44 Brigade down the road towards MEITEL. No opposition and no casualties in this phase. Bn moved forward in rear of forward Bns, RS and KOSB who had advanced in face of some slight opposition. Bn occupied BROEK area overnight. Very heavy shelling and mortaring but only one casualty during the night.	Appx 'A'
BROEK	3 Nov		Bn remained in position BROEK area, being occasionally shelled. Local patrols sent out. CO gave orders for attack next day on villages SCHANS and HOF as part of the Brigade attack, but postponement order came through before orders finished. Fairly quiet night. Motor pool shelled. Some casualties.	
BROEK	4 Nov	1700	Bn remained in BROEK area making preparations for attack as above next day. CO held co-ordinating conference 1700 hrs. Fairly quiet night.	
MEIJEL	5 Nov	0745	B and D Coys crossed start line 0745 hrs with two troops tanks in support in first phase of Brigade attack on MEIJEL. Tanks struck minefield immediately and suffered heavy casualties from mines and anti tank guns. Two carriers of 6 RSF on wounded and evacuation duties also blown up. B and D Coys pressed forward attack without the tank support and reached near edge of objective, but suffered heavy casualties. Intense mortar, shell and MG fire. Took 20/30 prisoners. Brigade cancelled second phase of attack involving A, C, D Coys. B and D Coys remained in occupation of part of objective SCHANS throughout the day until orders received from Brigade that they might be withdrawn. Withdrawal successfully accomplished by CO. Bn harboured for	Appx 'B'

			night in and South of LIESEL less A Coy which remained under command KOSB for night. Bn temporarily under command 46 Brigade.	
ASTEN	6 Nov	1600	6 RSF moved into Div reserve taking up covering positions astride road ASTEN - MEIJEL relieving part of 227 Brigade. All sub units in position by 1600 hrs including A Coy released from KOSB. CO held conference at which special commendation of Div Commander for the SCHANS action was read. Maj HWP HARRISON joined the Bn on posting from 4/5th RSF and assumed appointment of 2 IC. Lieut TAK SAVAGE joined the Bn on posting from 33 RHU and assumed appointment of 2 IC Carrier Platoon.	Appx 'C'
ASTEN	7 Nov		Colonel in Chief of the Regiment Lord TRENCHARD visited the unit and met various officers and men at 'A' echelon and Bn HQ. CO lunched with him at Div HQ. Quiet day. No enemy contact.	
ASTEN	8 Nov		Quiet day. No contact.	
ASTEN	9 Nov		Quiet day. Three officers joined the Bn. T/Capt MACBETH ex R IR F attached "HQ" Coy T/Capt MURPHY ex R IR F posted to "D" Coy Lieut SULLIVAN ex R IR F posted to "S" Coy, 2 IC Anti Tank Contact patrols sent out to flanking units. Coys engaged in rest and adm and baths. Small parties sent in to entertainments at HELMOND.	
ASTEN	10 Nov	1100 1400	Quiet day. CO held conference of Coy Comds and QM at 1100 hrs to discuss re-organisation on a three Coy basis. It was decided to split up C Coy and to allot one platoon each to A, B, D Coys. G1098 stores of C Coy to be held by QM in readiness for a return to four Coys when authorised. Demonstration. At 1400 hrs Coy Comds and Specialist Comds attended a demonstration of LVT 2's and LVT 4's at Div.	
ASTEN	11 Nov		Quiet day. Four officers and 44 other ranks joined the Bn. They were posted as follows:- WS/Lieut WL TAIT "A" Coy 2/Lt SW TATNELL "A" Coy WS/Lieut CJ GERRARD "B" Coy WS/Lieut JM WILLIAMSON "D" Coy 22 other ranks to "B" Coy, 14 other ranks to "D" Coy. The remaining 8 as specialists or batmen.	
ASTEN	12 Nov		Quiet day. Maj HWP HARRISON represented the CO at a conference of COs at Bde HQ to discuss tank co-operation and intercomn with infantry.	
ASTEN	13 Nov	1800 1400	Bn relieved by 10 HLI and moved to ASTEN for 48 hr rest period. Relief completed without incident by 1800 hrs. Maj HWP HARRISON representing CO attended conference at Bde 1400 hrs.	
ASTEN	14 Nov		Bn resting. Baths, washing and general administration.	

			The Bn was visited by Maj Gen CM BARBER DSO Div Comd who praised the Bn for its work in the recent fighting. He personally visited all Coy areas and spoke to many of the Fusiliers. In the absence of the CO Maj HARRISON attended a conference at Bde outlining the coming ops. Bn received instructions to relieve the 6 KOSB at NEERKANT.	Appx 'D'
NEERKANT	15 Nov		The Bn was visited by Lt Gen O'CONNOR the Corps Comd who visited Bn HQ, 'A' and 'D' Coys. In the afternoon the Bn took over from 6 KOSB at NEERKANT. Instructions were received to occupy HOF with one coy. This task was successfully carried out by 'B' Coy. No enemy were encountered. The CO of the Bn, Lt Col I MACKENZIE returned to the Bn from 48 hrs leave in Brussels. Maj HM GOW left the Bn to establish 44(L) Inf Bde Tactical School at HELMOND. Maj GOW assumed the appointment of Commandant of the School and Lieuts MACLACHLAN and LOGAN also left to act as instructors. Maj HL MACKINNON assumed command of 'D' Coy in the temporary absence of Maj HM GOW.	Appx 'E'
HOF	16 Nov		'D' Coy took over SCHANS from 8 RS. 'A' Coy occupied the SE corner of the WOOD at the EAST of HOF. The Carrier Pl recced an area in the NE corner of the WOODS. Bn HQ moved to HOF. The Pnr Pl did excellent work in mine clearance. The WOOD area was found to be extensively mined and SCHUMINES were much in evidence. During the night 16/17 Nov there was some enemy shelling but no casualties were sustained.	
HOF	17 Nov		Two standing patrols were sent out to the DEURNE CANAL BANK at first light. One from 'D' Coy was driven in by spandau fire from the canal banks. One from 'A' Coy was successful in establishing itself unobserved about 100 yards from the bank and remained there maintaining observation of the canal. A patrol of snipers under Sjt PERRY worked up the canal but was unable to observe beyond the canal owing to the trees and shrub.	
HOF	18 Nov		'A' Coy standing patrol was maintained during the night and reps from CROCODILE and FLAIL tank units and the REs were escorted by a protective patrol from the Bn to recce the CANAL BANK. The bank was found to be thickly mined with A/P mines, nevertheless the recce was completed, but unfortunately Sgt BARNES of the Westminster Dragoons who was the flail tank rep was killed by a 'S' mine.	

			A sniper OP maintained observation on the CANAL bank and beyond from the roof of a house. The Bn snipers again reached the canal bank, claimed two enemy killed and two wounded. Two snipers were slightly wounded by an 'S' mine. The REs reported that they had cleared over 500 Schumines and 100 tellermines from the area of the wood.	
HOF	19 Nov		'A' Coy standing patrol reported no activity during the night 18/19 Nov. The CO received orders for a crossing of the CANAL the following day, the task of the Bn being to drive NORTH and clear the enemy from the HELENAVEEN bridge to allow 46 (H) Bde to cross there. The Bn was under comd of 46 (H) Bde for this operation. Two pioneers were wounded by an 'S' mine. Capt IA MUNRO the IO was wounded by an 'S' mine and was evacuated.	Appx 'F' Appx 'G'
	20 Nov	1400	Bn under comd of 46 (H) Bde prepared to move over the CANALS East of MEIJEL with the task of turning North and clearing to HELENAVEEN thereby enabling 46 Bde to cross and push on to SEVENUM. Bn moved off at 1400 hrs. Order of march 'B' Coy, Adv Bn HQ, Carrier Pl, Pnr Pl, 'A' Coy, MO, Mor Pl, 'D' Coy, Rear Bn HQ. By dusk the Bn had established itself on the road running North from BERINGEN to HELENAVEEN. 'A' Coy which had pushed on through 'B' Coy met some resistance at the North end of the Wood to the East of the Canal and it was decided to stay put until dawn when patrols were to push into HELENAVEEN. 'A' Coy carrier blew up on a mine the driver being unfortunately killed. Rear Bn HQ moved up and formed Adv Bn HQ about one mile North of HELENAVEEN.	
GRASHOEK	21 Nov		The night 20/21 was uneventful except for the loss of 'A' Coy jeep on a mine, and at dawn the patrols found HELENAVEEN unoccupied. Bn HQ moved up to GRASHOEK and the three rifle coys established themselves West of the Wood whilst 46 and 227 Bdes pushed on to SEVENUM now reported by civilians clear of enemy. About 300 refugees passed through the Bn lines and were evacuated through BERINGEN.	
GRASHOEK	22 Nov		Quiet day. Bn still under comd 46 (H) Bde.	
GRASHOEK	23 Nov		Quiet day. Bn reverted to 44 (L) Bde. Troops resting.	
GRASHOEK	24 Nov		Quiet day. Troops resting.	
GRASHOEK	25 Nov		Quiet day. Troops resting.	
GRASHOEK	26 Nov		Brigadier COCKBURN MBE called to say goodbye on handing over comd to Brigadier The Hon HCHT Cumming Bruce DSO.	

GRASHOEK	27 Nov		Quiet day. Coys had baths. 2" Mor practice shooting was carried out. A proportion of men were sent in to entertainments. 'B' Coy supplied 50 men to assist the REs. Maj HARRISON 2 IC attended Welfare Conference at Rear Div HQ. Maj AND HUNTER MC joined the Bn and assumed comd of 'A' Coy.	
GRASHOEK	28 Nov		The Bde Comd, Brigadier HCHT CUMMING BRUCE DSO arrived at Bn HQ and held a conference of the three Bn COs ref pending operations. Coys continued training on 2" Mor and rifle and Bren shooting.	
GRASHOEK	29 Nov		CO attended planning conference at Bde ref forthcoming operations. A list of awards was announced as follows:- DSO Lt Col I Mackenzie CO MAJ AMM BUCHER ' MC Capt IA MUNRO IO DCM Fus J MURRAY ex 'S' Coy MM Sjt G BANNERMAN ex 'A' Coy L/Sjt A CURRAN 'D' Coy A/Sjt W BEAGAN 'A' Coy Cpl J McCARTHY 'A' Coy Cpl F McHUGH 'D' Coy A/Cpl R GARDINER ex 'B' Coy Fus T THOMSON ex 'C' Coy	
GRASHOEK	30 Nov	0930 1130 1430	CO held conference of Coy Comds KANGAROO Comd, MTO and QM at 0930 hrs. He outlined the operation under consideration. At 1130 hrs the CO and 2 IC went to Bde HQ to meet Lieut Gen O'CONNOR who was visiting Bde to say goodbye on relinquishing comd of 8 Corps. At 1430 hrs CO, 2IC, Adjt and Coy Comds attended cloth model at Bde HQ whilst Bde Comd outlined his plans for op.	I Mackenzie Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Month and Year December 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MEIJEL	1 Dec		All offrs, WO's and NCOs down to pl Sjt attended briefing conferences by Commanding Officer.	
"	2 Dec		Quiet day. Training with KANGAROOS.	
BLERICK	3 Dec	0600 0730 1015 1800	Bn coln moved off at 0600 hrs. Bn was transported in KANGAROOS (RAM tank chassis with no turret) as armoured transporters. Flail tanks, flame throwing tanks (CROCODILES) and bridging tanks moved up to the A Tk ditch surrounding BLERICK by 0730 hrs. At 1015 hrs Bn received word to advance and cross A Tk ditch. Most KANGAROOS were bogged but the Bn reached the town and occupied their sectors. 28 prisoners were taken. Bn casualties were one killed and eight wounded. "F" Echelon under 2 IC and MTO moved up at 1800 hrs.	
"	4 Dec		Bn improved positions after fairly quiet night with intermittent shelling. Another 22 prisoners came in.	
"	5 Dec		Bn improved positions and checked area. There was some periodical shelling by the enemy. Some of it from heavy guns. No casualties. Awards as follows were announced. MC - Major HM Gow MC - Major MHC Hughes-Young MM - Cpl A Davison MM - L/Cpl F Bell MM - Fus J Earnshaw Gen Ritchie, Comd 12 Corps, accompanied by the Div Comd and Bde Comd called at Bn HQ at 1030 hrs. At about 2200 hrs "B" Coy called up to say a civilian had swam the MAAS and was at their HQ. He was sent to Bn HQ and interviewed by Lieut Baymaker the Dutch LO from Bde. He gave much interesting information and stated that about 400 German troops had refused to patrol the river banks and had been taken away in consequence.	

BLERICK	6 Dec		Periodic shelling by enemy. No casualties. Coys occupied with improvement of positions and areas.	
"	7 Dec	 2205 2000	Day opened with a heavy attack by the enemy on Bn HQ area. No casualties. Very little shelling during day. Bde Comd called in during morning. Plans were made to shoot up enemy bank with 3" mortar, smoke and HE, also flares in order to tempt him to disclose himself. Shoot was made at 2205 hrs. Several hits were made across the water with the PIAT. About 2000 hrs another Dutchman came in having swam the MAAS from VENLO. He did not have so much information as the previous man on the 5th.	
"	8 Dec		CO went to Div to lunch with Div Comd. Spasmodic shelling by the enemy was reported at scattered parts. No casualties. 53 reinforcements who had joined the Bn the previous day were posted to Coys. The A Tk pl carried out a very successful shoot against the suspected enemy OP at the top of a factory tower on the opposite bank. Twenty three AP and HE hits were recorded out of twenty-four shots fired. A recce patrol went down to the river bank at dusk and pinpointed three enemy positions.	
"	9 Dec	 2100	Reasonably quiet day. Bde Comd called. CO returned from Div. Coys improved positions. At about 2100 hrs flares were put up from "A" Coy area and three PIATs were fired at a battery at the factory over the river. 3" mortars supported with HE and smoke.	
"	10 Dec		CO inspected Coy areas and pl posts. Div Comd called at Bn HQ and went forward to "A" Coy OP overlooking river MAAS and VENLO. Big increase in shelling and mortaring of Bn area. No casualties reported.	
BLERICK	11 Dec		Quiet day	
"	12 Dec		Little to report. Quiet day. A Tk guns of Bn and 3" mortars carried out offensive shoots across the MAAS.	
"	13 Dec		The CO, Lt Col I Mackenzie DSO Maj HM Gow MC L/Sjt P Rees DCM L/Sjt A Curran MM Sjt W Beagan MM Cpl J McCarthy MM Cpl F Bell MM	

			The above mentioned attended an investiture held by Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery KCB DSO at ZOMEREN. After the ceremony the C-in-C addressed the recipients and spectators. He then addressed the senior officers of the Div down to 2ICs of the Bns. In the Bn area there was an increase in mortaring and shelling, two hits being recorded on the Bn OP in "A" Coy. "A" Coy area generally came in for a good deal of mortaring and 88 shelling. There were no casualties. A tk guns and mortars of the Bn continued their aggressive policy and took on a number of targets across the MAAS.	
"	14 Dec		Lt Gen GH Barker DSO the new Corps Comd visited Bn HQ accompanied by the Bde Comd. He visited "A" Coy OP and studied the enemy side of the Maas. He also fired a specially laid 6 pdr A Tk gun and registered a hit on BRODIES TOWER across the MAAS. The CO fired a captured 75 mm gun and it was estimated to be the first shot actually fired into Germany by this Bn. Range about 7000 yards. During the night three civilians swam the river MAAS from VENLO. They were all youngsters and had stripped and then greased themselves beforehand. Shelling and mortaring of the area was quite heavy but no casualties were sustained. Offensive shooting was carried out with all Bn weapons.	
"	15 Dec		Enemy mortar and shell fire fell in the Bn area at intervals during the day. No casualties were sustained although two 88 shells struck the Mortar Pl HQ. Coys spent the day in improving their positions.	
"	16 Dec		Quiet day. Less shelling. Bde Comd called. Capt GC TURNER rejoined Bn after having been away wounded since June 29th. Capt KJ BURNETT rejoined Bn after having been away wounded since 8 Sep 44. Bde IO IAN ROBERTSON R. Scots arrived to spend night at Bn HQ.	
"	17 Dec		During the night 16/17 there were several bouts of enemy shelling. An enemy aircraft was also heard overhead and some bombs were dropped, but not in the area of the town. The CO and 2 IC attended a conference at Bde. Arrangements were completed for relief by 8 RS. Offensive action by fire from all weapons was carried out on enemy positions across the MAAS in VENLO.	
MAASBREE	18 Dec		Battalion was relieved from BLERICK by 8 RS. Relief was carried out at last light without incident or casualties. Relief completed and Bn installed in new area by 2200 hrs.	

"	19 Dec		CO inspected new drafts from Green Howards and Royal Irish Fusiliers. Admin by Coys. 2 IC left with Bde party to recce probable rest area.	
"	20 Dec		Re-organisation of fourth company was completed, thus putting Bn back on a fourth Company basis. "B" Ech moved to Bn Area at MAASBREE - ROOTH.	
"	21 Dec		CO made recce for counter-attack role for a company held at short notice. "A" Coy moved out to a fwd location for the night.	
"	22 Dec		Quiet day. Bn in reserve and resting.	
"	23 Dec		-do-	
"	24 Dec		-do-	
MAASBREE	25 Dec		"A" "B" and "S" Coys held Xmas dinners in a barn. They were a great success. Xmas fare was plentiful. CO visited all dinners.	
"	26 Dec		"C" "D" and "HQ" Coys held Xmas dinners. Bde Comd and CO visited dinners. Div Comd called with seasons greetings.	
"	27 Dec		Recces carried out for relief of 8 RS.	
	28 Dec		Relief of 8 RS carried out without incident.	
	29 Dec		Quiet day. Coys settling in and improving positions.	
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Anna Hoeve	1		The New Year started with a bang for the Bosche, the Bn firing everything they had for the first 30 mins after midnight. Daylight found the Bn standing to as patrols were expected to cross the river on our right. About 0930 hrs enemy fighter aircraft in considerable strength flew over our lines and bombed SEVENUM among other places. They were engaged by our fighters and gd tps and three were shot down (none by the Bn).	
"	2		Normal routine in the line was carried out. The weather was dull and cold. OPs were manned along the front by day and listening posts right on the river bank by night.	
"	3		Normal activity throughout the day. At night assistance was given to two agents who were put across the river in a rubber boat. It was an ideal night for the job which was successfully accomplished.	
"	4		The Mortar Pl was concentrated in the area of B Coy and registered all its old targets once again for a battery shoot. Observation of the front was kept up throughout the day and very little enemy movement was reported.	
"	5		During the day S Coy moved to Hoeve Rosa and took up its HQ there. The Bn was visited by Phillip Stalker, war correspondent of the Scotsman. In the morning he visited B Coy and the Mortars with the CO, and after lunching at Bn HQ he was taken by the 2 IC and the IO to see C and A Coys. Finally he was taken to the Int OP where he witnessed a shoot on a farm some 600 yds inside the enemy lines. He was delighted with all he saw and duly "wrote up" the Bn on his return to Scotland. The GIII Camouflage from Corps visited the Bn and professed himself to be very satisfied with camouflage in the Bn area, particularly screens which had been constructed by B Coy.	
"	6		Normal routine throughout the day. The Div Comd visited the Bn and had a look at the front from various places.	

"	7		The weather was very poor, but despite that, the Bn began to make preparations for its relief the next day by the 6 KOSB, advance parties of which arrived in the area in the afternoon. O Gp met at 1800 hrs.	
"	8		The Bn was relieved in the line by 6 KOSB and the relief was completed by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ moved to ROOTH with coys at SEVENUM, ROOTH, MAASBREE, WIELDER and OPDENHOUT. HQ Coy and A and B Ech did not move. The 6th Indep Dutch Coy came u/c the Bn.	
ROOTH	9		The day was spent resting and re-organising. A large programme of entertainments had been organised for the troops and many availed themselves of the opportunity.	
	10		Still resting. Major Boyle GSOII 8 Corps visited the Bn.	
	11		The Bn was still resting, but preparations were begun for the move back up the line to BLERICK.	
BLERICK	12		Advance parties moved off to BLERICK in the morning and the remainder of the Bn followed in the evening and relieved the 8 RS there by 2000 hrs. 6 Ind Dutch Coy reverted to comd of 8 RS and B Sqn 15 Recce Regt came u/c of the Bn. It was a very quiet take over and no difficulties were experienced.	
"	13		A very busy day spent settling in. Two photographers from 2nd Army came round and took photos of the whole front, particularly the bridge area. Intermittent shelling throughout the day. Bn snipers were active throughout the day.	
"	14		Normal line routine was carried out. The 2 IC went off on a recce of rest areas in BELGIUM. Offensive shoots were carried out against the Bosche, but drew very little fire back from him. Bn snipers were very active.	
"	15		C Sqn 15 Recce Regt relieved B Sqn already under comd. The Bn was visited by the Brigadier, and later by OC 2 Gordons whose Bn was going to relieve on this front.	
"	16		Harbour parties left to join 2 IC in GRAMMONT. The GII 15 (S) Div visited the Bn in the afternoon. Normal routine continued. Enemy shelling was intermittent.	
"	17		Advance recce parties from 2 Gordons visited the Bn area. They were accompanied by RAF officers who had taken part in the bombing of VENLO bridge. The latter were shown their handywork by the I Sjt from a forward OP. The GI 15 (S) Div, Commander 44 Bde and the GOC 8 Corps paid an unexpected visit in the afternoon and toured the forward positions looking out at VENLO from a fwd OP. The GOC expressed satisfaction with everything he saw.	
"	18		A very quiet day and normal routine was carried out.	

"	19		Advance parties of 2 Gordons arrived during the day and were shown round the area. The Bn prepared for its relief on the morrow and O Gp met at 1730 hrs. A formal farewell was taken of the Bosche at 2200 hrs, the Bn firing everything it had, including captured 75 mm guns. Unfortunately shortage of amn prevented the gunners from joining in. The enemy suffered in silence.	
"	20		The day was spent in handing over, and the Bn finally moved out to an area South of BOKEND. The handover to 2 Gordons was completed about 2000 hrs.	
"	21		The Bn moved in TCVs commencing at 0700 hrs to the area of GRAMMONT, BELGIUM which was reached at 1800 hrs. Bn HQ and HQ Coy were located at IDIGEM with coys in all the neighbouring villages. The track vehicles did not accompany the Bn and remained in ASTON under comd of Capt Brodie. A tremendous ovation was given to the Bn on its arrival in this area. All ranks were housed in private billets.	
IDIGEM	22		The day was spent settling in and reorganising. Orders were received at 2000 hrs for advance parties to move to HERENTALS at first light next day. Parties were collected with difficulty and spent a very uncomfortable night in Bn HQ.	
"	23		Resting continued. Adv parties moved off at 0700 hrs.	
"	24		Resting continued.	
"	25		The CO held an O Gp at 1400 hrs and gave out orders for the next day's move, the timings of which were still on an H hour basis. The tracked vehs u/c Capt Brodie moved to TILBURG to join the adv party under the 2 IC.	
TILBURG	26		The Bn moved off at 1600 hrs to TILBURG and arrived there after a very cold journey at 0100 hrs. All ranks were once again billeted out in private billets.	
"	27		Tuesday was spent settling in to new location.	
"	28		Reorganisation continued and trg was commenced.	
"	29		Gen trg	
"	30		Gen trg. The CO went to a conference convened by Corps Comd and learned the outline plan for op VERITABLE.	
"	31		Gen trg for rifle coys. Serious planning for the new op VERITABLE was commenced.	I Mackenzie Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Unit 6 RSF

Month and Year February 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col I Mackenzie DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		Planning for operation VERITABLE was carried on with IO very busy making up aerial photos. Coys continued normal trg on assault lines ie trg with flails, AVREs, crocodiles.	
"	2		Coys continued their specialised assault trg. The CO briefed Coy Comds to the effect that the Bn would take part in a major operation in the near future. The Sjts held a very successful dance which was attended by all offrs.	Appx 'J' No4
"	3		Further trg as above. The CO briefed all offrs to the effect that the Bn would take part in a future operation.	
"	4		In the morning the Comd 30 Corps put all offrs of the Div in the big picture, followed in afternoon by Brigadier giving his outline plan on cloth model - down to and incl Coy Comds. Recce party to Nijmegen.	
"	5		Lt Col Mackenzie DSO went on UK leave. Maj Harrison assumed comd with Maj HM Gow MC as 2 IC. Bn outline plan given out down to pl sjts and all supporting arms.	 Appx E No1 Appx G No1
NIJMEGEN	6		Occupied in packing up for move. Bn moved by MT to Nijmegen at 1600 hrs and arrived shambolically at 0200 hrs.	Appx J No1
NIJMEGEN	7		Final check up of plans. 2 IC received orders for move of the Bn on the commencement of op VERITABLE. CO and IO attended final tying up of Bde plan at 1700 hrs, followed by final Bn conference.	Appx J No7
"	8		Op VERITABLE commenced at 1030 hrs. CO, IO and Capt Sullivan went fwd with Bde "R" Gp to follow the battle and watched 46 Bde attack up to FRASSELT. Remainder of Bn stood by all day, ready to move, and finally did so at 2100 hrs. Good weather conditions which had prevailed by day deteriorated at night and the Bn spent a miserable night in kangaroos.	
NUTTERDEN	9		Roads by this time were almost impassable and many vehicles were bogged. The Brigadier decided to push the 6 KOSB ahead on to our	

			objective as it was impossible to pass the Bn through them. Two coys were finally moved up on kangaroos, and two pls, Bn HQ on foot and occupied WOLFSBERG without opposition. Some PWs were taken incl one offr. Later on the same day "C" Coy took over HINKSBERG after the KOSB had moved towards MATERBORN. This was the Bn's first view of the Siegfried Line. Considerable enemy harassing fire and some air activity were encountered.	
CLEEVERBERG	10		At about 1300 hrs the CO got orders to clear wooded area NW of CLEEVE. At 1645 hrs Maj ADN Hunter MC with u/c one FOO, the Carrier Pl and one det of A Tk guns and the Bn Wasps were despatched to take the CLEEVERBERG feature as a firm base for the rest of the operation. The Bn moved off at 1900 hrs in the order D, C, Tac HQ, B, A Coys followed by elements of S Coy. On arrival at the CLEEVERBERG feature the CO found that it had been successfully cleared against considerable opposition, flame throwers having proved invaluable. D and C Coys were not to be found, but they finally arrived on their objective against only minor opposition. A and B Coys then walked on to their objective without any opposition. Bn HQ was established in the cellar of a beerhouse at KLEEVERBERG. The Bn unfortunately received a number of casualties in the operation, Maj ADN Hunter MC receiving wounds whilst leading the assault on CLEEVERBERG, from which he subsequently died. D Coy suffered some casualties from a clash with an enemy outpost. Approx 7 PW were taken.	
CLEEVERBERG	11		At first light the CLEEVERBERG feature held by the Carrier Pl was counterattacked in about coy strength. The enemy was halted by the use of the A Tk Pl dismounted, as a reserve, and finally put up the flag on the arrival of 2 tps of tanks (No 1 Sqn 4 Gren Gds). 1 officer and 35 other ranks were taken prisoner. In the course of the night and first light coys had exploited to the edge of the wood overlooking CLEEVE, D Coy meeting stiff opposition from their left flank. A Coy suffered some casualties from our own arty. Lieut Tatnell and six ORs being wounded. 227 Bde clearing the woods to the West of our posns flushed some Germans across our left flank and afforded D Coy an excellent shoot. 8 RS and 6 KOSB moved through into CLEEVE with two of our coys under command (B & C) which the CO visited when in posn that night.	
CLEEVE	12		CLEEVE was now reported clear and the rest of the Bn having been relieved by the Regina Rifles moved up into billets to the West side of the town, and proceeded to rest.	

"	13		The Bn was under short notice to move under 53 Div to the Reichswald Forest area but this move did not materialise.	
"	14		Still resting in CLEEVE. Warned that a move towards GOCH under 43 Div might come off. Considerable enemy aerial activity was experienced but no casualties were sustained.	
"	15		Future plans still uncertain and Bn still resting, retaining our excellent billets against strong opposition.	
"	16		Reverted to comd 15 (S) Div and warned for possible operation against GOCH.	
"	17		In the afternoon orders were received for the assault on GOCH by 44 Bde. CO outlined plans to Coy Comds.	Appx E No2
SE of CLEEVE	18		O Group met at 1000 hrs and Bn moved off to FAA at 1100 hrs. CO and O Group went forward to Tac Bde HQ. It was thought that there might be no enemy in GOCH and accordingly one Coy of 8 RS was sent down Carter route as a recce in force. When this met with considerable opposition the Brigadier decided to put in original attack with a modified fire plan to fit in with 51 Div attack on the right. For this operation 6 RSF were in reserve and moved off at 1730 hrs. As the opposition encountered by 8 RS was stiffer than anticipated, it was impossible to pass 6 RSF through, and they were finally halted in line of march in the order C, B, Tac HQ, A and D Coys with the leading Coy on the start line. The night of 18/19 was spent in this way.	
GOCH	19		At 0700 hrs the Bn moved along the southern route into GOCH with orders to secure the river line in the middle of GOCH. Soon after moving off the Bn came under intense shell and mortar fire from the area south of the R. Liers. Maj Harrison, acting CO, was among numerous casualties (nasty wound in the arm). The IO established Bn HQ about five hundred yards from the centre tank ditch covering GOCH, and Maj HM Gow MC came up from Rear Bn HQ to take over command. Meanwhile C and B Coys were reported by the FOO to be nearing their objective (Bn wireless communication had broken down at this period) and No 1 Sqn 4 Gren Gds did good work in keeping the left flank quiet. The CO and the IO then went up with D Coy and found the other three coys consolidating on their objectives, having met only moderate opposition from small arms, though still under heavy shell and mortar fire. Bn HQ was moved up to the area two hundred yards East of rly line in GOCH and the remainder of the day was spent in mopping up in the immediate area of Coy objectives. A night patrol of Phantoms under Sjt Rees reported enemy pockets still in the area between ourselves and 6 KOSB. The Bn continued to sustain fairly heavy casualties which	

			included Maj HL Mackinnon wounded and Lieut Coote wounded but remaining at duty (in command of C Coy). It is interesting to note that physical contact was established with 51 (Highland) Div on a partially blown bridge across the river.	
GOCH	20		Coys were allotted areas for mopping up, and B Coy in whose area Sjt Rees had reported enemy the previous night, had u/c one troop of 1 Sqn 4 Gren Gds. No one of the coys found any enemy though B Coy found signs of recent occupation where the patrol had indicated. Though all enemy were cleared on our side of the river, he appeared still to have observation from the SE end of GOCH which 51 Div had not yet cleared, and there was still sporadic SA fire from this area and the shelling and mortaring was still at times heavy. A few more casualties were sustained incl Lieut Readwin our LO from Bde who was wounded while bringing a marked map to the Bn. Lt Col Mackenzie DSO returned late in the evening and reassumed command.	
"	21		Bn HQ was moved to a more spacious cellar in the early a.m. Orders were received by the CO while on the way to meet the Corps Comd that the Bn would be relieved immediately by 2 Mons and would come u/c 227 Bde for an operation that night. The CO reported to HQ 227 Bde for orders and then proceeded on a recce with Brig Colville, sending the IO back to arrange "O" Group and the moving of the Bn. "O" Group met at 1530 hrs and the Bn moved by Coys to an FAA by 1630 hrs. The Bn objective was a bridge 800 yards south of the Schloss KOLBECK and the task of the Bn was to rush the bridge and form a bridgehead on the south side as a start line for future operations by 46 Bde. H hour was 2000 hrs. A Coy, first in the order of march, successfully rushed the bridge without encountering much opposition, but attempts by the other three Coys to extend the bridgehead met with fierce opposition both from SA and mortars. It was eventually decided that coys should dig in where they were and extend the bridgehead at first light with the assistance of tanks. Enemy shelling became intense during the night: some of this seemed to be at short range from SP guns - this was confirmed by the fact that one WASP was knocked out by an SP gun (another WASP was lost on a mine). Casualties were considerable, both from shelling and SA.	
Woods South of SCHLOSS CALBECK	22		At approx 0600 hrs the CO held an O Gp of Rifle Coy Comds plus comd of a Sqn of 4 Coldstream Gds and tp comd of SP Anti Tank guns. It was decided to enlarge the bridgehead first to the right with B Coy supported by one tp of tanks. An enemy counter attack came in on B Coy while the Coy Comd was giving out his orders and	

			"O" Group suffered casualties of two pl comds wounded (one being Lieut VE BOX) and CSM Barlow killed. The tp of tanks unaware that orders had not reached the men, for 15 mins engaged some houses on the right flank and on finding that they had covering infantry withdrew. Just after news of the situation had been received by the CO, Brigadier Colville came up to Tac HQ and gave orders that the bridge was to be held at all costs and that he did not expect the Bn to extend it further. He also promised that 46 Bde would come through later in the day on a revised plan. Coys then dug in where they were with the tanks within the perimeter of the bridgehead in support. 46 Bde passed through at 1400 hrs and captured and consolidated our Bn objective against fairly heavy opposition. The Bn were relieved at 1800 hrs by the reserve Bn of 46 Bde reverting to comd 44 Bde at present in reserve. Shelling and mortaring during the day was as heavy as any encountered since GHEEL and casualties were considerable and included Lieut TAK Savage wounded. Maj ADLER, Maj BOCKENHAM, Lieut BINGE joined the Bn as rfts and remained at "A" Ech.	
"	23		44 Bde attacked through 46 Bde and the Bn was in reserve for this operation but under notice that it might have to find up to three coys (B Coy being too weak to be available) to take over ground taken by 8 RS and 6 KOSB. In the course of the day A Coy went u/c 8 RS at 1100 hrs, followed by D Coy at 1400 hrs, their moves being coordinated by the 2 IC. C Coy went u/c of 6 KOSB at 1800 hrs. Shelling and mortaring was still heavy in the forward areas and all the above Coys had a very unpleasant approach march and a few more casualties were suffered.	Appx E No3
"	24		A, C and D Coys still u/c 8 RS and 6 KOSB. Bde received a warning order that it was coming out for a rest and harbour parties left under 2 IC at 1800 hrs for TILBURG.	
"	25		A C and D Coys spent another uncomfortable day as above and the whole Bde was relieved by 9 Bde of 3 (Brit) Div by midnight. Coys on relief moved to conc area in the neighbourhood of Bn HQ.	
VUGHT	26		Bn moved off at 1800 hrs in TCVs bound for TILBURG. It was stopped just South of S'HERTOGENBOSCH by the advance party with the news that their billets which were to have been in VUGHT had received two direct hits from V1's. Accommodation for the night was found in the Monastery at STARRENDAL and harbour parties went on to TURNHOUT.	Appx E No4 and 6

TURNHOUT	27		Bn moved off again at 1000 hrs for TURNHOUT and were met there by the advance party at 1230 hrs. Practically the whole Bn was housed in civvy billets.	
"	28		This day was spent in settling in and administration. The CO held a conference of all officers and WOs and gave new Bn order of battle.	I Mackenzie Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TURNHOUT	1		Bn trg in the morning including a drill parade. Recreation in the afternoon.	
	2		Same programme as previous day. The Bn is sending large number on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS.	
	3		RSM's parade, which was a rehearsal for the GOC's visit to the Bn. Still large numbers in BRUSSELS.	
	4		Church Parade Bde HQ in the morning. In the afternoon the CO, 2 IC, MO and a representative party under comd of Lieut Binge attended a Div Memorial Service in TILBURG. Massed Pipe Bands of the Div beat Retreat after the Service.	
	5		GOC inspected the Bn. He thanked all ranks for their excellent performance in recent fighting. Harbour parties under 2 IC left for HERCK LA VILLE (South of DIEST). An officers' dance was held at Bde HQ.	
HERCK LA VILLE	6		Bn moved in TCVs to HERCK LA VILLE.	
	7		Coys at Coy Comds disposal for settling in and adm. CO went on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS. 2 IC attended a conference at Bde and received outline plans for rehearsals for a large river crossing operation, also an indication of the Order of Battle for the RHINE crossing.	
	8		2 IC saw RE Fd Coy Comd regarding mock-ups (Class 9 Rafts) for practising drivers. Bn employed in testing and zeroing weapons.	
	9		A Buffalo arrived in Bn area. Coys still mainly occupied in zeroing. CO returned from BRUSSELS.	
	10		Coys allotted periods for practising getting on and off Buffalos. MT and Sp Coy practised driving on and off the Buffalo. The Bn held a trial football match in order to pick a team to play the 6 KOSB. CO outlined coming events to Coy Comds.	
	11		I Sec busy with maps for coming exercises. Church Service held in Convent, where B and C Coys were billeted.	

	12		MT loading trials were held by 2 IC with a view to crossing a large river with limited MT. C Coy held a dance in a neighbouring village.	
	13		The day was mainly spent in briefing on all levels for coming exercise to cross the MEUSE from West to East just South of MALSYCH.	
	14		Bn left in TCVs for assembly area at 0700 hrs. Order of Battle for crossing was 44 (L) Inf Bde Right, 227 Bde Left. Within the Bde, 6 RSF Right, 8 RS Left, 6 KOSB in reserve. The two assaulting Bns crossed in Buffalos. The reserve Bn in storm boats. The exercise went well and many useful lessons were learnt. Unfortunately the CO's Buffalo broke down and he never got across the river. The Bn was back in billets by 1930 hrs.	
	15		The Bn left in TCVs at 1500 hrs to repeat the above exercise by night. Again the CO's Buffalo broke down, but a duplicate 22 Set reached the far bank and made communications possible. The Bn was back in billets by 1000 hrs.	
	16		The Bn was mainly occupied in resting and cleaning up. Maps and photographs for the RHINE crossing started coming in.	
	17		I Sec preparing maps etc for exercise TORCHLIGHT.	
	18		CO briefed Coy Comds on model and air photographs. Advance parties under OC S Coy left for assembly area on the RHINE.	
	19		The model was allotted to each Coy in turn for briefing of Pl Comds. Activity in the I Sec had now reached feverish proportions.	
	20		CO gave outline of coming operation to all NCOs. The Adjutant and RSM of the 2nd RSF came over to lunch, having arrived in BELGIUM from ITALY a few days before.	
	21		Viscount Lord Trenchard, Colonel of the Regiment, visited the Bn. In addressing the Bn he said that wherever he went he heard praise for the great deeds the Bn had performed. In the afternoon the CO and Rifle Coy Comds left for the assembly area.	
	22		The CO and Coy Comds spent the day on recces and tying-up the operation for crossing the RHINE. Meanwhile, the Bn left in TCVs under the 2IC at 1800 hrs.	
SEELENHOFF	23		The Bn arrived at first light in the assembly area. Troops rested in the morning and were briefed and did recces in the afternoon. H hour was fixed for 0200 hrs on the 24th. At midnight the Bn moved off in Buffalos.	
THE RHINE And	24		At 0200 hrs the Bn hit the river opposite Xanten. The Bn crossed three Coys up, "D" Right, "C" Centre, "B" Left.	

BISLICH			The second wave, consisting of the CO, A Coy, Supporting Arms Comds and various pre-loaded vehs followed. By 0220 hrs the three leading Coys were on their preliminary objectives, which were all on the bund some 250 yards on from the actual bank of the river. The Carrier Pl dismounted had a stiffish fight to capture a house which had been booked for the RAP. They sustained several casualties from AP mines as well as small arms fire. However, the house, after some hand to hand fighting, yielded 40 prisoners. In another 15 mins the three leading Coys were on their first objectives. (B Coy halfway up the village of BISLICH, C Coy at Xrds just to the East of the town and D Coy a row of houses along the bund to the East of C Coy). Bn HQ was set up in D Coy's area. By 0330 hrs first objectives were cleared and consolidated and the CO gave orders for Coys to continue to their second objectives, which entailed C Coy expanding North, D Coy East and A Coy further East into the area of a large factory. "D" Coy unfortunately received two of our own shells in the middle of them while preparing to continue their advance. They sustained about twenty casualties, including all Pl Comds, Lieuts Murphy and Binge among them. Prisoners were now coming in fast. By 0415 hrs Coys were on their second objective, and vehs were coming over the river. Shelling and mortaring had been light throughout and casualties surprisingly small. At 1000 hrs the airborne operations commenced. This was an awe inspiring sight, and any scattered resistance on our immediate front collapsed, when they saw our airborne troops coming down in hundreds to their rear. The whole Bn then expanded further to the East against negligible opposition, and spent a remarkably peaceful night for the first across the RHINE. A large number of prisoners were taken during the day.	
HORSTER	25		At 1000 hrs 44 Bde set out in an advance to contact formation in the order: 6 KOSB, 6 RSF, 8 RS to make contact with our airborne troops in the woods to the North of BISLICH. This was achieved without serious opposition, and the Bns received the warmest of welcomes from our airborne troops. The Bn took up a defensive position in the area of HORSTER. Coys sustained some fairly heavy and accurate shelling. Lieut Tait (A Coy) was slightly wounded and spent the night in the RAP, but returned to duty the next day. A small enemy convoy apparently unaware of our presence ran right into B Coy's area, who captured one veh and several prisoners.	

			Copy of letter received from the Prime Minister is attached at Appendix J.	
Bridge West of DINGDEN	26		During the night the KOSB had been advancing with a bridge across the river ISSEL as their objective. The KOSB encountered considerable opposition and by daylight were still held up short of the bridge and had not discovered whether the bridge was blown or not. The Brigadier decided to put 6 RSF through to capture the bridge or the site of it. The Bn was allotted kangaroos and a Sqn of the 4th Armd Bde in support. At 1400 hrs D Coy moved off to capture a small wooded feature on this side of the river as a preliminary to the main operation. "D" achieved this successfully against only slight opposition, and took about 60 prisoners. "D" Coy established the fact that the bridge had been blown. The plan for the remainder of the Bn was that "C" on the right of the bridge and "A" on the left should leave their kangaroos on the near bank and covered by fire from tanks get over the obstacle each to a small wood some 200 yds over the river. This "A" and "C" Coys successfully achieved but not without considerable opposition. One kangaroo being blown up by a Bazooka. "B" Coy then crossed and held the immediate area of the bridge site. Shelling and mortaring by this time had become intense and attempt to put a scissors bridge over the river failed, when the bridge was hit by a shell. Coys received considerable casualties and the CO asked the Brigadier for more infantry to hold the bridgehead until a Class 40 bridge could be erected by the REs. At about 1800 hrs a Coy of the 8 RS arrived to come under comd. This Coy relieved C Coy on the right. C Coy Comd Maj Adler, who had been wounded some hours earlier, only allowed himself to be evacuated after this move was completed. After dark a thunderstorm and heavy rain made it impossible to get any transport except Weasels even as far as Bn HQ, which was near D Coy three-quarters of a mile on the near side of the river.	
	27		In the early hours of the morning the Coys somehow collected a meal from weasels, and at 0300 hrs the Engineers commenced to build a Class 40 bridge under a noise cover plan from arty MGs and mortars. To their great credit the Engineers completed the bridge by 0600 hrs, although most parts of the Bn area were heavily shelled all night. As soon as the bridge was completed the Bn's 6-pdrs and two troops of SP guns crossed the river and were in position before it was fully light. Shelling continued heavy all day. At about 1500 hrs the 8 RS Coy on the right were counter-attacked in some strength. This interfered with 160 Bde	

			(53 Div) who were due to launch an attack through us at 1600 hrs. However, 6 RSF were able to borrow two tps of tanks from the Bn of the Welch Regt who should have gone through. The posn on the right was finally stabilised at about 1800 hrs. Meanwhile the 6 RSF had been given two Coys of 6 KOSB under comd, and these were used to extend slightly and strengthen the bridgehead as a really firm base for 160 Bde. The Bn of the Welch Regt finally passed through at midnight. The MO, Capt Pooley and Capt Mann were among the casualties from shelling.	
	28		The night had produced a remarkable change and the shelling had almost ceased. During the day more and more of 53 Div went through and 6 RSF were able to stand down and get some well earned rest. Bn HQ moved across the river early in the morning, and the Coys of the KOSB and RS returned to their own comd.	
	29		By this date, the Bn ceased to have any operational role and spent the day making itself comfortable and in getting better billets.	
	30		The troops spent the day cleaning up themselves and their new billets. The CO and Coy Comds on promotions and re-organising. General Barber, his CRA and GII, came to tea.	
	31		A salvage drive for enemy equipment and jerricans was put into action. The BM came to tea. The Brigadier and Lt Col Richardson 6 KOSB came to dinner.	I Mackenzie Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
West of Dingen	1		Easter Sunday was observed by all denominations at three separate services. The CO went to visit the 4/5th Bn but found they had moved.	
"	2		Coys spent the morning firing and zeroing all weapons. Six officers and 22 other ranks joined the Bn. Lt BCT COOTE (rejoined from wounds). Lt RW OWENS, Lt L SOBEY, Lt RB DODMAN, Lt J WROTH and Lt DW MURPHY.	
"	3	2300	Received warning order that the Bn would be moving to an area NORTH of BOCHOLT. At 2300 hrs harbour parties were given orders to proceed next morning to CLEWEN (North of MUNSTER). CO dined with 6 KOSB.	
"	4	1000	Harbour parties left at 1000 hrs for GREVEN but were sent on to BORGHORST. Bn's move was postponed for a day.	Appx E No5
BORGHORST	5	0715 1200	Bn left at 0715 hrs on TCVs and arrived at BORGHORST at 1200 hrs. The CO saw the Brigadier and was informed that 15 Div was now under command of 8 Corps, which now consisted of 11 Armd Div, 6(Br)Para Div, 6 Gds Armd Bde, 15(S) Div and a Cdo Bde Gp. 15(S) Div would probably take up the running from 6 Para Div and head for HANOVER.	
"	6	1130	Field Marshal MONTGOMERY stopped his car at BHQ and chatted for ten minutes with the CO and 2 IC. Harbour parties left for LAVELSLOH.	
LINTELER	7	0730	The Bn left in TCVs at 0730 hrs and met harbour parties in LINTELER. Support Coy rounded up 5 prisoners in their area.	
"	8		Coys conducted a house to house search over a fairly wide area. Five prisoners in uniform and a small amount of arms and eqpt were collected. Also a few dubious characters were put away through POW channels.	
"	9	1900	The day was devoted to Coy training. A warning order to be ready to move early next day arrived at 1900 hrs. At midnight details of move across the WESER were received.	

DOHREN	10	0915	Bn left in TCVs at about 0915 hrs and arrived at DOHREN at 1300 hrs. Harbour parties warned to RV next day at 1815 hrs. A message of congratulations on the Battalion's part in the crossing of the RHINE received from the Colonel of the Regiment, Viscount Trenchard.	
OGENBOSTEL	11	0615	Harbour parties left at 0615 hrs for OGENBOSTEL, the main body today at 1630 hours. The latter arrived at 2230 hrs after a slow journey. 44 Bde is at present in reserve. 46 Bde and 227 Bde are reported to be closing in on CELLE.	
CELLE	12	1500	CELLE has fallen to 227 Bde. Harbour parties left for CELLE at 1500 hrs but were recalled.	
CELLE	13	0830	Harbour parties left at 0830 hrs, the Bn at 1000 hrs. The latter arrived in TCVs at CELLE about 1230 hrs. 44 Bde is still in reserve.	
HOLDENSTADT	14		The Bn left in TCVs in a semi-tactical formation up the main Div axis to UELZEN. The Bn was directed to a conc area at SUDERBURG. At 1900 hrs the CO was informed that the Bn had been put under comd 227 Bde to assist in the clearing of UELZEN. The CO left at once for 227 Bde HQ and the 2 IC took the Bn to another conc area in HOLDENSTADT. The CO held an O Gp and outlined a plan for assisting in the occupation of UELZEN. The operation would not start before midnight.	Appx E No5
	15	1000 1045	227 Bde met stiff opposition in the outskirts of UELZEN and were held up. 6 RSF spent an uncomfortable night at short notice to move. At 1000 hrs the CO was informed that the Bn had reverted to command of 44 Bde. He went immediately to 44 Bde HQ and received orders. He returned and ordered O Group at 1045. 44 Bde have been ordered to open up an Axis round the EAST of UELZEN to enable the 6th Airborne Div to by-pass the town. The 8 RS were to form a firm base in the area BORNE (8883). Then 6 RSF were to secure the bridges in NIENDORF and if possible patrol forward to HALLINGDORF. The 6 KOSB would go through to HAMBROOK. The CO's plan was as follows: "A" Coy, the Carrier Platoon and a section of A tk guns to form a firm base in the southern edge of the woods to the NW of NIENDORF. "B" and "C" Coys were then to seize the bridges from the North using the KG line as an axis. "D" Coy to be used either for clearing the village or exploitation to HALLINGDORF. No 2 Sqn 4 Coldstream Gds were under comd with the task of shooting "B" and "C" Coys in from the area of the firm base. Before this plan had started to be put into operation a report came through gunner channels that NIENDORF was clear of enemy.	

			The CO accordingly told the Carrier Pl to proceed by their most direct route to NIENDORF and ordered "A" Coy and their supporting ranks to follow. The report that NIENDORF was clear was, however, ill-founded, as the leading carrier was narrowly missed by 2 rounds from a bazooka just outside the village. The carrier platoon dealt with this opposition and inflicted several casualties on the enemy and took a few prisoners. The CO on hearing that NIENDORF was not free of the enemy ordered the carriers to fight their way into the village, and otherwise reverted to the original plan. "C" and "B" Coys plus the Carrier Platoon successfully took the bridges and cleared the village without much further interference apart from some spasmodic shelling. "D" Coy then went through to HALLINGDORF followed by "A" Coy and later "B" Coy. CSM CADDEN ("B" Coy) was wounded and evacuated. A few more prisoners were taken but the main opposition was from some rather accurate shelling. The KOSB later went through towards HAMBROOK.	
NIENDORF	16		The day was spent in the same dispositions with A, D and B Coys in HALLINGDORF and the rest of the Bn in NIENDORF. The CO was warned by the Brigadier that as soon as 6 Para Div had taken LEHNEKE the 6 RSF would be required to take MEHRE as a prelude to night attack by 8 RS. During the evening a force consisting of the Carrier Pl, some A Tk guns B and C Coys under OC "B" Coy advanced and seized MEHRE without opposition. MEHRE was secured by midnight and soon afterwards "C" Coy moved to a brickworks about one mile to the North. Prisoners were taken during the advance and in MEHRE.	
HAMBROCK	17		"A" and "D" Coys seized HAMBROCK and Bn HQ moved there. The general attack on UELZEN was now beginning and the Bn's task was clearing the eastern suburbs. "B" Coy relieved "A" Coy at HAMBROCK and the latter Coy successfully attacked at 2130 hours. Lieut RJ TREWREN was wounded and evacuated. Later "D" and "C" Coys moved through clearing the streets of the Bn objective, and "B" Coy followed the following morning.	
UELZEN	18		The whole Bn was now in UELZEN having successfully cleared and seized a large area of the east part of the town.	Appx E No2
MASENDORF	19		The Bn left UELZEN and moved by march route to MASENDORF. The 2 IC went to England for a course and Major DEEKS took over duties of 2 IC.	Appx E No2 and No3
WULFSTORF	20		The Bn left MASENDORF and moved by march route to WULFSTORF.	Appx E No5

LUNEBURG AERODROME	21		The Bn left WULFSTORF and moved by march route to an aerodrome just east of LUNEBURG. It was an excellent area once it was cleared of the mess left by civilians. The Bn soon settled in.	Appx E No5
"	22		The Bn's programme was a general clean up of all admin pts. There were good facilities for this and the area soon looked like a peace time barracks in England. All vehicles were stripped for washing and cleaning. Signs were being renewed, and everyone was cleaning up. Medical inspections for Coys were started. A Canteen committee consisting of the 2 IC, Padre, RSM, PRI and Interpreter Sjt had an excellent canteen running.	
"	23		As for 22nd. Dental inspections were also started. Coy drill parades were held on the aerodrome tarmac.	
"	24		Inspections, drills and admin were in full swing when the disappointing news came through that the Bn was to move in to LUNEBURG itself the following day. Harbour parties left in the evening.	
"	25		The Bn moved into its area during the day. Pleasant, well furnished houses provided the billets and the Bn area was taped and barricaded off from the civilians. Canteen opened.	
"	26		Coy Comds briefed for Op "ENTERPRISE" (the assault over the ELBE), and pl comds in the evening. Coy drill parades and range shooting during the day.	
"	27		Early morning recce for operation. Coys training as for 26th during daytime. Co-ordinating conference at 1800 hrs for op.	
Woods East of BRIETLINGEN	28		Harbour parties moved to marshalling area. Marching personnel followed at 1400 hrs and pre-loaded vehicles and LVT vehs later. Marshalling area in woods to the EAST of BRIETLINGEN 8029. Final conference was held at 2000 and troops mounted their Buffalos at 2300 hrs.	
The ELBE	29		At 0200 hrs the Bn assaulted across the ELBE at ARTLENBURG with their immediate objective a limited bridgehead directly opposite. The RS were assaulting on our left and the Cdo Bde on the right - immediate objective: LAUENBURG. The KOSB were to pass through 6 RSF and 8 RS and later 227 and 46 to pass through the Bde. The CO's plan was:- (SEE FILE "OP ENTERPRISE", which incl:-) 1. 44 Inf Bde Op Order 2. RA 8 Corps Fire Plan Map 3. RA 8 Corps Fire Plan Map 4. 6 Aerial Photos showing Coy objectives:- Preliminary in yellow) 1st phase Intermediate in black) Bde plan	Appendix E No 6

			Final in red) 5. 1 Oblique showing coy objectives:- Preliminary in yellow) 1st phase Intermediate in blue) Bde plan Final in red) 6. Bn Op Instrs "Op ENTERPRISE". 7. Defence overprint showing posns of Coys at first light April 29th.	
The ELBE	29		The Bn assaulted on two crossings. Right - "C" Coy leading followed by "D") Timed for "C" Left - "B" Coy) and "B" to land together. "D" Coy were close on "C" Coy and were in fact an assault coy. "A" followed on right as reserve Coy, preceded by Bn HQ. All assault coys pushed on with great speed and quickly seized their preliminary objectives taking many prisoners and having very few casualties, and the intermediate and final objectives were reached with the same result. About 0430 Tac Bn HQ unfortunately sustained some heavy and accurate shelling, and there were many casualties among the CO's personal staff. The KOSB had passed through during the night and 227 and 46 Bdes were also pressing on, so the CO altered slightly the Bn layout which was then as per appx 7 in file "Op ENTERPRISE". Rear Bn HQ joined the Bn at 1430 hrs. In the evening the whole Bn, less RAP and minimum Motor Pool, which had managed to cross with rations through the exertions of the MRO moved up to JULIUSBURG, where a hot meal was consumed.	
JULIUSBURG	30		There was little activity in this town, although Coys had dug in on arrival the previous night. Balance Motor Pool arrived 1000 hrs. About mid-day the Bn moved to SCHWARZENBEK without incident, except rumours of an SP gun on the left flank and an actual one on the right. The Bn occupied the right half of the town and the RS the left. Many prisoners were taken and no casualties sustained. Once more the Coys dug in for the night.	I Mackenzie Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Unit 6th Bn The Royal Scots Fusiliers

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col I Mackenzie DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHWARZENBURG	1		Bn still at SCHWARZENBURG. 2100 hrs O Gp for clearing of SACHSENWALD FOREST the following day. Surrender in ITALY reported. Hitler's death reported.	
ROTHENBEK	2		Bn cleared a large sector of the forest, and arrived at ROTHENBEK during the afternoon. The Bn took up tactical positions round the village.	
LANGLOHE	3		Bn left ROTHENBEK, and moved to LANGLOHE. Billets were occupied as the Bn was in an area in which hostilities had ceased.	
BARGTEHEIDE	4		Bn moved to BARGTEHEIDE, preceded by harbour party. During the afternoon the BBC reported that surrender by the Germans in NW Europe would take place the following day at 0800 hours.	
"	5		"Cease-fire" 0800 hrs, for NW Europe. Pipe Band played. Church Service 1100 hrs.	
"	6		No change.	
"	7		Bn still at BARGTEHEIDE. It was reported that VE day would be 8 May.	
"	8		VE Day. Addresses to the Bn by the Brigadier and Div Comd.	
"	9		Coy route marches. Recce parties to BAD SEGEBERG to recce area for final occupation area.	
"	10	1800	Recce parties again to new area. 'O' Gp for move to BAD SEGEBERG.	
"	11		Adv parties move to BAD SEGEBERG. Accommodation in Kinhome and Klostercomp strasse taken over.	
"	12		Capt KJ Burnett drowned in Segeberg-see 1915 hrs. Major HM Gow MC returned from course in UK.	
"	13		Bde church parade held at BARGTEHEIDE in memory of fallen comrades. A Coy moved to SEEDORF 755100. C Coy moved to SCHMALENSEE 664125.	
"	14		Bn HQ, B and D Coys moved to area BAD SEGEBERG. CO's conference to all officers and WOI on methods of disposal of POW - searching areas etc.	

BAD SEGEBERG	15		CO went to UK on course. Major Deeks urgently required Hygiene course! Memorial service in church BAD SEGEBERG for Capt KJ Burnett.	
"	16		Transit Camp opened HOLSTENDORF 884 082. Carrier Pl manning this. CO visited A and C Coys, Transit Camp and Bde HQ.	
"	17		Cinema show held in S Coy theatre; the usual high standard of Army films was maintained!	
"	18		Normal routine and no change from 17th.	
"	19		The population of BAD SEGEBERG was called out to watch Guard mounting in the town square (Lieut RB Dodman and RSM). Brigadier and BM attended. Later ceremonial raising of the flag over Military Government offices.	
"	20		Nothing to report.	
"	21	1800	CO went to Bde Comd's Military Government conference. Conference of all Bn sector comds. ENSA show in S Coy Theatre.	
"	22		Normal routine. ENSA show in S Coy Theatre.	
"	23	1800	Pipe Band beat Retreat in the town.	
			A raid was carried out on a sabotage dump - the dump was blown up but its owners were not traced.	
"	24		Capt Burnett's body was recovered from the Segeberg lake.	
"	25		Lieut Binge rejoined Bn after being wounded on the RHINE crossing.	
"	26		Capt KJ Burnett buried in the British section of the cemetery in HAMBURG. Funeral conducted by Rev G MUNRO CF and attended by the CO (Major HM Gow MC) and other officers and a party from S Coy. Ceremonial Guard mounting in the town square.	
"	27		Church Service held in S Coy - conducted by Rev Randall. "Go-as-you-please" concert held in the evening to get talent for the Bn concert party.	
"	28	1730	CO went to Bde Comd's Military Government conference. Conference of all sector comds.	
"	29		Pipe Band went to C Coy and played there all day. Two officers attended as witnesses in the Military Government Court at RENSBURG.	
"	30		CO visited A and C Coys and the Transit Camp. Pipe Band beat Retreat in the town square. Lieut J McKee rejoined the Bn after being wounded on 26 Jun 44.	
"	31		Quiet day. Nothing to report.	HM Gow, Maj Comd 6th Royal Scots Fusiliers

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Unit 6 KOSB

Month and Year June 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col JG SHILLINGTON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WORTHING	Thu 1	I	In the forenoon there was a lecture and discussion on the night exercise which took place between A and C Coys during the night. Other trg included firing out to sea and bathing. At 1400 hrs the CO held a Coy Comds conference and emphasised a number of points to be borne in mind during the forthcoming operations. In the evening the CO inspected personnel of the residue with their loads.	
		II	Weather thundery with some rain	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Fri 2	I	C and Sp Coys fired on KITHURST range. Other Coys carried out local trg in Coy areas incl bathing. In the afternoon a demonstration of all types of aircraft, allied and enemy, took place above WORTHING and was witnessed by many of the Bn. A mess meeting was held in the Offrs Mess in the evening.	
		II	Weather hot	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Sat 3	I	All Coys carried out adm. In addition A Coy practised firing out to sea and D Coy carried out Weapon Trg and wiring. B and C Coys carried out a "Know your Enemy" Quiz. B Coy also fired on KITHURST range.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Sun 4	I	Church Services of all denominations were held in WORTHING. In the case of the Church of Scotland the service was a communion service and was voluntary.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Mon 5		B Coy marched to GIBBET HILL and carried out firing on GIBBET HILL. Other Coys carried out normal trg in Coy areas. In the afternoon, a R/T exercise for Comds was carried out under the supervision of the Sig Offr. The BBC announced the news that ROME had fallen to the Allied armies in ITALY.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Tue 6	I	During the night it became apparent that large fmns of aircraft and gliders were flying over WORTHING and the SOUTH coast in the direction of FRANCE and it was consequently no great surprise when the news was	

			received that the landings had been made in that country between LE HAVRE and CHERBOURG. All reports received during the day indicated that the op was going well. Normal trg in WORTHING area by Coys. CO held a Coy Comds conference in the evening and relayed certain inform regarding the operation. An ENSA Concert Party featuring Miss GERTRUDE LAWRENCE performed in the Cdn Legion Pavilion in the evening. 6 KOSB Standing Op Instrs were issued. Copy as Appx A att.	RHMcD JGS Appx A
		II	Weather fair	
WORTHING	Wed 7	I	Reports indicate that the assault on FRANCE continues to proceed satisfactorily in spite of increased enemy resistance. It appears that a br head has been est extending from approx ST PIERRE DU MONT T69 to the estuary of the R ORNE U67 and fierce fighting is reported at CAEN U06. Another br head is reported in CHERBOURG and various landings by paras and airlanding fmns. Orders were received for the adv party, consisting of Maj CWP RICHARDSON and 2ORs, to conc at Bde HQ, and at 2100 hrs, together with the adv parties of other units of the Bde, they moved off to a marshalling area.	
		II	Weather dull but dry	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Thu 8	I	6 KOSB Standing Adm Orders for Ops were issued. A copy is att herewith as Appx B. No further news of the ops was received except that satisfactory progress continued to be made	Appx B
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Fri 9	I	Orders were received for move to marshalling areas on 10 June, of main body. Marching personnel move by train to HAYWARDS HEATH and veh party proceeds by rd to RCRP south of EPPING. The remainder of the day was spent in packing up and preparation for the move. In the evening, a draft of 10 ORs arrived from 53 RHU.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD JGS
WORTHING	Sat 10	I	Veh party left WORTHING at 0510 hrs and arrived at Marshalling Area S6 behind TILBURY about mid-day. There they were split into two parties corresponding to the ships in which they were to embark. The veh party was commanded by the CO. The marching party, under Maj CJ BALLANTYNE left WORTHING at 1100 hrs and proceeded by rail to HAYWARDS HEATH where they were met by TCVs which conducted them to Marshalling Area J6, near LEWES. There the party was split into 3 ship loads, each of which contained a propn of personnel of other units. Maj. BALLANTYNE, Maj GILBERTSON and Maj WATERS were each appointed OC Tps.	
		II	Weather fair, with occasional rain	RHMcD JGS
Camp S6 Camp J6	Sun 11	I	Half the vehs under Capt J ELLIOT left the marshalling area for TILBURY DOCKS and began loading onto MT 86 "The Houston City". The marching party were informed that they would not be leaving before	

			1400 hrs on 14 June. A voluntary Church Service was held in the camp in the morning. Recreational facilities were taken advantage of.	
		II	Weather fine.	RHMcD JGS
TILBURY Camp J6	Mon 12	I	The remainder of the veh party under the CO moved to TILBURY DOCKS at 0700 hrs and began loading onto MT 25, the "CHARLES W. ELLIOT". The first veh party set off for SOUTHEND at about 2000 hrs. 100 men of the marching party went to BRIGHTON for baths, other Coys carried out trg and recreational facilities were used. In the evening an ENSA party performed in the NAAFI.	
		II	Weather hot	RHMcD JGS
SOUTHEND Camp J6	Tue 13	I	MT 25 finished loading and set sail for SOUTHEND about 1800 hrs. In Camp J6 a mobile bath unit arrived and all men had a bath. All ranks were issued with 24 hr pack rations, tommy cookers and various other articles. Ship loads were readjusted slightly to ensure that only KOSB personnel sailed in each ship.	
		II	Weather broken	RHMcD JGS
SOUTHEND Camp J6	Wed 14	I	Both MT ships lay off SOUTHEND until the convoy assembled and set sail at 2210 hrs. The marching party set off by ship loads at approx 1400 hrs and proceeded to an RCRP at NEWHAVEN, where they embarked in LCIs (L). These set off at approx 2300 hrs.	
		II	Weather windy, with rough sea	RHMcD JGS
FRANCE	Thu 15	I	The veh convoy had an uneventful trip and the ships finally anchored between 3 and 4 miles off GRAYE-SUR-MER (1/50,000 map sheet 7E/5 9585). The marching party convoy arrived at GRAYE-SUR-MER at 1200 hrs and disembarked at once. They passed through transit and assembly areas and eventually arrived in the Bde conc area, which is in the area of BRECY (8877). There they were met by the 2IC and led to the Bn conc area, which was in a fd at approx 875787.	
		II	Weather hot	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Fri 16	I	Personnel of marching party cleaned weapons and carried out adm. Personnel and vehs of the veh party began to arrive in small parties, and by the evening most of the unit was concentrated. At 1430 hrs, Brig HDK MONEY DSO addsd all offrs and NCOs and relayed infm which he had obtained from fwd tps during the past few days. During the night there was intense bombing of the beaches by enemy planes and terrific AA fire by our tps and flak ships. CO inspected Bn in alarm posts and held a conference of Coy Comds.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Sat 17	I	Coys carried out Coy TEWTs on the clearance of fds and ditches by Pls and Coys sp by tks. It is anticipated that this type of operation will frequently occur in future clashes with the enemy.	

			Further vehs continued to arrive and by evening the Bn was completely concentrated except for 8 vehs. The CO visited a fwd Bde in the area of CARCAGNY and brought back news of the battle there. There was the usual e/a activity by night.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Sun 18	I	The CO was summoned to an O Gp at Bde HQ, and spent the whole of the afternoon in a recce. On his return in the evening he held an O Gp at which he disclosed that the role of the Div was to be to conc in the br head over the R ORNE est by 51 (H) Div and thereafter break out followed by 11 Armd Div. 6 KOSB was to conc in RANVILLE (7F2/1173) and arrangements were made for adv parties to move off to-morrow. At approx 2300 hrs there was an unfortunate accident when 3190670 Sjt R STODDART, the Int Sjt, was shot in the leg by a sten gun which accidentally discharged. Shortly after a LO arrived from Bde HQ stating that the entire op previously mooted had been cancelled and no further action would be taken till ordered. There was intense e/a activity by night.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Mon 19	I	CO attended a short conference at Bde HQ, at which it was learned that the op previously mooted had been postponed owing to the fact that the Div was not completely concentrated. The CO held a meeting of Coy Comds at 1400 hrs and passed on this infm to them. The day was spent in trg in the bivouac area, and three men per Coy were permitted to visit BAYEUX. BBC announced that American tps had completely cut off the CHERBOURG peninsula.	
		II	Weather very wet	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Tue 20	I	CO was summoned to an O Gp at Bde HQ and spent the whole day thereafter in recce. On his return in the evening he held a short Bn O Gp conference at which it was disclosed that the Div was to carry out an attack WEST of CAEN with a view to securing the crossings over the R ODON. The attack was to be done in three phases, of which the first phase was to be the capture of the villages of CHEUX and Le HAUT-du-BOSQ by 46 (H) Inf Bde on the right and the villages of ST MAUVIEU (9268) and LA GAULE (9267) by 44 (L) Inf Bde on the left. The Bde plan was to take ST MAUVIEU with 8RS and 6RSF and 6KOSB to follow through and take La Gaule. To this end the Bn will move to SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN (9274) two nights before the attack and to BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE on the night before the attack. Two adv parties under Capt AH ELDER and Maj CWP RICHARDSON were accordingly despatched, one	

			to each village, with a view to reconnoitring areas and staking the Bn's claim. No change was reported in the Brit-Cdn Sector of the front but the Americans are reported to be within 5 miles of CHERBOURG. E/a activity by night rather more restricted than of late.	
		II	Weather wet, with high wind	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Wed 21	I	The CO attended a Bde O Gp at 0930 hrs held on the ground in front of the area where the attack will take place. All Coy Comds spent the day in recce of the ground. In the evening Maj LGS SANDERSON MC KOSB, who acts as personal LO to the C-in-C, visited the Bn. BBC report that Americans are closing in on CHERBOURG.	
		II	Weather dry, but with high wind	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Thu 22	I	The CO attended an O Gp conference at Bde HQ in the morning and on his return announced a slight change of plan which involved the capture by 8RS of a section of the lateral rd running EAST and WEST immediately north of La GAULE before 6KOSB pass through to capture the village. This has necessitated a slight adjustment of B Coy's proposed objective. The whole day was spent in recce on all levels down to Sec Comds. At 1700 hrs rifle Coy Comds attended a cloth model discussion on the op conducted by 8RS. After this was completed a short conference was held by the CO, at which Maj WARREN, Comd B Sqn 9 RTR, with whom we shall be cooperating in the attack, was present. At this conference details of each phase of the Bn attack were co-ordinated. BBC news indicated that the Americans continue to press hard on CHERBOURG. Considerable air activity on both sides took place in the evening and by night.	
		II	Weather fair, with wind subsiding.	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Fri 23	I	CO attended O Gp at Bde HQ at 0900 hrs, when infm was received that a further change of plan had been made. This new plan provides for the capture of La GAULE by 8RS, so that 6 KOSB will now be in res. In other respects the plan remains the same but it is anticipated that 44 (L) Inf Bde will be used again at a later stage of the op to clear the area MOUEN (9365) - TOURVILLE (9364). The CO summoned Coy Comds on his return from Bde and informed them of the change of plan. No alteration in the dispositions of Coys during the adv is to be made. At 1800 hrs the CO attended a lecture by the Corps Comd on the forthcoming op. Tps carried out normal trg by day. E/a activity was quieter than usual. Late in the evening infm was received that the attack would take place	

			at 0730 hrs on 26 Jun 44.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD JGS
Near BRECY	Sat 24	I	The CO held an O Gp in the morning at which he issued orders for a move to a FAA near SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN 9274. 6KOSB OO No. 1 was issued and is att as Appx C. At approx 2000 hrs the Bn left the BRECY area and proceeded by march route to the FAA. Marching tps arrived in there at about 2300 hrs and vehs arrived later.	Appx C
		II	Weather fair	JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9274	Sun 25	I	The Bn spent the whole day lying up in the FAA. A Church Service was held at 0930 hrs. The Div Comd held a briefing conference at which he briefed all offrs of the Div down to incl Coy Comds. At 1800 hrs the CO held an O Gp. The remainder of the evening was spent in rest.	
		II	Weather wet	JGS
BRETTEVILLE 9272	Mon 26	I	Commencing at 0030 hrs the Bn proceeded to move to its FUP in gen area 919724 near BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE, where it dug in and remained till H hr. At 0730 hrs the barrage commenced and the attack began. The Bn moved fwd behind 8RS and reached its first bound (level crossing 9271) without incident. The move to the next bound (line of R MUC) was then carried out, but many enemy snipers and pockets of resistance had to be dealt with on the way. From this bound, the Carrier Pl (subsequently relieved by D Coy) moved fwd to 917683 to assist 8RS, who had gained their objectives but were depleted by cas. In the afternoon orders were received to proceed to the assistance of 6RSF at ST MAUVIEU, where final objectives had not yet been taken. A B & C Coys accordingly moved fwd and took over from 6RSF. D Coy 6RSF also came under comd. In C Coy's area (orchard 934686) there was some opposition, but the Bn est & held the line of the rd running NORTH and SOUTH through the village. The cas for the day's fighting included Maj RWQ GOING and two ORs killed; Lt NK MACKENZIE and 12 ORs wounded.	
		II	Weather wet	JGS
ST MAUVIEU 9268	Tue 27	I	During the night posns were intermittently mortared by the enemy. In the course of the night the Bn was relieved by a Bn of the Wiltshires Regt and pulled out just before dawn. The Bn retired to a conc area near Le MESNIL PATRY 9070 and remained there all day reorganising and resting.	JGS
Le MESNIL PATRY/9070 Le HAUT du BOSQ 9066	Wed 28	I	At about 1000 hrs orders were received to proceed to the area of Le HAUT du BOSQ 9066 and take over from 10 HLI. This was duly done and posns occupied with A and D Coys fwd and B and C Coys in the rear. Late in the evening an attack was made by A & D Coys on the area of xrds 909657 and objectives taken without opposition.	
		II	Weather showery	RHMcD JGS
Le HAUT du	Thu	I	8RS launched an attack on the right, having for its objective the line	

BOSQ 9066	29		of the rly at GRAINVILLE-sur-ODON 9164. This attack met with some opposition but they eventually reached their objectives although depleted by cas. 6RSF were moved up to sp them. It was then intended that 6KOSB launch an attack from GRAINVILLE on certain objectives south of the rly line. Before this attack could be arranged, however, the enemy launched a fierce armd counter attack on 8RS and 6RSF posns and in some places achieved penetrations. The 6KOSB line however was held, and B and C Coys, with armd sp launched a counter attack on area 899649 and by evening restored the situation. Cas in the day's fighting incl Maj CJ BALLANTYNE TD, Lt JR VIVERS and 18 ORs wounded, one OR killed.	JGS
GRAINVILLE 9064	Fri 30	I	The Bn was ordered to consolidate on line of rd GRAINVILLE to rd junc 896652, and Bn HQ, A & D Coys moved up. Orders were received that this line was to be denied against enemy attack. The Bn fmn was:- C Coy right in area 897653; B Coy area wood 903649; D Coy area 905645; Bn HQ 904649. A/tk guns and MMGs were allotted in sp. During the day there was occasional mortar and arty fire on the posns but no other activity on the front.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD JGS

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Commanding Officer Lt Col JG SHILLINGTON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GRAINVILLE 9064	Sat 1	I	A patrol led by Lt KG BUY went out at night to ascertain if wood at 900643 contained enemy and returned reporting it clear. In the morning, at approx 0700 hrs, the enemy attacked with tks. The attack came in on C Coy's front and on the unit of the fmn on the right. A grim battle ensued in the course of which several enemy tks were knocked out. Eventually, however, through superiority in numbers and armament, all a/tk guns in the sector were knocked out and C Coy forced back. A gallant stand was made however on the Coy HQ line by Capt NC ROLLO and the remaining elements of C Coy. Acts of outstanding bravery were also performed by Capt J ELLIOT and Cpl WALLACE, both of whom continued to man and operate a/tk guns when the crews were killed until the guns were knocked out by direct hits. A few enemy tks succeeded in infiltrating round the right flank where the fmn on the right had fallen back, but the stand of C Coy prevented this taking place long enough for a strong armd counterattack to be put in in the evening which succeeded in restoring the situation. Two coys of 6RSF came under comd and by nightfall the line was again firmly est, if anything more strongly than before. The casualties for the day included Lt KG BUY, Lt HDP MINCHIN and 14 ORs killed, Maj RN GILBERTSON, Capt J ELLIOT and 53 ORs wounded and 41 missing (presumably wounded).	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD JGS
GRAINVILLE 9064	Sun 2	I	The Bn remained in posn all day and although subjected to heavy and continual mortar fire, was not attacked. A patrol of tks and SP guns went out as far as the line of the rly to cover mine laying ops which were taking place on our front. This patrol suffered two tk casualties but did not encounter any enemy tks. In the evening the Bn was relieved by a Bn of the E LANCS. The relief was completed by about 2300 hrs and the Bn set off by march route to its new area.	
		II	Weather showery	RHMcD JGS
SECQUEVILLE	Mon	I	The Bn arrived in a rest area near SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN in the early	

9174	3	 II	morning. The whole day was spent in re-org and rest. In the morning the Div Comd visited the Bn and addsd all ranks. He read a letter of congratulation received from Gen Montgomery on the fine performance of the Div and added his personal thanks. Weather fair	 RHMcD JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Tue 4	I II	The CO attended a conference conducted by the Div Comd on the subject of the recent ops. The Bn continued to re-org and rest. A church service was held in the bivouac area in the evening. Weather wet	 RHMcD JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Wed 5	I II	The Bn was given an op role which involved the occupation of defensive posns in the SECQUEVILLE area to counter any enemy attack from CARPIQUET. Recces were carried out and posns dug. CO attended a conference in the afternoon. A draft of 36 ORs arrived from RHU. Weather showery	 RHMcD JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Thu 6	I II	Trg of various types was carried out by Coys. Certain men attended entertainments by Concert Parties and films in the neighbouring village of ST CROIX. Maj LANE-JOYNT, South Lancs, joined the Bn from RHU and took over comd of B Coy. Weather fair	 RHMcD JGS
SECQUEVILLE	Fri 7	I II	CO was sent for to Bde HQ and Bn put on 3 hrs notice to move. CO received orders that the Bn together with the remainder of the Bde were to proceed to area TOURVILLE 9364 and take over from a Bde of 43 Div in that area. Recces down to Coy levels were carried out during the remainder of the day and at approx 2200 hrs the Bn set forth by march route to take over their allotted sector. Weather fair	 RHMcD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Sat 8	I II	The Bn took over res posn in the sector, with 8RS on right fwd and 6RSF on left fwd fronts respectively. Bn HQ was est at 931639. D and B Coys were in front, and A and C Coys in rear. The day was quiet in this sector of the front, the main activity taking place on the CAEN sector, where the town was captured later in the day. Patrols were sent out at night by the two fwd Bns but not by this Bn. Weather dull	 RHMcD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Sun 9	I II	The sector remained quiet throughout the day, although intermittent shelling and mortaring occurred. The relief which was expected to take place to-night has now been postponed by 24 hrs. A patrol led by Lt J GUETTLER went out at night to ascertain if 933617 was held by enemy and returned with infm that it was not held. Weather fair	 RHMcD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Mon 10	I	An attack was launched at 0500 hrs by 43 Div in areas SW and SOUTH of CAEN. 46 (H) Inf Bde is under comd 43 Div for this op. The attack was	

			preceded by a hy barrage. The attack proceeded according to plan and by nightfall 43 Div had est itself on the outskirts of MALTOT 9862 and pt 112 9561. 46 (H) Inf Bde were est in area BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON 9866 and ETERVILLE 9364. Determined German counter-attacks were beaten off. As a result of this action there was increased enemy mor fire and shelling on 44 Bde front, but no cas were sustained by the Bn.	
		II	Weather dull with some rain	RHMcD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Tue 11	I	The front remained quiet during the day except for intermittent shelling and mortaring, some of which fell close to the Bn posns. Maj NC ROLLO and one OR of A Coy were wounded as a result of such a shell. In the course of the day reps from 4 WELCH arrived with a view to taking over. The relieving Coy itself arrived in the evening about 2300 hrs and the relief was complete by midnight.	
		II	Weather dull & showery	RHMcD CWPR
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Wed 12	I	The Bn left TOURVILLE area at approx 0200 hrs and proceeded by march route to CHEUX where it embussed and returned to its previous bivouac area in SECQUEVILLE, arriving approx 0500 hrs. The remainder of the day was spent in re-org and rest. The CO carried out a recce in TOURMAUVILLE area with a view to a future attack in that area. A Church Service was held in the evening near Bn HQ.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Thu 13	I	The CO attended an O Gp at 1000 hrs and on return held a conference of Coy Comds. The intended plan is that 6KOSB should take part in a night attack the object of which is to extend the present line SW of TOURVILLE. The CO made a tentative plan as to how he considered this might be done. It is anticipated that the attack will be illuminated by artificial light from search lights. Men carried out usual trg during the day and completed rest and re-org.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
TOURVILLE	Fri 14	I	The day was spent in rest and preparation for move. At 2100 hrs the Bn moved to its previous area at TOURVILLE where it occupied posns for the night. Activity on this sector during the night was slight.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
TOURVILLE	Sat 15	I	The Bn left its FAA and proceeded at about 2235 hrs to an FUP in the area 935625 to 939619. OO for Op GREENLINE was issued and is att hereto as Appx A. The attack was put in under artificial moonlight conditions created by searchlights reflected on the sky. The SL was crossed at 2330 hrs with A and C Coys in front, making for objectives 927613 and 931610 respectively. At 2340 hrs it was learned that the capture of ESQUAY by 2 GLAS H had taken place.	
		II	Weather fair	CWPR
Area	Sun	I	A and C Coys reached their objectives 0030 hrs. B and D Coys then set	

931610	16		off from the SL for their objectives which were 918609 and 927603 respectively, and at 0235 hrs Bn HQ then moved to 928615, and commenced digging in. Phase SHUFFLE was then ordered and carried out. 8RS commenced their attack on our right and succeeded in attaining their objectives. D Coy discovered at dawn that it had penetrated too far fwd and was more or less cut off. After a prolonged and difficult action it succeeded in disengaging and tying up its flanks. For the whole of the remainder of the day the Bn held grimly on to these posns in spite of counter attacks and also aerial attack. During the action Lt Col SHILLINGTON and Maj JW OGILVIE were wounded and Capt DUN, Lt FRAFJORD and Lt GUETTLER killed. Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON took over comd of the Bn.	RHMcD RHMcD
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
928615	Mon 17	I	During the night an attack was put in on EVRECY by 2 A&SH but did not succeed. All day the posn was held in spite of counter attack and mortaring which became very bad indeed. At night an attack on EVRECY was made by 4 and 6 RWF sp by tks, but again this failed to take the town. Several other offrs incl Capt MW TWOGOOD wounded during the day.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
928615	Tue 18	I	Intermittent counter-attacks during the day all of which were successfully broken up by our arty fire which took a hy toll. Infm received that as a result of the ops on our front the armour had been able to break through SOUTH of CAEN and was now doing well. Typhoon effort on NBW posns succeeded in silencing two batteries.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
928615	Wed 19	I	The front was exceptionally quiet for several hrs in the morning and A B & D Coys pushed out patrols to the rd LE BON REPOS - EVRECY - BOUGY. D Coy were the only coy who encountered any opposition. Shelling and mortaring increased as the day went on. In the evening 1 HLI arrived to take over commencing at midnight.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
917654	Thu 20	I	The hand over took place by Coys in face of hy mortar fire and was complete by 0300 hrs, although some casualties were suffered on the way. The Bn withdrew to 917654 and spent the day in reorg and rest.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
917654	Fri 21	I	The Corps Comd, Lt Gen Ritchie visited the Bn and spoke to offrs and several ORs. The day was spent in further re-org, made difficult by incessant hy rain. In the afternoon the area was shelled by enemy hy guns and permission was obtained from Bde to move to 904683. This was carried out and completed by 2200 hrs.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
904683	Sat	I	The CO and IO spent the whole day carrying out a recce in the area	

	22		BEZIERS 6760, where the Bn is to proceed tomorrow to take over a sector of the line occupied by 3 Bn 10 US Inf Regt. The Bn spent the whole day in re-org, and drying clothes, cleaning weapons, etc, under the supervision of Lt Col JFM MACDONALD who is at present att to the Bn and acting as 2IC. On his return in the evening the CO held an O Gp at which he gave infm regarding disposns of Coys etc in the new area.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760	Sun 23	I	The CO addressed the Bn in the forenoon after which he departed for the new area with Coy Comds. At approx 1300 hrs the Bn moved off embussed and arrived in new area at approx 1800 hrs. The Bn is in Bde res and disposns are as follows:- Bn HQ 676606; A Coy 669605; B Coy 660605; D Coy 676605. C Coy is under comd of 8RS and the carrier pl of 6RSF. All guns are deployed on a Bde basis.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760	Mon 24	I	Patrolling took place during the night but in other respects this sector of the front remained quiet. Certain adjustments were made to Coy disposns, C Coy coming back under comd again and taking up a posn to the rear of Bn HQ.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760	Tue 25	I	The Div Comd visited the Bn in the morning and discussed posns with the Bde Comd and the CO. Apart from patrolling on both sides the front remained quiet and there was little to report.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760	Wed 26	I	At 0630 hrs the Americans on the immediate right of the Bn commenced an attack supported from B Coy area. This attack continued all through the day and appeared to be successful. A few casualties from mortaring were sustained by B Coy. At 1600 hrs the Bn was relieved by 7 Seaforth the relief being complete by 1900 hrs.	
FLAMBARDIERE 7163		II	The Bn then moved to a rest area at FLAMBARDIERE. Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
FLAMBARDIERE 7163	Thu 27	I	The day was spent in rest and re-org. 15 (S) Div Concert Party gave a performance in the afternoon. All Comds took part in a recce in the area of LIVRY 7361 with a view to future ops in that area. Infm was received later in the day, however, that there had been an alteration in plan and such ops are now unlikely.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
FLAMBARDIERE 7163	Fri 28	I	Trg and further re-org were carried out during the day, and inter Coy soccer matches were arranged and played off. The Bde Comd, Brig HDK MONEY, DSO, visited the Bn during the day. In the evening at about 2000 hrs a sudden warning order for an immediate move was given and about 2300 hrs the Bn moved off to	

			CAUMONT 7059 and took over from 10 HLI who were holding the line in that sector.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
CAUMONT 7059	Sat 29	I	The Bn remained in CAUMONT all day holding the sector where the Bde is providing a firm base for an attack at dawn on 30 July by 227 and 46 Bdes supported by 6 Gds Tk Bde. Sir EDWARD BRADFORD joined the Bn as 2IC and Capt MALCOLM-KING, RSF, was posted to B Coy as 2IC. The Bn was visited in the evening by Brig HDK MONEY DSO who said farewell on his departure for England to assume an appointment there. His successor Brig COCKBURN, accompanied him.	
		II	Weather fair	
CAUMONT 7059	Sun 30	I	The attack began with an intense barrage at 0655 hrs and the first objectives which were SEPT VENTS 6957 and wood 7158 were soon taken. By the end of the day the final objectives in the area of pt 309 6951 had been taken and were held by 46 Bde. 43 Div on the left carried out a simultaneous attack which made rather slower progress. No move was made by the Bn during this day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
685553	Mon 31	I	At 0345 hrs the Bn left CAUMONT and proceeded to an FAA at 685553. It remained in this posn most of the day, awaiting developments on the front and left flank. Eventually at 1730 hrs the Bn moved to area 692538 to take up a counter attack role in the event of the situation on pt 309 requiring to be restored.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR

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702524	Tue 1	I	After continuous recce during the day orders were received to carry out a Bn attack from incl BARELIERE 7052 to wood and track junc 703517 commencing at 1700 hrs. In the afternoon Coys moved to FAAs and SLs and Bn HQ moved to 697528. H hr was postponed on instrs from higher authority as it was ascertained that 43 Div was progressing on the left and were dangerously close to our objectives. At 1730 hrs, however, the attack went fwd with B and D Coys leading. D Coy reached objectives without much opposition. C Coy encountered opposition which was successfully dealt with and in due course reached their objective. Infm was received that large numbers of enemy were present in le BOIS du HOMME and large arty concs were brought down on this area with great effect. 2 Lt P SOUTHWOOD was killed and Maj JD HENSON and Lt RD CHAPMAN wounded in this op. During the attack all ranks wore roses in their helmets in commemoration of the battle of MINDEN.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
702524	Wed 2	I	No incident occurred during the night and in the morning patrols swept the BOIS du HOMME and reported the feature clear. The Bn was placed at short notice to move during the day with a view to proceeding to occupy CATHCOLLES 7044. This move however did not materialise and in the late evening the Bn moved to an assembly area near LA FERRIERE AU DOYEN 6952 to await further orders for move.	
702534		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
677459	Thu 3	I	No orders to move were received until late afternoon when the Bn moved to 677459 near LE TOURNEAU preparatory to an attack tomorrow on feature 279 7142 with 8RS and 1WG. Orders for this attack were given out in the late evening and as much recce as possible carried out.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
719431	Fri 4	I	The attack commenced at first light with A and C Coys leading, Bn HQ directing the attack from 700434. The adv continued to go well on all sectors and all coys reached their objectives without encountering any opposition. On capture of the objectives Bn HQ moved to 719431. In the	

			afternoon orders were received to carry out a further attack on the feature LA MOTTE 7541. This attack commenced at 1930 hrs from the area LA FIEFFE 7342. Some opposition was encountered and there was very confused fighting all through the night. All tpt was compelled to remain in previous Bn area as the rds to the objective were impassable owing to mines.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
753418	Sat 5	I	Just before first light all objectives were seized and it became possible to bring forward the tpt by a cross country route. The Bn now occupied a def posn protecting the left flank of the adv. This posn was occupied for the remainder of the day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
753418	Sun 6	I	The Bn remained in the same location throughout the whole day, but on short notice to move. No incident worthy of note took place. In the evening the Chaplain held a brief service in each Coy locality.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
L'OBTINIERE 743406	Mon 7	I	At 0930 hrs the Bn moved to L'OBTINIERE 743406 and adopted a def posn there, prior to a further adv in the future. In the evening the CO was summoned to an O Gp at Bde HQ when orders were received that the Bde to-morrow will attack ESTRY 7437, which place has already been attacked by 227 Bde without success. Late in the evening orders for this attack were given out. The attack will be performed with 6RSF on left and 6KOSB on right.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Tue 8	I	Early in the morning the Bn moved to an FAA in the area 735392 and remained there until about 1100 hrs when it moved to a SL south of the objective. At 1200 hrs the attack commenced, supported by a sqn of tks and a tp of crocodiles. Owing to the close nature of the country both tks and crocodiles were unable to make headway and the inf were required to go on by themselves. C Coy on the left succeeded in reaching limited objectives, D Coy on right met with less success. The 6RSF on the left succeeded only in reaching the line of the rd running EAST and WEST through ESTRY. Orders were accordingly received to consolidate on this line and after considerable confused fighting this was effected by the evening.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Wed 9	I	The Bn was ordered to maintain this posn at all costs and this was duly carried out. The enemy remained very aggressive throughout the day and several attempted counter attacks were reported and dealt with by arty. Hy mortaring and shelling continued on both sides. Capt GI YOUNG was killed and Capt AG TWOGOOD wounded as a result of mor fire during this period. Bn HQ moved to 737385.	

		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Thu 10	I	The Bn remained in same locations throughout the day, undergoing continuous fire from enemy mors, guns and rifle grenades. No serious attempt at counter attack was made, however, and by evening the posns were the same as before. In the evening C Coy was relieved by D Coy.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Fri 11	I	During the night Maj WEJ WATERS was accidentally killed. The day was spent in similar fashion to the immediately preceding one, except that the evening fire was not so great and sustained as before.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Sat 12	I	The ESTRY posn was maintained throughout the day until the evening when the Bn was relieved by 8RS commencing at 2230 hrs. On relief the Bn moved back to a res area in the gen area 715405.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
715405	Sun 13	I	The relief was completed by approx 0300 hrs. During the day certain adm in the form of baths etc was carried out, but the Bn remained with a counter attack role in the event of 8RS being counter attacked and over-run. In the afternoon the Bn was relieved by 4KSLI and withdrew to a Bde conc area at CATHCOLLES 7044 to spend the night prior to moving to 12 Corps area the next day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
960566	Mon 14	I	The Bn set out at approx 0900 hrs and proceeded via VILLERS BOCAGE to 960566 where it entered a Div Conc Area awaiting any call which might be made upon the Div by 12 Corps. The day was spent in rest and re-org.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
960566	Tue 15	I	The Bn remained <u>in</u> <u>situ</u> throughout the day and a full day's adm was carried out, incl change of clothing, baths, etc.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
960566	Wed 16	I	As no call to move fwd was received, the day was devoted to trg and further adm. An ENSA concert party gave a performance in the afternoon. Inter coy soccer matches were played. Maj EDF COKE, Foresters, joined the Bn and is appointed OC D Coy.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
960566	Thu 17	I	Further trg carried out during the forenoon. In the afternoon a Coy Comds conference was held at which various pts were discussed. A warning order to move was received and in the evening recce parties went off to area LA MOTTE 9847 to prepare new area. The remainder of the day was spent in preparation for the move.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Fri 18	I	Bn moved to new area in forenoon. This area is another conc area and again the Div has no role. In the afternoon trg and recreation	

		II	continued. B Ech joined the Bn in this location. Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Sat 19	I	The Bn remained in present area throughout the day. Trg of various types incl marching was carried out. Bathing etc also took place. A lecture on the progress of the campaign so far was given to all ranks by the Div IO at 1600 hrs. Final of inter coy football competition was played off and won by HQ Coy. In the evening infm was received to be ready to move the following day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Sun 20	I	CO attended an O Gp at 0900 hrs and Bn was placed on 3 hrs notice to move as from 1200 hrs, to proceed eastwards behind 227 (H) Inf Bde on a gen axis towards LE SAP 5859. About 1910 hrs, however, when it became apparent that no move was likely to-night, orders to stand down were received. It later transpired that the Polish Armd Div had already proceeded along the axis and encountered and was dealing with enemy at VIMOUTIERS.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Mon 21	I	During the night there was a sharp attack by e/a in the area of 2 A&SH and damage and cas were caused. Owing to wet weather intended trg programmes during the day had to be altered and several coys moved from fds where they were bivouacing to neighbouring buildings. A draft of one offr (Lt ROBINSON) and several NCOs was received from 6 Bn Border Regt.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Tue 22	I	The Bn remained in the same location throughout the day, and carried out trg. Adm and bathing was also carried out. An ENSA concert party provided two shows in the course of the day which were attended by reps from the Bn.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Wed 23	I	CO attended O Gp in forenoon and orders were received for Bn to move to a conc area on the other side of FALAISE prior to taking part in an adv to contact towards the R SEINE. At approx 1600 hrs the Bn moved to area ERAINES 168373. CO attended O Gp and gave out orders for next day's adv on his return.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
ERAINES 168373	Thu 24	I	Maj E REMINGTON-HOBBS joined the Bn as 2IC and Capt J ELLIOT rejoined from the UK after having been wounded. The Bn was prepared to move as third Bn in an adv to contact to the R SEINE, but owing to the state of the rds no movement was possible until about 1600 hrs. Eventually at about 2200 hrs the Bn reached a harbour area at approx 574674 where it settled for the night. The adv was made without incident.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR

574674	Fri 25	I	The Bn left at approx 1015 hrs to continue the adv towards LE NEUBOURG 0283. The adv was very slow owing to brs at 925772 and 926769 being blown and crossings had to be made by a small wooden br unsuitable for hy tpt. Eventually at approx 2315 hrs the Bn reached our area at 704756 where it took up a def posn covering LE NEUBOURG.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
704756	Sat 26	I	The Bn remained in the posn throughout the day. No incidents worthy of note occurred. Late in the evening orders were received to expect an early move the following morning.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
205895	Sun 27	I	The Bn left at 0200 hrs and proceeded direct to an area near LOUVIERS with Bn HQ est near 205895. The remainder of the Bde Gp concentrated in the same area. In the late evening the 6RSF made an assault crossing of R SEINE at PORTE JOIE 2892. They met with little opposition and est a br head on the far bank.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
HERQUEVILLE 2991	Mon 28	I	The Bn left at 0200 hrs and proceeded by march route to an FAA at 279940. Vehs left at 0500 hrs and proceeded to a similar FAA at 255935. All marching personnel then proceeded to the near bank and by 0800 hrs had all crossed in boats. Throughout the day vehs and guns were rafted across and finally a br was completed across which the remainder of the Bn followed. Bn HQ was est on the far bank at HERQUEVILLE 2991.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Tue 29	I	The Bn moved off behind 8RS towards LE LONDE 3396 and HOUVILLE 3697. By 1200 hrs 8RS had captured LE LONDE, only scattered remnants of enemy being encountered. 6KOSB then proceeded and occupied HOUVILLE. Odd prisoners were taken incl two German offrs who were captured in a car.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Wed 30	I	The day was spent in adm and re-org. The Div Comd paid a visit to the Bn and stated that the Div was now in army res, 4 Armd Bde and 53 Div having now passed through. A party under Capt RM WOOLLCOMBE carried out a raid on BOIS DE BACQUEVILLE and recovered a quantity of arms and amm belonging to the local maquis which had been hidden there.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Thu 31	I	A wood clearing op was carried out in conjunction with 8RS on the FORET DE BACQUEVILLE. This op lasted the whole day but no enemy were found.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR

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HOUVILLE 3697	Fri 1	I	Infm received that a move fwd to a conc area would take place the following day and preparations were made accordingly. Later in the day it was advised that this move would not take place until the day after.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Sat 2	I	An inter-coy Drill Competition was held, and was won by A Coy, followed by C, HQ, D and Sp (equal) and B Coys. Harbour parties went off to recce new area and returned in the evening having completed the recce.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Sun 3	I	The Bn left HOUVILLE early in the morning and proceeded ~~in TCVs~~ to the area LA FEUILLE. This move was done using Bn 3 tonners to tpt the inf. Bn HQ was est at 478168. A Church Service was held in the afternoon.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
HADENCOURT 6737	Mon 4	I	The Bn again moved in own tpt to area HADENCOURT 6737, arriving about mid-day. In the afternoon a route march was held of approx 7 miles. The Pipes and Drums played during this march.	
		II	Weather fine	CWPR
HERICOURT 103081 (Sh72)	Tue 5	I	All Bn vehs left early in the morning and moved to a conc area at HERICOURT 103081. The remainder of the Bn moved in TCVs in the afternoon, arriving in the late evening. A Warning Order was received that the Bn would be required to move the following day as adv gd to the Bde, moving towards ROULERS.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
795545	Wed 6	I	Bn left at 0800 hrs with C Coy as vangd and proceeded by the route BETHUNE - LA BASSEE - LILLE - TOURCOING - MENIN - ROULERS. On arrival at 5646 it was discovered that the br there was blown and an alternative br at MEURCHIN 5522 was used. No enemy was encountered. Eventually HOUIN was reached and br there was found to be blown. Infm was then received that enemy were adv SOUTH towards br at LAUWE 7954 and the Bn was ordered to cross immediately and est a br head to	

			protect the br. This was quickly done, C Coy leading followed by A D and B. No opposition was encountered and Bn HQ was est at 795545.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
795545	Thu 7	I	The Bn remained in this posn during the day. No enemy were encountered other than a few prisoners brought in by the recce. In the afternoon 53 Div crossed our front and orders were received to conc in present area and have maximum rest preparatory to an early move the following day. The CO attended an O Gp during the night.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
ZULTE 885590	Fri 8	I	The Bn moved off behind 6RSF to occupy line of R LYS from 9664 to PLAATSE 0068. No enemy other than stragglers were encountered and the Bn was fully est and in posn by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ was est in ZULTE.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
ZULTE	Sat 9	I	No move took place during the day and the arrival of other allied fmns on our front rendered the tactical sit less important. The day was therefore devoted to adm and trg. The Bn Soccer Team played the local team in the evening and won by 4-2. The Pipes and Drums also played a programme. The Div Concert Party (Tam O'Shanters) gave a performance in the village hall in the evening.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
SEMPST 7070	Sun 10	I	The Bn left ZULTE at approx 0930 hrs and proceeded in TCVs to the area of SEMPST J77. In the afternoon Coy Comds carried out recces on the ALBERT CANAL, but later in the evening infm was received that assault crossing would not take place in this area.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
SEMPST 7070	Mon 11	I	No move from SEMPST took place but late in the day orders were received that the Bn would proceed tomorrow to relieve 9DLI of 50 Div who were in contact with enemy in a br head across ALBERT CANAL SOUTH of GHEEL. The day was spent in trg and adm. Soccer match against local team took place in evening, and Pipes and Drums played a programme in the village.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
Area 056824	Tue 12	I	The CO together with Bn O Gp set off early to recce posns to be taken over. The remainder of the Bn moved later to a posn SOUTH of the canal, opposite the br head. During the recce by the O Gp, Lt IH JOHNSTON, Sig Offr, was killed by a mor bomb while crossing the br across the canal. In the afternoon Coys began to cross and to carry out the relief of their opposite numbers. Relief was completed by midnight, Bn HQ being est in area 079856 (Sh 25 and 35).	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
Area 094908	Wed 13	I	At 0515 hrs it was reported by 8RS that enemy had withdrawn from GHEEL 0888. Patrols were accordingly sent out which est the fact that the	

			enemy had made a gen withdrawal over the whole front. At 1120 hrs the Bn made a gen move fwd and Bn HQ was set up for a period in LAAR 0987. Further adv was made in the afternoon along the rd leading NE out of GHEEL, and B Coy conducted an op right down to the ESCAUT Canal at area 1293. Bn HQ moved to 094908. B Coy reported that a br at 121939 was still intact and A Coy were ordered to carry out a night op with a view to securing it.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
Area 108918	Thu 14	I	A Coy moved fwd and succeeded in reaching the br. The first sec got across successfully, but immediately after it had crossed the br became subjected to intense enemy mor and MG fire, and shelling from across the canal. The Coy Comd, Maj NC ROLLO, MC, was killed and it was impossible for any further crossing to be made. In the early morning other Coys moved fwd to area immediately SOUTH of the br and took up posns there. Bn HQ moved to 108918. The whole day was spent in this posn, clearing up enemy on the south bank of the canal. During the night and also by day 8RS succeeded in est a br head at 077928, and got their whole Bn across the canal. The enemy began to flood the canal in the area 1293 and it became necessary for fwd Coys to withdraw from the water's edge to posns a bit further back.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
074926	Fri 15	I	6RSF commenced to cross the canal into the GHEEL br head as est by 8RS, and at about mid-day KOSB were withdrawn from present posns back to area GHEEL with the intention of following 6RSF. 6RSF got three Coys across in spite of hy shellfire at the point of crossing, and KOSB moved down to an FUP in area of wood 0792. The enemy shellfire in this wood was intense. D Coy led the way across the canal in assault boats, followed rapidly by A B & C Coys. Coy carriers and A tk guns were successfully rafted across before the raft received a direct hit and further tpt of vehs became impossible. Coys, having crossed, proceeded to endeavour to reach their objectives, but were unable to reach their start lines owing to enemy counter-attack on the RSF. The decision was therefore made to consolidate the whole br head into a tight def posn, using the 3 Bns. This was carried out and Bn HQ was est 074926. Hy shelling of crossing area continued without intermission.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
074926	Sat 16	I	Plans were made for an attack by RSF and KOSB to enlarge the br head, but before H hr it became apparent that this operation could not be carried out owing to hy shelling of our posns and obvious preparations for counter-attack being made by enemy. This counter-attack was successfully beaten off by our arty fire. At 1615 hrs, another	

			counter-attack came in from NE but was successfully repulsed. The enemy then opened sluice gates about two kilos WEST along the canal and the water rose to such a point as to be in grave danger of flooding the whole br head posn. It was decided, however, to hold on. At 2000 hrs, a further hy counter-attack was put in from the EAST. Certain slight penetration was effected but the attack was beaten off and the sit restored. B Coy was required to carry out a local counter-attack to retake territory lost, which it did successfully. 8RS were withdrawn from br head during the night, their posns being taken over by RSF and KOSB.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
074926	Sun 17	I	The day was spent in the br head posn without incident other than steady shelling and mortaring of the posns and of the crossings. A small op by A Coy to retake certain houses was carried out successfully. Houses at 078928 and 078933 were cleared, several enemy killed and one 20 MM gun knocked out. In the evening the relief of 6RSF by 2 Gordons was carried out.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
074926	Mon 18	I	Certain re-adjustment of posns took place and B Coy was withdrawn to centre of area in res. Typhoon attack on suspected enemy posns was carried out with some success. At 1800 hrs a hy conc of enemy shelling took place followed by a very sharp counter-attack which came in on both sides of the br head in the form of a pincer movement and was supported by tks. The attacking enemy were at once engaged with arty fire which completely broke up the attack and killed many of the enemy. At 2130 hrs the relief of 6KOSB by 2 A&SH commenced and continued, coy by coy, during the night.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
GHEEL 0888	Tue 19	I	The relief continued throughout the night and by approx 0400 hrs the whole Bn was relieved and proceeded to billets in GHEEL. The day was spent in rest and adm. The Div Comd visited the Bn and stated that he was very pleased with its performance in the br head. In the evening the Pipes and Drums beat retreat in GHEEL.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
GHEEL 0888	Wed 20	I	Orders were received to conc in MOLL 1790 but subsequently cancelled and the Bn instructed to take over the def of the SOUTH bank of the canal from 156950 to br 042912. This was done with A B & D Coys and Carrier Pl fwd, and C Coy in mob res. Bn HQ was est 079893.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
VELDHOVEN 373144	Thu 21	I	Bn was relieved early in the morning by 1/6 Queens Regt and on relief proceeded to a conc area at MOLL 1790. From there the Bn moved off across the ESCAUT Canal, with a view to harbouring in the woods NW of	

			EINDHOVEN. Owing to delays, however, it was necessary to stop for the night at VELDHOVEN 373144.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
391267	Fri 22	I	The Bn left VELDHOVEN at about 1400 hrs and proceeded with the adv through EINDHOVEN and towards a br at 3925. On approaching this br infm was received that the Bn was to come under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde forthwith, and to cross to other side of the canal and direct an attack on BEST 3726. The Bn accordingly moved to an FAA in woods at 3926 and at 1815 hrs the attack commenced with B and C Coys fwd followed by A and D. The attack met some resistance, but this was successfully dealt with by arty, and all Coys gained objectives. Bn HQ was est area 391267.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
385258	Sat 23	I	Certain adjustments to Coy posns were carried out during the day and local attacks were made by A and B Coys to assist a major attack being made on the left flank by 46 (H) Inf Bde. Bn HQ moved to gen area 385258.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
STEENWEG 382268	Sun 24	I	6RSF and 8RS passed through, and further adjustments were made to KOSB posns, which now took the form of a tight def posn in the area STEENWEG 3826. Bn HQ moved to 382268. RSF and RS occupied similar def posns to the north.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
STEENWEG 382268	Mon 25	I	Bn remained in same posns throughout the day. RS and RSF carried out certain minor attacks of a local nature and returned to their former posns for the night. The Bde Comd held an O Gp in the evening but no imminent move for 6KOSB is envisaged.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Tue 26	I	6RSF continued adv along axis and took a number of prisoners. In the afternoon the Bn was ordered to move fwd to area BOSCHKANT 4031 and occupy posns there. This was done in adv to contact fmn and posns finally adopted without great opposition being encountered. Bn HQ est 399317.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Wed 27	I	An attack was made by C Coy on posn at 397317. This attack met with minor opposition which it succeeded in dealing with. D Coy then initiated an attack on a posn at 395320. The first phase of this attack was successful but the second objective turned out to be very heavily defended and accurate machine gun fire caused hy cas among D Coy, killing Maj COKE and CSM MELVIN and wounding Capt WELLS. The remainder of D Coy remained pinned down in an exposed posn for the remainder of the day, from which they were finally extricated by a	

			successful night attack by 6RSF which captured the objective. D Coy were withdrawn to Bn HQ area, where they were joined later by A Coy who rejoined the unit after two days spent guarding the br at ZON 4425.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Thu 28	I	8RS carried out an attack at first light and succeeded in capturing posns to the front of 6RSF, meeting with some opposition. Enemy remained active throughout the day and at about 1700 hrs brought in a stiff counter-attack on 8RS posns. This counter-attack was successfully beaten off by arty and many cas caused. The enemy asked for a short truce to collect his wounded, which was granted.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Fri 29	I	Patrols during the night contacted 10 HLI on left. No alteration in posns except A Coy moved fwd to a different posn and B Coy moved to 398313. Some shelling and mortaring throughout the day otherwise nothing out of the ordinary took place.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Sat 30	I	B Coy moved fwd to block gap between 10 HLI and ourselves on left and D Coy occupied posns vacated by B Coy. Enemy remained quiet throughout the day until 1800 hrs when he commenced a hy arty conc. No counter-attack developed however & the front remained quiet for the rest of the night.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR

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Unit 6 KOSB

Month and Year Oct 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BOSCHKANT 4031	Sun 1	I	The Bn remained in situ throughout the day and there was little of importance to report. Some shelling and mortaring of a desultory nature took place. At 1800 hrs the Bn was relieved by 5/7 Gordons of 51 (H) Inf Div, and on relief proceeded by TCV to a rest area in BOEKEL 571361.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 2	I	The entire day was devoted to rest, re-organisation and adm. Maj SPEIRS and Capt THOMAS joined the Bn and were posted to A and D Coys respectively. D Coy was obliged to change its location owing to the arrival of another fmn and moved to BERKHOER 582941.	
		II	Weather fair but cold	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Tue 3	I	The Div Comd addressed the Bn on parade and complimented the men on their success in recent ops. After his inspection and address, the Bn marched past the Div Comd. The remainder of the day was spent in trg. Cinema shows and an ENSA concert party performed and were attended by large numbers.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Wed 4	I	Trg of various types continued throughout the day, incl assault boating and shooting. Lt BURNETT and Lt WOODS rejoined the Bn after having been evacuated some months owing to wounds.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Thu 5	I	Further trg continued. In the afternoon the soccer team played 1KOSB at ST HUBERT 6744 and beat them 4-1. Considerable numbers of the offrs and ORs of both Bns were present and a regimental re-union was carried out. The Bde Massed Pipes and Drums played at an inter Bn football competition in the afternoon. The 15 (S) Div Concert Party (The Tam O'Shanters) gave a performance in GEMERT in the evening.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Fri 6	I	Trg continued throughout the day. The CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 1345 hrs and orders were received for the Bn to relieve S LANCS on the other side of R MAAS to-morrow. CO held an O Gp in the evening and	

			arrangements were made for recce parties to leave early next day. The Sjts Mess held a "smoker" in the evening. The Div Comd addressed all offrs in HELMOND, after which the Div Massed Pipes and Drums beat retreat.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sat 7	I	Recce parties went off in the morning to carry out recce of new area and Bn made preparations to move off at about 1600 hrs. In the afternoon, however, infm was received that the operation so far as this Div was concerned had been cancelled. The Corps Comd visited Bde HQ in the late afternoon and saw COs and 2sIC of Inf Bns.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sun 8	I	Trg continued throughout the day. A demonstration of patrolling was organised by Capt GER CAREY, MC and was witnessed by the whole Bn. Other trg which was carried out included drill and Regtl History. A draft of 39 ORs arrived on posting from 49 Inf Div.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 9	I	Trg continued throughout the day, under Coy arrangements. A further draft of one offr and 16 ORs joined the Bn.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Tue 10	I	Further trg continued throughout the day and included Drill, Weapon Trg and Firing. A night exercise was arranged but had to be cancelled owing to wet weather. The Army Comd visited Bde HQ during the day and met Maj SPEIRS who was representing the CO. In the evening the 2IC attended a conference at Bde HQ. HQ Coy had a "smoker" in the evening.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Wed 11	I	Certain recces were carried out by 2IC in connection with future trg and ops. Coys carried out trg under Coy arrangements as heretofore. This included a march to GEMERT in order to experience crossing a water obstacle by means of a KAPOK br. In the evening a Coy Comds conference was held and future trg and ops discussed.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Thu 12	I	CO and IO carried out a recce in new area in connection with future ops. 2IC and Coy Comds carried out recces in the forenoon in the area of BEEK 5327 as a prelude to a Bde exercise known as ANTIDOTE to be carried out in that area this evening. The exercise involved a crossing of a canal on a two Bn front, with a third Bn passing through. The first part of the exercise began about 1900 hrs and consisted of carrying parties going to an off loading pt at approx 534269 whence they took over assault boats from REs, carried them to FAAs at 535267 and 530264 and erected them. This op was covered by a party from the carrier pl, who maintained a gd on the boats until the following morning when the second part began.	

		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Fri 13	I	The Bn left BOEKEL in tpt at about 0200 hrs and proceeded to GEMERT, whence it proceeded by march route to an assembly area at 534269. Bn HQ was est at 535266. A B & C Coys carried boats fwd to canal and at 0530 hrs the attack commenced. The fwd coys gained their initial objectives and were followed by D Coy. 6RSF carried out a similar programme on the right. On completion of this stage of the op 8RS passed through and enlarged the br head. At this stage the exercise closed and tps returned to billets. An op conference was held by the CO in the afternoon at which further arrangements for future ops were made.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sat 14	I	Coys carried out trg under Coy arrangements. This included the practice of boat drill and other items of trg connected with assault crossings. Further conferences were held and preparations made for future ops.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sun 15	I	The Chaplain held Church Services in all Coys in the course of the morning. No other parades were held until after mid-day. Coys then did trg under Bn arrangements involving the use of assault boats and canal crossings. Coys marched back from this trg with the Pipe Band leading.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 16	I	Ordinary trg continued during the day. The CO attended several conferences during the day at Bde HQ on the subject of future ops. A lecture to all offrs was given by the CO at Bn HQ in the afternoon. All Coys carried out night exercises in the evening. Infm received that the ops already envisaged were now indefinitely postponed.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Tue 17	I	Coys carried out a full day's trg, including drill, weapon trg and boating practice. Baths, cinemas and ENSA shows were also organised and attended by reps from all Coys.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Wed 18	I	The trg programme for to-day included drill for all coys, aslt boating, ABCA, patrolling and religious instr. In the evening an offrs discussion was held on the subject of aslt crossings and numerous interesting pts were raised, examined and discussed.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Thu 19	I	Coys carried out route marches, and practised offensive action against tks and use of cover and cam. A soccer match against 6RSF was held in the afternoon, which was won by the Bn team. 8RS came under comd of 7 Armd Div and moved into the line.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR

BOEKEL 571361	Fri 20	I II	A further full day's trg was carried out by all Coys. Mine laying and lifting and street and village fighting were both practised. Another offr discussion was held in the evening, the subject being "clearing of a pillbox". After the discussion, a Guest Night was held in the Offrs Mess which was attended by all offrs and an opportunity was afforded for recently joined offrs to get to know the others. Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sat 21	I II	A Bn parade was held in the forenoon. All Coys were fully represented and the Pipes and Drums led the march past at the conclusion of the parade. The Commanding Offr took the salute. The afternoon was devoted to recreation. Weather fair.	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sun 22	I II	Church Services were held in all Coy areas. The remainder of the day was devoted to interior economy. A soccer match was played in the evening against 194 Fd Amb, which resulted in a draw. Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 23	I II	The CO attended an O Gp at HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde at 1000 hrs. Coys carried out a route march in the forenoon and other forms of trg in the afternoon. On his return the CO stated that the Bn was going under comd 227 (H) Inf Bde and would move to-morrow to the gen area SW of ST OEDENRODE. Orders were accordingly issued and preparations made for the move. Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
STEENWEG 380269	Tue 24	I II	The CO held an O Gp at 1000 hrs and plans were made for an attack on the woods NW of BEST, to be carried out by 6RSF, 6KOSB and 2A&SH, all under comd 227 (H) Inf Bde. Before the O Gp was finished, however, infm was received that the enemy was making a gen withdrawal in that area, and orders were received to conc in area STEENWEG 3727. This was accordingly done and Bn HQ est at 380269. The CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ in the evening and on his return gave orders for an adv commencing first light to-morrow, along the NORTH bank of the WILHELMINA Canal, the objective being the br at BIESTE 2027. Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
206276	Wed 25	I II	The Bn set off at 0700 hrs with D Coy acting as vangd. No opposition was met at any time during the advance, but progress was slow on account of enemy def posns which had been constructed across the track at many places. At about 1600 hrs the Bn was finally in posn covering the br site. Bn HQ was est at 206276. The REs then began to construct a Class 40 br. Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
VOOR 192255	Thu 26	I	Orders were received for the Bde to cross the canal as soon as Cl 40 br was constructed and conc in area BIESTE 2026 - HILVARENBEEK 1924.	

			The br was constructed by 1230 hrs and harbour parties went fwd to recce posns. These encountered several mines and obstructions and the crossing was delayed for some hrs until these were cleared. A jeep belonging to B Coy was blown up during this op, wounding Capt JM LOUNTAIN and killing 2 ORs. About 1800 hrs, however, the Bn was able to cross, and moved to a conc area in the vicinity of VOORT with Bn HQ est at 192255. The CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 2100 hrs and received orders for an attack on TILBURG by 6RSF on right and 6KOSB left, sp by 1 Tk Gren Gds, to take place to-morrow.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
TILBURG 1832	Fri 27	I	The CO held an O Gp at 0700 hrs and gave orders for the attack on TILBURG, with A and B Coy leading. The attack was to go in immediately after the attack by 6RSF reached line of stream from 184314 to 175311. RSF attack went in at 1100 hrs, met only minor opposition, and objectives were secured by 1200 hrs. The KOSB attack went in at 1205 hrs sp by arty and tks. Only very minor opposition was encountered and by evening the Bn was est in the centre of the town with Bn HQ located at 162322.	
		II	Weather dull with rain later	RHMcD CWPR
TILBURG 1832	Sat 28	I	No move took place during the day, and tps devoted themselves to rest. In the evening the Pipes and Drums played in the square beside the station much to the pleasure of the civ population. Warning order received during the day to be prepared to move before first light.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
VREKWIJK 656174	Sun 29	I	Orders were received that owing to a potential threat to the EAST flank the Bn was to move to an area SOUTH of DEURNE 6419. This was done by TCVs, leaving TILBURG at about 0330 hrs, and arriving at Dis P at about 0730. CO attended an O Gp immediately on arrival as a result of which Bn moved to and took up posn at 655182 with Coys on a line running EAST and WEST through 656175. Almost immediately, however, orders were received to move further fwd. This was done and new posns occupied. Later in the day, the Bn came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
VREKWIJK 656174	Mon 30	I	The Bn remained under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and did not move at all during the day. In the forenoon 9 Cam and 7 Seaforth passed through and occupied posns to the front leaving 6 KOSB in res. 44 Bde adv towards LIESEL 6614 from the WEST and by nightfall 6RSF were fighting in the northernmost part of the village. A Bde O Gp was held in the evening and plans made for a two Bn attack on the line LOONSCHE BAAN 680148 to take place to-morrow by 9 Cams and 7 Seaforth, 6KOSB to be in res and to be prepared to pass through and capture SLOT. The CO held an O Gp on his return and gave orders for the carrying out of	

		II	each phase of the op. Weather cold and dry with rain at night	RHMcD CWPR
SLOT 674139	Tue 31	I II	At 0830 9 Cams and 7 Seaforth commenced an attack with a view to securing gen area LOONSCHE BANN 6714 and LIESEL respectively. Both units reached their objectives by approx 1300 hrs and at 1445 hrs 6 KOSB were launched on an attack on SLOT. On Phase I of this op, D Coy right and C Coy left captured 675137 and 678139 respectively. Opposition was fairly hy but was overcome with many PW. 2 Mk IV tks were knocked out by D Coy. On completion of Phase I A and B Coys passed through and took 679134 and 681136 respectively, again after some opposition. The Bn consolidated in this posn for the night. Weather dry but very misty	RHMcD CWPR

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Unit 6 KOSB

Month and Year Nov 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
681129	Wed 1	I	9 Cams and 7 Seaforth advanced towards the canal bank in area 6915 and 6814. 6KOSB were then ordered to adv SOUTH towards HEITRACK, preceded by recce. Recce reported HEITRACK held and the Bn stopped in the gen area 6812, with Bn HQ at 681129. No opposition was met on the move to these posns but there was hy enemy shellfire. CO attended an O Gp at HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde at 1700 hrs and received orders for further adv to-morrow.	
		II	Weather dry and dull	RHMcD CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Thu 2	I	CO held an O Gp at 0700 hrs. Commencing 0930 6RSF and 2 Glas Hrs attacked through our posns and est a line just NORTH of HEITRACK 6910. This phase was reached without much opposition and at 1200 hrs, from a SL in this newly captured posn, 8 RS on right and 6 KOSB on left made a drive for the area of wood 693090 and MOOSTDIJK. Opposition on the ground was slight, but as the attack proceeded, enemy shelling became more and more intensified until the Bn got into its final posn. Bn HQ was est at 695094.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Fri 3	I	Active patrolling during the night failed to make contact with the enemy, but in the early morning an enemy posn was discovered at 698085. No move took place during the day, but CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 1400 hrs and on his return held a Bn O Gp. 6KOSB, during the night 3/4 Nov are to capture line 698085-701085-706086 further to future ops by the Bde directed on MEIJEL. The remainder of the day was spent in planning this op.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Sat 4	I	A B and C Coys moved during the night and occupied the line ordered without opposition. Plans were made for the assault on MEIJEL the following day. This was to be done by a sqn of tks attacking wood 7107 from the left flank, after which 6RSF sp by another sqn were to capture SCHANS 7008. On completion of this phase 6 KOSB were to capture wood 7107 and 6RSF extend to HOF 7007. When this was taken 8RS	

		II	move to and capture MEIJEL. The day was spent in rest and preparation for this attack. Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Sun 5	I	Bn HQ moved to 704088 at 0500 hrs preparatory to the attack. At 0730 hrs the tks went in and at 0745 RSF attacked SCHANS. The tks struck a minefield almost immediately and numbers of their tks became bogged. Orders were given at 0750 for them to rally back. After some difficulty 6RSF succeeded in getting two coys into SCHAUNS but it became apparent that the op was not possible without tk sp. The attack was accordingly cancelled and at first dark the RSF were withdrawn. After dark Bn HQ returned to its previous location at MOOSTDIJK.	
		II	Weather dull and wet	RHMcD CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Mon 6	I	No move took place and the day was fairly quiet. There was a little shelling and mortaring in fwd posns and a certain amount of patrol activity took place by night.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Tue 7	I	The front remained relatively quiet throughout the day, except for spasmodic shelling and mortaring. Some enemy movement was seen between cottages 715079 and corner of wood 711079, which suggested the presence of an enemy coy in that area. CO was summoned to Bde HQ at 1430 hrs and on his return announced that the Bn would be relieved by 10 HLI to-morrow for a period of 48 hrs, to be spent in HELMOND 5521.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
HELMOND 5521	Wed 8	I	The early part of the day contained no incident of note. CO and Coy Comds of the relieving unit arrived during the day and carried out recces. At 1330 hrs a "stonk" of arty, mors and MMGs was brought down on the enemy coy locality at 715079 previously located, with good results. The relief by 10 HLI began at 1300 hrs and was complete by 2300 hrs. Coys on relief proceeded to HELMOND where billets were available.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
HELMOND 5521	Thu 9	I	The day was spent in re-org, rest and adm. The Bn was reorganised on a basis of three rifle coys, shortage of manpower making it impossible to continue on a 4 coy basis. C Coy was accordingly disbanded and its personnel dispersed among A B & D Coys. The Corps Comd visited the Bn during the afternoon and saw certain offrs. The CO attended a discussion at Bde HQ at 1730 hrs.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
695095	Fri 10	I	At mid-day the Bn left HELMOND and proceeded to its old posns in the MOOSTDIJK area from 10 HLI again. The take over took place smoothly and was complete by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ was est at 695095. At 2230 hrs B Coy reported the presence of a fighting patrol in the area 702083.	

			This patrol was successfully dealt with by 4.2 mor and arty. A large fire was seen burning at 700082.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
695095	Sat 11	I	Very little activity took place during the day. A patrol went out from B Coy in the early morning and discovered an enemy listening post at 705083. In the evening about 2030 hrs a small enemy patrol infiltrated in the Glas H front about 7110, but did no damage.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
695095	Sun 12	I	No activity during the day. A fighting patrol went out in the early hrs of the morning but was held up by suspected mines. In the evening a patrol went out from D Coy accompanied by REs and discovered various belts and fields of mines.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
695095	Mon 13	I	At 1100 hrs Lt McCONACHY accompanied by one OR went off on a recce patrol for the purpose of entering MEIJEL and remaining there for 24 hours. Other mine-clearing and recce patrols also took place during the hrs of darkness. At 2000 hrs Lt McCONACHY's patrol returned with the infm that MEIJEL appeared to be clear of enemy, and that civilians were beginning to emerge from their houses and carry on with their normal work.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
695095	Tue 14	I	As a result of infm received from Lt McCONACHY's patrol a further patrol of one pl in str was sent into MEIJEL. This patrol got into MEIJEL successfully and reported the area heavily mined. They saw 2 enemy in a post on the WEST side of the canal. In the evening orders were received to occupy HOF 7007 and bend in rd 709073. This was done by A Coy.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
695095	Wed 15	I	A patrol from A Coy went out in the morning to 718068 to deal with enemy post there. This was eventually done after some opposition being encountered and a standing patrol was est at this point. In the afternoon the Bn was relieved by 6RSF, and proceeded to billets in AASTEN for a short rest.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD CWPR
AASTEN 6213	Thu 16	I	The day was spent in adm, baths and entertainment. CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ in the afternoon. Draft of 26 ORs arrived from RUR.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
695095	Fri 17	I	CO held O Gp in the morning and gave orders for the relief of 8RS which was to take place in the afternoon. Commencing at 1530 hrs Coys moved out to effect this relief. Relief was completed by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ re-est at 695095.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR

NEERKANT 698095	Sat 18	I II	Coys remained in same posns but Bn HQ moved fwd to NEERKANT at 698095. Enemy activity was quiet. CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 1500 hrs. Weather fair	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Sun 19	I II	CO held an O Gp in the morning and gave orders for an adv across br at 729065 followed by a turn northwards and an adv on HELENAVEEN. 6RSF are to carry out a similar op on our right. This op is to take place to-morrow. In the evening, however, infm was received that this op was postponed owing to the success of 46 (H) Inf Bde who had already crossed the canal and were almost at HELENAVEEN, and the Bn was placed at 4 hrs notice. Weather fair	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Mon 20	I II	Coys concentrated on Coy areas leaving double sentries in each pl posn. At 1500 hrs 6RSF were sent off to carry out their part of the op previously planned, which they did by 1900 hrs, whereupon they came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde. No move of 6KOSB, who remained on same period of notice as before. Weather fair	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Tue 21	I II	46 (H) Inf Bde occupied HELENAVEEN and, with 227 (H) Inf Bde, continued the adv towards SEVENUM. Enemy continued to withdraw on our front. No move by 6KOSB. 6RSF came under comd again in the evening. Weather fair	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Wed 22	I II	Orders were received to prepare to cross the canal and conc in area BERINGEN 7506 and a preliminary recce of this area was carried out. This revealed, however, that no accm was available and that routes were almost impassable. It was therefore decided to cancel this move and remain <u>in situ</u>. Weather wet	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Thu 23	I II	No move took place to-day. A party of 50 ORs from B Coy carried out bridging repairs at HELENAVEEN 7311 and a party from Sp Coy carried out rd repairs between LIESEL and HIETRACK. Weather wet	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Fri 24	I II	No move to-day. Further rd repairs and working parties were provided by D Coy and Sp Coy. Others carried out trg in Coy areas. Weather wet	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Sat 25	I II	Further working parties were provided for repair of rds and construction of brs. A "Pl in attack" competition was carried out and 4 pls put through the test. The remainder will be tested to-morrow. Weather fair	 RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Sun 26	I II	Further working parties provided and remainder of "Pl in Attack" competition was carried out. This competition was won by Lt HASLAM's pl, B Coy. Weather fair	 RHMcD CWPR

NEERKANT	Mon 27	I II	Working parties continued at HELENAVEEN and on the HELENAVEEN rd. A demonstration of "Pl in attack" was given by Lt HASLAM's pl to the remainder of the Bn. The new Bde Comd Brig The Hon HC HOVELL-THURLOW-CUMMING-BRUCE, DSO, arrived and visited the Bn. Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Tue 28	I II	Further working parties continued. CO attended a conference on future ops. Coys carried out various forms of trg in Coy areas, also route marches. Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Wed 29	I II	Further working parties were provided as before. Trg continued in Coy areas. Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Thu 30	I II	Further plans were made in connection with forthcoming op. All Coy Comds attended a cloth model exercise at Bde HQ. Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR

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Unit 6 KOSB

Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NEERKANT 698095	Fri 1	I	Trg in house fighting and clearing took place throughout the day. In the evening the CO held an O Gp and gave out final orders for the attack on BLERICK 8908, 8909, which is due to take place on 3 Dec and is to be done by 44 (L) Inf Bde.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
NEERKANT 698095	Sat 2	I	Tps made final preparations for the attack to-morrow and carried out trg in the use of KANGAROOS (Armd Tp Carriers) which are going to be used in the op. The Div Comd called to wish success to the Bn and the Bde Comd addsd all ranks. CO saw all Coy Comds in evening and gave final instrs.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 3	I	Leaving NEERKANT at approx 0730 hrs the Bn proceeded to an assembly area WEST of MAASBREE 8207, to await the success of the first phase of the attack, after which it would be launched. Bn HQ set up at 843087. At 0745 hrs the initial stages of the attack took place. This consisted of an attack by tks, flails and AVREs and the creation and bridging of 6 gaps in the wire and ditch obstacle defending the town. A gigantic arty programme accompanied this phase. This part of the attack went well and at about 0930 hrs 8RS on right and 6RSF on left were launched with objectives in the centre of the town. They encountered some opposition but soon overcame this, and at about 1300 hrs 6 KOSB on right and 7 Seaforth on left were launched on similar axes to clear the SOUTH and NORTH parts of the town respectively. B Coy led the Bn adv and, passing through a gap in the obstacle, reached and consolidated on its objective. Bn HQ followed and set up at 896086. D and A Coys came next and cleared the SOUTH end of the town. By nightfall the whole town was in hands of the Bde. The Bn took 49 prisoners. The total number of PsW taken by the Bde.	
		II	Weather showery	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 4	I	7 Seaforths and 8RS pulled out in the early hrs of the morning and 6RSF and 6KOSB occupied the whole town, 6RSF on NORTH and 6KOSB on	

			SOUTH. Bn HQ remained at same place, with Coys located as follows:- A Coy 897089; B Coy 095084; D Coy 893083. Intermittent shelling and mortaring took place throughout the day.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 5	I	Noise of vehs heard and lights seen area factory 894072 during the night and this area was engaged with arty. Intermittent shelling took place during the day but in gen things were quiet on both sides.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 6	I	CO attended conference at Bde HQ. Shelling throughout the day light. Some enemy was seen rd junc 903083 and houses 902079. Considerable civ mov in VENLO which may indicate that they intend to evacuate the town.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 7	I	Situation quiet again. B Coy moved to HOUT BLERICK and occupied posn there previously held by 8RS. A and D Coys modified posns slightly to cover gap so created.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 8	I	Shelling was light during the day. Enemy mov took place in ones and twos around rd 903083 and further mov was seen at 904073. There was some further shelling in the evening. A patrol from 10 HLI on right trying to contact B Coy encountered enemy patrol and sustained cas.	
		II	Weather fair	AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 9	I	Bde Comd visited B Coy. Enemy fired single shells throughout the day along river bank. Enemy now seen areas 903083 and 900073. Patrol from B Coy sent to 877067 but did not contact enemy, though a number of mines were discovered. A draft of 27 ORs arrived at B Ech.	AJ
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 10	I	An enemy post was definitely located at 903083. Enemy were also observed digging mor posns at 898072. These were engaged by our mors and arty. Mov was also seen round house 904073 and a Spandau was located 904088.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 11	I	Pl of 8RS at 867062 came under comd B Coy. Very little mov was seen, though a certain amount was observed at 903083. An MG fired from 893074 and was engaged by arty. Light sigs seen during the night and fired at.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 12	I	An enemy mor was located firing from 899071 and was successfully engaged by arty. Enemy moving areas 899071 and 901074 were also engaged. The effectiveness of this shooting was verified by the appearance of an amb shortly after. Cam screens were seen to have been erected across entrance to struct 905085. Slight shelling throughout the day.	

		II	Weather fair.	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 13	I	An increase in enemy shelling took place to-day, mainly caused by SP guns firing from VENLO indiscriminately into BLERICK. Houses on the river edge were systematically fired at during the morning. Enemy mor at 898071 was again active and again dealt with by arty.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 14	I	Again there was more shelling than usual, but in other respects the front was quiet. Noise of half tracks and vehs was heard in the area 898074. It was assumed that the anticipated relief by 2 Glas H, which was to have taken place on 19 Dec, would not now occur.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 15	I	There was little activity other than some shelling. An enemy 88 mm was located 919089 and fired at by our arty. At 1500 hrs the arty fired on an Uncle target at 910071. In the evening sounds of vehs were heard in area factory immediately opposite D Coy and engaged.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 16	I	Little took place during the day other than some spasmodic mortaring. In the evening about 2300 hrs sounds of a motor boat on the river were reported, but boat was not located. The ballot for leave was held in the afternoon.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 17	I	At approx 0430 hrs an enemy patrol made contact with some fwd posns of D Coy. The patrol threw grenades at houses, but dispersed on being engaged by D Coy. In the morning it was observed that a house at 891078 was flying the Nazi flag. Shelling throughout the day was rather less than usual but there was a certain amount of mortaring in the afternoon. Slight activity was observed after dark, including the use of a signalling lamp on the far bank. There was slight aerial activity after dark.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 18	I	There was very little activity other than odd shelling and mortaring during the day. After dark lights were observed across the river and sounds of hammering heard.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 19	I	Various noises from across the river were heard throughout the night, and several artillery shoots carried out. By day activity was reduced to a minimum. After dusk mines were laid by RE in D Coy area. Throughout the night sounds of continuous hammering were heard on the other side of the R MAAS.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 20	I	The front remained quiet throughout the day and there was little shelling or mortaring. In the evening BBC recorders recorded the sound	

		II	of shelling on the R MAAS. Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 21	I	During the night B Coy had a brush with an enemy patrol but successfully beat it off. At 0300 a post of the recce sqn at 894129 was over-run by a strong enemy patrol. During the day there was slightly increased mortaring but no further incident until evening when a further enemy patrol entered B Coy area and had a clash.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 22	I	Certain adjustments to disposns took place as a result of which 6KOSB becomes responsible for the whole of BLERICK and HOUT BLERICK. C Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt comes under comd for this op. Considerable activity took place after dark and there was increased shelling.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 23	I	Bn HQ moved to new location at 895090, to be more centrally positioned. The CO attended an O Gp in the afternoon and held a Bn O Gp on his return. A German attack is expected on Christmas Day and preparations are to be made accordingly. The A/tk pl fighting in an inf role is to take over from A Coy 8RS at 894100. Shelling was more active than usual during the day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 24	I	Recce sqn reported 4 enemy seen in area of house at 878067, at 1000 hrs. Patrols went out to locate these but were unsuccessful. There was considerable movement and noise heard from across the river after dark, but little shelling or mortaring took place.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 25	I	A very high degree of alertness was maintained, and efforts were made to decoy the enemy into making an attack, but without success. The Bde and Div Comds visited the Bn during the day. Enemy activity was slight.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 26	I	Considerable enemy activity noted during the day and early part of the night, incl sound of tracked vehs and marching personnel. Shelling and mortaring activity was not great.	
		II	Weather dull & cold	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 27	I	Little to report apart from usual sounds of activity by night. Shelling and mortaring not great. Some verey lights seen by night and thought to have been dropped by enemy aircraft.	
		II	Weather dull and foggy	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 28	I	Conditions were quiet during the day, and actuated by a dense fog which remained over the area most of the day. In the early part of the night a considerable "stonk" of mor bombs came down on C Coy area. The mor in question was pinpointed at 911099 and dealt with by arty.	

		II	Weather foggy & cold	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 29	I	5 civilians crossed the river and were apprehended by the A/tk pl. Conditions remained quiet during the day but in the early evening a salvo of bombs from a multi-barrelled 30 cm mor fell on A Coy area. No damage was done.	
		II	Weather foggy & cold	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 30	I	There was some shelling and mortaring during the day including a further salvo from the 30 cm mor which caused damage to houses but no cas.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 31	I	There was little activity during the day. In the evening a "hate" programme was arranged and included arty, MMG and mor fire. This continued until 2200 hrs when there was a period of quietness lasting till midnight.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD AJ

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Unit 6 KOSB

Month and Year Jan 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROOTH 851091	Mon 1	I	There was little activity on either side throughout the day. In the evening the Bn was relieved by 8RS and proceeded to a res Bn area with Bn HQ at ROOTH.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Tue 2	I	The day was spent in adm and rest. Preparations were made for the Christmas dinner celebrations which are to be held in the next few days.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Wed 3	I	The CO visited Coy Christmas dinners and gave good wishes for the coming year to all concerned. Celebrations were also observed in the Offrs and Sjts Messes.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Thu 4	I	The day was spent in adm, baths and entertainments. The CO visited Sp Coy's Christmas Dinner in the evening. A dinner was held in the Offrs Mess at Bn HQ. All Coy Comds attended.	
		II	Weather fair	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Fri 5	I	The day was again spent in adm, baths and entertainments. The Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in SEVENUM at 1600 hrs.	
		II	Weather fair	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Sat 6	I	B & D Coys practised the drills for clearing a minefield, a dummy minefield having been laid in the neighbourhood of Bn HQ. The Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in MAASBREE at 1600 hrs.	
		II	Weather fair but foggy	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Sun 7	I	A & C Coys practised the drill for clearing a minefield. Church Services were held in all Coy areas in the morning. An O Gp was held at Bn HQ at 1730 hrs when orders were given for the relief of 6RSF tomorrow.	
		II	Weather fair in morning but snow in evening	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Mon 8	I	The Bn relieved 6RSF in the area NORTH-WEST of BLERICK. Bn HQ, Sp Coy, B & C Coys moved by TCV and A & D Coys by march route. B Coy took over from C Coy RSF, A Coy from A Coy, C Coy from B Coy RSF, and D Coy from	

			D Coy. Locations:- Bn HQ ANNA HOEVE 869133 A Coy 891135 B Coy 888142 C Coy 889123 D Coy 866133 Sp Coy 867136 A/TK Pl NIEUW CALIFORNIA 8614 CARRIER Pl 894129. The relief was completed by approx 1830 hrs. The night was very quiet.	
		II	Weather - heavy snow fell all day	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Tue 9	I	A very quiet day. 6 shells fell in C Coy area, otherwise no shelling.	
		II	Fair but very cold	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Wed 10	I	During the early hours of the morning two enemy boats were heard by C Coy going NORTH and subsequently 1st KOSB on our left reported a landing at 0315 hrs at 902147. This patrol was seen off but no casualties were reported. In the evening noises and Spandau fire were heard from the far side of the MAAS. The areas were engaged by mortars and arty (25 Fd Rgt [31 Bty] who today relieved 178 Bty firing for first time).	
		II	Sunny but very frosty. 27° of frost forecast for night	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Thu 11	I	There was an increase in enemy shelling and mortaring of our fwd areas during the day but it was very haphazard and no damage was done. Otherwise the day was very quiet.	
		II	Dull and very cold	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Fri 12	I	There was a decrease in enemy shelling and mortaring during the day, but there was a certain amount of harassing fire. 1st KOSB on our left reported that civilians who had crossed the R MAAS during the previous night had reported the location of a GERMAN hutted camp at 906137. At 1600 hrs, in conjunction with 1KOSB sp arms, this camp was fired on by Med & Fd guns, 4.2 and 3" Mortars and MMGs. Fwd posts reported the fire to be accurate but no results could be observed.	
		II	Dull. Much milder. Snowing	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Sat 13	I	There was some shelling and mortaring during the day but this was not considerable and there was no damage or casualties. At approx 2200 hrs movement was heard on the water in B Coy area. Flares were put up but nothing seen. Arty, mortars & MGs fired DF tasks. Otherwise quiet.	
		II	Fair. Snow during day. Frost at night.	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Sun 14	I	A quiet day with little shelling or mortaring. O Gp held at Bn HQ in evening when orders given out for alterations in posns on 16 Jan in view of No 6 DUTCH COY coming under comd that day. This alteration will place B C D and Dutch Coys up with A Coy in reserve in place of D Coy.	
		II	Fair - frosty but clear	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Mon 15	I	Alteration in posns cancelled as Dutch Coy not now coming under comd. A quiet day with little shelling.	

		II	Fair but foggy	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Tue 16	I II	A quiet day with little shelling. Fair. Snowing during day	 AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Wed 17	I II	At 0038 hrs an OP in A Coy area reported a boat crossing the MAAS at 896136 containing approx 18 men. The boat was fired on and the fire was returned by Spandaus. The boat went back to the other side pursued by arty & mortar fire. Results could not be observed but were believed to be good. Otherwise a very quiet day. A dull day. Snow continued.	 AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Thu 18	I II	A very quiet day. Mortaring and shelling practically NIL. Orders received that Bn will be relieved by 2 A&SH on 20 JAN and move to GRAMMONT, WEST of BRUSSELS for a fortnight's rest and trg period. Adv parties to go off tomorrow morning. Fair. Snow set in and gale developed in evening	 AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Fri 19	I II	An extremely quiet day with no shelling or mortaring. At 2130 hrs C Coy reported that their right hand listening post had spotted some enemy on this side of the river, had fired all their bren mags at the enemy and then withdrawn. Shortly after this it was reported that their left hand listening post had also encountered the enemy, who had attempted to distract their attention from the front at the same time attacking with 2 gps of 10 men from the rear. The latter were, however, spotted and fired on. After exhausting their ammo, and the enemy having dispersed, this post withdrew. In both cases, it was thought casualties had been inflicted. No further sign of the enemy was seen. Very strong gale with sleet showers.	 AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133 SEVENUM PM 790145	Sat 20	I II	As a cause of C Coy's encounter with the enemy last night a dead German was found by the Coy at dawn. A little later a further search discovered a PW in a slit trench. The latter stated that he had swam across the river last night along with an offr and 5 other ranks but that he could not face the return trip and had gone to ground in the hope of making the crossing this evening. The Bn was relieved by the 2 Argylls, 227 Inf Bde, and concentrated at SEVENUM 790145, prior to moving to Rest Area. Weather - fair - roads fair.	 AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Sun 21	I II	Bn moved by transport to Rest Area at Grammont 285495. The convoy passed the start point at SEVENUM at 0630 hrs and arrived at Grammont at 1600 hrs. Bn HQ was located in the Chateau, and companies were billeted in the town. Weather - fair	 AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Mon 22	I	The day was spent in cleaning and checking weapons, followed by general administration within companies. The CO visited companies. A	

			warning order was received from Brigade that the Bn was to move to , not before 1200 hours, 24 Jan 45. Advance parties to proceed with DAA & QMG at 0630 hrs, 23 Jan 45.	
		II	WEATHER - FAIR	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Tue 23	I	The Commanding Officer held an 'O' Group at 1000 hrs to explain the situation to Coy Commanders. The BM arrived and informed the CO that the Bn would not move for two or three days. The remainder of the day was spent in Coy Administration and Baths.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Wed 24	I	Companies fired all weapons on the range. Battalion will probably move on the 26th.	
		II	Weather - fair - snow during the night	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Thu 25	I	0900-1000 Coys carried out a Route March. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. The Pipe Band played Retreat in the town square at 1600 hrs. Operational order received from Brigade. Bn to move to area of Tilburg on the 26th. The Brigadier & BM visited us in the evening. The Bn held a dance in the evening.	
		II	Weather - cold	AJMB CWPR
AM GRAMMONT 285495	26	I	The morning was spent preparing for the move. 45 three ton lorries reported to the Bn at 1030 hrs. Convoy formed up and passed the start point at 1415 hours. Although the roads were in a bad state, the convoy arrived complete at its new location at 2300 hrs. The Bn was billeted in civilian billets in the town.	
AREA TILBERG PM 171314		II	Weather - snow in the morning - extreme cold in the afternoon	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	27	I	The companies spent the day reorganising after the move and checked all ammunition and weapons. As some 1941 ammunition was found to be defective, it was replaced. The CO held an 'O' Group for Coy Comds at 1400 hours and attended a conference at Brigade at 1700 hours.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	28	I	Today being Sunday Church Services were held by the Padre for companies in the morning, communion being held after the services. UK leave party left to report to Transit Camp at Bog Leopold. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. A few flying bombs flew over the Bn area during the night.	
		II	Weather - cold, slight falls of snow.	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	29	I	Today was spent in training. Companies carried out route marches, schemes on assault on pillboxes. The medical officer commenced annual inoculation and vaccination of personnel in the Bn. At 1500 the Commanding Officer lectured to all officers and Sgt Pln Commanders on discipline within the unit followed by a lecture on "An assault on a pillbox" and the use of "Kangaroos" & "Crocodiles" in conjunction with infantry.	

		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
TILBERG 171314	30	I	The Commanding Officer attended a conference at 30 Corps HQ. The companies continued training on the lines of assaulting a strongpoint. Daily fitness parades and drill parades on Coy bases. Maj Carey MC rejoined the unit and took over command of 'C' Coy. Lt Bamford commenced trg as reserve Signals Officer. The CO attended a conference at Bde HQ at 1430 and held a conference for Coy Comds at 1800.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMBrown CWPR
TILBURG 171314	31	I	Coys carried out Pln exercises on assaulting a pillbox; the use of Bangalore torpedoes; with periods on drill; PT; Regimental History and compass works. HQ and Support Coy continued their specialist training. The Pipe Band practised for a parade on the 1st Feb. The Commanding Officer attended a conference at Bde HQ at 1430 hours. Two SP guns arrived to co-ordinate trg with an infantry company and the REs erected two pillboxes for this purpose. B Coy Comd recced and laid on a demonstration which will be held for the Brigade on Thursday.	
		II	Weather - complete thaw & rain	AJMB CWPR

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Unit 6 KOSB

Month and Year FEB 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG 171314	1	I	During the morning A, C, D, HQ & S Companies carried on with Coy and Platoon training. B Company carried out two rehearsals of their demonstration attack on a strong point. In the afternoon 'B' Coy commanded by Maj Tinniswood gave a demonstration of an Inf Coy attacking a strong point with Crocodiles and SP guns in support. The remainder of the Brigade watched the demonstration. Flying bombs pass over the Bn area at one in every ten minutes. Six reinforcements arrived (Border Regt) and were posted to "B" Company.	
		II	Weather - fair (DRY)	AJMBrown CWPR
TILBURG 171314	2	I	Coys spent the forenoon training as follows:- House clearing & practice with Kangaroos; Use of mortar smoke & Practice with the new Tabby equipment. The CO attended a conference at Bde HQ at 0930 hours. An inter company drill competition was held in the afternoon and a very high standard was set. A Company commanded by Maj Malony won with a margin of 4 points. The Brigadier paid a visit during the competition. Night operations were carried out by A and B Company (house clearing). Two carriers went to workshops to be fitted with "wasps".	
		II	Weather - dry - windy	AJMB CWPR
TILBURG 171314	3	I	The day was observed as a holiday from training, but Companies took advantage of the time to straighten out their Order of Battle. "B" Company spent ½ hour with the Kangaroos. All Officers attended a cloth model exercise at Bde HQ. Reps from 79 Armd Div and Mx & Sps were present. The CO gave out his plan for Ex "VERITABLE" and various points re supporting arms were discussed. The Gren Gds rep arrived at 1300 to co-ordinate with the CO. A draft of 16 rfmts arrived and were attached to HQ. These men will be LOB in Ex "VERITABLE". In the afternoon the Bn played the RS at football and won by 5-3. Planning for the forthcoming operation is going on steadily. As part	

		II	of the deception plan two recce parties have been ordered, the first under the 2i/c as a bogus recce & as a deception, the second the actual recce party for the FAA. Weather - dry	AJMBrown CWPR
TILBURG 171314	4	I II	Two recce parties went off at first light to recce possible FUPs and FAAs. The 1st under the 2i/c was the bogus recce in conjunction with the Bn deception plan, the 2nd under OC Mor Pl carried out the op recce. The Corps Comd addressed all officers of the Division in the ENSA Hall Tilburg. He gave a detailed description of the bigger picture and of OP "VERITABLE". He emphasised that the whole success rested mainly on 15 (S) Div. In the afternoon the Brig briefed all offrs of the Bde down to Coy Cdrs. The Bn Op Order for OP "VERITABLE" was issued at 1400 hrs. The Pipe Band played retreat at 1600 hrs. One flying bomb landed in the vicinity of Tilburg. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
TILBURG 171314	5	I II	The Companies finished training with Kangaroos. The Bn Admin Order for Op Veritable was issued. The Commanding Officer held an 'O' Group at 1500 and briefed all Coy Comds for the op from a company level. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
TILBURG 171314 Nijmegen	6	I II	Coys dumped all surplus stores, kit, etc not required for the op at GOIRLE, where all personnel left out of battle will remain. Capt Elder took charge of this party which will be known as 'B' Ech. It will act as a transit camp for all leave personnel. The move order was recd from Bde at 1300 and the Bn move order was issued to Coys at 1400 hrs. The Bn column left TILBURG area at 1758 hrs and proceeded under cover of darkness to Bn conc area at NIJMEGEN. The column arrived at Dis Pt at 2400 hrs. On arrival companies were met by guides and billeted in two schools. As roads were extremely bad a few vehicle casualties did not arrive with the main column. Weather - cloudy	AJMB CWPR
Nijmegen	7	I	Tpt Sgt reported all vehicles in by 1400 hrs. Coy Comds briefed Companies during the morning and the Brigadier spoke to the Bn at 1200 hrs. He detailed the Op briefly and emphasised that it was very likely that the Op which they were about to take part in would probably end the war. The CO then said a few words about the detailed job. The CO held a co-ordinating conf for all supporting arms and Coy Comds. He finally gave out the sequence of events. He then went to Bde to check if any new pts had arisen owing to the fact that the weather had created a problem.	

		II	Weather - wet	AJMBrown CWPR
NIJMEGEN	8	I	The Bn plus supporting arms stood by waiting for orders to move. CO & IO went forward behind 46 Bde with the Bde 'O' Group. On receipt of codeword the Breaching Force which included 'C' Company moved east at 2100. The Bn moved at 2200 hrs east towards S.L. The CO joined the column at the Assembly Area. Column moved throughout the night towards FRASSELT with the aid of movement light. The condition of the roads was bad and this made going very difficult. The QM with A Ech remained at NIJMEGEN.	
		II	Weather - dry all day - rain in evening	AJMB CWPR
OUTSKIRTS CLEVE 875555	9	I	The column continued to proceed and at 0645 a lane was reported clear, the Bn then crossed the SL and advanced in Kangaroos towards objective, which was SCHOTTHEIDE. On route to SL the German border was crossed. C Coy had breached the A/T ditch and B D & A attacked objectives successfully. Coys took up defensive position round the village. Prisoners collected amounted to 9 offrs and 204 ORs. Our own casualties approx 10. Orders were received from Bde at 1230 that we had to move at 1330 to secure the HINGSTBERG feature Sq. 8455. Bn formed up in Kangaroos with in support tanks, Crocodiles & SPs and proceeded through Nutterden to objective. Reports recd showed that no enemy were our side of CLEVE so Bn went direct to attack feature 8755. This was carried out against greater opposition but Coys estd themselves on feature, taking quite a number of PW. The Boche reacted very strongly during the night with patrols, one infiltrating into 'C' Coy area 878558, who immediately drove them out. At 2015 a patrol about 12 strong infiltrated into Mx posn and overran this posn, knocking out 3 guns. 1 PW was captured by B Coy in a slit trench in Coy area with a wireless set.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
875555	10	I	The Brigadier arrived in the morning and went round Bn area. Slight shelling during morning. Warning order was recd that we may have to move to CLEVE not before 1400. Coys warned to be ready. CO called to 'O' Gp at Bde at 1230. Bn 'O' Gp assembled 1400 & CO gave out orders for attack on CLEVE. B Coy to clear feature junct of co-ords 8855 at 1700 hrs today & then return to their present location. Carriers, pioneers & cooks arrived at Bn HQ at 1600 hrs. B Coy reached objective at 1740 hrs & found it clear of enemy but a few enemy dead lying about. D Coy brought in 8 PW at 1750. The night was uneventful.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
CLEVE	11	I	At 0325 hrs Bde passed message that LO was on way with orders. LO did	

892551			not arrive until approx 0430 hrs. Orders recd cancel previous order to attack CLEVE and that we were to move direct to CLEVE at 0830 hrs and take over from 129 Bde - 43 Div. As LO was late timings were put back 1½ hrs. Recce party proceeded to 129 Bde HQ at 887556 at 0645 but was ambushed by enemy patrol & shot up. There was a certain amount of confusion as to location of own & enemy tps. Recce party returned & proceeded on tanks and approx 180 Boche surrendered. Coys moved at 1000 hrs and arrived in the western outskirts of Cleve at 1200 hrs. The Bn was superimposed on the WILTSHIRE REGT of 43 Div. The Bn took up a defensive posn in this area and sent patrols out during the night to the N and centre of the town and towards the canal, reporting no sign of enemy. The Kangaroos, Crocodiles & Sqn Gren Gds ceased to come under our command.	
		II	Weather - wet	AJMB CWPR
AM CLEVE 892551 PM 877552	12	I	The Bde is being relieved by 7 Bde 3 CON DIV. Recce parties moved off under 2i/c at 0730 to recce billet area as Bde is going into Corps reserve. Brigadier arrived at 0815 and gave information to CO. Coys ordered to be ready to move from 1400. Coys moved to reserve area independently from 1430 hrs and completely evacuated CLEVE by 1545. Bn estd in new area by 1630 hrs, having dug defensive posns. All Coys were located in billets and will probably remain in this location for 48 hrs. Time to be spent in re-organising & admin & rest.	
		II	Weather - wet	AJMB CWPR
877552	13	I	At 1 hours notice to move wef 0700 hrs. We are now under command of 43 Div. Warning order recd. CO and IO proceeded to 43 Div HQ at 878543 to meet Brig. CO held 'O' Group for Coy Cdrs & supporting arms 1130. We have to be prepared to counter attack area xrds 886536 - xrds 883538 - CLOISTER 878544 with in support One Sqn 4 Gren Gds, [4 Pl] B Coy 1 Mx & Tp 243 A/Tk. Infm received from Bde that we may not be used to morrow but may have to assist 43 Div.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
877552	14	I	Put at one hours notice to move from 1200 hrs. Cancelled at 1100 hrs. Not now likely to move before 1200 hrs, 15th. Not now at an hours notice. Coys ran sports during the afternoon. The area was bombed at 1630 hours. The CO presented Pte Zaccarini "Sp" Company with the C-in-C's Award for Gallantry.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
877552	15	I	May have to carry out a night attack. CO & IO proceeded to Bde 0915 hrs for orders. 0930 hrs message received from Brigade that we are not likely to move to-day and that we had to supply 100 men to carry out	

			road repairs. 1100 hrs CO returned from 'O' Gp. Likely that we shall have to carry out a very simple plan in the near future. 1200 plan as originally intended. We are to take GOCH from the NORTH with 52 attacking from the South. CO gave out situation to Coy Comds at 1430 hrs. 39 re-inforcements arrived and were posted to Companies. Infm recd. No move likely for 48 hrs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
877552	16	I	No move today - 100 men repairing roads. CO held a conference at 0915 to lay down vehicle loads & tpt in echelons. Coys to carry out weapon training and Tabloid sports, also a salvage drive. CO & 2i/c went to Bde at 1000 hrs to receive orders. A Echelon arrives in Bn area. Recce parties went forward to recce a harbour area at 918528 - no accommodation. CO held an "O" Group at 2030 hrs for Coy Cdrs & supporting arms, where he gave out our plan to secure the high ground north of and overlooking GOCH. 2300 recce parties at 30 mins notice from 0900, 17th. No move likely for Bn before 1430.	
		II	Weather - misty	AJMB CWPR
877552	17	I	Bn prepared for move. CO went on leave & Maj AES JACKSON MC took over the Bn. No move to-day. Coys trained with tanks and watched mediums firing during the afternoon. 1600 CO went to O Gp. No move before 0700 hrs. Recce parties at 30 mins from 0600 hrs. CO held O Gp for all Coy Comds at 2000. All supporting arms were represented. Plan for attack on GOCH 9143 was planned.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
877552 N of GOCH 911445	18	I	Recce parties moved off at 0730 hrs to recce Assembly Area for Bn south of the CLEVE FOREST 934469. Bn moved at 1115 hrs and arrived at Assembly Area S. of CLEVE forest at 1215. CO held a final co-ordinating conference at 1300 hrs. Coys married up with Kangaroos & tanks. 1430 'D' Coy advanced towards the START LINE followed by 'A' Coy, followed by Bn HQ. A/Tk ditch not bridged, impossible to continue in Kangaroos. D & A Coys de-pouched & advanced on foot, but were held up by MGs north of A/Tk ditch. 1930 hrs Bn took up a firm position around 911445. CO asked for instructions from Brigadier, answer being it is essential that we mount a well co-ordinated attack to secure objectives, which must not fail. CO called 'O' Gp to co-ordinate at 2005 hrs. 2330 hrs B & D Coys went in to objectives on re-organised plan. B Coy on foot advancing slowly against stiff opposition but taking several PW. 'D' Coy advanced in Kangaroos and de-pouched when across anti tank ditch. They proceeded and secured objective without much opposition.	AESJ AESJ

			'C' Coy remained in area of Bn HQ.	AJMB AESJ
911445	19	I	Companies are now estd as follows: D - area 912441 - 913441; B - area 918440 - 917437; A moving through D Coy to secure 912436. Tanks reported to Bn HQ at 0630 hrs and 1 Troop was sent to B Coy & 1 Tp to A & 1 Tp to D. 0900 A Coy secured xrds 913436. 'C' Coy to be passed through A Coy to secure ground to river. Plan formed Coy to be assisted by tanks and Crocodiles. C Coy crossed START LINE at 1300. Area cleared by 1720 hours. Patrol sent forward to river during the night to report of bridges but reported blown. Objectives now completely taken & Coys firmly established.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB AESJ
911445	20	I	Coys remained in present locations; to have maximum rest. Heavy shelling throughout the day. CO held a co-ordinating DEFENCE Conference at 1415 hrs. CO received a personal letter of congratulations for the good job the Bn had done to secure its objectives. B Coy sent a standing patrol to 922437. Mortars and MMG used to put down harassing fire in area square 9242.	
		II	Weather - misty	AJMBrown AESJ
911445	21	I	Quiet night, slight small arms fire in 'C' Company area; no shelling. CO to RV at Bde at 1115 for instructions. CO O Gp 1515 hrs. The CO outlined the intention for attack on woods NE of WEEZE. Attack may take place in two days time. Bn visited by the Div Comd & Bde Comd.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB AESJ
911445	22	I	Monmouths were superimposed on our area and took over our operational commitments. CO went to recce area for forming up the Battalion. CO attended a Brigadiers 'O' Gp at 1615 hours. Bn 'O' Gp was held at 2000 hrs and orders were given out for the attack on enemy positions in the wooded area NE of WEEZE. Bn to be prepared to move at first light.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB AESJ
942414	23	I	Bn moved to FAA in square 9344 at 0630 hrs. CO held a co-ordinating conference at 0700. Main Bn HQ estd 936441 by 0830 hours; Coys moved from FAA to FUP at 0920; B & D passing START LINE at 1014 to attack wood 939412. Progress was slow as shelling was heavy. Objectives taken by 1222 hours. C & A Coys then passed through to attack right hand side of woods in area 940404 which was cleared to southern edge by 1317. A considerable number of PW were taken, shelling being very heavy. Forward company reported enemy inf & tanks at 948395. This was dealt with effectively by SHELLDRAKE. Bn took up a firm position in area secured, Bn HQ having been established at 942414. A patrol was sent out by Carrier Platoon to farm 936401 and then to	

		II	wood at 936396. Weather - fair	AJMB AESJ
942414	24	I	Carrier Pl sent a patrol to wood 935395 to harass enemy on other side of river. They had a very profitable day claiming 16 certain hits. Bde Comd visited the Bn at 0830 hrs. Enemy smoke screen put down in area 944394 at 0930 hrs. Probable enemy counter attack. 4" mortars & arty dealt with effectively. Bde being relieved by 3 Br Inf Div tomorrow. Bn moving to rest area at TILBURG. Guides met recce party from 8 Br Inf Bde at 1400. CO & IO of S LAN R recced posns during afternoon.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB AESJ
942414 Harbour Area 9346	25	I	A Coy sent out a recce patrol to wood in sq. 925395. Coy reps & recce parties from S LAN R arrived at 0945. CO held 'O' Gp at 1200 hrs to give out orders for move to concentration area. Harbour recce parties went off at 1200 hrs. Bn was completely relieved by 2200 hrs and concentrated in harbour area 9346. Move Order for move to rest area issued 2330 hrs.	
		II	Weather - wet	AJMB AESJ
9346 AM	26	I	Bn moved in convoy to at 0900 hrs, arriving at destination at 1415 hrs to harbour in this area one night prior to moving to Turnhout. Troops were allowed to walk out.	
TURNHOUT 1/100,000 BELGIUM- NE FRANCE SHEET 3 Map Ref 0506	27	I	Bn moved by MT to Bde rest area in TURNHOUT, arriving approx 1400 hrs. The Bn was billeted in schools and the officers in civilian houses.	JRPB AESJ
TURNHOUT	28	I	The day was spent in administration. The CO inspected all personnel who had joined the Bn since it had been in the line during the last ops ⊙ A further draft of 39 ORs arrived. These were mainly men from the Border Regt. At a Coy Comds conference the outline of the Bn activities during the rest period was announced. The main points were as follows:- All MT to be thoroughly overhauled; trg to be carried out between 0900 hrs and 1330 hrs, particular attention being given to woodland fighting; assault crossings; night work (each coy to do two night exercises); drill; WT and shooting. It is hoped that every man in the Bn will be able to have 48 hrs leave in BRUSSELS during the rest period.	JRPB AESJ

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Month and Year MAR 45

Commanding Officer Maj AES JACKSON MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TURNHOUT	1		General administration ⊙ All 'A' vehs were concentrated under OC Sp Coy for overhaul and 50% of coy Jeeps and 15 cwt trucks were similarly concentrated under MTO for 5 days overhaul.	JRPB CWPR
	2		A REME team visited the Bn to inspect all small arms and LMGs. Coys carried out trg e.g. route marches, drill, discussion on wood fighting. A Bn dance was held in the evening and cinema shows were given in the afternoon and evening.	JRPB CWPR
TURNHOUT	Sat 3		The CO held a Bn Parade in the morning at the Football Field CASTERLE STRAAT, this being a Rehearsal for the visit of the GOC 15(S) Div on 5 Mar. The Bn was formed up in hollow square and the general salute was given. Thereafter the Bn marched past in coln of threes. C & D Coys carried through a night attack exercise from 1900 - 2300 hrs. The whole Bn bathed during the day. Cinema and variety shows were given in the afternoon and evening. 76 men of each A & B Coys went off to BRUSSELS for 48 hrs leave.	AHE CWPR
-Do-	Sun 4		A Bn Memorial Service was held in the morning at which those of the Bn who had given their lives were specially remembered. The Chaplain conducted the service and preached the Sermon. The lesson was read by the Commanding Officer. The Bde Comd attended. In the afternoon the MASSED PIPES & DRUMS of the Div played in TILBURG. The Comd Offr and a party from Sp Coy attended.	AHE CWPR
TURNHOUT	Mon 5		The Div Comd addressed the Bn on the football field, after taking the General Salute. The Bn then marched past the GOC in coln of threes. The Div Comd expressed his appreciation of the work of the Bn in the recent ops and congratulated all ranks. In the afternoon the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Div played a programme & beat Retreat in the Market Square TURNHOUT. All available personnel attended and the Bde Comd took the salute. The Band was under the comd of CSM J LYALL HQ Coy.	

			A warning order was received for the move of the Bn to area DIEST 1667 on 6 Mar and harbour parties left at midday. Final orders were received in the evening for the move of the Bn at 1400 hrs 6 Mar. A Bde Offrs Dance was held in the evening in TURNHOUT. The Div Comd attended. A Bn ORs dance was also held.	AHE CWPR
ZELEM	Tues 6	II	Bn left TURNHOUT by MT at approx 1100 hrs and went through GHEEL and DIEST to the area of ZELEM (1:250,000 NW Europe Sheet 3 K165676), arriving at approx 1400 hrs. Harbour parties had had a very difficult task and coy areas were very scattered. All coys were however eventually accommodated either in schools or civilian billets. On arrival in the new area the Division came under comd 12 Corps. Weather - fine rain during the majority of the day.	JRPB CWPR
	7 Wed	I II	The remaining 50% of unit transport was called into the unit garage for overhaul. Coys settled into new billets and practised moving with smoke cover. Weather fair.	JRPB CWPR
	8 Thu		Information was received that special training for an assault crossing of a large river is to begin on 10 Mar. During the day Coys practised wood clearing. Two coys carried out a night exercise i.e. the advance from a river obstacle. Capt M.St.G. PALLOT joined the Bn.	JRPB CWPR
ZELEM	9 Fri	I	Training similar to yesterday. A further leave party went to Brussels for 48 hr leave. CO attended conference at Bde on forthcoming ops and trg.	JRPB CWPR
	10 Sat	I	Coys marched to a demonstration in the Bn area of the loading and capabilities of a 'BUFFALO' conducted by Capt HASLAM. Baths for A, B, Sp and HQ Coys. CO and Coy Comds attended a cloth model exercise at HQ 12 Corps. The object of the exercise was to show the drill for crossing a large river.	JRPB CWPR
ZELEM	11 Sun		A, B, D Coys carried out trg with stormboats in the morning. Coys held church services in addition to trg. A promotion conference was held in the morning. 13 Pl won an inter-pl Tug of War in the afternoon.	JRPB CWPR
	12 Mon		The CO IO and Coy Comds carried out recces in the area HOUTHUIZEN 5872 (OS 1/50000 France & Belgium Sheet 47) preparatory to "Exercise BUFFALO" which is to take place on 14 Mar. Capt Moffat and Coy 2i/cs carried out recces of marshalling areas preparatory to an operational crossing of the RHINE. On their return, however, they were ordered to recce another area on 13 Mar. The Pipe Band beat Retreat at ZELEM.	JRPB CWPR
ZELEM	13	1	Team from REME inspected all weapons. Recce parties recced marshalling and alternative marshalling areas for future ops under 2i/c. CO held an 'O' Gp at 1000 hrs to give out orders for exercise on River Crossing to be held on 14 Mar 45, after which CO visited all coys.	

			Instructions issued, Bn to move to concentration area for EXERCISE at 0630 hrs 14th Mar.	
		2	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	14	I	Bn took part in river crossing Exercise "Buffalo" to practise coys in crossing a river obstacle by day. Bn moved in TCVs from present location at 0630 hrs to marshalling area at HOUTHUIZEN 5972. Coys moved fwd to Storm Boat waiting area at 1200 hrs and crossed the R MAAS at AREA 6168. Vehs crossed river on ferries. Coys carried out an exercise on landing on captured given objectives. On completion coys embussed and returned to unit location at 1700 hrs. At end of EXERCISE CO held a conference for Coy Commanders to discuss the operation.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	15	I	CO attended a conference at Bde at 0900 hrs. Bn moved in TCVs to marshalling area to carry out Ex. 'BUFFALO' by night, arriving at 1645 hrs. Zero hour for crossing to be 0400 hrs. Coys had a hot meal in marshalling area and then rested.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
EX HOUTHUIZEN PM ZELEM	16	I	Coys crossed river in storm boats shortly after 0500 and assembled on far bank of R MAAS for attack. Coys passed through RSF and captured objectives by 0730 hrs. Bn then embussed & returned to marshalling area for hot meal before returning to unit locn.	
		II	Weather - misty in morning	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	17	I	The day was generally observed as a holiday. Entertainment was organised and the following performances given: Div Concert Party 2 shows at HAELEN ⊙ pictures at DIEST Cinema ⊙ 1 truck per coy to LOUVAIN ⊙ HQ Coy organised a football competition. CO was called to Bde at 1700 hrs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	18	I	Church Services were held in Coys areas in the morning. Bn played RSF at football winning 5 goals to 1. The remainder of the day was spent in general admin.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	19	I	All coys carried out coy attack exercises & pln training. Baths for Bn during the day. Signal Officer organised a signal exercise to train officers in the use of 46 set & signal procedure. CO held a cloth model exercise for all officers down to Pl Comds and gave out outline orders for Operation "Torchlight". Harbour parties went off to marshalling area. Lt MILNE took part in wireless deception exercise at Bde HQ.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	20	I	CO, IO & Coy Comds went fwd to Zanten area on a recce to look at	

			ground on east bank of R RHINE from OPs manned by 52(L) Inf Div. All Coys carried out a fifteen mile route march. An officers dinner was held at Bn HQ for all officers down to Captain and at D Coy location for all subalterns. The Burgomaster of ZELEM attended the senior officers dinner.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	21	I	The CO spoke to all coys during morning. Coys fired all weapons and made final arrangements for move to the marshalling area, and Op 'Torchlight'. Bn Op & Adm Orders issued. Church service for RCs was held in the Cloisters ZELEM by the RC Padre.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	22	I	All Bn tracked vehicles moved to conc area 0730hrs. CO held a conf for Rifle Coy Comds at 1000. Coy Comds then proceeded to marshalling area independently. Main body moved in TCVs at 1730 hrs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
BISKES (064399)	23	I	Column arrived in the marshalling area at 0640 hrs, coys in bivouac area, wood 065405. Troops received hot meal and then rested. CO went to co-ordinating conference at Bde at 1400 hrs. IO took reps from coys to see route to Storm Boat Waiting Area in daylight. Coy Comds briefed coys during the afternoon. CO held a co-ord conference at 1600 hrs. Transport, to cross Rhine, marshalled by serials at 2300 hrs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
BISLICH 140435 BERGEN 140460	24	I	Zero hour for RHINE crossing 0200 hrs. The 8RS & 6RSF having crossed & successfully captured objectives, 6KOSB crossed at approx 0330 and advanced towards objectives, which were secured before first light, prisoners being taken. Bn HQ was estd in BISLICH 140435. The airborne dropped in front of our line at 1000 hrs and we contacted them on the 300 set, they say everything is going well and that they captured all their objectives. C & D Coys ordered to contact them at 157457 & 175436. D Coy patrol could not get as far as junc pt as they came under heavy fire from 156457 & wood 163453. 'C' Coy were able to link up with airborne. Warning Order Bn to conc for possible advance to NE. Slidex message received at 1800 Bn to conc in BERGEN prior to advancing towards Bridge at 203529. Bn conc in BERGEN by 1900 hrs. The Commanding Officer went to see Brig for details. 'O' Group for Coy Comds ordered for 0530 hrs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
BERGEN	25	I	0530 hrs, CO gave out his orders for advance to contact. Recce party	

199509		II	to swan out in front and report various lines clear, main body to advance as follows: 2 secs Carriers, A & B Coys carried on tanks of 4 Armd Bde (who are in support), Tac Bn HQ, C & D Coys on foot. Also in support, one demolition party 279 Fd Coy RE & SP Bty of Anti-Tank guns. Bn were able to advance as far as 179503 but found it was not possible to use axis of road 176505 - 193513 during daylight. Coys took up posns in area 179503. CO gave out orders to Coy Comds at 1800 hrs for night advance towards Bridge 203529. Bn moved fwd at 2100 and D & C soon captured objective at 200514 and 201518 respectively. Bn HQ estd at 199509. A & B Coys reached objectives at 205519 & 202523 at 2245 against light opposition. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
199509	26	I	By 0100 Coys were beginning to come up against stiffer opposition and inf & SP guns reported in area of wood 200527. 'C' Coy ordered to move forward to deal with this. C Coy captured first part of obj. but before they could dig in they were counter attacked by a Bn from the North. Situation became confused for a period but 'C' Coy fought very fiercely until they had fired their last round, then they retaliated with the bayonet and anything else which could be used to kill. By 0730 hrs the enemy were in retreat. The CO re-organised the Bn and gave coys their respective tasks. Coys were re-located as follows: A 205520, B 203524, C 200523, D 203502. A platoon from B Coy commanded by Lieut ALLARD went to area 200521 and captured 2 officers & 122 ORs who surrendered without a fight. During the night patrols were sent out by the Carrier Pl to main rd 203528 - 206520 to ensure that it is clear of enemy, so that REs can construct a bridge over R ISSEL after the 6RSF have gained a bridgehead.	
		II	Weather - rain	AJMB CWPR
199509	27	I	A Coy sent out a patrol to wood at 210523 to see if there were any enemy there; 3 PW taken. Coys were used to repair roads in fwd areas, as they were by now in a bad condition owing to the rain & tanks. At 1730 hrs, A & D Coys were placed at 30 mins notice to move to the assistance of 6RSF who had been counter attacked. These coys moved to area wood 205532 to build up 6RSF during the night, after the counter attack had been held.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	28	I	53 Div having moved up on our right, it was necessary to change coy areas. By 0700 B Coy had moved to area 202527 and C Coy to area of houses at 195525. D & A Coys to come back under command and take up position to the rear of B & C Coys. The Carrier Pl patrolled as far as the 18 Grid line without meeting any opposition, but discovered 18	

			Boche hiding in a cellar. At 2055 Bde informed us that we had no longer any operational commitments and coys were to have maximum rest & best billets available.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	29	I	The day was spent in salvaging kit & equipt, and in the collection of enemy arms and equipment. A Ech Transport joined coys in coy areas.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	30	I	The Padre held church services for all coys during the morning. 1400 hrs the Commanding Officer held a promotion conf. The day was spent in general maint & clearing up the battle area.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
199509	31	I	The day was spent in training. In the morning baths were allotted to A, B, and D Coys. In the afternoon one hour was devoted to discussions on current affairs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

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Unit 6 KOSB

Month and Year APRIL 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NR HAMMINKELN 199509	1	0930	An Easter Day Church Service was held in the Protestant Church at HAMMINKELN SQUARE 2048. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	2	0900 1530 1000	Coys carried out Pl and Coy trg in the morning and discussions in the afternoon. The Bde Civ Affairs Officer gave a lect to all WOs and Sgts on the subject of German civilians. Baths were allotted to Coys during the morning. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	3	0900 I II	Coys continued training. Warning Order issued, Bn to be prepared to move to area NORTH of BOCHOLT - RHEDE. Order cancelled, Bn now to move to area GREVEN 904886, not before 1500 hrs, 4 APR 45. The Brigadier and COs of 8RS & 6RSF attended a Bn HQ Officers Dinner in the evening. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	4	0900 1000 1400 II	Bn Harbour & recce party, under Capt ELDER, proceeded to Bde RV at rd & rly crossing GREVEN 904886. Infm recd Bn will now move early morning of the 5th April 45. Coys carried out a ten mile route march. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
BORGHORST 7692	5	0745	Bn moved from area HAMMINKELN in TCVs to area already recced at BORGHORST SQ 7692. The column arrived at BORGHORST at 1215. Coys were billeted in the town itself. Weather - fair	AB CWPR
BORGHORST 7692	6	0900 1215 1415	Coys carried out trg in street fighting & wood clearing. RSM took B & C Coys on drill. Warning Order Harbour & Recce Parties at 30 mins notice to move wef 1230, vehs ready to move from 1800 hrs. Harbour Parties moved to new area under 2ic.	

		1445 1500	Coys continued trg at Coy Comds disposal. Parties of 1 officer and four from each coy searched the houses in Bn area for weapons etc. The Commanding Officer held an 'O' Gp at which he gave out infm he had recd from Bde.	AJMB CWPR
SCHMALGE SQ 625222	7	0820 1700 1830	Bn Column left BORGHORST to proceed to area already recced by 2IC. The Bn moved in three groups as follows:- (1) Sp Coy under Capt Moffat (2) A Ech under TO and (3) All Marching Personnel in TCVs plus Bn HQ. Column arrived at destination area SCHMALGE. The CO held an 'O' GROUP for COY COMDS to give out orders for the clearing of woods in area EAST of BN LOCN. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
SCHMALGE 625222	8	0900	Coys cleared woods in the area of the OSTER WALD woods and captured 20 PW. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
SCHMALGE	9	0900 1410 1400 1500 1830	Church Services were held by Coys in the morning. The Carrier Pl gave a demonstration on the use of the "WASP". Coys carried on with coy trg. B Coy tested all Bren guns, resulting in the surrender of 6 Germans who had been hiding in the woods. Warning Order recd from Bde, Bn may move morning 10 APR. Harbour Parties to RV in Sq. 9422 by 0930 hrs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
MIL CAMP 941286	10	0845 1230 2215	Bn moved from area SCHMALGE and proceeded in an easterly direction to area recced by the 2IC. The R WESER being crossed at PETERSHAGEN. Column arrived in new area and was billeted in a German Hutted Camp. Warning Order recd from Bde, Bn harbour parties to proceed under DAA & QMG at 0630 hrs, 11th Apr. Bn will move on the 11th Apr, but no move before 1100 hrs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
941286 PM/GAILHOF 377415	11	0930 1100 1720 2030	CO & IO to Bde Order Group. Harbour party proceeded under 2IC to recce new area. CO held an 'O' Gp for all Coy Comds. Bn passed SP, rd junc LOCCUM 958291 and proceeded to new conc area. Bn arrived area GAILHOF, Bn HQ in hotel 377415. Coys were billeted in houses in the vicinity. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
GAILHOF 377415	12	0900 1000	Coys carried out trg in Coy area. Harbour Parties to stand by at immediate notice to move.	

RIXFORD 478472 AERODROME 5647		1430 1530 1800 1930 1940 2115 2245 2250	Harbour Party proceeding under 2IC to recce area in outskirts of CELLE. Bn to clear wood in area FUHRBERG WOOD 4847. Bn HQ estd at RIXFORD 478472 for the op. Bn ordered to keep off road between STEINFORDE and HAMBUHREN owing to EMISSARY from HIMMLER negotiating regarding 50,000 political PW with TYPHUS in 11 Armd Div front. 'A' Coy despatched to HAMBUHREN to fire two red verey lights which will mean that all our troops are south of this road and negotiations will continue. 'A' Coy fired the verey lights. Bn HQ estd west of CELLE at aerodrome 5647. All coys now in new area. Weather - good	AJMBrown CWPR
Do 374528	13	0930 1000 1100 1500 1600 2100	Harbour parties moved under 2IC to recce conc area at gas works CELLE 599511. Bn to conc there prior to advancing behind 227 & 46 Inf Bdes to conc area UELZEN 8989. Bn drill parade under RSM. RECREATION by coys. Bn moved to conc area in the North Eastern outskirts of CELLE at 374528. Bn arrived at new location and immediately winkled several enemy stragglers out of the houses. Intention - to follow up behind 227 Bde. CO attended Bde 'O' Group and received orders for advance in area South East of UELZEN. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
374528 RABER 8078	14	0730 1230 1245 1730 1845	CO held Bn 'O' Gp and gave out orders for move & operations in area NE of UELZEN. Harbour Parties with one platoon of B Coy moved to recce area for Bn at RABER 8078. On approaching the village they found it had not been cleared, so they set about the task and captured a number of PW. Bn main body moved in TCVs to RABER arriving at 1615. CO attended Bde 'O' Group. CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out his orders for capture of WESTERWEYHE. Bn concentrated here prior to advancing fwd. During the night normal defensive measures were taken. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

HOLDENSTEDT 8783	15	0630	Bn moved to harbour area at Holdenstedt 8783, prior to passing through UELZEN on capture by 227 Bde.	
		0915	CO attended 'O' Gp at 227 Bde HQ. Plan now altered. 227 Bde have not captured UELZEN: opposition stiffening and greater than expected. 44 (L) Bde to carry out a right flanking movement to open an axis for 6 Airborne Div.	
		1000	CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out orders for attack on Halligdorf 9186.	
NIENDORF		1400	Bn moved up to NIENDORF on capture by the 6RSF. Bn now to be prepared to capture HAMBROCK as 6RSF have advanced to HALLIGDORF.	
		1615	D Coy ordered to lead advance to HALLIGDORF.	
		1725	D Coy meeting considerable opposition. CO asked Bde if tanks could move forward from HALLIGDORF and support D Coy to objective.	
		1730	Brigadier arrived and plan is to be put into operation. D Coy to advance over the open ground under cover of smoke with tanks supporting from area in front of HALLIGDORF.	
		1950	D Coy in village of Hambrock, captured a considerable no of PW and 8 20mm guns with only three casualties.	
HALLIGDORF 913863			By 1735 B Coy had est a firm base in woods to SW of HAMBROCK, following behind D Coy.	
		2200	By 2200 'C' Coy had advanced to area 901875 where they relieved a coy of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders. A Coy at 2230 advanced to & secured the cross rds of 916878.	
			Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
HALLIGDORF 913863	16	0001	Coys now established firmly in following posns: A Coy area x tks 916876 B Coy area 904871 C Coy area 903877 D Coy HAMBROCK - 912864 Bn HQ at HALLIGDORF 913863 Bn remained in position as firm base. Periodic shelling during the day. 'OP' established directed mortar fire on enemy posns and the SNIPER section were active during the day, claiming two dead and one wounded.	
		1600	Div Comd visited Bn and went to OP with CO.	
			Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
HALLIGDORF 913863	17	0100	Fighting patrol from D Coy went out to general area of houses 907883 and located enemy posns.	

HAMBROCK 912876		1030 1030 1100 1308 1400 1425 1545 1550 1710 1910 2050 2215 2230	Carrier Pl patrolled fwd to 907883 and cleared some houses. CO has ordered one platoon of D Coy to go up and secure this area. B Coy now in area HALLIGDORF and resting pending tonights ops. A Coy resting in HAMBROCK. Ops going well D Coy ordered to move up and establish themselves in area of the houses at 908885. 'A' conc in Hambrock ready to move fwd. Bn HQ established at HAMBROCK. A & D Coys to move fwd and clear the town UELZEN on the EAST BANK of the river up to road 903891 to 910890. C Coy to remain in area 902877 as flank protection. Enemy trying to infiltrate through 'D' Coy with a tank or SP - Tp of tanks being sent up to assist. A Coy moving up on left of D and in line with the river are encountering a certain amount of opposition. This is being dealt with, and 11 PW have been taken. CO went to 'D' and 'A' Coys to get complete situation. Div Comd & Brig arrived. CO infm them that there is a stalemate at present. Tp of [tanks] has moved up to assist D Coy. If enemy cannot be cleared during daylight, advance will be continued by night. A Coy reached final objective, D Coy advancing, situation with "D" Coy is loosening. A Coy now established as follows: 903889 - 901886 - 902885. Both bridges are intact, and are covered by fire. D Coy reached final objective. Div Comd wishes us to send a pl to secure a br head over the river at 903092. 7 Pl A Coy moved to secure br head - surprised sentries and firmly established west of river, bridge intact. Advance to continue at 0400 18 APR to secure final obj. at area 903903 & 903900. Weather - good	903902? AJMB CWPR
HAMBROCK	18	0400 0545 0625 0705	B & C Coys crossed SL for advance to final obj. During advance 'C' Coy released a no of Brit PW. B Coy on final objective with very little resistance. C Coy on final objective. B Coy report PW on west of river are KOSB and Border Regt captured at ARNHEM.	

UELZEN 905892		1000	Bn HQ moved into UELZEN and established at 905892. Throughout the day B, C & A Coys stood guard along the river running from N to S through UELZEN and as the Boche retreated in front of 46 Bde the Coys opened with accurate fire. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
MOLZEN 9293	19	1000 1300 1500 1700 1730 2100	Harbour Parties moved under the Second in Command to recce a conc area for the Bn at MOLZEN 9293. Coys moved by march route to new area, arriving at approx 1500. Veh column plus Bn HQ moved to MOLZEN. Brig visited Bn. CO attended 'O' Gp at Bde HQ. CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out orders for move to area LUNEBURG. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
MOLZEN 9293 GITKENDORF 883141	20	 1000 1015 1430 1605 1700	Bn to move by march route to GITKENDORF 8813, where it will harbour for one night prior to moving to conc area near LUNEBURG. Harbour Pty moved to harbour area under 2IC. Marching personnel passed Bn SP. Veh coln passed SP. Bn HQ est at GITKENDORF 883141. Marching personnel arrived. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
do LUNEBURG 805205	21	0830 0930 1020 1038	Harbour parties under 2IC moved to LUNEBURG to recce conc area for Bn. CO to Bde to discuss pending ops. Marching inf passed SP at 1020 and arrived at new locn by 1230 hrs. Veh coln moved to new locn. Bn conc in a German Cavalry Bks with all coys together. The remainder of the day was spent clearing up the billets. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
LUNEBURG	22	0930 1730	CO proceeded on a recce with the Brigadier. The day was spent in organising the Barracks, all Russian PW were moved to a Displaced Persons camp in LUNEBURG. 37 sick Russians, 3 with Typhus, were not fit to be removed. These were conc in one building, which was taped off & guarded. CO held a conf for all Coy Comds. Weather - wet	AJMB CWPR

LUNEBURG	23		The day was spent in training in Coy areas. In the afternoon inter company football was arranged. Vacancies for the Tam O'Shanter Concert Party being allotted to coys for shows at 1500 hrs and 1800 hrs. The Commanding Officer interviewed and congratulated all those who had distinguished themselves during the recent operation. Lieut Col SPARROW from the War Office paid a visit to the Bn. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
LUNEBURG do	24	0900	During the morning coys continued to train, the RSM taking coys on drill. During the afternoon inter coy football matches were played. Baths and seats for a cinema were allotted to coys. The Second in Command organised a Bn concert party and rehearsals have begun. It is hoped the concert will be ready for the opening night on Saturday. Weather - good	AB CWPR
LUNEBURG	25	0900 1400 1900	During the morning coys carried out trg. 'A' Coy & Sp prepared for drill competition. 'B' Coy fired on the range in the morning and had a cross country run in the afternoon. 'C' Coy practised grenade throwing and carried on with weapon trg & PPT. 'D' Coy spent the morning on weapon trg, PPT and map reading. 'HQ' Coy carried out specialist training by platoons. In the afternoon the Bn played the 8RS at football, score 2 goals each. The Pipe Band played a selection of pipe tunes for half an hour. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
LUNEBURG	26	0930 1030	CO attended a short co-ordinating conference at Bde. CO returned from Bde and ordered a Coy Comds 'O' Gp. The Commanding Officer informed Coy Comds that the Russians were on the R ELBE and that they were pushing North in strength. We will be required to carry out our crossing on the morning of the 27th or 28th. The CO gave out his orders for the operation. All arrangements for drill competition, concerts etc are now cancelled and all coys are preparing for the crossing of the R ELBE. Baths were allotted to coys during the morning. Training programmes continued and coys carried out trg in coy areas. The IO went to Div HQ for a flight in an Air OP and was able to look at the ground over which we will be operating in the pending op. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR

LUNEBURG	27	1100 1200 1700 1800 1900 2100	Reps from Sp Arms reported to receive orders for the crossing of R ELBE. Bde Op Order recd. CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out final orders for Op Enterprise, which is the crossing of the R ELBE. 6KOSB as res Bn will pass through 6RSF and capture SCHNAKENBEK 8435 from the SE. The Pipes and Drums under Drum Maj Lyall played retreat at the Cavalry Bks Luneburg. Admin Order for Op "ENTERPRISE" recd. Bn Op and Adm Orders for "ENTERPRISE" issued. Weather - fair, rain during afternoon.	AB CWPR
LUNEBURG	28	0900 0930 1500 1800 2100	Maj JACKSON in the absence of the Commanding Officer addressed the Bn. Orders were given out to Coys for move to the marshalling area and thence to ARTLENBURG, prior to crossing the R ELBE. Marching inf moved to marshalling area. Bn will harbour in area of woods NORTH of ARTLENBURG until dark when it will move to the waiting area in the village. Bn Tac HQ will be est in ARTLENBURG until op is complete. Vehs crossing on LVT ferry moved to marshalling area. Inf moved to waiting area. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ARTLENBURG SCHNAKENBEK 8435	29	0200 0300 0845 1445 1815 1900 2000 2400	Assault bns crossed the R ELBE and secured the initial br head. Bn crossed in BUFFALOs in the following order: C - A - B - D - carriers dismounted. On arriving on the north bank coys re-organised in the quarry (8435). Shortly after first light the Bn had secured its obj. SCHNAKENBEK 8435 with the Carrier Pl on the high ground at 8536. Vehs for Cl 40 raft moved to the marshalling area. Orders recd over wireless, as things are going well Bn will capture and occupy KRUKOW 8239 after dark and patrol as far as 8342 at first light. Div will then hold this line to allow 11th Armd to pass through. Infm recd from the SAS that they have patrols in GULZOW 8342 and report it is not held. CO asked the Brigadier if he could move straight to GULZOW and occupy it tonight. Brigadier agreed, and carriers were immediately sent off to take up posns near the village. CO held an 'O' Gp and gave out orders for the move. Bn moved to GULZOW in the following order: C - A - Bn HQ - B - D. Bn completely est in the village.	AB CWPR

GULZOW 8342	30		During the morning patrols were sent off to find out if enemy were in area of WOOD N and NE of GULZOW.	
		1222	'C' Coy contacted 10 HLI on left in WIERSHOP.	
		1240	'B' Coy sent a patrol to KOLLOW 8144 and contacted the RECCE.	
		1315	'D' Coy patrol captured one PW who stated that he was one of a coy of pnrs who had been given the job of blowing the Br in GULZOW, but were too late.	
		1400	Carrier Pl sent out a patrol through the large wood to the north. Held up when leading carrier went up on a mine at 847437.	
		1500	A Coy ordered to move to and secure KOLLOW 8141.	
		1700	Reported in posn.	
		1705	Carriers report a certain amount of opposition from area 853435. Arty to engage this target periodically until 2000 hrs.	
			During the day the LUFTWAFFE was again active over our area, a large proportion being shot down.	
			Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

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Month and Year MAY 45

Commanding Officer Maj AES JACKSON MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GULZOW 8342	1	0830 0845 0900 1030 1200 1340 1430 WORTH 7744 1530 BRUNSTORF 7847 1915 2000 2300 Weather - good.	May be moving under comd 227 Inf Bde. CO proceeded to 227 Bde HQ at 795377 to discuss move. Coys put at 15 mins notice to move. Bn not now moving under 227 Bde. Will now move to harbour area at Kollow. Bn moved to KOLLOW. General int. Bn is now harboured in KOLLOW 8144 with a view to moving west and securing BRUNSTORF 7847. CO gave out orders for Coy Comds. Tac HQ moved to WORTH sq 7744. B & C Coys moved straight to BRUNSTORF from the direction of WORTH. D Coy advanced northwards to approach BRUNSTORF from NE. The village completely secured and coys est in this area. CO attended Bde 'O' Gp. Bn to be at 30 mins notice from 0900 hrs. Weather - good.	AJMB CWPR
BRUNSTORF 7847 FRIEDRICHSRUH 7251	2	0800 0950 1005 1446 1520 1545 1800 Weather - good.	CO held Bn 'O' Gp and gave out orders for wood clearing operation. General Int. Bn to clear area of wood North of rly round FRIEDRICHSRUH. Bn moved to conc area prior to commencing op. Bde ordered Bn to place a guard on SCHLOSS to safeguard NAZI records as it is believed to have been an HQ of HIMMLER. Coys proceeding well, little opposition. 'C' Coy have found a place with members of SWISS legation. Prince & Princess BISMARK found in FRIEDRICHSRUH. Coys completed the wood clearing and took up billet posns around FRIEDRICHSRUH. Coys to mount strong guards and have stand to posns recced.	AJMB CWPR

FRIEDRICHSRUH 7251 KRONHORST 6957	3	1025 1200 1300 1400 1800	Bn to move at 1400 hrs to KRONSHORST 6957. Bn recce pty moved to KRONSHORST. Bde passed message all enemy in HAMBURG and dist have surrendered and there will be no firing in this area wef 1300 hrs. Bn moved to KRONHORST. Warning Order recd Bde Gp moving to a conc area at BARGTEHEIDE 6673, details to be issued at 1930 hrs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
DELINGSDORF 664713	4	0950 2100	Bn moved to DELINGSDORF and Bn HQ was est at 664713. Coys proceeded by march route and arrived in billet area by 1630 hrs. On the BBC it was announced that all org resistance had ceased in Holland, Denmark & NW Germany.	
    DELINGSDORF 664713	5	0900 0900 1530 1800	Official message was recd from Bde as follows:- Germans surrendered unconditionally at 1840 hrs 4 May 45. Hostilities on all 2nd Army fronts will cease at 0800 hrs 5th May 45. No advance beyond our present locn without orders from Bde HQ. A party of 1 NCO & 2 men per coy proceeded under Capt GER CAREY MC and IO to visit BELSEN Camp. CO went to Bde to get details for the future. The day was generally spent in cleaning of weapons & tidying up. CO, 2IC, Adjt and Coy Comds went to a Bde dinner. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
do	6	1030 1145 1215 1500 1700	Church Service was held for RCs by the Bde RC Padre. The Commanding Officer addressed all Coys and outlined to the troops how the Bn would be employed in the future. Church Service was held for all Pres & CE by the Senior Chaplain. The Commanding Officer held a conf for all Coy Comds. He outlined briefly what his policy would be with regard to trg, recreation etc during the occupation. The Comd Offr spoke to all the WOs and Sgts in the Bn. Weather - good	AJB CWPR
do	7	0900	Coys organised trg and discussion within coys. The afternoon was spent in preparation for the GOCs parade on the 8th May. Weather - good	AJB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	8	1000 1115 1400	The Bn formed up in a hollow sq and the Div and Bde Comds inspected and addressed the Bn. They thanked the Commanding Officer and Offrs, WOs, Sgts and ORs for the great part played by them in securing the peace. The Bn marched past the Div Comd. The remainder of the day was spent in organising and baths. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

DELINGSDORF	9	 1730	During the day coys carried out marches, having an hours swimming at the midday halt. The remainder of the day was spent in discussion & baths. In the morning the 2IC and a party proceeded to recce our new area. CO proceeded to conf at Div HQ. Weather - good	 AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	10	 1530 1600 2100	During the morning coys organised trg in coy areas and in the afternoon recreation. CO addressed all Coy Comds and gave further details about the occupation. CO addressed all subalterns. CO attended a conf at Bde to receive instructions about our move to final occupational area. Weather - good	 AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	11	0900 1400 1730 1900	Coys carried out trg in coy areas. Trg included PPT, discussions, drill under RSM, range firing. The RSM instructed CSMs on coy drill. During the afternoon recreation & games. The Commanding Officer, having visited our new area, gave Coy Comds full details concerning coy locns etc. In the evening two cinema shows were given for the Bn. Weather - good	 AJMB CWPR
	12	0900 0910	Coy Comds proceeded to recce new areas, as follows: A - ALVESLOHE 4379; B - KALTENKIRCHEN 4685; C - ULZBURG 4879; D - HENSTEDT 4979; Sp - LEEZEN 6588; Bn HQ & HQ Coy - ORSDORF 4885. Coys carried out interior economy. The afternoon was observed as a holiday. Weather - good	 AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	13	1030 1300 1400	Bn paraded to Bargteheide to attend a Bde Drumhead Church Service. Advance parties proceeded to new areas. Coys ferried troops to lake for bathing. Weather - good	 AB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	14	1000 1230	Bn moved to new area. Bn arrived in final occupational area. Bn area was divided and each coy given an area for which they are responsible. The Coy Comd being the military comd of his own area. Coys were located as follows:- Bn HQ:- 485853 ; A Coy - ALVESLOHE 442793; B Coy - KALTENKIRCHEN 470851; C Coy - ULZBURG 483804; D Coy - HENSTEDT 500797; Sp Coy - LEEZEN 659889. The general intention is that the Bn will settle down to occupy and govern this area. First priority, coys are to search & clear their areas. All PW and PWX to be centralised and controlled.	

			Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	15	0900	Coys having settled in to new billets began their tasks of securing and searching areas. Each Coy Comd interviewed the burgomaster of his own province and gave out his orders with regard to the civilian population. Weather - good	 AJMB CWPR
do ORSDORF 485853 ORSDORF 485853	16	0800 0915 0930 1000 1430 1500 1700	B Coy provided a Ceremonial Quarter Guard for 15(S) Inf Div HQ at AHRENSBURG. All personnel who had received decorations during the North West Europe campaign proceeded under the 2IC to LUBECK to have their photos taken. CO attended a conf at the Mil Govt. HQ at BAD SEGEBURG 690968. Pipes & Drums of the Bde carried out a rehearsal for parade at LUNEBURG on the 18th. CO held a conf for Coy Comds and gave out his policy for the government of areas. Carrier Pl proceeded to HONSTENDORF 881081 to assist in moving PW out of Div area. CO interviewed the COLONEL of Unit of 5 FLAK Div who has a stragglers post in Bn area. General - Coys continued the searching of areas and the locating of PWX and displaced persons. The RSM continued his WOs cadre. Weather - good	 <

do	20	1000 1400	Church Services were held by the padre at B, C and Sp Coys, followed by holy communion. 2IC held a messing meeting. Reps from all coys attended. Coys continued searching areas & taking a census of PW & displaced persons. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	21	0900 0945 1000	CO attended conf at 625 Det Mil Gov at BAD SEGEBURG. Coys held one parade in the morning, the remainder of the day being observed as a holiday. The Band of the 8RS visited the Bn and played programmes at KALTENKIRCHEN and ULZBURG. The WTO marked out a 400 yds range and commenced work on butts & targets. 'C' Coy provided a ceremonial quarter guard for Div HQ. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
OERSDORF	22	0900 1000 1830 1900	All coys carried out a ten mile route march. RSM continued with Senior NCOs drill cadre. CO attended a dinner at A Mess at Div HQ. The massed pipes and drums under Drum Maj LYALL played retreat at Div HQ. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
OERSDORF	23	0900	During the morning Coys carried out trg as follows:- A Coy - Drill, PPT and 30 yds range. B Coy - Drill, Highland Dancing & ABCA. C Coy - Drill & discussion. D Coy - Drill, range & house searching. In the afternoon Coys carried out recreation. The RSM continued his Drill Cadre for Senior NCOs. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	24	0900	Coys carried out a complete check of coy areas for DPs & PWX. Trg continued in the morning with recreation in the afternoon.	AB CWPR
do	25	0900 1000 1400	All French PWX and DPs in the Bn area were sent to LUBECK to be transported to France. Coys continued training in coy areas. CO visited the Displaced Persons camp at BORSTEL. In the afternoon and evening an ENSA concert party gave performances at A & D Coys. Weather - good	AB CWPR

do	26	0900 1000 1400 1530	The morning was devoted to admin. CO carried out an adm inspection of 'B' Coy and at 1100 inspected A Coy. The Second in Command inspected HQ Coy. Bn football trial to select Bn team. Ensa concert party gave performance at B Coy and at Sp Coy in the evening. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	27	0830 0930 1030 1100 1400	Padre held Holy Communion at A Coy. Church Service at D Coy. Church Service at HQ Coy. Messing meeting for Bn held by 2IC. Pipe Band played retreat at the Displaced Persons camp at BORSTEL. General - All Dutch, Swiss & Danish PW & Displaced Persons were evac to LUBECK. Baths operated in D Coy area during the day. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	28	0900 1400 1400 2000	Coys carried out trg as follows:- A Coy - Drill, house clearing & driving instr. B Coy - Drill, Lect. Hyg., ABCA & PPT. C Coy - Drill, ABCA & Miniature Range. D Coy - Duty Coy for week. HQ Coy - Drill & PPT. Sp Coy - Veh main & ABCA. Padre took Padre's hour at B Coy. CO held AMGOT Conf for Coy Comds. Bn concert party gave opening performance at D Coy. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	29	0900	During the morning coys carried out route marches. In the evening the Bn concert party gave its second performance. This was attended by the Brigadier and personnel from Bde. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	30	1000 1800	All Coys estd check points and civs & mil personnel were ordered to produce identity cards and passes. Coys continued trg during the morning. Pipe Band played retreat at Sp Coy. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	31	0900 1400	Trg - recreation carried out by Coys. Dance band played a programme at the Displaced Persons camp at Borstel. Weather - good	AB

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.M. Villiers

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOVE SUSSEX	5	2250	"ADORATION" wef. 0200 6th JUNE 44. Message received from Bde. Complete wireless silence from 0200 hrs.	CNB
	9	1315	Unit Adv party ordered to R.V. Bde HQ. Time of R.V. 1730 hrs. Unit Adv Party Capt W.L. Smith, Lt G.V. Trombetti; 1 sgt from each coy.	CNB
	10	2110	Message recd from EAST SUSS Dist. Offr Rep to HQ East Suss Dist 1200 hrs. 12 MAY.	
		2310	Message from EAST SUSS Dist cancelling first ⊙ Rep now to report at 1200 11 MAY.	CNB
HOVE SUSSEX	11	1200	Offr Rep to EAST SUSS DIST ⊙ collected movement tables for (1) veh party II Marching Party. 1) Veh party to pass Dist SP PATCHAM X rds at 0240 12 JUNE 2) Marching party to entrain HOVE STA. 1005 hrs 12 JUNE for FALMER Marshalling Area	CNB
		1330	C.O. called Bn "O" Gp at Bn HQ Lt Col Villiers, Capt McNair. Capt R. Downie, Capt Shearer, Capt Bingley, Capt Baldwin, Capt Keenan; Capt M Dunbar, Lt(QM) Bunce; Lt Baird, Lt Parsons, Lt McKay; 2Lt Bailiff, Capt Cook (RACHD), Capt Gibb R.A.M.C. to move with Bn Veh Party ⊙ Remainder of Bn Officers in Marching Party. Major E.P. Walker in Command.	APP / A1. CNB
		1600	Coy Comds at Bn HQ and briefed for forthcoming Ops. To land in 21 AGp. front ⊙ Concentration areas for troops not yet known.	
EAST HAM	12	0240	Bn Veh party crossed dist S.P. PATCHAM X rds en route for Marshalling Area.	CNB
		1000	Bn Veh Party arrived T.5. Marshalling area EAST HAM LONDON.	CNB
	13		Veh party still located T.5. Camp.	
	14	1445	Orders for Veh party to move to embarkation area for ship T.49. at WEST INDIA DOCKS.	CNB
LONDON	15	0915	Tpt commenced loading on M.T.S.63.	CNB
		1500	Tpt completed loading programme.	CNB
		1700	Troops embarked on M.T.S.63. along with HQ 46 INF Bde Lt Col TM Villiers O.C. tps.	CNB

		1900 2350	MTS.63. sailed from W. India Dock ⊙ The morale of men very high. M.T.S.63 dropped anchor off SOUTHEND awaiting convoy forming up ⊙ Air Raid commenced at approx same time ⊙ German a/c came in low but concentrated on ground targets on either side of estuary. STAND TO until 0015 hrs.	 CNB
SEA	16	2000	Convoy passed boom 2000.	
	17	2029	Ship dropped anchor 2 miles off ARROMANCHES Ref Map 1/50,000 Sht 7E/6.	CNB
	18		Ship awaiting discharge ⊙ During night 17/18 heavy storm started. Therefore cargo could not be discharged.	 CNB
	19		Weather:- storm still same ⊙ Cargo not discharged.	CNB
	20		Weather:- storm still same ⊙ Cargo cannot be discharged.	CNB
	21		Weather:- storm still same ⊙ Cargo cannot be discharged. Deck sports organised for troops ⊙ Morale still high.	CNB CNB
	22		Weather:- storm abating ⊙ C.O. taken ashore on orders from A/GP for briefing at 1735 hrs.	 CNB
	23	1200 1500	L.S.Ts arrived MTS 63 and commenced unloading. L.S.T. left ship TS 63 and made for beach where tpt was unloaded at 1600 hrs. During evening of 23, tpt arrived in area 857794 ref map CAEN sht 7F/1, which was Bn Concentration area. This was joining of Vehicle and Marching parties.	 CNB CNB
VIENNE DE BESSIN 7F/1.	24	1400 1600 1800 2240	C.O. at Bde "O" Gp ⊙ recd orders that Bn would be at 2 hours notice from 1600 hrs 24 to move to Assembly Area in SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN. Ref Map CAEN Sht 7F/1 (920745). Move confirmed to Assembly Area. C.O. "O" GP. Instructions as per Op Epsom Instruction No 1. Bn tpt passed Bde S.P. for assembly area. For locations see APP. B.	CNB APP. E. CNB APP. A CNB APP. B. CNB
REF 920745	25	1200	Op Epsom 46 Inf Bde Movement Order No 2 received.	APP. C CNB
LE MESNIL PATRY	26	0100 0140 0730 1005 1100	Bn tpt moved from assembly area SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN to F.A.A. LE MESNIL-PATRY. Marching personnel moved off & crossed Bde S.P. for F.A.A. Operation Epsom R.A. fire plan 8 Corps. Bn strength 36 officers incl attch. and 815 OR. Bn crossed S.L. for attack on Le HAUT-DU-BOSQ order of march and line of adv. as in App. E. Leading coys reached road FONTENAY-LE-PESNIL to MARCELET. Leading coys now B & C, D in reserve. A Coy suffered heavy casualties and C.O. directed C Coy to take over adv. Entered Le HAUT DU BOSQ with coys in areas as shown in APP. E.	 APP. B. CNB CNB APP. D. CNB see App. E. CNB CNB CNB

			3 Prisoners of 12 S.S. PZ. Div captured in this area 1 offr & 2 ORs.	CNB
		1300	Bn firmly established in LE-HAUT-DU BOSQ with locations as shown in APP. E. ⊙ Enemy snipers in action.	CNB CNB
		1800	Representatives from the 5 D.C.L.I reported this HQ to recce Bn def. re taking over on 27 JUNE to enable 9th Cameronians to adv to next obj.	
			Location of neighbouring units. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on our left in CHEUX with 7 SEAFORTH in reserve. 227 Bde in Div reserve and reported to be making attack from area in front of CHEUX to capture high ground ring contour 100	See APP. E.
			L.O.B. sent for by C.O. at this time ⊙ Casualties ORs. not yet known. Officers Major E.P. Walker (2I/C Bn), Major T.D. Scott (A Coy Comd), Major A.S.B. Leggat (C Coy Comd) wounded in action, Lt D. McWilliam.	
			Missing:- Lt P.D. McGregor; Lt L.H. Paff; Lt G.A. McDermott.	CNB
LE HAUT-DU-BOSQ	27 JUN	0600	Bn still located area LE-HAUT-DU-BOSQ.	See APP. E.
			5 D.C.L.I. commencing to take over Bn area. Bn withdrawing about 1000 yds to prepare move to new objective.	
			Bn strength now 29 off. and 691 OR.	CNB
		1100	Bn now in area 906674 to re-organise for next attack. C.O. "O" GP. in progress, with a view to preventing any enemy movements eastwards through GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON. Bn to move on Sqn of CHURCHILL tanks to obj. Order of march D.A.B.C. coys ⊙ Major J.H. LAW now assumes 2I/C Bn ⊙ Capt W.L. SMITH O.C. D Coy, Capt J.C. SHEARER O.C. "A" Coy, CAPT S. BINGLEY O.C. "C" Coy, MAJOR TWEEDALE HOLLAND still commands "B" Coy.	CNB
		~~1930~~	~~Bn arrived EASTERN edge GRAINVILLE~~	
		1715	Bn moved off for area GRAINVILLE SUR ODON	
		1930	Bn arrived EASTERN edge GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON ⊙ Found a SQN of FIFE & FORFAR YEOMANRY in tks ⊙ They reported believed village clear, but possibility of tanks.	CNB
		2000	D Coy Sp by two tps, 7 R.T.R. attacked village ⊙ Enemy opposition unexpectedly heavy and 3 tanks 7 R.T.R. knocked out by enemy tks in village ⊙ "D" Coy reached objective but unable to hold in view of enemy strength identified as 4 TIGER TANKS and snipers.	CNB
		2200	"D" Coy and tks ordered to withdraw to EAST edge of village and take up defensive position facing WEST. Casualties 8 OR.	
			Capt W. Leggat-Smith and Capt Cook R.A.Ch.D. went into GRAINVILLE and brought out two casualties. Bn now located along RLY COLLEVILLE-GRAINVILLE on SOUTHERN edge with "A" Coy left Pt 916644	for map refs see APP. E.

			⊙ "B" Coy 918645 ⊙ "C" Coy on local protection of tanks at 920648 ⊙ "D" Coy in reserve at WOOD 923648. Bn HQ Pt 916645.	 CNB
As at evening of 27 JUNE	28	0900	C.O. held "O" GP for attack on GRAINVILLE ⊙ Plan "B" Coy Fire coy, main effort right flanking with C & D coys; one tp 7 R.T.R. to protect right flank; This attack was never started owing to enemy action against our F.U.P. and S.L.	 CNB
		1100	C.O. second "O" GP with new plan ⊙ B Coy fire coy; C & D Coys frontal attack; Sp by 10 minutes concentration by one Fd Regt.	 CNB
		1215	Zero hour for attack ⊙ "C" Coy held up by tanks on Rly embankment. "C" Coy found way round and both fwd coys reached objective.	 CNB
		1300	Mopping up proceeding ⊙ Enemy tank destroyed by CHURCHILL tk.	CNB
		1400	"C" Coy exploits to FM beyond objective and located two enemy tks. Bn consolidates ground gained.	 CNB
		1500	Bn located GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON ⊙ No enemy action or counter attacks on our front ⊙ On left bursts of M.G. Casualties during this action still not accurate ⊙ Bn strength now stands 27 off and 670 OR. Killed in action Capt W.K. Keenan. Wounded Lieut FAIRHURST.	APP. "E" CNB CNB
		1930	Reinforcements arrived. Capt SUMMER SMITH, Capt GANDER, Lieut KIRBY and 28 OR.	 CNB
GRAINVILLE	29	0800	6 KOSB (44 Bde) moved to our right flank and facing SOUTH.	CNB
		0830	Bn area subjected to intense arty and mortar fire for some hours ⊙ About 30 casualties suffered.	 CNB
		1300	7 SEAFORTH on our left flank attacked by inf and tks and one coy overrun.	 CNB
		1600	Enemy inf attacked "C" Coy position and reached Coy H.Q. where killed ⊙ Enemy tks and M.G.s fired at very long range.	 CNB
		1800	Enemy tks infiltrated between Bn and 7 SEAFORTH and subjected village to heavy firing ⊙ Tk eventually withdrew.	
		2000	"B" Coy moved up to reinforce "C" Coy ⊙ One coy 10 H.L.I. placed under command and took over "B" Coy position in reserve. Strength of Bn 28 off & 669 OR.	 CNB
GRAINVILE	30		Bn located same area ⊙ Positions being strengthened to meet possibility of counter attack from S.W. During day Bn area subjected to shelling and mortaring. Casualties still being inflicted ⊙ ARTY given instructions that counter BTY work of first priority. Strength of Bn now stands 24 off 553 OR. Killed in action LIEUT J.W. DUXBURY.	

			WOUNDED Major J.H. Law; Capt W LEGGAT SMITH.	CNB

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Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.M. Villiers

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GRAINVILLE SUR ODON	1	0515	Bn handing over Coy locations at GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON to 158 Bde 53 Div as per APP A/1-2-3.	APP. A1. CNB " A2. CNB
			During evening of 30th at last light, Bn positions should have been relieved. This was delayed owing to congestion of traffic routes and handing over was completed at 0530 when Bn Veh and Marching parties left GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON for area LES SAULLETS 900704.	CNB
		0700	Bn arrived area LES SAULLETS 900704, and spent remainder of day resting.	CNB
	2	0915	O Gp at Bn H.Q. for local defence ⊙ All weapons to be sited and dug in by morning of 3 JULY ⊙ Coy comds to recce areas allocated.	CNB
		1015	Memorial Church parade for men fallen in action.	
			Brig C.M. Barber D.S.O was present at this service and complimented troops on their fine action during last operation.	CNB
			Remainder of day spent in adm and re-organising Coys and specialist Pl.	CNB
	3	0800	Coys in defence areas and completing digging weapon slits.	
		1100	Major General G.H.A. MacMillan K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C. comd 15(S) Div visited Bn and complimented Bn on its fine spirit and actions during last operation.	CNB
	4		Bn still located LES SAULLETS ⊙ Training being carried out on lessons learned during last action.	
	5	1100	Rfts arrived Bn from 32 R.H.U. 5 off 118 OR.	CNB
			CDN.257 Lt Miller CDN.359 Lt Russell CDN346 Lt McEwan CDN267 Lt R.V. Thompson and posted to Coys as shown on AF 3008.	CNB
	6		Training carried out in area re lessons learned in last action. Also adm. and generally bringing Bn to War Standard again.	
			46 Bde Op Instr. No 5 issued.	APP A4
		1400	Commanding Officer to 6 KOSB to visit General Sir Bernard Montgomery.	CNB
		1600	1 off rft arrived from 32 RHU. 273225 Lt O.C Muir.	

		1700	C.O. "O" Gp ⊙ Gave Coy comd the general position in NORMANDY from information given by General Sir Bernard Montgomery.	CNB
		2200	Message from Brig C.M. Barber comd 46 Bde. Possibility of Bn relieving 159 Bde of 53 Div on FRIDAY 7 JULY 44. Bn recce Gp would be prepared to move at short notice after 1200 hrs 7 JULY 44.	CNB
	7	0800	Ref last message of 2200 hrs 6 JULY. Now cancelled. Bn remains present location.	CNB
LES SAULLETS	8	0900	C.O. at Bde HQ for next op.	
		1100	C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp at pt 920654 where briefed by Brig CM Barber ⊙ 46 Inf Bde to come under comd 43 DIV for their attack on R ODON S.W. of CAEN ⊙ 9th CAMERONIANS to advance behind 4th DORSETS and relieve them on their objective ETTERVILLE 9864.	CNB APP A/4B
			7 SEAFORTH - ORCHARDS 9865. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS ROCRENIL 982647. Bn to remain present location until morning 10 JULY 44.	CNB
			F.A.A. area MOUEN 9365. F.U.P. FONTAINE ETOUPEFOUR 9664. Remainder of day spent in recce routes and areas.	CNB
	9	1130	C.O. 'O' Gp. Bn to move 0215 hrs 10 JULY for MOUEN. Zero hour for 43 Div attack 0500 ⊙ Bn to be prepared to move to take over ETTERVILLE at 0700.	CNB
			C.O. recce Gp to R.V. CHURCH in FONTAINE-ETOUPEFOUR then to move fwd to ETTERVILLE ⊙ Remainder of Bn then would be brought up when required by Wireless.	CNB
	10	0215	Bn marching and veh parties passed S.P. for F.A.A. (MOUEN).	CNB
		0430	Bn arrived area MOUEN.	
		0715	Bn left MOUEN for F.U.P.	
		0915	Bn now in F.U.P. area NE edge of FONTAINE-ETOUPEFOUR and commenced digging in. This area was being heavily mortared and shelled and Bn suffered many casualties ⊙ Commanding Officer had now moved fwd to ETTERVILLE.	CNB
		1030	Bn now moved Fwd to ETTERVILLE and took over Coy localities as shown in APP.	CNB
			Immediately Bn was in position they were engaged by hy mortar and shell fire ⊙ This continued throughout the day and casualties were still inflicted.	
		1830	Information received that the Bn of the 43 DIV whose obj was MALTOT had been counter attacked and pushed back to area CHAU DE FONTAINE and that counter attacks could be expected on our front.	CNB
		2000	Recce party from 'C' Coy under MAJ. BINGLEY went FWD through 'B' Coy to ORCHARD where they were observed and fired on by enemy tanks ⊙ Major Bingley was wounded in the arm.	CNB

			This information was reported to Bn HQ and Coys ordered to "STAND TO" ⊙ About this time Lt Col RM Villiers was wounded by shrapnel from a mortar bomb on the forehead. He still carried on commanding the Bn ⊙ Mjr Downie comd 'B' Coy was wounded; MAJOR CLARKE WOUNDED and evacuated.	CNB
			Major Bingley, whose wound was NOT serious took over 2I/C Bn.	CNB
		2230	B Coy reported an enemy recce party strength 6 fwd of their Coy position ⊙ They were engaged by a tank and destroyed.	CNB
		2300	Enemy patrol spotted by A & B Coys approx 40-50 strong sup by 3-4 tanks on A Coy right flank ⊙ Tanks engaged by SHERMANS and three knocked out ⊙ At this time several of the houses in the village were set alight by enemy shell fire and visibility was very good. The enemy inf still adv. and made strong efforts to infiltrate between A & B Coys who accounted for 20 & 12 enemy respectively. The remainder did manage to infiltrate, but D Coy opened on them and hit a further two. The enemy inf then laid a smoke screen and retired under cover of it. During the remainder of the night mortar and shelling by enemy was continuous.	CNB
	11	0130	Major Davies of the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS arrived to take over command of the Bn, as Lt Col R.M. Villiers was by this time beginning to feel the effects of the wound on his forehead. At approx the same time one of the Bn signallers arrived at Bn HQ and said that he had been to D Coy HQ and that it was deserted, the only person being the Coy comd Captain Baldwin who was lying in a slit trench moaning.	CNB
		0200	Carrier patrol sent out on foot to D Coy area consisting of 1 sgt (BALDWIN) and 1 sec. who occupied D Coy area and discovered that 18 pl was still in position. This was reported to C.O. and he sent out another carrier sec to thicken up the defence. This was about 0245 hrs. The situation at this time was confused and Mjr DAVIES asked permission from BRIG. C.M. BARBER for 1 Coy of GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS to be sent to Bn, to generally secure the position ⊙ This was granted at 0350 and Glasgow HIGHLANDERS (1 Coy) arrived at 0500 and 1 pl was sent to 'D' Coy to take over from CARRIER SECT. The remainder were kept in reserve awaiting the expected counter attack.	CNB
			In the evening of the 10th JULY the C.O. ordered 'C' Coy to move to ORCHARD as shown in APP during darkness. By daylight 'C' Coy had dug in in this area and at 0600 hrs a small party of enemy was seen ⊙ Five were shot and the officer I/C surrendered.	CNB
		0830	'C' Coy spotted enemy tanks to their front ⊙ One moved towards B Coy and was engaged with P.I.A.T. The tanks slowed down and turned	

			about, and went up in flames, whether from B Coys hit or arty fire which had been called for, they could NOT say ⊙ The crew who crawled out were shot at by RFN LONG of 'C' Coy and two were hit ⊙ A second tank approached to within 70 yards and machine gunned 'C' Coy area. This tank was also engaged by P.I.A.T. bombs but they missed. However it had the effect of making the tank withdraw. The tanks were then observed to be supported by Inf who appeared in front of 'C' Coy area at the far end of ORCHARD ⊙ Rfn LONG shot two and was then wounded himself ⊙ Cpl Lorimer with his section then led a bayonet charge through the orchard and killed five enemy. They then laid a smoke screen under cover of which their remaining tanks moved round to the Coys flank. One of these tanks came close to the Coys position and Rfn Brandon shot the tank commander through the head, as he was looking out of the CUPOLA. The tanks then withdrew.	CNB
		0900	Brig. C.M. Barber directed that the 2 G.H. would relieve the 9th Cameronians as soon as possible. By this time Lt Col R.M. Villiers had recovered from his wound and resumed comd of the Bn again.	CNB
		1030	Reports from B & C Coys showed that another counter attack was developing on this front. This attack was allowed to come to within 100 yds of 'C' Coy position when it was engaged by all 'C' Coys weapons. The attack was repulsed and the main body withdrew leaving 4 secs dead. Lt Quinn who was now comd 'C' Coy reported a minimum of 120 enemy killed and wounded in the orchard. This was confirmed by the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS when they took over. None of the enemy got past 'C' Coy positions.	CNB
		1230	2 G.H. recce party arrived area and shown over coy locations.	CNB
		1430	2 GH arrived and took over Bn area. During the hand over all Bn posns continued to be heavily shelled. In the Bn area 5 enemy tanks (3 MK VI and 2 MK IV or V) were knocked out and a minimum of 160 Huns killed or wounded ⊙ 2 off and 10 OR were taken prisoner some of which were handed over to 2 G.H.	CNB
		1500	Bn now in pos. at ROCRENIL 980658 in reserve to 2 G.H. at ETTERVILLE. During remainder of day enemy continued to engage Bn area with mortar and shell fire ⊙ Casualties still being inflicted.	
		1900	Order received from 46 Bde HQ that Bde was being relieved by 4 CDN Bde.	APP A/5. CNB
	12	0250	4th ESSEX Regt arrived Bn area and commenced to take over area.	CNB
		0330	Coys being relieved and making own way to embussing point.	CNB
		0440	Bn relief complete and en route for area SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN rest area.	CNB

		0800	Bn now in rest area. Casualties during this action: Killed Capt Evans; wounded MAJOR S. BINGLEY, Major R. DOWNIE; Capt Baldwin, Capt COOK RACHD, Lt Kirby; Lt Muir; Lieut Barnes. Other ranks 12 killed; 101 wounded; 26 missing. Message from Bde saying No move before evening of 15/16 JULY, at which time Bn would move to F.A.A. for next attack S.W. of BARON ⊙ To come under comd of 12 Corps for this operation. Major Mullen H.L.I. arrived Bn and assumed second in command.	 CNB CNB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	13		Bn located rest area. 2I/C recce F.A.A. MOUEN 9465 for forthcoming op.	 CNB
	14	 2300	Bn still located SECQUEVILLE ⊙ Major TWEEDALE-HOLLAND returned to Bn and assumed comd of 'C' Coy as Bn was now down to 3 Coy organisation, "A", "C", "D" Coys. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 3 for Op. GREENLINE received.	 CNB APP A/6
	15	 1100 1115 2000 2045 2300	Location same Coy comd at briefing conference Bde HQ. 46(H) Inf Bde move order No 3 received. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 3 received and movement inst. FWD of F.A.A. Marching party left area for MOUEN concentration area. Bn Veh party left for Area MOUEN. Bn arrived area MOUEN.	CNB APP A/6A APP A/6/B CNB CNB CNB CNB
MOUEN	16	0400 0900	1 coy ordered to "STAND TO" to be prepared to assist 227 Bde, at 30 mins notice to move. Order received that 30 mins notice Now cancelled. During night of 16th area was bombed by enemy planes. No casualties inflicted. The operation as a whole had proceeded to plan and 2 GH had captured ESQUAY thus allowing 44 INF Bde to pass through to their obj FORTH and MELROSE. 227 Bde reached FORTH with 2 coys GORDONS on FORTH and 2 coys on MELROSE ⊙ Codeword KNIFE (EVRECY) proved to be a harder task and 158(W) Bde who were responsible for capturing it were halted 800 yds EAST of OBJ.	 CNB CNB
MOUEN GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON	17	 1430 1600 1630 	Bn location same; still in Bde reserve. Bn recce party left for GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON to take over from ~~1/5 LANC FUSILIERS~~ of 43 DIV 1/5 EAST LANCS. Bn commander to arrive in GRAINVILLE and went to areas as shown in APP A/7. Hand over complete. Adm. Inst No4 received from 46(H) Inf Bde. Bn still located GRAINVILLE ⊙ At 2330 hrs 17 JULY enemy planes bombed area, and inflicted casualties on Carrier Pl, 1 OR Killed.	 CNB A/7 CNB A/8 CNB

	19		Location still same ⊙ 7 SEAFORTH now located LE VOLTRU with 2 GH in area MONDRAINVILLE ⊙ Remainder of 15(S) Div still on obj of OP. GREENLINE.	CNB
	20	0600	Situation unchanged. Bn now carrying out training on lessons learned during recent OPs.	CNB
	21	0600	Situation still unchanged. 227 & 44 Bdes now located NORTH & SOUTH of CHEUX respectively.	CNB
	22	0600 1800	Situation unchanged on Bn front. Message from Bde HQ for Recce parties to be prepared to move at 1100 hrs 23 JULY. C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp, when orders for move to area ST PAUL DU VERNAY 7470 were received.	APP A/9
	23	1130 1730 1900	Situation unchanged. Bn moved off from GRAINVILLE for area ST PAUL DU VERNAY 7470. Bn arrived area ST PAUL DU VERNAY and concentrated in WOODS to the EAST.	CNB
ST PAUL DU VERNAY	24		Bn still concentrated in WOODS at ST PAUL DU VERNAY and generally resting.	CNB
	25		Bn location same ⊙ All coy comds and specialist Pl comds at Brig CM Barber conference on use of INF weapons.	CNB
	26	1300 2000 2200	C.O. at 'O' Gp for move to relieve 44 INF Bde in area WEST of CAUMONT ⊙ Bn to relieve 6 RSF during 26 JULY. Bn left for area VILLENEUVE 694591. Bn arrived area VILLENEUVE and commenced taking over Bn area from 6 RSF ⊙ Complete by 2345 hrs.	APP A/11 CNB CNB
VILLENEUVE 694591	27	0600	Bn located VILLENEUVE ⊙ Situation normal during night 26/27 ⊙ No enemy activity on Bn front ⊙ For coy localities see APP A/10.	CNB A/10
	28	0600	Situation unchanged ⊙ One recce patrol out from 2330-0300 27/28 to discover if any enemy in area of Houses at LE BOUGY. For patrol activity see APP A/12. During day 28 snipers were reported in D Coy area and Bn snipers were sent out to deal with this situation. The situation was under control until 1730 hours when enemy about 12 strong forced one of our OPs to withdraw. One sec was sent out to clear enemy but they were too strong and after a sharp encounter our sec withdrew leaving two casualties ⊙ A number of unsuccessful attempts were made to bring in our casualties by Capt GL Allan and a stretcher bearing party ⊙ Snipers were also sent out but could NOT be cleared. At 2000 Bde ordered this area to be cleared before last light.	CNB

		2015	Order received from 46(H) Bde for harbour Party to R.V. at Bde HQ to recce New area LE MESNIL 718643. This area was occupied by 44 Bde. Bn being relieved by 6 R.S.F. to take place immediately.	CNB
		2100	6 RSF recce party arrived.	
		2240	'D' & 'C' Coy commenced to clear ORCHARD 693593 where snipers located.	CNB
		2300	Coys of 6 RSF arrived Bn area and hand over taking place.	CNB
	29	0145	Bn on move to area LE MESNIL and arrived 0530.	
		0830	Bn under command 227(H) Inf Bde for op "BLUECOAT". C.O. at 227 Bde for 'O' GP re OP. BLUECOAT. Bn to capture SEPT VENTS to enable remainder of 15(S) Div to pass through ⊙ Remainder of day spent in recce by Coy comd.	CNB
		1100	'O' GP held at OP in CAUMONT. A & B fwd coys in reserve C & D. See APP A/13 for obj.	A/13 CNB
		2300	'H' hour NOT yet known. Hy bomber effort expected, therefore weather deciding factor.	
			46(H) Inf Bde OP instr No3 OP BLUECOAT received.	APP A/14 CNB
LE MESNIL	30	0230	Bn left area LE MESNIL for area 702594 which is F.U.P. for attack on SEPT VENTS PHASE I OP BLUECOAT.	CNB
		0310	Bn arrived F.U.P. at 0410. H hour for attack 0700 hrs.	CNB
		0530	C.O. 'O' GP. called and final pts cleared up.	CNB
		0704	A & B coys crossed S.L. for attack on SEPT VENTS ⊙ As soon as they crossed S.L. enemy mortar and ARTY opened on them and a number of casualties were inflicted.	CNB
		0900	Coys moving fwd to obj ⊙ Enemy opposition in SEPT VENTS.	
		1000	Coys still pushing Fwd with 'A' Coy on obj, 'D' Coy on left about 500 yds NORTH of obj, coy comd Major P. CLARKE being injured and evacuated. Lt Russell assumed comd of Coy ⊙ 'B' Coy held up about 300 yds NORTH of CHURCH in SEPT VENTS ⊙ C Coy out of communication with Bn. During this op a number of A/TK mines were encountered and this held up the adv of 4 TK Gren Gds and they suffered a number of cas. in TKs knocked out. This also held up wheels and tracks of the Bn from adv. R.E's and FLAILs were used to clear the area and at 1100 hrs Bn wheels moved Fwd to Edge of SEPT VENTS. In the meantime 'B' Coy who were held up commenced mopping up area CHURCH with SUP of GREN GDS ⊙ A Coy moved fwd to occupy D Coys original obj. Also in communication with 'C' Coy who were on their obj.	CNB
		1230	Area finally cleared and Phase II Op Bluecoat now in progress. See APP A15 for coy LOCALITIES.	A/15

			Prisoners of War taken in this OP in and around Bn area numbered 3 off and 148 ORs of 452 INF REGT.	
		1930	Bn ordered to move to area ORCH 693534 to be prepared to counter attack obj gained in PHASE II by 2 GH. Bn now under comd 46(H) Bde.	CNB
		2100	Recce gp left for area ORCH 693534 and C.O. decided Bn would concentrate for night in area 690538.	CNB
		2230	Bn commenced arriving in new area.	CNB
	31	0600	Situation unchanged ⊙ C.O. decided to move Bn to ORCH 693524 to enable Bn to counter attack area occupied by 2 GH.	CNB
		1030	Bn now concentrated in area ORCH 693524.	CNB
		1152	Probably one coy required to move to ST MARTIN DES BESAGES further instrs by L.O. ⊙ 11 armd now in ST MARTIN. This message was cancelled by L.O. at 1210 when 2 coys to area LAUNAY 6851 and possibly 2 coys to centre of ST MARTIN when cleared by 11 ARMD ⊙ From then onwards situation continually changed and orders were varied ⊙ At 1430 hrs 'D' Coy moved to ST MARTIN and remainder of Bn concentrated LAUX HOMMES 682517.	CNB
		1900	Bn given permission to remain concentrated in area LAUX HOMMES with task of counter attacking 2 GH positions.	~~APP A/16~~
			Casualties during JULY see APP A/16	A/16 CNB

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year AUGUST 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.M. Villiers

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LAUX HOMMES	1		Bn still located LAUX HOMMES. SITREP as at 0100 hrs 1 AUG 44.	APP/A/1
		1300	Brig Comdr visited Bn and ordered Bn to clear and occupy area SOUTH of spec height 3.00 with one coy in GALET & one coy in LA MANCELLIERE.	CNB
		1400	C.O. 'O' Gp. "A", "D" Coy would be 2 FWD Coys clearing from area ST MARTIN X rds whilst "B" & "C" Coy would be in reserve at RLY 675509. In sup to Bn 'C' Sqn, 15 Div recce and 1 sqn GREN. GUARDS. The recce SQN to move two tps, one in front of each leading Coy. H hour 1730 hrs.	CNB
		1600	Brig Comdr visited Bn and plan was changed slightly. Bn would now clear area with all coys concentrated in ST MARTIN, instead of 2 coys being on Rly 675509. Remainder of plan unchanged ⊙ H hour now 1845.	CNB
		1845	Recce sqn leading tp crossed S.L. ST MARTIN and proceeded down rds to MANCELLIERE and GALET.	
		1855	"D" Coy followed on behind recce tp on SOUTH ROAD to LA MANCELLIERE.	CNB
		1905	'A' Coy followed behind 2 sqn recce to GALET. Their task was to clear all enemy from this area. B & C Coys held in reserve at Pt 673305 along with 1 sqn GREN. GUARDS.	CNB
		2145	A & D coys on objectives and area reported clear of all enemy. Recce sqn contacted slight enemy resistance on both routes but this was quickly overcome. Except for 1 A/TK gun (88MM) and 2 M.G. at Pt 696490. B, C, Bn HQ now proceeded to their respective locations, see attached map.	CNB
	2	0600	Bn still located as per map ⊙ Situation normal NO enemy action during night. Patrol sent out to clear situation Re - enemy A/TK gun and MG.	
		1030	Patrol returned and reported that enemy weapons had withdrawn. Remainder of Bn generally occupied in clearing areas in Coy localities.	CNB CNB

		1815	C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp.	
	3	0600	Situation unchanged. No enemy action. Bn still located Bde now in Div Reserve. 7 SEAFORTH location now CHURCH 703446.	
	4	0600	Bn located GALET situation unchanged.	
		1930	L.O. from 46 Bde with orders for Bn to move to area QUARRY and take up defensive position on left of 2 G.H. This was to secure this position as a firm base as the 7 SEAFORTH had moved into CHURCH 703446 and this QUARRY was considered too large an area for the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS to hold.	CNB
		2215	Bn now located Quarry with Coys shown as attached map.	APP A/2 CNB
QUARRY		2245	Message received from Bde that Lt Col Villiers would report to Bde HQ immediately and assume Comd of 46 Bde.	CNB
			Major C Mullen assumed comd of Bn.	
QUARRY	5	0630	Situation unchanged.	CNB
		1300	'O' Gp at Bn HQ for move to area.	
		1500	Bde 'O' Gp at ST PIERRE TARENTAN for occupation of high ground.	CNB
			Bn arrived new area at 1710 with COYs as shown on attached map. This area had already been occupied by our forces and Bn took over on a firm base principle.	APP A/2A
	6	0600	Situation unchanged.	CNB
		2045	'O' GP called for to R.V. at MANCELLIERE to meet Brig R.M. Villiers.	CNB
		2100	Brig Comd and C.O. went off to recce new area EAST of MANCELLIERE.	CNB
	6	0100	Bde 'O' Gp at ST PIERRE TARENTAN when Bn given task of occupying high ground. No enemy were expected in this area and it was an adv to contact with 9th Cameronians capturing height to allow remainder of Bde to push fwd to LASSY with 227 Bde making for VASSY. H Hour 0730 hrs.	
			Bn now concentrated NORTH of LA BRUYERE.	CNB
		0730	A & B Coys crossed SL and proceeded SOUTH to BR 796411.	
		0900	A & B Coys reported reached Bridge and that Bridge although blown would support passage of vehs. 'B' Coy continued to make for its objective which was high ground in sq 7940 ⊙ A Coy on high ground at NW corner of sq 7940, to be relieved by a coy of the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on commencement of PHASE II ⊙ Bn HQ at this time carried on down route to BRIDGE 796411 and took up position beside small copse on NORTH side of track at Bridge ⊙ The tanks who were in support of 'B' Coy became jammed at BR and 'B' Coy carried on without them ⊙ After about half an hour the commanding officer decided to send the remaining two tanks plus a pl of D Coy (RESERVE) EAST along track to the village of GOURNAY to try and contact "B" Coy. This party set off and almost immediately "B" Coy	CNB

			returned to BR and Commanding Officer brought Pl of "D" Coy back and ordered 'B' Coy to carry on and exploit through GOURNAY. During this time there was intermittent MG fire from enemy in the area of Bridge. At about 1030 hrs 'B' Coy supported by 2 tanks had reached village of GOURNAY ⊙ And leading Pl had cleared first line of houses, when enemy opened up with mortars and heavy M.G fire. 'B' Coy suffered fairly heavy casualties from this and were forced to withdraw to line of road ⊙ 'C' Coy who moved up the right of the feature SE of BRIDGE had reached Pt 794405 when they were met by the same accurate M.G and Mortar fire. Bn HQ had also been engaged three times with Mortar fire and 'D' Coy had moved to the NORTH end of copse beside BN HQ. This mortar fire had inflicted a number of casualties on 'D' Coy ⊙ About 1230 hrs the enemy who seemed to have excellent observation on Bn HQ dropped six mortar bombs in and around Bn HQ killing five and wounding 12 ⊙ After this Commanding Officer decided to move Bn HQ to the rear at pt 783411. Enemy mortar fire continued to fall in Bn area and during this time casualties were evacuated from Bn HQ and D Coy who had received worst casualties. L/Sgt Aitken of the signal Pl did excellent work during this evacuation. At 1500 coys had moved to locations as shown on map and held ground in vicinity. The tanks had moved to the EAST in area 803401 and protected the left flank. Mortar fire still fell on Bn area, but not quite so accurate. The second phase of the attack had now started and the 7 SEAFORTH had pushed forward to the outskirts of LASSY where they encountered the same heavy mortar and arty fire. The 2 GH were on the high ground in AREA BOIS DES MONTS.	CNB
		1800	Bn still located same area, no change in situation. Mortar & arty fire still intense but NOT accurate.	CNB
		2025	Harbour parties called for, to move to area LA DRUERIE 7641 NOT to move before 2300 hrs, followed by 7 SEAFORTH, and 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS, who would occupy areas as shown on map.	CNB
		2300	Bn marching and Veh parties left area BRIDGE and moved off for LA DRUERIE 7641 and arrived at 0045 hrs and took up positions as shown on map.	CNB
LA DRUERIE 7641	7	0600	Situation normal. Enemy seemed to be under impression that the Bde were still in area Bridge as he shelled it continually during night. Casualties during battle of Bridge - 5 Officers wounded 12 OR killed, 65 wounded; 25 missing.	CNB

			No enemy actively observed during day although continually shelled LA CAVERIE cross roads 769405 causing a few casualties to the 7 SEAFORTH. The whole of the Bde area was under enemy observation therefore movement was very restricted.	CNB
	8	0600 1410	Situation normal. No enemy activity during night although still continued to shell cross roads at LA CAVERIE. Two enemy tanks observed 800 yds from Bn area in LA CAVERIE cross roads ⊙ They were immediately engaged by the 17 pdr in Bn area. Both tanks were knocked out with four shots from this gun. No enemy infantry observed in support of tanks so it can only be presumed that they were on recce. Remainder of day no activity. Bn now on defensive and given primary object of observing, patrolling, whilst Div Arty would concentrate on destroying enemy MORTARS and ARTY.	CNB CNB
	9	0600	Location same, situation unchanged. 46 Bde Inf OP instr No 9.	APP A/2
	10	0600	Location same; situation unchanged ⊙ 43 Div now reported in line with 15(S) Div on EAST flank. This stopped a certain amount of shelling on Bn area.	
	11	0600 0900 1145 1430	Situation unchanged. Lt Col Sir E.M.A. Bradford BT arrived and assumed comd of Bn ⊙ Major D.C. Mullen assumed 2 I/C. Bde 'O' Gp. Bn 'O' Gp giving future operation. See 46 Bde Op Order No5	 APP A/3
	12	0600 1100 2300	Situation unchanged. Harbour parties called for to RV at Bde HQ at 1125 hrs. Information, Bde being relieved night 12 AUG as follows: 1 MONMOUTH, 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS; 8 Rifle Bde 9 CAMERONIANS and one coy of 8 Rifle Bde to relieve 7 SEAFORTH ⊙ To harbour in area 7145. 15(S) Div now under comd 12 Corps; Harbour Parties would RV Bde HQ at 1100 for Move to 12 CORPS area WEST of CAEN. Bn being relieved by 8 Rifle Bde and on move to area 7145.	 APP A/4
	13	0540 1200 1450 2030	Bn now located area 7145. Harbour Parties left Bn area for new location FEUGUEROLLES 9961. Leading Veh passed Bde S.P. for area FEUGUEROLLES and after an uneventful journey arrived at 1745 hrs and Bn established in all round defence in WOOD. Brig R.M. Villiers visited Bn HQ and informed C.O. that Bn would NOT be used in 12 CORPS plan for the capture of FALAISE at least NOT until possibly 16 AUG 44. In meantime Bn had to carry on re-organising and maintenance of weapons and vehs.	 APP A/5

	14		Still located WOOD 9860. Placed at 4 hours notice to move to AREA 0091-0191.	
	15	0010 0600	Orders received from Bde that Bn would move to area WOOD 1146 by march route. Bn left area WOOD 9860 and arrived WOOD 1146 at 0930.	APP A/6
	16		Still located WOOD 1146, Bn carrying on with general maintenance on vehs and weapons.	
	17		Still located WOOD 1146. Generally resting, veh & weapon maintenance.	
	18	 1930	Location still same. Received warning order that Bde would relieve 158 Bde and be prepared to clear area down to RIVER BAISE.	 APP A/7
	19	0530 0930 1430 1730 1930	Recce parties left for area 1033 (WOOD) to recce area occupied by 7 R.W.F. Bn arrived area and commenced to take over from 7 R.W.F., completed and all coys in position. A Coy patrolled down to RIVER BAISE. O Gp at Bde HQ in which Bde was given the task of clearing the area to BAZOCHES-AU-HOLME. This was only in the event of 59 DIV failing to clear this area. Codeword CAT from A Coy which meant area cleared of enemy down to RIVER BAISE and they were established firmly on this line. This was time Bn was supposed to attack area BAZOCHES but this was now unnecessary as 59 Div had cleared this area. The position of the enemy in front was now very difficult as the FALAISE GAP was now closed and Inf Tanks and ARTY were now mopping up areas at the slightest movement. Prisoners were also coming in large numbers, although 1 off & 2 ORs only passed through this area ⊙ Civilians are the chief problem as they are now attempting to return to their homes.	
	20	 1100 1800	Bn again in same area and troops generally resting. No further MOVE until 1200 hrs 21 AUG when possible to area TROARN. Major DC MULLEN second in command injured and evacuated when JEEP which he was on ran over a mine. Commanding Officer at 46 Bde 'O' Gp when details were given out re next OP. 46 Bde OP Instr No 6.	 APP. A/8
	21		Bn still located WOOD 1146. Preparations being made for next move.	
	22	 2400	Still located WOOD 1146. Maintenance on vehicles and generally preparing for move to clear area as laid down in APP. A/8. OP. GALLOP warning order received that 46 Bde OP Instr No 6 cancelled.	 APP. A/9.

	23	1400	Commanding Officer at 46 Bde 'O' Gp when details of OP. GALLOP given. Reason for change - Further area liberated and division would be required to do a further adv than first anticipated. 46 Bde O.O. No 5. Also Adm Instr No 2. OP. GALLOP. ADM Order No 4.	 APP A/9A APP A/10.
		1900	Message received from 46 Bde that harbour parties will be prepared to concentrate in place ordered by 0615 hrs if H hour earlier than 0715 hrs. Instrs later when H hour is.	
	24	0130	H Hour 0800 hrs. Bde Op Instr No 7 received re EX GALLOP. 15 Div may be reqd to continue adv. beyond present area.	 APP A/11
		0930	Brig Comd visited Bn and gave Code Word BALCONY, which meant that Bn would be adv. still further.	APP A/11A
		1110	Message received that NO move would be made until further orders received from Bde HQ. New harbour party reqd to RV 266289 immediately, which was astride Axis of adv.	
		1640	Bn continued adv. on troop carrying vehicles.	
		1830	Arrived area 266289 where Bn would concentrate night 24/25 Aug.	
	25	0200	Commanding Officer to be at Bde 'O' Gp at 0730 hrs.	APP A/12
		0730	Commanding Officer at Bde 'O' Gp where details given for move to BEAUMONT LE ROGER where Bde would take up def position. 46 Inf Bde Move Order No 8 ⊙ At 'O' Gp 'O' Order No 6 received.	APP A/13 A/13A
		1000	Recce party consisting of C.O., Mortar Officer and A/TK pl Comd left with Brigade Comd for BEAUMONT LE ROGER.	
		1215	Bn passed S.P. for new area, still embussed on T.C.V.s. This move was uneventful but very slow, due to roads being blocked by enemy vehicles, and bridges being destroyed.	
		1805	Bn Recce and Harbour Party arrived rd jct 878746 where plan was changed. Bde would now concentrate night 25/26 in AREA LA PREVOTÉ 8774 to be prepared to move not before 1000 hrs 26 AUG.	
		2100	Bn arrived area LA PREVOTÉ.	
	26	0230	Outline Order and MOVEMENT Table dated 26 received from Bde.	APP A/14
		1030	Bde Comd 'O' Gp at LES LONDES ⊙ Bde taking up defensive position, with 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS and 7 SEAFORTH in area EMMANVILLE with 9 CAMERONIANS in area LES LONDES.	
		1200	Bn arrived LES LONDES. Coy localities as shown on attch map.	
		1430	Warning order received that Bde would be prepared to cross River SEINE on night of 27/28 ⊙ Commanding Officer to attend Div Comd conference at 1900 hrs. At the conference it was decided that this crossing would NOT take place until Night 28/29.	 APP A/15

Pte LONDES	27	0700	Bn would now be prepared to cross River SEINE Night 27/28 ⊙ Recce parties to move under Bde at 0915 to R.V. Church in EMANVILLE.	
		1030	Recce parties arrived area VENABLES 3287 and carried out Recces of Routes down to River SEINE and crossing points. 15 Div Recce CORPS have been patrolling this area during 27 with intention of drawing enemy's fire, but no action of any kind taken.	
GOURNAY		1545	Bn arrived and concentrated in area GOURNAY 290845.	
		1700	Commanding Officer at Bde 'O' Gp ⊙ Plan changed. 9th Cameronians and 7 SEAFORTH would now cross SEINE together followed by 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. It would be a daylight crossing at MUIDS and the 227 Inf Bde would secure the ground on NORTH bank of River. H hour for 227 Bde 1830 27 AUG.	APP A/16
GOURNAY	28	0500	Bn left by march route for MUIDS crossing ⊙ All tpt left in area GOURNAY to remain concentrated and will be called fwd when required. On crossing River Bn to concentrate EAST of MUIDS.	See APP A/17
		0645	Bn arrived area 3188 and formed up for crossing on Assault Boats.	
		0700	227 Bde locations 10 H.L.I. in area 2590, 2 GORDONS area 2789 ⊙ 2 GORDONS reported to be entering MUIDS.	
		0800	Storm boats now being used for crossing. Bn ready to cross awaiting order to cross from Bde HQ.	
		0937	Bank on NORTH side of MUIDS now clear ⊙ 9 CAMERONIANS to commence crossing. A & B Coys in first flight followed by BN HQ, C & D.	
		0945	First flight left South bank of SEINE. Bn across at 0955 hrs ⊙ Crossing was unopposed.	
		1020	Bn in concentration area WEST of MUIDS. No enemy encountered. 'C' Coy ordered to area 324897 to cover crossing place of 7 SEAFORTH.	
		1300	Bn tp commenced arriving. This consisted of priority vehs, A/TK guns, Coy carriers, etc. Infm 2 GORDONS now moving to area LE BOOT with intention of capturing LA ROCQUETTE. Bn may stay night 28 in present concentration area, but must be prepared to move fwd.	
		1800	Commanding Officer to RV in MUIDS for orders for further move. This move is adv. to contact, 7 SEAFORTH leading, followed by 2 G.H. and 9 CAMERONIANS. Bn to taken over ~~LA ROCQUETTE~~ LE THUIT from 2 GORDONS.	
		1930	Recce party consisting of C.O., rifle coy comds, A/TK pl comd and Mortar Pl comd left conc area for ~~LA ROCQUETTE~~ LE THUIT and moved fwd along route. On arriving at Pt 350922, 7 SEAFORTH had encountered enemy in area FRETTEVILLE. While a carrier Mortar GP. dealt with this situation the adv was carried on through the WOOD 3592. Bn recce Gp reached the area LE THUIT about 300 yds to the SW	

			when the Commanding Officer decided to send 'A' Coy carrier into the village before the recce party went in. 'A' Coy carrier was about to enter the village when a rifle shot came from a wall about 200 yards away. This was engaged by fire from the remaining carriers. At approx the same time there was an explosion in the area of the village and more fire continued to fall on remaining carriers. C.O. decided to withdraw and came back to LA ROCQUETTE. "A" Coy carrier joined the Recce Party line and Major C SHEARER comd 'A' Coy was wounded in the back. 1 OR rank and Officers Batman was also injured slightly. The adv. of the Bde Gp was by this time held up and the GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS and 9 CAMERONIANS had halted in track through WOOD 3492 where they commenced to dig in. At 2400 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS started moving again to their objective CUVERVILLE. 9 CAMERONIANS remain present location ⊙ C.O. to be prepared to go to Bde HQ during night.	
	29	0215	Commanding Officer at Bde HQ and given outline plan for next operation which was occupation of LE THUIT by one Coy (D). When this complete C Coy would capture NOYERS, followed by 'A' Coy to Pt 114 and finally B Coy to LA VACHERIE. When A & B Coy on obj they would be prepared to send patrols to LES ANDELEYS to find strength of enemy, if any, occupying this area. For this OP. one sqn of tanks would be in sup, plus 191 Fd Reg. If enemy in LES ANDELEYS Bn would be prepared to send a coy to CHATEAU at 398904.	
		0900	"D" Coy approaching obj LE THUIT under concentration of 25 PDRS, MEDIUM and 3 in. MORTAR FIRE and 2 secs carriers as fire units, 1 sec A/TK guns firing on buildings with H.E.	
		0920	D Coy, leading Platoons EAST of church, continuing to clear obj beyond.	
		0935	'D' Coy now on obj and clear of enemy.	
		1000	H hour for second phase, 'C' Coy capturing NOYERS.	
		1120	'C' Coy formed up ready for attack.	
		1140	'C' Coy on objective NO enemy encountered. After this complete "A" Coy moved up to Pt 149 ⊙ At 1345 Commanding Officer arrived in NOYERS and organised patrols to LES ANDELEYS to leave at 1415.	
		1350	FFI report LES ANDELEYS clear of all enemy. 'B' Coy approaching LE VACHERIE.	
		1600	Patrol returned from LES ANDELEYS and confirmed that it is clear of enemy.	
		1620	D Coy ordered to move from LE THUIT to area of NOYERS to cover EAST. Wheels of Bn HQ ordered fwd at approx same time.	

		1920	Bn HQ arrived area NOYERS and established there. D Coy comd arrived NOYERS and recce Coy LOCALITY. During this action Bn suffered NO casualties and 1 POW of 5 Coy 26 PGR was taken. Bn now located as shown on attached MAP.	
NOYERS	30	0600	Situation unchanged. NO enemy action of any kind. All roads to be kept clear for passage of Armour and PRIORITY traffic. Weather has now broken, and coys ordered to concentrate under shelter, to leave one pl in position. At 1930 this order was changed, and Coys ordered to get all troops under cover, with double sentries throughout night.	
NOYERS	31	0700 1900	Situation NORMAL. Coy cleaning and bathing parades organised. M.T. engaged in MAINTENANCE. Personnel, equipment and tpt reqd for 15(S) DIV General improvised TP. COY. Orders received personnel to RV Bde HQ 0830 hrs 1 SEP 44. 46 Bde ADM ORDER No8	 APP A/18

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WAR DIARY
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~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~
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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year SEP 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col Sir EMA Bradford Bt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NOYERS	1		Situation unchanged.	
		1225	Harbour Parties to R.V. Bde HQ at 1500 to be prepared to stay evening, then move to NEW AREA S.W. of AMIENS.	CNB
			Warning order received Bn would probably move on morning of 2 SEP to same area. Commanding Off. to 'O' Gp at Bde HQ 1900.	
			Trg during day was carried out in form of 8 mile route march in the morning ⊙ Film show and baths in the afternoon.	CNB
		1715	Verbal message received cancelling 'O' Gp at 1900 hrs. Also Bn move on 2 SEP.	CNB
NOYERS	2		Situation unchanged.	
			Training programme:- Mortar firing 2" in coys, both H.E. and smoke. P.I.A.T.	CNB
			Drill, P.T. also carried out.	
			Tp on maintenance.	
		1225	Warning order received from Bde. Harbour Parties to stand by from 1400 to move to Bde. Bn Tp to be prepared to move at 0600 hrs 3 SEP. Marching tps at 1100. Full details later.	CNB
		1345	Harbour parties R.V. X rds at 1600.	CNB
			Verbal message from 46 Bde.	
		1800	46 Bde Inf Mov Order No 10 received.	APP E/1
		1930	C.O. "O" GP on 46 Bde Inf Mov Order No 10.	
			Order of March for Vehs. BN HQ, Carriers, Mortars, A/TK. A.B.C.D. Form up 0745; Move off 0800	CNB
			Order of Marching personnel. BN HQ.A.B.C.D Form up 1310. Move off 1320.	CNB
NOYERS	3	0800	Tpt column moved off for area BREULLET 5115 and arrived at 1100 hrs.	CNB
		1320	Marching party passed Bn S.P. and arrived in area BREULLET at 1800 hrs after an uneventful journey.	CNB
		1925	Warning order received for move on 4 Sep.	APP C4 CNB
		2205	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 11 received	APP E/2

			C.O. 'O' Gp for move order of march BN HQ, carriers, Mortars, A/TK, ABCD. To move at times as shown in Mov Table.	CNB
	4	0910	Leading vehicle crossed S.P. en route for BERNAPRE 7139.	CNB
		1156	Bn arrived area BERNAPRE 7139 and concentrated in this area.	CNB
			Afternoon spent in training consisting of a route march by coys of up to eight miles.	CNB
		1730	46(H) Inf Bde OP Instr No 11 received	APP E/3
		1800	C.O. O Gp. Order of march for following day and route given out.	CNB
		2210	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 12 received	APP E/4 CNB
	5	0805	Leading veh passed Bde S.P. en route for RAMECOURT 1410 ref map sht 72. For route see APP J2.	APP J2 CNB
			Marching personnel still located BERNAPRE 7139 awaiting arrival of T.C.Vs.	
		1505	Bn veh arrived RAMECOURT 1410 and took up position in CHATEAU ⊙	CNB
			This had previously been a German HQ and evident signs of enemy's hasty retreat.	
		1930	L.O. from Bde HQ visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bn now under comd 44 Bde. Location of 44 Bde NOT known ⊙ 46 Bde with 1 Med Reg & Recce Regt (153). 7 SEAFORTH concentration WEST of ARRAS to clear enemy pockets.	CNB
			2 Glasgow HIGHLANDERS under comd 227 Bde.	
		0035	C.O. at 44 Bde 'O' GP when Bn order to move at times as shown in 44 LOWLAND Infantry Bde Move Order No 13	APP E/5 CNB
	6	1122	Bn on move with 44 Bde column en route for Belgium.	CNB
			This move was as advance to contact and column spread over about 30 miles.	CNB
		1645	'O' Gp called by Bde comd 44 Bde at MENIN 7554 and Bn ordered to take up defensive position in area 7450. C.O. recce area and sent D.R. back to Bn who were about 7 miles in rear on line of march. On D.R. returning at about 1900 hrs, he brought message that Bn was now under command 46(H) Bde and were to RV in area 8353. Bn to move	
		2300	independently to this area. C.O. to report Bde HQ.	CNB
		2300	C.O. arrived Bde HQ and ordered to take up position for night in area AUTRYVE 9648.	CNB
			Rep sent to X rds 893458 to meet Bn and guide them to AUTRYVE.	
AUTRYVE	7	0230	Bn arrived X rds at 2345 and proceeded to area AUTRYVE ⊙ On arriving there it was discovered that two companies were NOT in column "B & D".	CNB
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			BHQ established in AUTRYVE and A & C Coys in defence. The gaps were filled up with personnel from Bn HQ and Carriers.	CNB

		0830	Brig arrived and ordered Bn to take up position in AVELGHEM 976498. This NOT to take place until other Coys arrived. The coys had been located and guides sent to them. Expected to arrive at 1230 hrs.	CNB
		1100	Bn i.e. A & C coys moved to area AVELGHEM.	CNB
			C Coy to area tk jct 980509. Bn HQ and A Coy to area 976498.	CNB
			Bn task now to clear MAIN AXIS NORTH of AVELGHEM area 968513 with in SUP 1 sqn SCOTS GREYS. H Hour 1330. This was postponed until 1415 as B & D coys had NOT arrived ⊙	CNB
		1310	B & D Coys arrived and moved to F.U.P. 'B' Coy DRIESCHT 968514. D Coy 980508 behind 'C' Coy. Shortly before this C Coy tried to put a fwd pl into the houses about 200 yds to their front and in doing so ran into cross fire from enemy MG. They had fairly heavy casualties and wounded could NOT be evacuated because of enemy cross fire.	CNB
			C.O. O Gp. A Coy to remain in area 976498. C Coy firm base in area rd jct 980507. D Coy to pass through and capture CAPHOUEK and rd jct NORTH sup by Sqn SCOTS GREYS. 3" MORTAR from Z to Z+7. B Coy attack rd jct 975521 then N and clear KLOOSTERHOUGH sup by LOYALS and 3" mortars Z+20, Z+26.	CNB
			This was changed later and "B" Coy would attack same objective first, then 'D' Coy would move fwd and clear same area.	CNB
		1415	B Coy commenced attack and immediately held up by 88MM fire and MG. They pushed forward slowly under continuous fire, until at 1515 hrs C.O. ordered D Coy fwd. They made fairly good progress and at 1550 they were on their first objective, having taken 5 offrs and 90 ORs prisoner.	CNB
		1830	Bn ordered to take up position in area 9748 to protect Bridges over canal. Coys to be in position before last light.	CNB
			C.O. went round coys and gave them new areas. A Coy 974487; B Coy 973497; C Coy 972492; D Coy 975499.	
		1945	Coys began to pull back to new areas ⊙ All in position by 2100 hrs. Bn HQ established 976484.	CNB
			15(S) Inf Div Adm Order No 18	APP E/6
ESCANAFFLES 977494	8 SEP	0900	C.O. group for move to area GAVERE 1366 to take over from 1/7 Queens to enable them to continue advance. C.O. to go fwd with "R" Gp and recce 7 QUEENS AREA.	CNB
		1215	Recce party arrived GAVERE 1366 and recce QUEENS POSITIONS and fixed A Coy 118669, B 136668; C 140692, D 143656 to take over on arrival:- Carrier sec to patrol the EAST bank of canal in Bn area. The movement of Bn to this area delayed because T.C.Vs could NOT be obtained. At 1600 Bn T.C.V. arrived and Bn moved off at 1700 hrs.	

			Again the movement along roads to GAVERE very slow because of amount of supply tpt on roads.	CNB
		2310	Bn arrived GAVERE and guided to Coy localities as given. 7 SEAFORTH located SCHELDRODE 1771 and 1 Coy of 2 GH in ADENARDE 0957 while remainder were awaiting T.C.V. for move to clear GHEEL.	CNB
GAVERE	9 SEP	1200	Patrol sent out to find locations and on return it was established that 227 Bde & 44 Bde were in area to WEST of Bn.	CNB
			Bn now cleared area on WEST bank of canal and no enemy encountered.	
		2200	T.C.V. to arrive at 0800 hrs 10 SEPT ⊙ No move before 1500 hrs 10th SEP.	CNB
		2230	Harbour parties will be prepared to move off by 1200 hrs 10th SEP.	CNB
GAVERE	10 SEP	1215	C.O. O Gp at Bde HQ. Orders given out that 46 Inf Bde would move to area of ALBERT CANAL at LIERRE and carry out deception plan to enable 53 Div to get a crossing over canal S.E. of ANTWERP. 46 Inf Bde Mov Order No 14.	CNB APP E/7
		1420	Inf and RE patrols required to recce ALBERT Canal. We had to supply 1 off and 1 NCO and 4 ORs ⊙ To meet C.O. at X rds LIERRE 7886 at 1830 hrs where instructions would be given.	CNB
			During this time C.O. had recce area and Bde 'O' Gp held in TOWN HALL LIERRE where final arrangements made ⊙ Our Recce patrol to lie up in area BROECHEM 8191 and to observe any enemy movements ⊙ Patrol to report back to unit conc area on completion of task.	
		1540	Bn left area GAVERE (1366) and arrived area LONDERZEEL 582735 at 2130 hrs and took up all round defensive positions.	CNB
		2359	Plan for deception crossing at LIERRE cancelled. Bn would remain in present location until further orders.	CNB
LONDERZEEL	11 SEP	1030	Message from Bde that C.O. would meet Bde Comd at X rds 0481 at 1400 hrs, ref map 25/35 FRANCE 1/50,000.	
		1400	C.O. at Bde O Gp X rds 0481. 9th Cameronians to relieve 7 GREEN HOWARDS in area 063875. Area to be recce immediately by Coy Comds who arrived at 1500. This recce was completed and 1 offr and 1 NCO from each of our Coys left behind with 7 GREEN Howards until Bn arrived on following day.	CNB
			46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 7 issued and Movement order.	APP E/8 CNB
		1700	Instructions received from Bde for permission to allow 80 men from Bn to visit BRUSSELS. To leave BRUSSELS at 2100.	CNB
			46 Inf Bde Adm Order No 5.	APP G/1
	12 SEP	0800	C.O. 'O' Gp for move to relieve 7 GREEN HOWARDS to concentrate before crossing Bridge in area 4381.	CNB
		1045	Bn left LONDERZEEL for area 4381.	
			Move from CONC AREA order from 46 Bde as Bn crossing pt had been changed from CLASS 40 BR to Class 9 BR.	APP E/9 CNB

		1410	Arrived area 4381. After debussing Bn then moved off to further CONC area at SOUTH of RD in 0586 to be called fwd to 7 GREEN HOWARDS when situation permitted.	CNB
		1800	Bn conc in 0586. The relief could NOT be carried out as 7 GREEN HOWARDS were being counter attacked by enemy (53 G.A.F.). By 2200 the situation was cleared up and coys moved fwd and all in posn by 2230. Locations A 057877; C 062877; B 056871; D 063874.	CNB
057873 Ref Map 25/35 France & Belgium 1/50,000	13 SEP	0210	Patrol went to village LARUM and returned at 0330 with infm that village occupied and enemy were to this side of it.	CNB
		0600	Situation unchanged. 4 P.O.W. taken during night.	
		1015	Brig J.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and gave out plan for next move. Objectives VELVEKEN 0487 (2) LARUM 0588 (3) RAUWELKOVEN 0589 (4) Area 0490. To be known as WALNUT 5,6,7,8 respectively. The 7 SEAFORTH were doing much the same on the left flank and generally moving fwd to canal ESCAUT.	CNB CNB
		1300	Carrier sec ordered to patrol to area NIEUWMOLEN - X rds 058886.	CNB
		1330	B Coy to move into position behind A.	
		1510	Recce report LARUM clear of enemy.	
		1515	'C' Coy now in VELVEKEN 0487.	
		1545	'B' Coy report on way to LARUM 0588 and at 1605 in position.	CNB
		1646	D Coy report leading child now approaching 0589 and in position by 1700.	CNB
		1735	A Coy approaching objective in position by 1810.	
		1830	Bn HQ moved to LARUM 049885 and 'C' Coy ordered to move into reserve in area 047887. Patrols laid on for night 13/14 SEP along CANAL bank to ST JOSEPH OULEN and LOCK at 057917.	CNB
LARUM	14 SEP	0600	Situation Normal. Enemy on NORTH bank of canal in fairly large numbers, continual sniping by enemy on any movement on our side of CANAL. During daylight this was even more so and as O.P. were difficult to find because of flat nature of country, it was difficult to bring ARTY and MORTAR fire down. Also MORTAR and ARTY ammo were in short supply and Units were ordered NOT to fire this ammo unless in case of a strong counter attack. Unit snipers were in action during hours of daylight and inflicted a number of casualties on enemy while his snipers inflicted 4 casualties.	CNB CNB CNB
	15 SEP	0600	Situation unchanged. Patrolling carried out along CANAL bank encountered NO enemy. During daylight enemy activity still on same scale.	
		1420	Pl of B Coy ordered fwd to occupy ST JOSEPH OULEN and to stop any enemy movement to this side of CANAL. In position by 1700.	CNB

		2025	B Coy pl at ST JOSEPH OULEN reported enemy crossing river in their area. At 2100 C.O. ordered 'C' Coy fwd with a carrier sec to contact Pl of B Coy and to clear situation. 'C' Coy would occupy this area, as the bridge at 021913 although blown could still be used as crossing place.	CNB CNB
LARUM	16 SEP	0100 0600	C Coy in position in ST JOSEPH OULEN. Situation normal. Enemy still on opposite bank. Enemy were found to be occupying area on NORTH side of CANAL at LOCK 058917 and C.O. ordered D Coy fwd to occupy this area.	 CNB
LARUM	17 SEP	0600	Situation unchanged. Enemy still occupying far bank of CANAL. OP. FLOOD 46. Inf Bde deception plan. 46 Inf Bde OO No. 8 issued.	CNB APP E/10 APP E/11
	18 SEP	0600 0800 1435	Situation unchanged. Enemy still occupying far bank. C.O. of 7 QUEENS arrived Bn HQ and prepared to take over our position at ST JOSEPH OULEN. One Coy 7 QUEENS relieved C Coy and returned to reserve position as they were on arrival at LARUM. BDYs, ROUTES and CODEWORDS issued by 46(H) Bde.	CNB CNB APP E/12
	19 SEP	0600 1400	Situation unchanged. Enemy still on far bank of canal. B & D Coys changed location, B Coy now at LOCK and D Coy back in their original position.	CNB CNB
LOMMEL	20 SEP	0600 1200 1430 2015 2310	Situation unchanged. C.O. at Bde HQ ordered to RV at 160 Bde HQ as soon as possible at Map Ref 319952 LOMMEL and to come under comd immediately. Bn left LARUM 049885 and arrived area LOMMEL 319952 at 1715 hrs. Coys to areas as shown on map. Message received from 158 Bde that Bn now under comd of 160 Bde. Message received that Bn would be prepared to move at 0600 hrs 21 SEP to area 3817 and 3818 ref map BELGIUM & NE France 1/100,000 Sht 4 ⊙ Harbour party to R.V. 71 Bde HQ at 0500 hrs. 71 Bde HQ at WESTERHOVEN 3706.	 CNB CNB CNB
	21 SEP	0600 1300 1430 2005	Bn left area LOMMEL for area 3817 & 3818 and arrived at ZEELST 386167 at 0810. Crossed the DUTCH frontier at 0615 hrs. Brig J.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bn now back under command of 46 Bde and that Bn had to move immediately to relieve Bn OX and Bucks at 317246. Bn left ZEELST 386167 for area 317246 and arrived at 1800 hrs. Relief of OX and BUCKS complete by Coy to areas as shown on attch map. Bn task to hold area in all round defence as enemy could attack from practically all directions but was obviously holding the opposite Bank of WILHELMINA CANAL in some strength. MG's and 1 88MM	CNB CNB CNB

			gun reported by previous unit. All the Bridges over the canal were blown. 50 per cent stand to all night and 100 per cent at 0515 - 0615 hrs.	
	22	0600	No change in situation.	CNB
		0615	Report received over wireless that 7 SEAFORTH had crossed CANAL about 4 miles EAST of our location. Complete surprise obtained over enemy.	CNB
		0800	46(H) Inf Bde MOV Order No 15 issued.	APP E/13
			Remainder of day very quiet and no enemy activity. Our A/TK guns engaged CHURCH throughout day to deny use of it as O.P.	
		1800	Message received from carrier patrol that route to ACHT along canal bank was suitable for vehicles although considerable part of it under possible enemy obs.	CNB
		1930	Message by wireless ⊙ You will be relieved by 53 Div, instructions to follow.	
		2100	As soon as Bn of OX & BUCKS arrive and as soon after last light as possible you will move to area 4022 & 4122. Harbour parties in advance.	APP E/20 CNB
	23 SEP	0315	Bn left area 317246 by route already recce. On passing along the edge of canal convoy was engaged with enemy mortars and 88MM ⊙ No casualties were inflicted although about 5 vehicles were ditched. They were recovered later.	CNB
		0730	Bn tpt arrived in ACHT 406222.	CNB
		0935	Bn marching personnel arrived ACHT.	
		1025	Message received from Bde for C.O. to RV at 2 GH HQ at 386253. At this 'O' Gp Bn to relieve 2 GH in area of CL 40 Br. Task to defend area of Br, dispositions as shown on. To enable 2 GH and 7 SEAFORTH to push on to area BEST.	APP E/21 APP E/22 CNB
		1230	Bn left area ACHT and arrived at CL 40 Br at 1310 and took up position as shown on Map 389254.	CNB
		1905	One child to come under command 2 GH and take up position at Rd jcts 375262 ⊙ GH location 384260.	CNB
	24	0530	Situation report:- unchanged.	
		0615	C.O. 'O' GP on general situation:- see APP E/14	APP E/14
		0745	C.O. to O Gp at 2 GH HQ 384260. See APP E/15.	APP E/15
			Bn to concentrate in area 384260 prior to moving up to relieve 2 GH in area BEST.	CNB
		0850	Bn moved off to conc area. 'C' Coy now back under comd 9 CAMERONIANS.	
		0935	BN HQ est at 380259.	CNB
		1155	C Coy in position rd jct 375262.	
		1530	A Coy move off to obj LEVEL CROSSING 371263.	

		1755	'A' Coy reached obj on right, held up on left obj by MG fire ⊙ Big brothers have gone to deal with some S.P. guns.	CNB
		1755	B Coy on obj. No enemy encountered.	CNB
		1810	B Coy proceeded NORTH and arrived on obj at 1840 rd & tk jct 375267.	
			D Coy in school 375263.	
			During this action the enemy used mortar and MG fire only and casualties were 5 Killed, 25 WOUNDED.	
BEST	25		During night local patrols were out and enemy were holding line of Rly WEST of BEST.	CNB
		0600	Situation unchanged. Enemy mortared Bn area during night.	
		1545	TYPHOONs attacked factory MAP Ref 365256.	CNB
		1830	O Gp at Bde at 1830. See APP E/16	APP E/16
BEST	26	0600	Situation unchanged.	
		1115	A Coy pushed onto line of Rly.	CNB
		1130	B Coy started attack on houses 373261.	
		1245	A B Coy in position.	
		1430	D Coy commenced to attack area 374258 but held up by MG and mortar fire.	CNB
		1625	B.HQ moved to area School in BEST 375263.	
			The Bn area during this time was subject to heavy mortar and 88MM fire.	CNB
			The remainder of the night was spent in local patrolling ⊙ The enemy was located on other side of rly at several points all in very close contact with forward Coys.	
BEST	27	0530	C Coy patrol returned having contacted 7 SEAFORTH. A Coy patrol obs. 12 Horse drawn veh and heard movement of tps.	CNB
		0730	'O' Gp (C.O.) during today we will hold line of Rly and clear all enemy from it ⊙ At same time being aggressive in patrolling area on other side. D Coy to clear and occupy farm houses. For this, all coys, 2 A/TK, 3 MORTARS, CARRIERS to give Supporting fire to enable D Coy to cross open ground. Sup arms 3 SP guns, MMG Pl and 190 Bty. H hour 1000. A Coy to patrol to NASTA BEST.	CNB APP E/17 CNB
		1030	D Coy Fwd Pl now on obj. SP guns with them and have engaged targets.	
BEST	28	0330	B Coy patrol returned and reported movement as before in respect of enemy Horse drawn tpt.	CNB
		0700	C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp. SEE APP E/18	APP E/18
			Remainder of day was spent in harassing enemy by arty and mortar fire.	CNB
			Crossing and occupying houses on other side cancelled by Bde.	
		1600	'O' Gp. Weapon trng being commenced on 29 SEP.	

			Tired personnel to visit BRUSSELS on 48 hours leave commencing 30 Sep.	CNB
BEST	29	0600 1400 2200	Situation unchanged. Enemy still located on WEST side of Rly. Enemy obs. continually on opposite side of Rly and were continually engaged with MORTARS and S.A fire. Deception plan by smoke to try and make enemy disclose positions. This was unsuccessful. A Coy Ambush patrol returned. Cas inflicted on enemy at 368264.	 CNB CNB
BEST	30	0600 1930	Situation unchanged. Patrolling on 30 SEP. APP E/19 Remainder of day spent in obs. on known enemy localities and engaging them by fire. C.O. 'O' Gp. 'C' Coy will occupy houses on WEST of cross rds pushing one sect across under cover of fire from A, B & D Coys. If successful remainder of Coy will cross.	 APP E/19 CNB

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (S.R.)

Month and Year OCT 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col Sir EMA Bradford Bt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BEST	1	0715	'C' Coy attacked over rly line with one sec ⊙ The remainder of the Coy was Formed Up on this side to exploit. Immediately the sec attempted to cross the RLY line heavy mortar fire was brought down on the RLY and the leading sec suffered six casualties killed and two wounded. A B & D Coys also suffered casualties from this mortar fire bringing total casualties to 14. The Commanding Officer then ordered 'C' Coy to withdraw and return to old location. The remainder of the day spent in obs. on known enemy localities and engaging with MORTAR and ARTY.	
	2		Confidential message 9 CAMERONIANS being relieved on 3 OCT. Adv party 2 I/C and one rep from each coy to recce area for billeting and for training in AREA HELMOND. Situation unchanged throughout day ⊙ No enemy activity.	
	3	1530	2 Bn SEAFORTH of 51 HIGHLAND Div commenced relieving Bn by Coy localities. On being relieved Coys marched to embussing Pt and moved off individually when ready. The first Coy (C) arrived in HELMOND at 1830 and last of Bn was in billeting area by 1930. Tps billeted in 2 Factories opposite STATION at 557227 ⊙ Officers billeted out in surrounding houses. During the relief a number of mortar bombs were dropped in Bn area. No casualties inflicted.	OO No 10 APP E/1 MOV O No 16 " E/2
HELMOND	4		Coy engaged in general cleaning ⊙ All MT on maintenance. Coy officers and Cadre staff recce training areas.	
HELMOND	5		Training being carried out in accordance with APP.	
HELMOND	6	1210	Training as per programme. Message received from Bde HQ. 1 offr per Coy and 1 N.C.O. per pl to KSLI at MOOK to be there by 1730 to remain and get general picture of LAYOUT for defensive posn.	

			2 C.O. and 2I/C will leave for same area with BRIG. at 0830 7 OCT ⊙ C.O. returns with Brig by 1600 to meet CORPS Comd ⊙ 2I/C will remain to complete arrangements ⊙ If any other specialist pl comds reqd can go with C.O. 3 C.O. and 2I/C will meet SQ Comd in MODEL room at 1830 hrs.	
		1500	Advance party left HELMOND for area MOOK to recce positions occupied by KSLI.	
		1810	109 OR rfts arrived Bn area and distributed to Coys.	
HELMOND	7	0830	Commanding Off and 2I/C left with Brig for area MOOK.	
		0900	5 officer Rft arrived Bn plus 37 ORs and sent to Coys as shown in W 3008 38/44.	
		1230	Message received from Bde that Recce party would be returning to Bn on the evening of the 7th OCT.	
		1600	Commanding Officer returned and held Bn 'O' Gp when it was given out that Bn would NOT now be required to relieve KSLI or clear WOOD to S.E. of it and would remain in HELMOND until further orders, possibly until FRIDAY 13 OCT 44.	
		1830	C.O. and Brig J.M.L. Villiers DSO visited CORPS Comd 8 CORPS ⊙ When further infm given. Training would be carried on in present location and new rfts would be given every opportunity to settle down with their Coys. 15(S) Div NOT required to clear WOOD EAST of River MAAS but would probably be required to assist 3 British DIV in their attack, or alternatively to clear area WEST of RIVER MAAS.	
HELMOND	8	1030	Bn Church Parade then remainder of day given over as Bn Holiday.	
		1410	Message from Bde that Div Comd would visit Bn at 0900 hrs 9th OCT ⊙ Programme. Div Comd would speak to Bn first then Bn would March Past.	
HELMOND	9	0900	Div Comd visited Bn and spoke about work done by Bn in the past and welcomed new arrivals in OR and officers. Bn then marched past and the Div Comd took the salute. Training then carried out as per Trg programme.	
HELMOND	10		Training as per programme. Commanding officer on Recce with Brig for next operation. This operation Top secret. Rep from each pl went to area.	
HELMOND	11		Training as per programme ⊙ Last operation cancelled and recce party recalled.	
HELMOND	12		Training as per programme.	
HELMOND	13		Training as per programme.	
HELMOND	14		Training as per programme. Bn now prepared to clear area SOUTH of VENLO through the AMERICAN FRONT to line of River MAAS.	ADM ORDER No 7 APP H/1

HELMOND	15		Bn Church parade. Operation to line of MAAS cancelled. Bn would take part in Exercise "COCKSHY" on OCT 16.	
HELMOND	16	0830 0915 1030 1219 1220 1220 1230 1247 1259 1645	Bde 'O' Gp at X tracks 508164. Bn moved from HELMOND to Assembly area 503165 and moved off to commence exercise "COCKSHY". Bn moved off on RAMS armoured carriers to F.A.A. in rear of 2GH who were doing left flank protection. 7 SEAFORTH Right 9 CAMERONIAN left each sup by 1 sqn CHURCHILLS. Exercise was due to start at 1200 hrs but Sqn Churchills received word that they were now at one hours notice. The exercise was subsequently brought fwd and commenced at 1120 when fwd coys crossed S.L. B Coy on obj. A Coy on obj. C Coy on obj and contacted 7 SEAFORTH on RIGHT. D Coy on obj. Bn now on obj message passed to Bde. Message from Bde concentrate now and allow 2 GH to carry out their task which was mopping up the area behind fwd Bns 1320. Ex finished. C.O. to meet BRIGADIER at S.P. Bn commenced arriving in HELMOND and moved off to old locations.	
HELMOND	17		Training as per programme, location unchanged.	
HELMOND	18		Training as per programme, location same. C.O to attend training conference at Bde HQ at 1700. CO returned at 1810 and immediately held an 'O' GP as the Bn were moving on 19 NOV to relieve 5 Bn SEAFORTH, 51 DIV, in BEST 376264. C.O. to conference at 227 Bde HQ at 2000 hrs as Bn now under comd 227 Bde. The areas to be taken over much the same as our old positions except one coy would be in factory area.	APP. E/3
HELMOND	19	0830 1630	C.O. moved off from HELMOND to recce area of 5 Bn SEAFORTH, recce gp consisting of Coy comds arrived at 1100 and proceeded to inspect area. Coys located as follows: A. B. C. D. Bn H.Q. The situation was much the same as when Bn left this area. The enemy still on the opposite side of RLY and not in the least offensive. 5 Bn The SEAFORTH carried out patrolling in this area but unable to locate enemy positions. Bn commenced arriving BEST and moved off to respective areas all in position by 1810 hrs.	

BEST	20	0600 1300 2130 2345	Quiet night no enemy activity. 0731 Patrols and snipers while Bde in this area. During day enemy observed on a number of occasions to be walking about, these points noted and 4.2" & 3" MORTAR fire brought down on these areas when dark. Patrol activity for night 20/21 OCT. B Coy patrol returned nothing to report. B Coy reported enemy patrol approaching their area. This patrol moved along rd running parallel with RLY. Hand grenades were exchanged. No casualties on either side.	 APP J/1 APP J/2
BEST	21	 2315	0600 Nothing further to report. Patrol activity night 21/22 OCT 44. Snipers active on Bn front but enemy were careful. "B" Coy picked off two enemy at 400 yds to their front. - 0130 Patrols returned, one enemy post located.	 APP J/3
BEST	22	0600 0900 0940	Nothing to report. Bn locality quiet. Commanding Officer on 48 hrs leave. Mjr P.L. Hendricks MM assumes comd of Bn. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp when future OPs discussed. Clearing area ST ODENRODE-BOXTEL-BEST. 9th Cameronians responsible for protecting left flank. Patrol activity night 22/23 OCT. Snipers again active on Bn front, further 2 hits claimed. Patrols brought back information re banks of Rly as to suitability for tank crossing places. There are ditches on either side of RLY but they provide NO obstacle to tanks. This infm passed to Reps from 3 SCOTS Gds who would be sup Bn in advance.	 APP E/4. APP J/4.
BEST	23	0600	Situation unchanged enemy engaged by 4.2 MORTARS during night. Patrol intentions night 23/24 OCT. Snipers again active on Bn front. 3 P.O.W. walked into "A" Coy area 1031/GR. Otherwise area very quiet.	
BEST	24	0930 1000 1120	13 P.W. surrendered to 'B' Coy. Stated they had come from OIRSCHOT and had been left as rearguard. C.O. at 'O' GP Bde, where infm given that enemy had withdrawn from area to front of Bde and Bde would immediately put into effect OP ERIC without Sup fire. 9th Cameronians would push fwd to NASTEBEST and occupy area 362266. C.O. 'O' GP. "B" Coy to move fwd to NASTEBEST and occupy area 362260, D Coy 368258 - A Coy 365264 C Coy move fwd to B Coy and relieve them allowing them to return to old location. Carriers to remain present position.	 APP E/5

		1227	B Coy crossed RLY line.	
		1304	Carriers pl now under comd Recce sqn and will move with them as soon as ready to OIRSCHOT and remain until relieved by 1 Bn 44 Bde. This op was held up because of mines on MAIN AXIS.	
		1342	B coy report NASTEBEST cleared and moving to objective, on obj by 1410.	
		1455	D Coy in position, A moving up.	
		1530	Recce sqn now in OIRSCHOT. Our carrier pl to remain night under comd 44 Bde.	
			227 Bde had moved up to rd BEST - OIRSCHOT. No enemy encountered, but mines and Booby traps in large numbers.	
		1600	C coy relieved 'B' Coy now in old location.	
		1800	3 P.W. taken at 364257.	
		1810	3 P.W. " by A Coy.	
			46 Bde OO No 11 received for further adv on day 25. Bn order of march Recce 'B' Sqn adv Gd. 2 GH Main Gd Bde HQ. 7 SEAFORTH 9 CAMERONIANS (Carriers 'R' GP. 'O' GP. BN HQ, MORTARS, A/TK, "C" "D" "A" "B" Coy 15 cwts M.O.).	APP E/6
			No patrolling required as it is no longer considered enemy in area.	
			Commanding Officer returned from 48 hours leave.	
	25	1100	Bn moved off from area BEST on axis.	
		1100	GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS attacking HEILIGEBOOM 2330. The bridges in this area blown but owing to width of canals bridges were quickly put across and adv continued in direction OISTERWIJKSCHE.	
		1300	Bn off road in area 2430. C.O. officers at Bde 'O' GP when Bn were ordered to move to area 224314 to take up defensive positions ⊙ We may be required for special task one Coy to adv to BRIDGES 188318, 190320. 'D' Coy warned.	
		1410	Bn commenced moving to area 224314.	
		1510	D Coy ordered to drop off and go to BRIDGES to take over from Recce, who had seized them. Remainder of Bn now in area 224314 and digging in.	
		1730	Order from Bde that Bn would now move to area of D Coy and consolidate on that line. Bn moved off at 1800 and in position by 2130. C.O. to Bde 'O' GP at 2130 where plan for 26 OCT 44.	
			7 SEAFORTH located OOSTERWIJK 2334 and SOUTH of RLY. GH WOOD 238330.	
			7 Seaforth cross Rly line and 2 G.H push fwd and capture factory area. 9 CAMERONIANS to cross RLY at 181326 and endeavour to get crossing places over canal to exploit to BRIDGE 176322.	

			B Coy to move at first light sup by tanks to area of CANAL BR. 179326 followed by D Coy to area 182324. A Coy to area BR 176322. C Coy remain in area of Bridges 189319.	
	26	0655 0740 0801 0840 1050 1700 1850 1853	B Coy completed first phase area clear to HO 184324. B Coy M.G fire at us from left. Tanks ordered fwd to get to line of Rly. B Coy now moving to obj with tanks supporting. B coy on obj and consolidating. B.R. over road 181326 completely destroyed and blocking road. Bridges over canal in this area demolished although still possible to cross canal on foot. A Coy to move to bridges 176332 which is still intact. D Coy in area 182324 and trying to find crossing place. This area now subjected to heavy mortar and ARTY fire. A Coy could not move fwd and all Coys moved to areas as shown on map. B Coy pushed 1 sec across canal to area 178327. 1 P.W. V Coy 2 Bn 481 P.G.R. captured by D Coy Line of rd TILBURG - OOSTERWIJK under intense shell fire. B Coy fwd pl in area cross tracks 179332 forced to withdraw under strong pressure from enemy. A Coy report 40 enemy counter attacking X rds 179332. A small enemy patrol reached B Coy area and were operating at close ranges with hand grenades. They were beaten off with casualties, casualties to B Coy unknown.	
	27	0400 0900 1045 1425 1535	3 P.O.W. from D Coy came from OOSTERWIJK and walked into D Coy area. B Coy situation cleared up not so bad as first thought although suffered 19 casualties. Bn ordered to clear area South and NORTH of RLY to OOSTERWIJK to allow 2 GH and 7 S to advance to TILBURG. This was complete by 0845. D Coy contacted leading elements of 7 ARMD who were operating in area to NORTH of RLY. Brig arrived B Coy and ordered commencement of crossing canal as 44 Bde had adv from SOUTH and were 1 mile from centre of TILBURG. Assault boats were brought up and A & C D coy to cross at BRIDGE 179326 and B Coy at BRIDGE 175332 by assault boats as this bridge now blown. A Coy now in position on far bank, D Coy moving across, followed by C then B on NORTH crossing pt to areas as shown on map. All Coys in position in TILBURG. 2 G.H. passing through. Pioneers built class VI raft which would ferry that class tpt across canal at Pt 175332. Raft built by 1830, and commenced ferrying. The raft also being used by 2 G.H. All tpt to be across	APP. E/7

			by 0600 hrs, when Bn would commence to clear TILBURG as shown on TOWN PLAN of TILBURG.	
TILBURG	28	0800 2235	Clearing of TILBURG commenced. No enemy encountered and Coys moved to areas and ensured they were clear. Then concentrated in FACTORIES and appropriate buildings. Message received from Bde that C.O. R.V 11 Armd Div HQ at DEURNE 6520 to meet Bde comd. Bn to move off from TILBURG to harbour area at 1100.	 APP E/8 APP C/1 APP. D/1
	29	1100 1335	Bn moved off from TILBURG. C.O. met Bde Comd. Bde to occupy area of DEURNE to SOUTH along rly line to meet enemy counter attack on this area. Enemy known to be in LIESEL 6914 and MEIJEL 7106 in considerable strength. Bn to take up defensive position as shown on map. Bn arrived and moved into def position.	
	30	0630	Nothing to report. Bn to move to area WOOD 6116 and take up def positions as shown on map. 'O' GP for further adv to capture area LOONSCHE BAAN 6814. D & C leading coy left and right respectively followed by A & B. H Hour 0830. Sup Coy 1 sqn tanks.	
DEURNE	31	0830 0920 <

		1830	C.O. at Bde Comd 'O' GP for op on 1 NOV to clear up to line of CANAL with A Coy to area 695156, B 695151, with in sup 1 sqn SCOTS GUARDS. 46 Inf Bde OO No 13.	 APP. E/9

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (S.R)

Month and Year Nov. 44

Commanding Officer Mjr P.L. Hendricks M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LIESEL	1	0830	Bn clearing up to VAN DEURNE KANAL. This op. was carried out with no opposition being encountered and at 1022 all Coys in position. Casualties for this op. 2, due to our own ARTY falling short. The leading Coys, A & B cleared up to KANAL and then withdrew back about 300 yards to cover it by fire. The ground in this area very difficult, as soon as slit trenches dug to about 2 feet, they immediately filled with water. This area to the SOUTH along tracks running to KANAL was mined and one carrier lost on them.	CNB
		1205	Message received that tank sqn in sup would return to old location as soon as sup arms in posn.	CNB
		1220	Patrols sent out from two fwd Coys to area of KANAL to recce possible enemy crossing places and if enemy in position there.	CNB
		1730	C.O. to Bde 'O' GP for Notes on OPS 2 NOV 44.	APP. E/1 CNB
		2100	C.O. O GP at BN HQ when plan for move to relieve 6 K.O.S.B. as given in 46 Inf Bde OP Instr. No 14.	CNB
HUTTEN	2	0800	Bn recce party to HUTTEN area to take over posn from KOSB. C Coy on move to relieve Coy 6 KOSB area 689127. Bn concentrated in area LIESEL awaiting order to move fwd to new area.	CNB
		0945	C.O. returned to area LIESEL and ordered Bn to stay in present area until 6 K.O.S.B. commenced to move. This was completed by 1030 hrs and Bn commenced moving to area LIESEL.	CNB
		1247	A & B Coys now in position, in area A.tk guns 694116. B Coy area HO 694126.	CNB
		1305	D in position in area tk junc 691136. C Coy in reserve in area Rd junc 682128 and at 1600 moved to area HO 693121.	CNB
		1530	Patrolling for night 2/3 NOV. Contact patrol with recce SQN to area 691138. Standing Patrol of 1 off and 6 ORs to area BRIDGE 707124 to recce Br area to find if still possible to cross on BRIDGES and if enemy occupying any positions WEST of KANAL. Patrol to leave Bn area (B Coy) at 1900 hrs to return when task completed.	CNB

HUTTEN	3	0100	Patrol returned two BRIDGES result, Main road BR intact, nothing seen of small footbridge. No enemy encountered but thought to be on opposite bank.	CNB
		0800	Brig Comd visited C.O., contact must be kept with enemy on opposite bank by using snipers, 'I' sect and fwd O.P. A standing patrol would be kept on BRIDGE area consisting of 1 Off, 1 sec, 2'I' sec and Mobile fire controller from MORTAR PL. This O.P. to be established immediately in HO. 708122. No action to be taken but all posn to be recorded.	CNB
		0910	Fwd O.P. in posn, communication by wireless line, through 'B' Coy.	CNB
		1345	C.O. at Bde HQ for discussion on future lay out of Bn.	CNB
		1600	C.O. returned and Bn now on 3 Coy organization, 'D' Coy being split up between 'A' & 'B' Coys and HQ (Coy) going to 'B' Ech to await reinforcements.	
		1930	C.O. 'O' GP. Bn HQ when 3 Coy organization discussed and necessary plans made. This plan would take effect on 5 NOV when Bn frontage being altered.	CNB
		1935	Night Patrol in posn. From result of day O.P. enemy about one pl strong identified on opposite bank. They were quite unaware of our O.P. and carried on with normal tasks.	CNB
			The night patrol again to recce Bridge area, to discover if possible to cross. At same time to recce banks of KANAL.	CNB
			Patrol returned at 0600. Result: Main ROAD BRIDGE blown, small footbridge, still possible to infantry, middle boarding taken out, but appeared as if enemy could replace it whenever necessary. The ground leading up to Bridge absolutely flat, movement very difficult owing to muddy nature of ground. Very little embankment onto KANAL and both banks level with one another. Width of KANAL 15-20 ft. Movement possible if ditches used.	CNB
HUTTEN	4	0600	Situation unchanged ⊙ Enemy shelled MAIN ROAD throughout hours of darkness at approx ten minute intervals. Enemy guns seemed long way off and great difficulty experienced in getting bearings on them ⊙ Day patrol in posn.	
			46 Inf Bde O.O. No 14 received.	APP. E/2 CNB
		1900	C.O. 'O' GP. Bn HQ. Plan for bringing Bn on 3 Coy organization took place in conjunction with 46 Inf Bde OO No 14. Bn would now occupy area with 3 Coys. A Coy 693114, B Coy present LOCATION: 694126, C Coy area 694119, BN HQ remain 681129, Carrier pl in reserve area WOOD 692117 on morning of 5 NOV.	CNB
		1930	Day OP returned with enemy position located on EAST side of KANAL. Additional patrolling night, contact to recce SQN on left flank. Special patrol 1 off 1 OR to recce suitable crossing pt on KANAL.	CNB

			If suitable spot found, patrol would cross on night 5/6 NOV and mine road to HELENEVEEN. Patrol comd Lt Shand ('C' Coy) who would also carry out mining OP. if crossing pt found.	CNB
HUTTEN	5	0730 0803	A Coy reported in new location. C Coy reported in new location. Shortly after this Bn area was shelled with NO casualties. Patrol on night 4/5 on BR was in position and nothing fresh to report. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. with points to be discussed for 10 day stay in present defensive posn. Trench emplacements would be improved to allow men liberties, such as smoking reading and writing at nights. Also employment and if possible training during day. Owing to the wet nature of ground men would have a dry pair of socks each day. C.O. returned from 'O' GP. and summoned Bn 'O' GP. and discussed with Coy comd the points raised at Bde conference. Bde would remain in present area for ten days. Bn would commence immediately to prepare strong defensive posn. Patrolling to be carried on as before, and enemy locations observed.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
HUTTEN	6	0630	Patrol report, no enemy activity on BR AREA. Special patrol could not find suitable crossing point on CANAL as every 500 yds there was enemy L.M.G. post which could cover 300 yds both NORTH and SOUTH along KANAL on the darkest of nights. Bn engaged on defensive posns. During daylight snipers claimed two hits, and ARTY did sniping shoot on known enemy posn, with observed success. Day O.P and night patrol changed over at 1830 hours. Night patrol had task of locating enemy at jct points on CANAL at 708129, 710117, also to leave standing Patrol on BRIDGE.	 CNB CNB CNB CNB
HUTTEN	7	0630 1730 1930	No enemy activity during night. Patrol reported enemy post in area 708129, but NOTHING observed in area 710117. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. to get plan for future OP. C.O. 'O' Gp. at BN H.Q. giving programme of reliefs to be carried out within the Div whilst in present location. See 46 (H) Inf Bde O.P. Instr No 15. Defence works carried out during day. Parties at Entertainments and Baths during day.	 CNB CNB APP. E/3. CNB
HUTTEN	8	0630	No enemy activity on Bn front. Patrols nothing fresh to report. Bn engaged in defensive posns. Entertainment and Baths parties allotted to Coys. O.P. reports enemy still on EAST Bank of CANAL but NO activity observed during daylight.	CNB CNB

HUTTEN	9	0630	No enemy activity on Front during night. Patrols nothing fresh to report Bn engaged on defensive posns Entertainment and Baths parties allotted. Relief of 9 Cameronians by 7 Seaforths on day 10 NOV. O.P. report still no enemy activity observed on far bank.	 CNB CNB CNB APP. E/4. CNB
HUTTEN	10	0630 0900 1500	No enemy activity on Bn Front during night. Patrols nothing fresh to report. Bn "O" Gp giving out details for Bn stay in DEURNE REST CAMP. SUP. Coy commenced thinning out as per APP E/4. and Coys moved off at times stated. Last Coy moved off at 2000 hrs and arrived in CAMP at 2130.	 CNB CNB CNB
DEURNE	11		Bn engaged in general maintenance, drying out and cleaning during morning. Training on BUFFALOES carried out. Loading etc. Entertainment parties to HELMOND in evening.	 CNB
DEURNE	12	1130 1500 1800	C.O. 'O' Gp. for move to relieve 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. Bn commenced leaving DEURNE CAMP to relieve 2 GH. Change over complete. A Coy 694102, B Coy 699099, C Coy 694108, CARRIERS 694106. G.H. would carry out patrols night 12/13 NOV.	APP E/5. CNB CNB
HEITRAK	13	0630	Periodical shelling in the area and shellreps sent to Bde. No casualties in Bn area. Relief of 7 SEAFORTH by 2 GH evening 14 NOV. 46 Inf Bde OP Instr No 16. Arty Bombardment to be carried out on 14 NOV 44.	 APP. E/6 APP E/7. CNB
HEITRAK	14	0630 1400 1955	No enemy activity during night. Patrols nothing to report. Arty Barrage laid down until 1615 hrs. Enemy Arty D.F. tasks replied to this BARRAGE and plotted within Bn area by O.Ps. B Coy reported enemy patrol 6-8 strong obs heading towards 8 ROYAL SCOTS on Bn right.	CNB CNB CNB
HEITRAK	15	0630	No enemy activity on Bn front. Patrols nothing to report. 1 P.O.W. taken during night. P.O.W. claimed that he was one of four who were on a recce patrol to recce best route to B Coy. For a fighting patrol on night 15/16 NOV. Special Patrol laid on by B & C Coy to deal with this German fighting Patrol should it arrive in Bn area to be in posn by last light. Listening posts would observe on enemy patrol as soon as it crossed CANAL and would be kept in touch until Arty and MORTAR fire dealt with it. When this lifted 1 Pl would clear area and mop up any enemy left.	 CNB CNB

		1600	Message received from 46 Bde. 7 SEAFORTH will relieve 9 CAMERONIANS on 16 NOV. Timings as before.	APP E/8 CNB
HEITRAK	16	0630 1500 2030 2300	Enemy patrol did NOT cross Canal in our area, no enemy activity. Bn commenced thinning out as shown in APP. E/8. Relief complete by 1900 hrs and Bn in Camp in DEURNE. Lt Col Sir E.M.A. Bradford Bt. assumed comd of Bn. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. Bn 'O' Gp. 2230. Enemy thought to have withdrawn from CANAL area. If so, (GH patrols) Glasgow HIGHLANDERS will cross, followed by 7 SEAFORTH to HELENEVEEN and 9 CAMERONIANS to hold line of CANAL from 732132 - Bend 735120. Message received from Bde that plan now cancelled as GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS patrols had found enemy on opposite Bank of VAN DEURNE KANAL. Bn would now relieve 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on 18 NOV commencing 1500.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
DEURNE	17		Bn carried out programme of refitting and general maintenance. 46(H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 17 received (OP PRESTO).	 APP E/9. CNB
DEURNE	18	1500 1930	Bn commenced moving off from Rest Camp DEURNE to relieve 2 GH at 682129. C.O. at Bde "O" Gp. Operation "PRESTO". 46 (H) Inf Bde 'O' Gp. Op instr No 18 Bn complete in area 682129. Patrolling for night up to HOOGEBRUG BR. and two patrols NORTH & SOUTH from this point along CANAL BANK. C.O. 'O' Gp. when orders given for A Coy to patrol area of HOOGEBRUG BR. to try and draw enemy fire. If no fire brought down, another patrol would cross CANAL and examine trenches on far bank. Then Coy would cross, followed by B & C Coys. Carrier sec take over firm Base at BRIDGE.	CNB APP E/10. CNB CNB CNB
HUTTON	19	0755 1015 1110 1400	A Coy patrol report carried out first patrol NO enemy fire. Going on with second patrol on far bank also preparing to get remainder of Coy across CANAL on assault boats. 'A' Coy now across CANAL and reported Barracks at 716120 clear. 'A' Coy encountered mortar fire. A Coy patrol ordered along Main rd to 728117 - 726127 - 734129 - 738124 - 755120 - main rd consisting of 1 officer, sniper sgt, 1 OR and wireless operator. This patrol returned at 1800 hrs with information that enemy were dispersed along EASTERN Bank of CANAL at HELENEVEEN with MG outposts WEST of CANAL. Wireless operator was casualty to MG fire and could NOT be brought back ⊙ B Coy moved under cover of darkness to area of houses at BRIDGES at 737116 & 738113 blown (PATROL).	 CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB

HOOGEBRUG	20	0600	Situation unchanged. 'C' Coy across Canal and awaiting to attack HELENAVEEN.	CNB
		0940	B Coy report enemy patrol about 15 strong located between "A" and "B" Coys ⊙ This patrol took one prisoner and was observed by 'B' Coy to travel in an EASTERLY direction.	CNB
		1100	H Hour for 'C' Coy attack on HELENAVEEN ⊙ Casualties were inflicted on our own tps by our ARTY fire falling short.	CNB
		1135	B Coy reported that 'C' Coy under M.G fire from Right.	CNB
		1151	'C' Coy report held up by mines at 773115. Pioneers and Stretcher Bearers asked for by wireless.	CNB
			The area approaching HELENEVEEN was extensively mined by enemy and 'C' Coy suffered heavy casualties due to this.	CNB
		1400	C.O. at Barracks gave orders to O.C. "A" Coy to move fwd to CANAL.	
		1530	C.O. 'O' Gp at B Coy HQ when orders given for move to CANAL at HELENAVEEN.	CNB
			"A" Coy on reaching objective suffered casualties due to enemy mines and Booby traps. A number of the casualties could not be reached and several attempts were made, but further casualties resulted. Location of Coys as shown on map.	CNB
			Total casualties 2 offrs Killed, 1 off wounded, 70 OR's.	
			The Pioneer Pl did excellent work during this period in clearing areas of mines.	CNB
			46(H) Inf Bde OPs 20 NOV.	APP E/11 CNB
		1600	Corps Comd visited Bn HQ and was given local information. 6 R.S.F. to reach 738118 tonight.	CNB
		2000	6 R.S.F. reached 744100, 745095, 749086, could NOT reach original objective because of mines.	
			46(H) Inf Bde OO. No 15.	APP. E/12 CNB
			All Coys in communication by line. C.O. ordered all Coys to remain in locations and NOT to move about to relieve mines.	CNB
HELENEVEEN	21	0600	Situation unchanged. 2 G.H. moving up to CANAL to cross, R.E. building Bridge.	CNB
		1135	2 G.H. leading Coy now at first obj.	
			9 CAMERONIANS not required to move today. Will remain present location.	CNB
HELENEVEEN	22	0600	Situation unchanged.	CNB
		1025	Brig R.M.L. Villiers visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bn would move commencing 1330 to area of Barracks 792126.	CNB
			C.O. ordered Coy comd to meet him at BR in HELENEVEEN at 1300 to recce this area.	CNB
		1500	Coys commenced arriving areas of BARRACKS. Bn under cover. All in position by 1710 hrs.	

			Operations now held up as rds had to be made through marshy country EAST of HELENEVEEN. Food and supplies had to be brought up by carrier and WEASELS.	CNB CNB
	23		Bn located BARRACKS, re-organizing and generally cleaning up.	CNB
	24	 1850 2000	Bn located BARRACKS, re-organizing and generally cleaning up. Warning Order received Bn at 30 mins notice to move from 1100 hrs 25 NOV. Warning order cancelled.	CNB CNB CNB
	25	1155 1330 1800 2000	Message received from 46 Bde. Recce parties will meet Brig at 1330 hrs at 821158. Marching troops leave present location at 1330, vehs at 1500. Dis pt 827168. Bn moved off and arrived at new location as shown on attached map. C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp. 46 Bde(H) Inf Bde notes on Bde Comd Conference. OP order No 19. C.O. 'O' Gp for attack on LOTTUM 908194.	 CNB CNB APP E/13 CNB CNB
	26	0800 1130 1155 1615 1530	Marching troops left area for MELDERSLOO and arrived at 0930. Order received from DIV Comd that 9 CAMERONIANS will if necessary carry out a night attack. "A" Coy moved off from ELDERLOO on axis for LOTTAM followed by 'C' Coy Bn HQ and B coy. B Coy reached first report line, and at 1345 reached obj. 'C' Coy moved up to area Wood 891190. A Coy moved to first objective F.A.A. 897197. At 1715 'C' Coy tried to move fwd and one pl got to X tracks 895188 when it came under M.G fire from area 898187, cross fire from enemy M.G covered all tracks into LOTTAM. Mortar fire on area of WOOD resulted in Coy Comd being wounded. A Coy moved to area 897197 and remained for night. B Coy area 897192, one pl to move fwd to 899192. Coy representative came to Bn HQ for patrol orders for night. Patrols would be carried out to area of LOTTAM as enemy expected to withdraw during night. Casualties 2 off 5 OR wounded.	 APP E/14 CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
	27	0100 0930 0955 1015 1105	Patrol results indicate enemy pulled out of LOTTAM and at 0630, C.O. Major P.L. Hendricks M.C. ordered all Coys to move fwd to original obj. B Coy reported first pl on obj. 'C' Coy reported first pl on obj. A Coy cleared WOOD and pushing on. C Coy on obj. 1135 'A' Coy on obj. 1145 B Coy on obj. For objectives see Map.	 CNB CNB

		1315 1900	C.O. called to Bn HQ representatives from each Coy and gave orders for further adv. Carriers would relieve 'C' Coy and 'C' Coy would advance and capture STOKT. A Coy to move to area WOOD 208205. Coy representatives to Bn HQ. All coys in new locations. Patrolling for night as per patrol order. 'C' Coy given orders for one platoon to carry out attack on KASTEEL which is known enemy stronghold. Attack to take place at first light 28 NOV. Pioneers assault sec would go with pl and snipers would protect right flank.	As given in APP E/14 CNB CNB
LOTTAM	28	0600	Situation unchanged. Bn area subject to heavy shelling during night. Bn HQ had four direct hits in houses at HOMBERG and came back to original location. Message received from Bde 'O' Gp at 1030 hrs. Harbour & Recce parties to Bde HQ at same time. Bn being relieved on 28 NOV by 2 MONMOUTHS, 159 Bde of 11 ARMD. Pl from "C" Coy commenced attacking KASTEEL at 0820. This proved to be strongly held with M.G's in area of Buildings and round ditches in front of it. There was also a moat of approx 10 ft round the buildings. The enemy allowed our troops to come to close range then opened up with MG's ⊙ 20 OR from 'C' Coy missing from this Operation. The KASTEEL area was also heavily mined and under direct observation from EAST bank of MAAS. Bde 'O' Gp at 1030 - BN on relief would concentrate in area ACHTERSE HEES 7914 and be prepared to move on 29 NOV to relieve 2 GLOUCESTERS, 49 DIV in area with Coys at 866107, 874100, 882104. Areas to be recce during day 28 NOV. Bn relief would be complete on afternoon of 28, transport would be available to take Bn to conc area.	 CNB CNB APP. E/15 CNB CNB CNB CNB
		1800 2030	Bn commenced arriving concentration area. Billeted in surrounding houses and farms. All men under cover. Last Coy arrived new area.	 CNB CNB
ACHTERSTE HEES	29	0900 1000 1100	C.O. O Gp at Bn HQ for move to relieve 2 GLOUCESTERS. Move off to pass S.P. at 1415, route 812140, 805125, 819126, 831082. Order of march A.B.C. Coys Carriers Mortars Pioneers A/TK, BHQ, M.O. Relief to be complete by 1930. Message received from 46 Bde by wireless. One Coy only required to move day 29 NOV. Brigadier RML Villiers D.S.O will arrive your HQ in 1 hour to discuss change of plan. New plan. Bn would now relieve 7 SEAFORTH on 30 NOV to enable them to take part in attack on BLERICK by 44(L) Bde.	 CNB CNB CNB

		1300	'A' Coy would still move off to same area at 1300 hrs. A Coy moved off for 874100 and relieved 49 DIV recce at 1730 hrs.	CNB
	30	1230	Marching troops commenced moving to relieve 7 SEAFORTH. All Coys in position by 1930 hrs as shown on attached map, with the exception of "B" Coy who worked fwd to EASTERN edge of HOUT BLERICK.	CNB

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year DEC. 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col Sir E.M.A. Bradford Bt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MAASBREE	1	0600	Situation unchanged. Night patrols report enemy holding general line of A/TK ditch in front of BLERICK.	
			46(H) Inf Bde - OP. JACKSON. 9th Cameronians NOT required for patrolling. Only protective patrols required.	APP E/1
			46(H) Inf Bde Adm ORDER NO 13. OP. GUILDFORD.	APP. G/1. CNB
		1830	C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp.	APP. E/1.
			Disposition of Bn as shown on attached MAP.	APP J/1. CNB
	2	0600	Situation unchanged. Bn area subject to shelling and mortaring, particularly in BRIDGE AREA.	CNB
		1300	C.O. 'O' Gp at Bn HQ. Ref. 46(H) Inf Bde OP instr No 21. Bn not required to take part in this OPERATION except for giving sup fire if required. MORTARS to fire SMOKE SCREEN on Right flank. 'B' Coy be prepared to withdraw to safety zone for our ARTY fire.	APP E/2 CNB
	3	0330	'B' Coy commenced withdrawing for OP GUILDFORD.	APP E/2
		0500	ARTY barrage opened up on targets	APP E/2 CNB
		1035	Attack on BLERICK by 44(L) Bde going according to plan. 'B' Coy commenced to occupy old positions, in doing so they sustained 1 off and 2 OR Killed and 3 OR wounded by enemy shelling HOUT BLERICK AREA. During this part of operation enemy shelling was heavy, but it was unobserved and purely D.F. tasks and into smoke screens laid by Bn MORTARS.	CNB
		1310	46(H) Bde by telephone informed C.O. that Bn (less 1 Coy) will withdraw night 3 DEC to area BERINGEN being relieved by 8 Bn ROYAL SCOTS. Coy to remain would be right hand Coy ("B"). HOUT BLERICK.	
			2 casualties in BN HQ, shellfire.	CNB
		1400	44(L) Bde attack going very well, leading Coys half way through BLERICK, opposition very light. 7 SEAFORTH leading Coy on objective.	CNB
			Prisoners commenced arriving Bn area at this time and up until Bn was relieved a total of approx 65 passed through Bn HQ.	CNB
		1815	Bn started moving to area BERINGEN 751085.	

		2030	Bn less "B" Coy and skeleton BN HQ arrived in area BERINGEN. Troops carried in T.C.V's.	for new location APP J/2
BERINGEN	4	0700 2025	8 Bn The Royal Scots arrived Bn HQ and 'B' Coy under comd of them. "B" Coy to be relieved by one Coy of 8 Bn The ROYAL SCOTS at 1300 hrs. This did not take place as it was considered that this area was under enemy observation during daylight. Remainder of Bn engaged in administration and cleaning weapons etc. B Coy arrived area BERINGEN by T.C.Vs.	 CNB
BERINGEN	5	1030 2030	Bn recce parties to ASTEN to recce Rest Area occupied by 227 Inf Bde, returning same day. Bn still engaged in general cleaning and adm. C.O. to Bde Comd Conference.	 CNB H/1
BERINGEN	6	0915	C.O. conference with Coy comd at Bn HQ, ref. Bde COMD conference 5 DEC Bn still engaged in general cleaning and Adm.	APP H/1 CNB
	7	 1300 1910 2035	Bn engaged in administration etc. To leave 7 day rest completely free for training. Bn Harbour party moved off to occupy billets at present occupied by 2 GORDONS, 227 Inf Bde. 46(H) Infantry Bde Adm Instr No 7 Movement order received from 46 Bde for move to relieve 2 GORDONS, 227 Inf Bde Move to ASTEN issued to Coys. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm instruction No 6.	 CNB APP. H/2 CNB B/1. CNB APP D/1 " H/3. CNB
BERINGEN	8	0930	Bn commenced moving from BERINGEN and leading tps embussed arrived ASTEN ⊙ Bn in new location 1510 hrs. All troops under cover in ASTEN area in houses.	 CNB
ASTEN	9		Inspection and General Admin by coys. Capt Muir detailed to proceed to ROULERS to collect rfts from 50 DIV.	CNB CNB
ASTEN	10	 2130	Training for all Coys as shown on Coy training programmes. Entertainments for troops, in HELMOND, DEURNE & EINDHOVEN. Capt Muir returned from ROULERS with 1 officer and 72 ORs from 50 DIV.	CNB CNB CNB
ASTEN	11	 0900 1400	Training as per programme. C.O. inspected Rfts and adj. detailed them to Coys. Battle GROUP formed Lt HEENAN and 1 pl attached to SUPPORT Coy. Commanding Officer, 15(S) Div conference on leave to the U.K. Points discussed 1 Balloting first Group on 1 JAN 44. 2 ELIGIBILITY after six months service in this theatre. 3 Travelling time for personnel whose journeys take longer than 12 hours or where destinations be NORTH of a given line.	 CNB CNB

ASTEN		1615	Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O, visited Bn and addressed Rfts from 50 Div. Relief of 44(L) Inf Bde on 16 DEC 44.	CNB APP E/3
ASTEN	12	1000 1030	Div Comd visited Bn and addressed Rfts from 50 Division. Instructions for Presentation of Medal Ribbons by Commander in Chief 21 Army Gp on 13 Dec 44. Commanding Officer on Recce of area to be taken over on 16 DEC 44 with particular reference to Pl located at BERCK CLOISTER and Coy locality to be sited at OP-DEN-HERT. The ground in this area is very open and CHURCH towers and water Towers on EASTERN Bank of MAAS have good observation on this area. The difficulty is in supplying this Coy as the only good road leading to it is under constant observation. Supplies could be brought in from the WEST under cover but that part was flooded approx one week ago and the ground is unsuitable for M.T. A further recce to be made on the 13 DEC to occupy other Coy areas, as all tracks in area leading to BLERICK are in very muddy condition.	CNB APP J/3 CNB CNB
ASTEN	13	 1200 1930	Coy training as per programme. Presentation of medals took place as per instructions. C.O. and 2 I/C attended address to Senior Officers by C.IN.C. 46(H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 22 received from Bde.	 APP J/3. " " CNB APP E/4
ASTEN	14		Training as per programmes. Operation Instrs issued to Coys for move to relieve 44(L) Bde on 16 Dec.	CNB APP D/2 CNB
ASTEN	15		Move to relieve 44(L) Bde now cancelled. C.O. and Coy comd would recce area of 158 Bde on 16 SEP. C.O. to meet BRIG R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. at HEIJTHUIZEN at 1300 hrs on 16 SEP. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 14. Training carried out as per programme. Bn walk run in afternoon 3 miles. 46(H) Inf Bde OO No 16 received for relief of 158 Bde 53 WELCH DIV.	 CNB APP H/4. CNB APP. E/5. CNB
ASTEN	16	1100 1400 1520 1715	C.O. and Coy comd recce area 1 E.L.R. (EAST LANCASHIRE REGT. For dispositions see APP. J/3. Bn engaged on training. Bn Ballot for leave commenced. Lt J.A. Werth, Dutch L.O. 15(S) Div, drawing places. Moderator Church of Scotland visited Bn. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 15 received C.O. to 46(H) Bde conference.	APP. J/3. CNB APP H/5.
ASTEN	17	1130	Bn commenced leaving ASTEN area. During the morning a number of enemy planes passed over ASTEN. No action took place in this area.	CNB CNB

			During the move a number of enemy planes passed over the column, No bombs dropped on the Bn column.	CNB
			At 1310 hrs the Bn arrived area ROGGEL and debussed. Transport went straight to locations. All Coys could be relieved in daylight, with the exception of 1 Pl of "C" Coy in area HANSSUM. Coy representatives 1 officer per Coy and 1 NCO per pl remained with 1 EAST LANC Regt on night 16/17 DEC.	CNB
		1630	All Coys in position as shown on APP J/3. No enemy action took place during this change over. One O.R. in "A" Coy wounded by "SCHU" mine 300 yards before entering Coy area.	
			Patrol being carried out on night 17/18 to include Contact between Battle Group and 'A' Coy, B Coy and 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS ⊙ 'C' Coy & 'B' Coy to carry out fighting patrol in area SOUTH of HANSSUM. This part of River flooded to a large extent which rendered observation on the far bank very difficult. 'B' Coy to recce burnt Houses in area 791956 to establish a daylight O.P. This patrol was unsuccessful.	SEE APP. J/4(1). CNB
NEER	18	0600	During night enemy A/C active over Bn area and a number of flares were dropped, and one bomb in Bn area. No casualties.	CNB
			At 0520, an enemy patrol penetrated up Canal between A Coy and 2 GORDONS approx 15 strong. It came fairly close to 'A' Coy Right hand pl, and was heard to say several words in English. No further action was taken by 'A' Coy and shortly afterwards this pl was fired on by S.A. and Grenades. Nothing further was heard or seen of this enemy patrol.	CNB CNB
			During remainder of day OP. were manned in all Coy areas and remainder of Coy allowed to rest.	CNB
		1930	2 I/C Mjr P.L. Hendricks and Q.M. to recce area OULEN, SOUTH of TURNHOUT.	CNB
			Patrols for Night 18/19 DEC 44.	APP J/4(2)
NEER	19	0630	For patrol reports see APP J/4(2).	
			Enemy Arty shelled Bn area from 0640 - 0710 fairly heavily. No casualties.	CNB
			The weather was very misty which allowed patrols to recce up to banks of MAAS. A Coy formed an O.P. in WAIJE 794981 but owing to mist good observation was impossible, but remained in that location until dark. B Coy had forward O.P. in area of houses 790956. The remainder of day was very quiet and no enemy activity.	CNB
			This continued until approx 2230 when two flares went up just forward of Battle Group. This was later identified as being set off by pigs.	CNB

			At 0030 hrs the enemy commenced machine gunning area 791960 and mortaring area 784956, this continued until approx 0235 hrs, when the area of the machine guns was brought under our artillery fire. The enemy fire stopped at 0235 hrs. The remainder of night was quiet.	 CNB CNB
NEER	20	0600 0900	For patrol reports see APP J/4(3) The weather was again very misty, and forward OPs still manned during daylight. C.O. and 1 rep from each Coy attended Flame throwing demonstration at HELMOND. Bn being relieved during daylight 22 DEC 44 by 7 SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS and would move into Bde reserve at ROGGEL 7397.	J/4(3) CNB CNB
NEER	21	0600 1205 1330 1520 1550	Patrols report very quiet, no enemy encountered on this side of RIVER MAAS. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS patrol did not contact B Coy Forward Pl. Weather misty. Enemy patrol reported at 785967 about 12 strong moving in direction of 'B' Coy. C.O. detailed fighting patrol to area stream 787967, if misty will move fwd to HO. 791956, where they had withdrawn from. If not misty will do so when dark. When 'B' Pl reach 787967, carriers will commence clearing HO. 782968 and HOUSES 786968. Area 787967 and 792968 will be mined with 75 grenades. All the area searched by carriers and nothing found. Forward OP back in position. Brig R.M. Villiers DSO visited this forward O.P at the time as it was in position accompanied by the C.O. This area now to be a pl locality; to move into this area when dark. Reps from 7 SEAFORTH recce Bn area for take over on 22 DEC 44.	 CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
NEER	22	0600 1400 1715	During the remainder of night no enemy activity on this side of River, although one trip flare was set off at A/TK area. This was later identified as being animals. A certain amount of enemy tpt movement was heard on far bank which was later shelled by our artillery. Results unknown. 7 SEAFORTH commenced arriving in Bn area and proceeded to Coy areas. Relief complete, Bn now in ROGGEL 7397, billeted in Houses in area.	 CNB CNB CNB CNB
ROGGEL	23		Training carried out in area close to ROGGEL, including firing all weapons and PIATs. The weather changed at this time and hard frost set in. Arrangements going ahead for Xmas dinner on 25th December. Lt Q.M. Bunce had collected from R.A.S.C. all necessary supplies.	 CNB

		1700	C.O. lectured to all Officers and N.C.O. of Bn on necessity of rigid sentry orders, when Bn was covering such large defensive positions.	
ROGGEL	24		Training carried out in areas around ROGGEL. During the morning L/cpl Marandolla, Post Cpl, whilst getting mail from ASTEN, was STRAFFED by enemy planes. The 15 cwt truck was set on fire. L/cpl Marandolla, and the driver escaped without injury, and the mail was saved. 46 (H) Inf Bde OP Instr No 23	APP. E/6
ROGGEL	25		Bn Holiday. Coys had Xmas dinner in the Regimental style with the Commanding Officer, second in command and Adj. visiting each Coy. Bn officers in afternoon played Basketball, by areas. WEST SCOTLAND, REST OF SCOTLAND; NORTH ENGLAND, LONDON. REST OF SCOTLAND won.	CNB CNB
ROGGEL	26		Training carried out. 9 Cameronians will relieve 2 GH on 28 DEC ⊙ On relief 2 GH move to ROGGEL ⊙ Cameronians will carry out patrolling night 28/29. Reps will stay night 27/28 in 2 GH location ⊙ Cameronians will take over when possible by daylight between 1500 and 1630. Relief complete by 1900.	 APP. CNB
ROGGEL	27		Bn demonstration of Wasp & Lifebuoy equipment. C.O. and Coy comd recce 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS location. For locations see attached map	 J/3.
ROGGEL	28	1330 1630 1715	Bn commenced moving off to relieve 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. Relief complete all coys in position All standing patrols in position in areas as shown on J/3. To lie up in this area until 0720 then commence withdrawing to A Coy to be in before first light.	 CNB CNB
HAELEN	29	0800	Patrols returned to A Coy. No enemy encountered on this side of MAAS. Nothing unusual reported. The weather at this time was very misty and visibility was about 50 yds. The patrols got down to the line of MAAS, at two points. The banks being only two foot high, most of this patrol area was flooded one week ago and now it was mostly covered with ice. The patrols were out for 14 hours in this extremely cold weather, and special clothes and self heating foods were asked for. The weather again very misty and the C.O. ordered 'S' Coy & 'C' to R.V at 'A' Coy HQ to take over same patrol areas as for night. They would NOT go out until ordered by HQ. During the morning the weather improved but by 1300 it deteriorated and at 1500 hrs the C.O. ordered it to move off. It remained in	 CNB CNB CNB

			position until relieved by the night Standing Patrol on the evening 29 Dec.	CNB
			Observation posts had very little to report as the mist stopped observation.	CNB
		1800	All night patrols in position, one patrol with DUFFLE COATS, remainder not yet supplied. Patrols of 2 NCO, 8 men.	CNB
HAELEN	30	0630	Night activity nil. From patrol reports at 0800 hrs 3 sector had fired on figures in their area, they were later identified as being No 2 patrol who had moved out of their area ⊙ No casualties. No 1 patrol claimed having fired at three figures but owing to mist and dark, no hits observed on targets.	CNB
		0700	The C.O. ordered the Standing Patrol from 'C' Coy to R.V at "A" Coy HQ to be prepared to move into areas 2 & 3 to cover, during thick fog. "S" Coy patrol ordered to STAND BY in "A" Coy area to be prepared to cover remainder of patrol areas.	CNB
			C.O. then ordered that if weather clear 2 snipers would occupy a position in the centre of patrol areas and cover by observation the area of EINDE & ASSELT during the hours of daylight, until relieved by night Standing Patrols.	CNB
			If slightly foggy, either 'S' or 'C' Coys would supply one patrol of 2-8 to cover area.	
			If very foggy both companies would be prepared to supply one patrol of 2-8. C Company to cover areas 3 & 4. 'S' COMPANY areas 1 & 2.	
			During day, a number of enemy were observed moving about on far bank.	CNB
		1750	'C' Coy patrol returned to A Coy HQ with information that SPANDAU located in area of EINDE fired three bursts during day.	CNB
		1755	All patrols night standing in position.	
HAELEN	31	0800	Patrols report very quiet night, nothing to report. During remainder of day enemy shelled area of BUGGENUM occupied by A Coy. This lasted for periods up to 20 minutes, No casualties. This shelling continued up till 1810 hrs, with NO casualties to Bn.	CNB
		2359	ARTILLERY and M.M.G. opened up with NEW YEARS GREETING on known enemy positions.	CNB

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Month and Year JAN 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HAELEN	1		The night 31/1 was very quiet. To the SOUTH the KSLI reported a crossing at 844005 ⊙ This never materialized. Weather very cold with frost. Remainder of day quiet. Lt Col Sir E M A Bradford left Bn at 1835 hrs. Mjr P.L. Hendricks M.C. assumed comd until arrival of Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs on 2 JAN 45.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
HAELEN	2	 1235	Patrols during night, nothing to report. Day fog patrol ordered to RV 'A' Coy as visibility reduced owing to snowfall. Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs arrived Bn and assumed comd. Remainder of day very quiet. Coys commenced defence works, eg. wiring and strengthening sec posts. Weather still cold with snow and frost.	 APP. J/1
HAELEN	3	 2145	Patrols nothing to report night 2/3 Jan 45. C.O. visited all coys and interviewed all Bn offrs. During visit inspected all Bn defences and informed coy comds of changes in certain sec posts. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS reported 7-9 enemy in their area dispersed later, nothing further to report.	
HAELEN	4	0345	Report from 'S' Coy flares to SOUTH ⊙ On checking this information with 4 K.S.L.I. a patrol, enemy, at large in this area. 4 KSLI contacted at intervals during night but nothing further to report. Our own patrols nothing to report. Weather continues cold with frost.	
HAELEN	5		Patrols for night 4/5 nothing to report. Remainder of day very quiet. Coys engaged in wiring and strengthening defence posns.	
HAELEN	6		Patrols for night 5/6 JAN nothing to report. Nothing to report for day 5 JAN.	

HAELEN	7		Patrols for night 6/7 JAN. Report sound of enemy activity in EINDE and ASSELT. Remainder of day very quiet. Weather cold with frost. Appreciation of situation by Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs as at 1430 hrs 7 JAN 45 at HAELEN.	APP G/1
HAELEN	8	1100 1315	Patrols report very quiet night. Lt Gen E M Barker C.B., CBF, D.S.O. M.C. 8 CORPS comd visited Bn and inspected defence posns. Corps Comd and Brig. R M L Villiers lunched at Bn HQ. 7 SEAFORTH moved from ROGGEL and relieved 4 KSLI. Relief complete by 1600 hrs and under comd 159 Bde.	
HAELEN	9	1430	Patrol report quiet night with some spandau fire. Weather still very cold with snow and ice. C.O. conf with Coy COMD in patrol areas. As shown on APP J/. Remainder of day quiet, enemy patrol 25 men at 7789 engaged by ARTY.	
HAELEN	10	1000	Patrols report very quiet night ⊙ A Coy heard sounds of tapping from 784937. Exercise "SHAMPOO" carried out ⊙ Testing comms from O.P. to bring fire on ground. Indication of targets from fwd O.P. C.O. at 'C' Coy to consider counter attack role with Major Bennett. Slight enemy arty activity during day. NOT directed at this area.	
HAELEN	11		Patrols report little enemy activity during night. Weather very cold and frosty with ground mist. Area very quiet during day.	
HAELEN	12	1320	Patrols report little enemy activity during night. 9 CAMERONIANS OO No 1 issued. Bn area subject to fairly hy enemy arty fire. SUP Coy area hit and 5 ORs wounded slightly. Two evacuated, others remained on duty. Weather very cold and frosty with ground mist.	APP D/1
HAELEN	13		Patrols report little enemy activity in area EINDE ⊙ ARTY engaged. Wiring and defences still being carried out. Weather very cold with frost. Brig R.M. Villiers DSO visited Bn and remained for tea. Discussed patrolling.	
HAELEN	14	0630	Patrols report night 13/14 very quiet. No enemy activity during day. Weather still cold with frost. C.O. visited 2 G.H. and gave Mjr Campbell Davies full details of MAAS crossing by our patrol. At same time visited 46(H) Inf Bde. Weather still very cold with frost. Wiring carried out.	

			Assault boat taken to vicinity 'A' as laid down in O.O No 1 APP D/1	D/1
HAELEN	15		Patrols report quiet night.	
		0930	C.O. briefed Lt J.S. Shand, patrol leader for OP as laid down in O.O No 1	D/1
		1030	Lt J Shand briefed patrol.	
		1145	Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and joined Lt Col E Remington Hobbs at 'C' Coy where briefing taking place.	
			Remainder of day very quiet ⊙ Weather very cold, frosty with snow.	
		2105	Movement heard in area of blown BR, as if boat was endeavouring to pass. This information passed to 7 SEAFORTH for action. Nothing further heard. Incident considered closed at 2338 hrs.	
HAELEN	16	0025	Patrol as in APP D/1 passed through 'A' Coy en route for crossing point.	
			The crossing was NOT made as when patrol reached bank of MAAS, and a boat being put in the river, it began to fill with water. Then it was observed that the boat had a six inch slit in it. Caused during transit from F.U.P. to Embarkation point.	
			An attempt was then made to bring up the second ass. boat which was in 'A' Coy area. But owing to length of carry this boat, it would have been daylight by the time it reached the EMBARKATION PT.	
		0550	Major Bennett 'C' Coy informed C.O. of situation prior to standing Down Patrol.	
		0810	Patrol for night 15/16 nothing to report, enemy did NOT discover intention of crossing RIVER.	
		1000	Brig R.M.L. Villiers visited Bn HQ for information of night crossing and suggested that OP should be carried out on night 17/18 Jan 45.	
			Daylight patrol ordered out due to bad visibility.	
			C.O. visited 'C' Coy and laid on crossing for night 17/18 JAN 45.	
			Remainder of day very quiet.	
HAELEN	17	0620	Sec Post of 'A' Coy at 778938 reported 3 figures approached their posn at approx 0500 hrs. Sec post opened fire on the 3 figures after challenging, and they disappeared. A search was then made of the area but nothing found of them. The search was again continued at 0730 hrs at first light once more unsuccessful. At 0900 hrs a search was again made commencing at RIVER MAAS working through BUGGENUM in stages. This again proved unsuccessful No enemy found in area. The C.O. then considered incident closed but as precaution ordered 'A' Coy to put Standing patrol at 778936 until 2359 hrs.	
		1715	C.O. visited night patrols before leaving 'A' Coy and briefed them as for night's op.	

			Sledge made by R.E. arrived at BN HQ, this sledge was made by order of C.O. to ensure that boat would NOT be damaged from F.U.P. to Embarkation Pt.	
		2235	First party passed through 'A' Coy for crossing of MAAS. APP D/1.	
HAELEN	18	0510	Major Bennett passed word to C.O. that visibility was very good and that barges in the river, on the enemy side, covered the whole area. The crossing was postponed.	
			Remainder of patrols nothing to report. Weather still cold with hard frost.	
			C.O. visited 'C' Coy and BRIG R.M.L. VILLIERS D.S.O. joined him there.	
			Notes of River CROSSING on night 16/17 - 18/19 Jan 45 for conference.	APP J/2.
		2359	Message from Bde harbour parties to be ready.	
		1430	COY COMDR conference held at Bn HQ. Points: 1 Training. II Move to ROGGEL on 25 JAN 45. III D Coy will be reformed on 26 JAN in ROGGEL, under Major D. Matthews.	
HAELEN	19	0830	Patrols for night 18/19 JAN 45 nothing to report. During night thaw set in and continued all day.	
		1135	Major Gen SAVOURY CB, DSO, MC INDIAN ARMY visited BN and discussed with COMD OFFR the employment of INF BN in present campaign.	
			Visited Coys in afternoon with Major P.L. Hendricks M.C.	
HAELEN	20		Patrols nothing to report.	
			One cas sustained during day due to enemy shelling.	
		0600	Message received 2 I/C to report Bde HQ at 1800 for conference.	
		2359	Message from Bde harbour parties to be ready to move at 0845 hrs 21 JAN 45 ⊙ Three days' rations to be taken.	
HAELEN	21	0800	Patrols report a very quiet night.	
		0815	Harbour parties consisting of 2 I.C. and 2s I.C Coys leave present area to proceed to future location under Bde arrangements.	
		1045	Brig R.M. Villiers, D.S.O. arrived at Bn HQ for conference with C.O. on hand-over to new unit.	
		1159	Message to all coys. WARNING ORDER ⊙ Bn will be relieved by a unit NOT of this Div on or about 22/23 Jan 45 ⊙ Recce and harbour parties will arrive either to-day or tomorrow, 22 Jan 45.	
		1215	Recce parties from 1st Canadian Para Bn arrived in area.	
		2100	C.O. attended conference at Bde.	
			On orders from Bde, pioneers report to G.H. area to lift mines laid by this Bn during stay in that area. G.H. rep carries out same in this area. By morning of 22 Jan both areas had been cleared of any mines laid by either Bn.	
			46(H) Inf Bde OO No 17 dated 21 Jan 45 received.	Appendix E/1

HAELEN	22	0800 0945 1600	Patrols - nothing to report. C.O's Orders Group. Orders re Bde, OO No 17 and appendix A to OO No 17 Liaison Offr from Bde visited Bn with orders for move. Admin Order 46(H) Bde No 16.	 App E/1. App E/2 App H/1
HAELEN ROGGEL	23	0303 1300 1500 1600 1800	2nd Bn G.H. reported enemy patrol across river in area 7996. Patrol was engaged by G.H. Standing Patrol, and took flight back across the river. One Hun was killed. 1st Canadian Para Bn arrived to take over Bn area. Hand-over completed by 1300 hours. Bn marched to "staging" area, ROGGEL - arrived 1500 hours. 46(H) Inf Bde Mov. Order No 21 received C.O's Orders Group. Points (1) Cleanliness of Billets on hand-over (2) March Discipline (3) Dress (4) Orders for move to Tilburg. Movement Order 9/Cameronians Mov Order No 1.	 App E/3. App D/2
ROGGEL	24	0730	Uneventful night. Bn moved off 0730 hrs, arrived in Tilburg 1500 hrs. Advance party had arranged billets; whole Bn in civilian houses. Located as follows:- Bn H.Q. 159311, 'A' Coy 158313, 'B' Coy 157309, 'C' Coy 158310, 'D' Coy (to be reformed on 26/1) 161309, R.A.P. 160311, Q.M. stores 158311, 'HQ' Coy 159311, 'S' Coy 158308.	 App J/3.
TILBURG	25	 1800	Coys engaged in administration, kit checks etc. C.O. attends Training Conference at Bde (163320).	
TILBURG	26		Coys still engaged in administration, baths etc. "D" Coy reformed.	
TILBURG	27	 1430 1830	Coys engaged in Training and Administration. Coy Commanders' Conference on Training. C.O. attends conference at Bde on Training and Training areas.	
	28	1000 1345 1430	Bn Church Parade (for Pres & C of E) Service conducted by Padre of 2 Glas. H. Coy Comd's conference - Training. C.O.'s Lecture to 'B', 'D' and 'S' coys.	
	29	0900 1200	Maps collected from Bde for future ops. Div Comd visits C.O.	
	30		Coys engaged in Training. C.O. on recce of area of future ops.	
	31		Training continues.	

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year Feb 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		Companies engaged in Training. Locations Bn HQ 159311, "A" Coy 158313, "B" Coy 157309, "C" coy 158310, "D" Coy 161309, "S" coy 158308, "HQ" coy 159311.	CNB CNB
	2		Bn "O" Group at Div HQ. C.O's preliminary orders for operation VERITABLE, with aid of cloth model. Preliminary recce party to concentration area at NIJMEGEN - returned 2000 hrs. Coys training.	CNB
	3	 0920	Training continues. 9 Cameronians OO No 2 issued 9 Cameronians Adm Order No 1 issued. Movement order issued in conjunction with Adm Order No 1. Corps Commander's Lecture to C.Os. 1030 Div Comd's Lecture to all offs.	CNB D/1 CNB D/2 CNB D/2 CNB
	4		Preparations for move to NIJMEGEN. Bn moved off from TILBURG at 1500 hrs. Arrived NIJMEGEN 2230 hrs. Bn billeted in Barracks 719614.	CNB CNB
NIJMEGEN	5	1000 1630	Coy Comds' conference at Bn HQ - operational. C.O. attends final coordinating conference at Brigade HQ. 9 Cameronians O.O. No 3 issued	 D/3 CNB
	6	1000	Coy Comds' conference at Bn HQ. Amdt List No 1 to O.O. No 2 of 3 FEB issued Mov. Order No 2 issued 43RD LT INFTY OP. ORDER No 1 received & 44(L) Inf Bde	 D/4 CNB D/5 CNB E/1 - E/1A
NIJMEGEN	7		Coy Comd's conference at Bn HQ - operational - co-ordinating.	CNB
NIJMEGEN	8	1015 1050 1200	Bn commenced moving off as per movement order. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS going well, no enemy opposition met. Ground soft in parts and tanks having difficulty but progress satisfactory. 4 Coys of GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on obj. 60-70 PW captured belonging to 1051 G.R.	CNB CNB CNB

		1300	A Coy commenced moving to F.U.P. followed by B & C. The main axis was by this time impassable at one point due to mud and tanks were held up but were still able to give support.	CNB
		1440	B Coy reported progressing well but own ARTY falling short and number of casualties.	CNB
		1505	A Coy still progressing but 'R' minefield in area, pioneers are clearing.	CNB
		1515	A & B coys reported on obj. 'C' Coy commenced moving up and D Coy ordered to move fwd as they would be required to move into FRASSELT.	CNB
			C.O. at this time had difficulty in keeping comm and moved to A Coy area and at 1722 ordered 'C' Coy to move into FRASSELT sup by ARTY and CROCS.	CNB
		1840	C Coy progressing well and almost cleared FRASSELT. 50 P.W. taken in this op so far. 1051 G.R.	
			D Coy ordered to move into FRASSELT and take over area as arranged.	CNB
		1905	All coys now in position 809544, 810548, 816545, 818538.	CNB
			227 Bde on left firmly established in KRANENBURG and 53 DIV on right, level with 'C' Coy. Contact made with 53 Div.	CNB
		2100	44 Bde will NOT be passing through. Message from Bde HQ. Earliest to expect them 0130.	CNB
		2103	D Coy patrol reported enemy at 820541. ARTY given task and dealing with.	CNB
			Total P.O.W. for day 115. Identification chiefly 1051 G.R. and 58 FUS. BN 84 DIV.	
			Casualties APP J/5	APP J/5 CNB
FRASSELT	9	0030	Bde ordered all coys to be WEST of FRASSELT Rd by 0130. This is necessary for 44 Bde ARTY programme. The C.O. ordered C & D Coys to withdraw behind Rd.	CNB
		0630	44 Bde passed through Bn and were fwd of Bn. No enemy activity during night except shelling activity in D & C coy areas.	CNB
		0840	Message from Brig R.M.L. Villiers ⊙ You are now in reserve. Make NO move except recces as arranged.	CNB
		1110	Message from Brig R.M.L. Villiers. We have probable attack role tomorrow. Recce may be today. Maximum REST to be given during daylight.	
		1230	Message from 44 Bde. P.W. taken as follows	
			10 off 230 OR in their adv.	CNB
		1500	Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO gave permission for Lt Col E Remington Hobbs to go on short leave to BRUSSELS. Major P.L. Hendricks M.C. assumed comd of Bn.	CNB

FRASSELT	10	2230	Verbal movement order from Bde. Bn to take over temporary def posn from 2 MONS 53 DIV morning 1 FEB 45. Recce parties to arrive 855535 by 0730 hrs.	CNB
FRASSELT	11	0330	Message from Bde giving timings and route to take over def posn from 2 MONS.	CNB
		0730	'O' Gp for move to relieve 2 MONS. Recce party left at 0800 and arrived at 2 MON HQ at 0845 hrs when message received that plan now changed. Recce party to meet Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO at 44 Inf Bde HQ as soon as possible.	
			Recce party remained here until 1400 when Brig arrived and gave out orders for occupation of def position WEST of CLEVE.	CNB
			Bn in meantime moving up main axis in rear of 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS.	CNB
		1610	Bn arrived area WEST of CLEVE and took up def posn as shown in J.2. All Coys in position by 1900 hrs. Weather very bad rain and snow.	APP J.2. CNB
		2025	46 Bde in reserve ⊙ Bn recce parties will RV 882557 0800 hrs 12 FEB 45. Parties will be accompanied by protection parties, composition at C.O. discretion ⊙ D.A. & Q.M.G. will meet parties and allot areas within squares 8754 and 8854 ⊙ Bn will be prepared to move morning of 12, time later.	CNB
			7 SEAFORTH to continue adv with obj MOYLAND.	CNB
866557	12	0730	Recce party left for CLEVE.	
		1000	Marching tps left for CLEVE and arrived at 1210 where guides met them and took to billets. Tpt will be late in arriving due to condition of roads.	CNB
		1417	Bde be prepared to hold MATERBORN feature on issue of Code Word BOX right 9 CAMERONIANS left 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. Incl 2 GH track 971556 to 874552 - 877546. Right Bdy WOOD excl to 9 CAMERONIANS left Bdy 882558 incl to 2 GH. This is necessary due to enemy counter attack on 53 DIV front. Positions suggested by Bde 870543, 868544, 871547. O.C. 2 GH responsible for co-ordination and command of party if it comes off.	CNB CNB
		1710	Bn tpt arrived CLEVE.	
			O Gp at Bn HQ for occupation of MATERBORN.	
CLEVE	13		Lt Col E Remington Hobbs arrived at Bn from 48 hrs leave.	CNB
		1845	'O' Gp at Bde. Plan for capture of MOYLAND.	APP. E/1B
		2230	O Gp at Bn. Plan for capture of MOYLAND on 14 FEB 45.	CNB
CLEVE	14	0730	C.O. fwd to QUALBURG to recce ground when Main rd was found to be impassable due to flooding ⊙ Bde informed and at 0800 message received from Bde, plan altered owing to flooding, stop all movement and keep vehs clear off roads.	CNB

		1000	Cancel phase 3. 9 CAMERONIANS will now adv along SOUTH rd to 958508 thence to MOYLAND.	
			F.A.A. now 917538.	CNB
		1047	Bn now concentrated in area 917538 and awaiting word from Bde to commence attack.	CNB
		1217	2 GH now on first obj. H hour for 9 CAMERONIAN 1315. A & C coys commenced moving up.	CNB
		1410	Leading Coy reached 951513.	
			Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO arrived Bn HQ and ordered that A Coy would consolidate at 951513 and remainder of Bn would move up into same area and form a defensive position as 2 GH were unable to keep level with us going through the wood.	CNB
		2035	Bn now located 952518, 953522, 949523, 948523.	
		2040	Lt Col E Remington Hobbs to Bde 'O' Gp.	CNB
		2245	Bn 'O' Gp when plan given for taking wooded features as shown on J/3.	APP J/3.
			Order of march D,C,A,B Coys. H hour 0900 hrs. At same time 7 SEAFORTH would attack MOYLAND along CLEVE-MOYLAND RD.	CNB
	15	0300	A Coy patrol returned. Houses at 95355105 occupied by enemy. Patrol fired at 8 enemy, results NOT observed, No fire returned.	
		0900	'D' Coy commenced moving off, almost as soon as they moved down main axis heavy enemy mortar and shellfire fell on the axis. This shelling was very accurate and D Coy suffered heavy cas.	CNB
			Comm then ceased with D Coy and they could NOT be contacted on wireless. At 1005 hrs the C.O. sent offr patrol to contact them. During this time message received over ARTY net that D Coy almost on obj. Lt Col Remington Hobbs prepared Major Bennett 'C' Coy comd to move through 'D' Coy. The offr patrol returned at 1100 with information that D Coy held up on S.L. with shellfire and spandaus firing from WOOD opposite. The C.O. passed this information to Bde and immediately ordered 'C' Coy to overcome this resistance and reach obj.	CNB
		1300	C Coy arrived with D Coy and pushed on 200 yds. 2 spandaus causing trouble but will be dealt with.	CNB
		1605	'C' Coy reached objective.	
		1700	Bde ordered Bn to occupy LOBSTER at all costs even if meant night attack. 2 GH are taking over left obj and have this planned now.	CNB
		1835	Commanding Officer ordered 'A' Coy to occupy WOOD 958512 as soon as possible.	
		1903	A Coy had one pl in WOOD 958512, but was disorganised due to night being dark, and thickness of WOOD. Lt Col Remington Hobbs gave permission for A Coy to remain as they were and to consolidate at	

			positions reached. Ordered 'A' Coy to reach obj by first light, as this would assist CANADIANS in their attack on 16 FEB 45. C.O. at Bde O Gp.	CNB APP E/1/C
		2030	Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn and gave orders that WOOD 958512 must be cleared as quickly as possible. 1 coy required to occupy 963514 by first light. Commanding Off ordered 'B' Coy to be prepared for this task.	CNB
			P.O.W. taken to 2100 hrs 133. Identification 346 Inf Div, 7 PARA DIV.	
	16	0330	10 HLI on our right attack successful, locations as per APP J/3.	CNB
		0420	B Coy ordered to occupy 963514 immediately and to use route through 2 GH and 'C' Coy.	
		0805	B Coy progressing slowly against enemy spandau fire, at 0915 this was complete.	CNB
		1130	A Coy located Spandau posts at 956513, 957512, 958513. Lt Col E Remington Hobbs made plan with C.O. 2 S.G. that tanks would contain and destroy these positions while CANADIANS were advancing. H hour for attack 1330 hrs.	CNB CNB
		1330	Canadian attack commenced with CALGARY rifles passing through woods and clearing A Coy obj. After neutralized by fire from 2 S.G. A Coy then occupied this area. By 1800 the position with CALGARY Highlanders still obscure but they had NOT crossed rd from MOYLAND to cross rd 957507 and are consolidating within Bn area.	CNB
		1800	C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp in which plan given for attack on MOYLAND.	CNB
	17	0900	C.O. visited Coys and put them in picture in regard to our next task, i.e. 9 CAMERONIANS forming firm base on high ground on B & C obj 2 GH and 7 SEAFORTH closing on MOYLAND. This operation dependent on CALGARY HIGHLANDERS success in clearing WOODS to EAST.	CNB CNB
		1400	C.O. ordered D Coy to move and relieve coy of 2 GH in area 954519 and all coys ordered to patrol to road NORTH of WOOD. SUP Coy would have composite force on ground left by D Coy.	
		1720	D Coy in area 954519.	CNB
		1725	Major W. Lawson (B.M.) visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bde would be relieved 18/19 MAR and return to CLEVE area for 2 days thereafter 46 Bde would rejoin 15(S) Div.	CNB
	18	0030	D Coy reported House at 956521 occupied not known by when.	CNB
		0905	Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn and ordered C.O. to move 'D' Coy to 'B' Coy to reinforce them 7 SEAFORTH will relieve D Coy.	CNB
		1205	Recce parties of relieving unit will arrive 1400 hrs. It will be daylight relief on 19 FEB 45.	
			CALGARY HIGHLANDERS attack successful and now in area 965514. Attack by 2 GH and 7 SEAFORTH now off.	APP E/1/D CNB

			CALGARY HIGHLANDERS Relieving unit will arrive at 0700 hrs. Bn order of march B,D,C,A.	
	19	0700 1100	Relief commenced. Relief complete. Bn now in CLEVE, uneventful relief.	CNB
CLEVE	20		Bn resting in CLEVE, general adm and regrouping. Rfts arrived and Coys brought up to 90 ORs. C.O. spoke to Bn on all actions to date. 46 Bde Mov Order No 24 received 46 Bde ADM order No 20 received	CNB APP E/2 CNB APP H/1. CNB
CLEVE	21	0900	C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp at 227 Inf Bde HQ. 9 Cameronians Mov Order No 4 issued	APP E/3 CNB
CLEVE	22	0700 0845 0930 1036 1215 1413 1505 1540 1620 1650 1723	Bn moved off from CLEVE. Bn arrived F.A.A. 937440. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO called Bn HQ - 6 RSF unable to get original obj, 1 coy 2 GORDONS being passed through to take houses on right. Change of plan - C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp immediately. C.O. 'O' Gp. Bn obj wood 942418 with obj as shown on J/4. 2 GH capture Houses 937421 with 7 SEAFORTH on left. D Coy reported on obj. A Coy passed through and on their obj at 1452. Opposition slight but very heavy shell and mortar fire. Enemy in strength in WOOD 940413 this was engaged with ARTY and TYPHOONS. 1 pl B Coy on obj, other 2 pl moving up. B Coy confirmed on obj. 'C' Coy reported on obj. 7 SEAFORTH on first obj 952416. During this OP. 39 PW. taken 27 in 'C' Coy area. Casualties during this action. During all this action very heavy enemy ARTY fire on Bn area.	 CNB J/4 CNB CNB CNB CNB
SCHLOSS	23	0845 0930 0948 1108 1430	2 GH withdraw at 1100 to assembly area, 9 CAMERONIANS take over their sector, 7 SEAFORTH take over 'C' Coy area, 2 GH will not withdraw until 9 CAMERONIANS take over. 44 Bde have NO reserve. If reserve required 9 CAMERONIANS will provide same, 7 SEAFORTH will take over 9 CAMERONIANS posns. 30 mins notice to move NOT before 1200 hrs. C.O. to report 44 Bde HQ at 1130. 44 Bde have reached 939412 & QUADRANGLE 946441. C.O. 'O' Gp Bn HQ when possibility of having to assist 44 Bde cancelled as they had taken all their obj. Only in extreme emergency will we be used.	 CNB CNB CNB

			During "O" Gp Div Comd visited Bn HQ and informed C.O. that Div being relieved on night 25/26 by 3 BRITISH DIV and that Div going to TILBURG area for rest. Bn locations now A & B in same positions, C Coy in D Coy area and D Coy in 937420.	 CNB CNB
SCHLOSS	24	0840	2 MONS have reached 917405, 6 RWF 923412. Extremely heavy enemy ARTY fire encountered. 46 Bde Inf OP instr No 27. Enemy arty fire decreased on our sector but still heavy on flanks. 'C' area being shelled occasionally but all known enemy targets engaged by our own Arty.	 APP E/4 CNB
SCHLOSS	25	 1145 1545 2200	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 25 44(L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 2 Recce parties 2 EAST SUFFOLKS arrived Bn area and inspected 'C' Coy area for relief on 25/26. 'C' Coy only locality being taken over. A,B,D Coys commenced thinning out and moved to assembly area as in E/4. C Coy at this time was subject to heavy enemy shell fire. C.O. engaged all known enemy localities with our own Arty which successfully quietened enemy fire. Relief complete. Bn assembled in area as per E/4	APP E/5. CNB APP E/6 CNB CNB CNB CNB
SCHLOSS	26	1130	Bn commenced moving off as per E/5 and complete in TILBURG at 1845.	CNB
TILBURG	27		Adm and generally cleaning and regrouping.	CNB
TILBURG	28		Adm and generally cleaning and regrouping. Casualties within Bn from 8th FEB - 24 FEB 45 Record of op. from 22-25 FEB 45 by Coys Operation Veritable personal account by C.O. 9 Cameronians	 APP J/5. CNB APP J/6 CNB APP J/7. CNB

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Unit 9 CAMERONIANS

Month and Year March 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		Bn engaged in training and re-equipping.	CNB
	2		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
	3		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
	4		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
	5		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
			C.O. at Bde HQ for conference on move to area ZOLDER 305722 for further specialist training on river crossing equipment.	
		1400	Recce party left for ZOLDER (BELGIUM).	CNB
	6	1345	Bn commenced moving off from TILBURG, order of march A.B.C.D Coys and arrived in area ZOLDER at 1930 hrs.	CNB
ZOLDER	7		Bn engaged in adm and settling down in new area.	CNB
ZOLDER	8		Training on river crossing, practice carrying storm boats and loading L.V.T.	CNB
ZOLDER	9		Bn engaged in training, loading unloading STORM boats. Weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices.	CNB
ZOLDER	10		Bn engaged in training.	
			Loading and unloading storm boats. Weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices.	CNB
ZOLDER	11		Bn engaged in training.	
			M.T. section on use of CL 9 raft. Loading and unloading vehicles. Remainder loading and unloading storm boats, weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices.	
			C.O. and coy comd briefed on Div Exercise on Wed 14 and night 16/17 MAR 45. This exercise was a Div Assault across River MAAS with 227 and 44 Bdes as assault Bde and 46(H) Inf Bde in reserve. 9 Cameronians to supply Coy comd as umpires for this Exercise.	CNB
ZOLDER	12		Bn engaged in training, Weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices.	CNB
ZOLDER	13		Bn engaged in training.	
			Op TORCHLIGHT. 46 Inf Bde planning Notes No 1 received.	APP E/1 CNB
			46(H) Inf Bde Adm Instr No 9 OP TORCHLIGHT received	APP CNB

ZOLDER	14		C.O. and Coy Comds on 15(S) Div Exercise Bn engaged on training.	CNB
ZOLDER	15		Bn engaged on training. Rifle practices. Adm instr No 9 issued	 APP G/1
ZOLDER	16	0900 1900	C.O. at 46(H) Bde 'O' Gp when outline plan given for OP. TORCHLIGHT. C.O. O Gp at Bn HQ. First stages required for River crossing (CLOTH MODEL)	CNB APP. E/2 CNB
ZOLDER	17		C.O. and Coy comd on 15(S) Div Exercise: on river crossing. APP. 'A' to 46(H) Inf Bde Outline - Veh Priority list issued.	APP. E/3 CNB
ZOLDER	18	0900 1900	Coy comd at Bde HQ for briefing on OP. TORCHLIGHT. All Bn Officers at Briefing conference, OP. TORCHLIGHT, when general plan given out.	CNB CNB
ZOLDER	19		OP TORCHLIGHT. 9 CAMERONIAN Adm instr No 5 issued Capt G L Allan recce to marshalling area for OP TORCHLIGHT.	APP G/2. CNB CNB
ZOLDER	20		9 CAMERONIAN O.O. No 4. OP TORCHLIGHT issued. 46(H) Inf Bde - Move Order No 27 received	APP. D/1. CNB App E/4. CNB
ZOLDER	21	1730	Bn left area ZOLDER for Marshalling area 923392 west of XANTEN and arrived in location at 0400 hrs 22 MAR 45.	 CNB
923392	21		OP. TORCHLIGHT. 46(H) Inf Bde OP Instr No 28 issued in conjunction with 46(H) Inf Bde outline plan dated 16 MAR 45 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 20 received. 9 Cameronians Adm Order No 6 issued	APP E/5 CNB App. H/2 CNB APP G/3. CNB
923392	22		Bn still in Marshalling Area. All Coys briefed on plan for crossing Rhine. OP Torchlight. 46(H) Inf Bde list of codewords OP TORCHLIGHT. 46(H) Inf Bde OP instr No 28 issued in conj. with 46(H) Inf Bde outline plan dated 16 MAR 45. 46(H) Inf Bde instr for move of tps and Vehs from present areas to far bank of R. Rhine.	 CNB APP. E/6 CNB CNB APP E/7 CNB APP E/8. CNB
923392	23	 0010	Bn resting for Op TORCHLIGHT. 9 CAMERONIANS. Mov Order No 7 (Marching tps) Message received from 46 Inf Bde that D day now 24 MAR 45. Bn commenced moving down Inf track for crossing of Rhine and arrived in Storm boat waiting area at 0315 hrs.	CNB APP D/3 CNB CNB
	24	0400	227 Bde Sitrep, progress satisfactory, opposition not hy, 8 PW. 1062 GR. 9 CAMERONIANS NOT yet required to cross RHINE as 10 HLI and 2 A&SH had NOT yet cleared our F.A.A. C.O. went to Bde HQ and remained there to await orders. In the meantime all ranks to get as much rest as possible.	 CNB CNB CNB

		0900	Message received from Bde to 7 SEAFORTH giving tasks (1) to contact coy 10 HLI. (2) clear BUND between 10 HLI and 2 A&SH using 1 tp 44 RTR, to commence as soon as possible.	CNB
			The reason for this task was that enemy had been pushed back to HAFFEN and MEHR but there were still isolated enemy posts along bank of RHINE which were engaging and damaging Storm Boats when crossing. To counter this two tanks were brought up on WEST bank of RHINE and engaged targets, which made enemy surrender.	CNB
		0930	All arty fire stopped as first wave of AIRBORNE passed overhead. This continued until 1100 hrs. Enemy A.A. was obs. but seemed to be of a light nature. 3 A/C were obs. to crash.	CNB
		1055	7 Seaforth reported task 1 complete, a number of enemy gave themselves up.	CNB
		1130	Sitrep received from Bde giving locations of 51(H) DIV, their progress very good having gained Brhead up to 3 miles in DEPTH. C.O. still at Bde HQ awaiting orders to move, this still being delayed by the fact that our F.A.A. had NOT been cleared.	CNB
		1305	Message to 7 SEAFORTH. 10 HLI no further FWD than F.A.A. 9 CAMERONIANS ⊙ You must do WOOD 1449 as soon as possible there, plan (a) capture MEHR (b) group BR 1349 (c) exploit and capture WOOD.	
		1345	C.O. received orders to move immediately and cross RHINE by STORM boats. To cross and move to REE. Bn commenced moving and arrived in area of RHINE bank 104456.	CNB
		1430	A Coy commenced crossing Rhine followed by BN HQ B.C & D Coys. The crossing was entirely unopposed and NO casualties sustained. The Bn then commenced moving to F.A.A. when leading Coy ('A') received infm that they would now go to original F.A.A. in OVERKAMP but at this pt enemy were still holding.	CNB
		1510	Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and gave C.O. orders to occupy area HAFFEN. Plan D Coy to move off first and capture area 120493. A Coy to capture 124496, C & B to occupy area 118500, 125500. To commence as soon as possible.	CNB
			D coy occupied HAFFEN area at 1750 and pushed one Pl to area 118500. Almost at same time A Coy captured area 125500. C & B Coys then commenced moving up to attack 118004 and 125500 but it was getting dark by this time and they were both held up by spandau fire across open ground. The C.O then gave orders for B & C Coy to remain in present locations until first light. 2 GH in meantime had endeavoured to reach ~~BRUKSHOF~~ 128499 but when on the obj they had to withdraw.	CNB
		2015	Enemy attempting to infiltrate into 7 SEAFORTH locality.	CNB

		2017	2 GH received message from Brig. 7 Seaforth to occupy BATTLEAXE via BAZOOKA or by SOUTH. 2 GH to occupy BAYONET if possible. 9 CAMERONIAN patrols if successful will conc 130522 and take on BLUNDERBUSS.	CNB CNB
		2030	7 SEAFORTH report enemy still infiltrating, number of PW taken.	CNB
		0330	7 SEAFORTH situation deteriorating, strong enemy counter attack again on right fwd coy which is surrounded and few men left. They are coming up main axis and our coy comd estimates strength of enemy approx 100 trying to form 200 yds in front of my location for counter attack. Arty assistance impossible due to our chaps being right among enemy. Many wounded. At first light the enemy withdrew from this area and 7 SEAFORTH regained all obj. During previous days attack 'A' Coy 2 killed, Major Shearer Wounded, 'B' Coy 2 killed, Major S. Bingley wounded, since died of wounds and 8 OR wounded. C Coy 1 killed, 1 off and 9 OR wounded. 'D' Coy 7 wounded, 4 missing.	 CNB CNB
HAFFEN	25	0500	Spandau post located at 123501, 125499, 128498, 127495.	CNB
		0710	A & C Coy asked permission to bring arty on road running to this front, as a number of enemy posts had been identified there.	CNB
		0946	A&SH under comd 46 Inf Bde for next OP.	
		1200	7 SEAFORTH 25 P.W. taken in area 128493. 20 coy 7 PARA DIV.	CNB
		1420	C Coy being counter attacked from their front by 20-30 enemy.	
		1630	2 GLAS H and A&SH attack going well Wood being cleared.	CNB
		1630	Plan laid on for attack by D and B Coys onto original obj. This attack would commence at last light and would have considerable arty sup on targets and M.M.G. fire. H hour approx 1930 hrs.	 CNB
		2000	H hour for D & B Coy attack.	CNB
		2040	D Coy on obj. after considerable small arms fire fight. Total P.W taken 57. Casualties for day 5 killed 15 wounded.	CNB
		2045	B Coy on obj. Lieut O.B. Gordon 'A' Coy to patrol fwd to 130518 to contact enemy, to return as soon as possible.	 CNB
		2310	Bn to be relieved tonight by 10 HLI and to come under comd 227 Bde for future Ops, that is clearing WOOD or Area 140510. 7 SEAFORTH to capture line of Road.	CNB CNB CNB
HAFFEN	26		46(H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 29 ~~Casualties for day~~.	APP E/9

		1300	'O' Gp at Bn HQ when plan given for attack on area 1451. Coy obj as follows A. 140506 B. 147510 C 140503 D 147508. Order of march C,D A.B. Coys with in sup 1 tp crocodiles. H hr to be notified by Bde but NOT before 1500 hrs.	CNB
		1315	Message from Bde 7 SEAFORTH attack postponed 30 mins, obj 1 coy at 143504, 1 coy 153498, 1 coy at 160498, that is, H hour 1400 hrs.	CNB
		1400	Bn moved off from HAFFEN route VIA MEHR to attack area 1451. 7 SEAFORTH attack commenced, progress satisfactory.	CNB
		1500	C Coy now located at 139496 behind coy of 7 SEAFORTH awaiting them gaining obj to carry on with their task.	CNB
		1545	All Coys of 7 SEAFORTH now on obj. 9 CAMERONIAN. H hour 1630.	CNB
		1645	Both Coy have crossed SL and both on obj by 1715 hrs. No enemy opposition. A and B coys now moving fwd to their obj.	CNB
		1830	All coys now on obj and patrols sent fwd to try and contact enemy. These patrols report no enemy encountered within 600 yards of coy localities.	CNB
140497	27	0230	All coy comd to report Bn HQ at 0800 for 'O' Gp.	CNB
		0800	Coy comd at Bn 'O' Gp. D coy to occupy area 138514, A Coy to attack area 146514, B Coy to attack area 148515, C Coy to occupy area 144510.	CNB
		1038	D Coy report on new locality. A & B coys crossed S.L and progress satisfactory until at 1114 hrs they were held up by S.P gun firing from area 147515. This held up progress of A and B coys. The attack was stopped at this point and 'O' Gp at Bn HQ at 1430 hrs.	CNB
		1430	'O' Gp. Plan given out for 'A' Coy taking B Coys obj and 'C' Coy passing through to capture B Coy obj. H hour 1715. Sup from Arty, 4.2 Mortars, tp CROCS and tp of S.P. guns. But it is still doubtful if they will manage in time to be of assistance.	CNB
		1843	Op now commencing, enemy tank located 148515, being engaged with 5.2 guns and Valentines.	CNB
		2014	A Coy reported on obj, houses on fire due to crocs, enemy tank completely destroyed.	CNB
			2 A&SH will relieve 9 CAMERONIANS night 27/28 MAR in position gained by 9 CAMERONIANS during present OP. ⊙ Detailed arrangements to be made mutually between comds concerned ⊙ Bde HQ will order relief to start on infm received from 9 CAMERONIANS. 9 CAMERONIANS will move on relief to present 2 A&SH area in area 150495, prepared to move early 28 MAR to Bde res position.	CNB
		1929	You come under comd 227 Bde 2000 hrs tonight, movement order cancelled.	CNB
		2212	A Coy report 20 enemy at 152515, engaged with ARTY fire.	CNB

		2330	C.O. ordered 'O' Gp to RV at B Coy HQ where plan given for attack by 227 Bde on day 28 MAR 45. Two Bn attack 2 GORDONS left 10 HLI right. to clear wood 1352. 2 A&SH under comd 46 bde also 6 HLI to attack and clear area up to main road 132533-158530 to take place at same time as 227 Bde.	CNB
140497	28	1010 1250 1820	7 SEAFORTH have reached 151515 & 151517 & 155513, 156514. H hour for 227 Bde attack 1400 hrs. 227 Inf Bde attack commenced duly at 1400 hrs. The advance reached all obj and no enemy opposition encountered, although a number of mines were met, but with no cas. The attack was finished and all Bn on final obj. This also incl 46 Inf Bde. Warning order received, be prepared to take over from 6 HLI. 46 Inf Bde. To be completed by 1000 hrs 29 MAR 45. 'O' Gp for this move, order of march A, C, Bn HQ, Sup, B and D Coys to occupy posn as shown on att Map	CNB APP J/1 CNB
	29	0800	Bn commenced moving to relieve 6 HLI. Bn relief complete by 1100 hrs. Position at first tactical but Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn in afternoon and ordered maximum rest for all ranks, as the adv had completely passed 15(S) Div.	CNB
	30		Bn now engaged in generally cleaning, resting and re-organising. Casualties for Rhine crossing 15 Killed 61 wounded 7 missing	CNB
	31		Bn resting and re-organizing	

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Unit 9 CAMERONIANS

Month and Year APR 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
155337	1		Bn resting, refitting and re-organizing. Mobile cinema visited Bn. Padre held Easter celebrations.	 CNB
155537	2		Major PL Hendricks MC assumed comd of Bn whilst Lt Col E Remington Hobbs on U.K. leave. Bn engaged in training in morning. Afternoon devoted to SALVAGE dive at Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO request. 87 Rfts arrived Bn and allocated to Coys to bring them to A 107. B 109. C 103. D 104.	 CNB
155537	3	0915	Warning order Bn will move tomorrow 4 APR 45. Timings and details later ⊙ This was later cancelled.	CNB
		1000	Message received be prepared to move at NOT before 1400 hrs. Harbour party 1 off and one NCO will RV at SP Coy forthwith. Tpt Coy. Jeeps. A.B.C Coy and Sp. Capt Daig I/C party to report when party assembled. Harbour party to "Stand By" at Sp Coy at immediate notice to move.	 CNB
		1130	Harbour party moved off.	
		1200	Message received from Bde that move now at 1800 hrs which was cancelled shortly afterwards to 1730 to pass Bde S.P. See movement Order No 28.	 APP. E/1 CNB
		2005	Bn arrived area 317653 and prepared to harbour for night 3/4 APR 45. No further infm from Bde but move expected early on 4 APR.	 CNB
		2330	Orders received for move on day 4 APR. Harbour party to leave present area at 0500 hrs. Timings for main body later.	CNB
	4	0200	Orders received for move to SCHEDDEBROCK 8091. Sht Q1 8 miles N.W. of MUNSTER. (46 Bde mov order No 29) Instr to coys that Bn would be postponed to move off at 0800 hrs, order of march S. Bn HQ. A.B.C.D.	APP. E/2.
		0800	Bn moved off and crossed Bde S.P. at 0835 hrs en route for SCHEDDEBROCK and arrived in new location at 1245 hrs.	CNB

			Bn passed through country already captured by assault and during the first stages destruction was great, as the airborne forces had landed there. In other towns we witnessed just how accurate the R.A.F. bombing attacks were. Also transport and guns were abandoned or destroyed in large numbers along the route.	CNB
		1700	Orders received from Bde that we would have to supply four pl for guarding V.P., namely Bridges over the EMMS-DORTMUND Canal at 9602, 9394, 9089, 9789. To be in position as soon as possible after 1845 hrs.	CNB
			'A' Coy was ordered to take over this task with under comd 1 sec carriers.	CNB
		1900	C.O. Gp on Brig R.M.L. Villiers discussion on afternoon of 4 APR. This 'O' Gp. the C.O. put Coy comds in the picture as far as fwd posns of 8 CORPS which we are now in.	APP E/3 CNB
			The Bn's next possible op would be clearing an area behind ~~11th Armd Div~~ 6 Airborne Div who are expected to cross the River WESSER at 9035 as 46 Bde task. 227(H) Inf Bde to clear behind 11 ARMD DIV. (2) As this task would be on a very wide front speed is essential and carriers would do the actual searching and inf on T.C.V. clear areas.	
		1945	(3) Also a number of men would be left guarding V.P's. 'A' Coy left for V.P. sectors.	CNB
SCHEDDEBROCK	5		Bn location as for APR 45.	
		0900	Two Southern pl of A Coy being relieved during day by 292 L.A.A.	
		1030	Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO arrived at Bn and discussed officers situation within the Bn. At same time infm C.O. that 'A' Coy would be relieved during day and would return to this location on completion of hand over.	CNB CNB
		1500	Orders received from 46 Bde that one Coy would be required for task on evening 5 APR 45. T.C.V. would report at 1700 hrs. D Coy detailed for this task.	CNB
SCHEDDEBROCK		1730	Verbal message from Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. that Bn would be required to move on day 6 APR to area of MINDEN. The route would be cleared as we moved and carriers would be on fwd recce role.	
		2100	C.O. 'O' Gp for move to area MINDEN when points discussed for clearing pockets of resistance en route, order of march, A. Bn HQ. B. C. Harbour party D Coy. Sp Coy split up into gps throughout the length of the column to ensure maximum protection to all vehs. 9th Cameronians would lead Bde Gp to pass S.P. at 0630 hrs. Route will be given later.	

			Congratulatory Letter from Lt GEN MM Ritchie C.B. CBE, DSO, MC Comd 12 CORPS.	APP.
		2300	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 30 received from Bde	APP E/3
SCHEDDEBROCK	6	0200	9 CAMERONIANS Mov Order No 8 issued	APP. D/1
		0600	Message from Bde that NO movement before 0900 hrs.	
		0900	No move before 1800 hrs.	
		1100	Mov Order No 30 from 46 Bde	APP E/4
		1310	Bn passed Bde S.P. en route for MINDEN.	
		1330	Leading T.C.V. of A Coy skidded after back tyre had puncture and collided with a tree. 8 cas.	
			The going was very slow in the convoy and during the first four hours the Bn only covered 11 miles.	
			On darkness the Bn had only covered half route. However the Bn kept on route and luckily enough it was a fine evening and night although very cold.	
	7		At 2300 1 pl of C Coy was dispatched to guard an ammo dump at IBURG 2097. No opposition was met on way and at 0730 Bn finally arrived at WEGHOLM 7551.	
			1 carrier burnt out due to overheating, 1 ditched but later recovered.	
			The remainder of day Bn spent resting and maximum maintenance on Vehs.	
		1930	Message from Bde that expect NO move tomorrow.	
WEGHOLM	8	0900	Bn ordered to clear large wood to the EAST of WEGHOLM. All Coys were used for this operation which yielded 4 German P.W. The OP finished at 1345 hrs.	
WEGHOLM	9		Bn remained in present location resting and maintenance.	
			Orders received verbally for Bn to move on day 10 APR 1945 to area RADERHORST by march route.	
WEGHOLM	10	0400	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 31.	APP. E/5
		0900	Marching tp left for area RADERHORST.	
			The journey to this area was uneventful, and Bn arrived in area at 1530 hrs after marching 17 miles. This was the first long march the Bn had done for a considerable time and with no exceptions arrived in new area 943218. To harbour for night 10/11 Apr 45. A move was expected early next morning.	
		1830	C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp.	APP E/6
		2200	Bn 'O' Gp for adv to contact on area CELLE with in Sup. 4 COLDSTREAM GDS, 1 Tp 288 N.H. Bn leading 46 Bde Gp to move off at 0700 hrs. 11 APR 45. Order of march A, B, Bn HQ, C, D Coys. 6 Gds Tank Bde and 6 Airborne were known to be in area NORTH of HAMBURG but exact positions unknown.	

RADERHORST	11	0700	A Coy on SQN of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS passed Bde S.P. followed at intervals of 800 yds by the remainder of the BN.	
		1140	15(S) Div recce reported enemy strong point at 569389. A diversion was made at this time which took Bn into 9 U.S. Army area. This was due to BR 5845 being under class 40.	
		1555	Message received from Bde for Bn Gp to conc in area 498368 ⊙ The C.O. to meet Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. as soon as possible at 534373.	
		1630	Bde 'O' Gp at 534373 when Bn given task of clearing main axis to CELLE. At Bn 'O' Gp. A, B Coys were given this task with A coy right 'B' Coy left. They would adv down 100 yds either side of main axis while the tanks of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS adv on main axis to clear strong pt 559389. TAC HQ set up at 534373. H HOUR 2000.	
		2000	A & B Coys commenced adv to clear 559389.	
		2030	Tanks reported that task was half completed and were meeting small arms fire. At 2045 hrs the two leading tanks were destroyed by BAZOOKA fire. As it was getting dark the tanks had to withdraw to harbour area, and shortly after this A & B coys reported they were about 150 yds short of obj and were meeting Small arms and 20 M.M fire. They were then ordered to become firm in present areas and that rest of Bn would join them in that area.	
	12	0040	C & D coys were ordered to move fwd and join A & B Coys with C on right and D on left. This started at 0205 and both coys in position at 0437 hrs. Total cas for this OP 2 killed 7 wounded.	
		0430	D Coy ordered to move fwd at first light to occupy B Coy original obj. This was completed at 0600 hrs and carrier patrol sent out to find if enemy still in same locality. When carrier patrol out a number of explosions were heard in the direction of CELLE which were later identified as Bridges being blown. Infm received from 46 Bde that 2 GLAS H would pass though Bn and clear axis to CELLE.	
		0705	One wounded Offr P.W captured who gave infm that 200 enemy occupied this area on night of 11 APR but had withdrawn to CELLE at first light.	
		0710	227 Bde reported on outskirts of CELLE.	
		1010	Harbour parties required at Bde HQ at once. No move before 1200 hours, until then maximum rest for everyone.	
		1500	Bn embussed on T.C.V. left for WESTERCELLE using 227 Bde axis.	

		1800	Bn arrived WESTERCELLE and prepared to harbour night 12/13 in this location. On arriving at this location Bn recce party called for to recce area NORTH of CELLE with a view to occupying by first light 13 APR 45. Recce party left at 1830 hrs, to travel on same route as 227 Bde. On travelling along axis it was found that this route had NOT been cleared, and darkness was approaching, so the C.O. put the recce off and party returned. Bde 'O' Gp called for at 2100 hrs. Plan given for continue adv on 13 APR. 15(S) Div axis rd CELLE-UELZEN with 227 on main rd, 7 SEAFORTH on subsidiary rd on left and 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS on right subsidiary rd. Mov Order for crossing BR CELLE.	APP E/7. APP E/8
WESTERCELLE	13	0800 1237 1335 1912 2200	Leading tanks with 'C' Coy aboard crossed BR CELLE and moved into conc area to await being called fwd, after 2 GLAS H. Lt Col E Remington Hobbs arrives back from leave and assumed comd of Bn from Major PL Hendricks M.C. Received orders from Bde to move fwd along axis to area 6956, and then await further instr to move to Harbour area. This instr came at 1715 hrs and Bn moved into village at 718618, where Bn to Harbour for night 13/14. During day 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H. had contacted small pockets of enemy who had put up stiff opposition. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn with orders that adv would be continued on same lines on 14 APR 45 with 9 CAMERONIANS clearing large wood on S.W. of Main axis. 'O' Gp at Bn HQ for clearing WOOD, this being done by each Coy in turn forming firm base along axis and carrier patrols clearing tracks to main rd. A Coy with under comd carrier pl, det pnrs and sec mortars and in sup one tp 4 (TK) COLDSTREAM GDS to move first and form firm base in MARMEDE then to patrol fwd to BRICKWEDEL and form firm base for remainder of Bn, ie D Coy to AAGEN, 'C' Coy BEHREN, 'A' Coy to BOKEL. H hour 0730 hrs.	
	14	0730	A Coy Gp adv to MARMEDE and arrived in position at 0755 hrs against slight opposition, 1 off 34 OR being taken P.O.W. They consisted of L. of C. tps. 'A' Coy commenced patrolling fwd and at 1130 hrs reported BLECKWEDEL clear and then D Coy ordered to move fwd to HAGEN and at 1238 hrs reported that it was clear with the capture of 38 German P.W and the very satisfying task of releasing 280 Allied P.W. incl 2 Americans and 3 British.	

			At 1500 conference held in HAGEN after C Coy occupied BEHREN. For move to conc in area BOKEL for night 14/15. 'C' Coy will remain in BEHREN until remainder of Bn in position. P.W for day 4 off 111 OR. Cas 3 OR and Lieut TESH Bde L.O. (acting)	
		1930	Bn complete in BOKEL. Total P.W for day 355.	
BOKEL	15	0500	Message received that 2 GLAS H in STADENSEN 8979 and SQN of Recce in NETTLEKAMP had been counter attacked during night, by inf on half tracks and a number of S.P. guns. A large number of 2 GLAS H tpt had been destroyed but counter attack unsuccessful. SQN of recce had been over-run. 9 CAMERONIAN will move to 9076 and then to 9178 hold line of rd and link with 2 GLAS H.	
		0915	This was put into op by A Coy occupying NIENWOHIDE and B Coy occupying KALLENBROCK 9178. 14 P.O.W taken.	
		1500	After further planning A Coy commenced attacking NETTLEKAMP on the right of rd, with D Coy on left.	
		1530	Both A & D Coys on obj and clear of enemy. B & C then passed through respectively and captured areas further EAST making position firm. Total P.W for this op 105 incl 2 off, D Coy capturing 1 off 59 OR. Cas. Lieut A. Young and 6 OR wounded. 6 half tracks were captured in complete working order in the village, 2 M/C and one recce car.	
		1805	Message from Bde that Bn OX and BUCKS of 6 A.B. will relieve 9 CAMERONIAN forthwith. Recce parties will arrive in 1 hour. 9 CAMERONIANS on relief will relieve 10 HLI at present located VEERSON 898880. Recce party report to 10 HLI immediately. Owing to position occupied by 10 HLI they could NOT be relieved in daylight and NO fwd recce allowed.	
		2000	Relief complete Bn moved off to 10 HLI rear HQ 881852 where guides would meet coys.	
VEERSEN	16	0500	Bn relief of 10 HLI complete. For dispositions see Map. It can be noted that the enemy occupied the houses on the opposite side of the rd from A & B Coys and any movement immediately caused Small Arms fire to be brought down. The gap between B and D Coy was also occupied by the enemy. At this stage 44(L) Bde on right had adv to gen line running EAST from GR LIERDEN 9388 while 7 SEAFORTH had reached KL SUSTEDT 8566, 2 GLAS H in reserve at 8885. The Bn snipers were with "A", "C" & "B" Coys and during day did get some targets. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 25 received.	APP E/8.

		2000	'O' Gp at Bn HQ in which plan given out as per O.O No 25 for attacking and clearing UELZEN.	
VEERSEN	17	0630	Enemy action during night very quiet except in 'A' Coy where one of the houses occupied by fwd sec was hit by a BAZOOKA and set on fire. Report received from 44(L) Bde indicated that tracked vehs were heard pulling out and heading in a N.E. direction. At approx 1200 hrs a check was made with all coys as to whether the enemy was still in position in VEERSEN as it was thought they had withdrawn, and a certain amount of movement was still observed by A B & D Coys. Tanks of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS (TK) were being employed to shoot up houses occupied by enemy. A number were set on fire.	
		1515	Report from 'B' Coy that 11 enemy observed withdrawing with full equipment on. The Commanding Officer had ordered that in this event patrolling would take place and if areas unoccupied Coys would occupy. Limit of patrol and occupation Fwd edge of VEERSEN.	
		1645	A & D coy commenced patrolling and enemy still in position. Arty fire plan cancelled for attack by 7 SEAFORTH. By 1800 hrs C, A B D were on the move fwd and all in new posns by 2210 hrs. Total P.W for this op 3 off and 125 OR, 2 off and 69 OR from 20 CAVALRY Regt were captured by 'B' Coy. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 21. Plan for day 18 APR 45. 7 SEAFORTH to commence clearing UELZEN at 0600 hrs followed by 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS.	APP H/1
UELZEN	18	0600	Attack commenced by 7 SEAFORTH on UELZEN. For areas to be cleared APP J/1. Bn commenced clearing first area at 1400 hrs and task completed by 2007 hrs. P.W for day 2 off 54 OR. CAS. 1 off Capt Glasper M.C. Killed. 1 OR Killed 8 OR wounded. Message from Bde move at 1400 hrs by march route to area BEVENSEN.	
UELZEN	19	1400	46 Inf Bde Mov. Order No 32 Bn moved off from UELZEN and in position in BEVENSEN by 1715 hrs. Bn will harbour for night in this area. 'O' Gp at Bde HQ for adv on 20 APR 45 to BLECKEDE. Bn order of March C Coy, A Coy, Main Gd with carrier pl, in sup 1 Sqn 4 COLDSTREAM GDS (TK), Bn HQ. B. D Coys to pass S.P. 0815 hrs.	APP. E/9
BEVENSEN	20	0815	Bn crossed S.P. No opposition was encountered en route and Bn arrived in DAHLENBERG at 0940 hrs where recce L.O. met who infm C.O. that enemy held BARSKAMP, GODDINGEN, BREETZE and cross rds 014208.	

		2000	Bn conc in HARMSTORF prior to attacking along Main axis. 'C' Coy moved off and attacked and cleared KOSTORF, and remainder of locations as in attached map. Bn captured all areas as on APP and in position. Message received from Bde that 5 Div now dealing with BLECKEDE and we are astride their axis. Accordingly C & D Coys to move and take up def posn in area BREETZE which had been captured by 2 GLAS H. A & B Coys to remain in NINDORF. Bn firm in this location at 2115 hrs with HQ in BREETZE. A line party on way to A, B Coys missed the route and went down main rd to BLECKEDE and reached 998256 when they were fired on. The jeep in which they were travelling was knocked out, and 3 sigs missing believed wounded.	APP.
BREETZE	21	0800	Message received from Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. that Bn would now move and occupy GARZE 9727 as soon as possible, recce parties to RV and relieve Coy of 7 SEAFORTH at present in that area.	
GARZE		1550	Bn commenced arriving in area GARZE 9727 and moved into positions as shown on map attch. When Bn in position enemy opened up on gen area with 20 m.m. No casualties resulted. But a number of rounds passed through coy offices, which were very unpleasant. The enemy occupied the general line of the BUND by OP during day, a number of which could be observed at approx 1000 yards range. These targets were engaged by 3" mortars. 2 patrols out on night 21/22 and verified enemy in area BUND 987277. 2 CAMERONIANS of 5 DIV were on Bn immediate right waiting to attack BLECKEDE 0025. Infm available that they had cleared up to line of Rly running EAST to WEST through BLECKEDE.	
GARZE	22	0410 0615	Patrols again verified enemy on BUND 986268. Nothing to report from all Coys.	
GARZE	23	1500	Brig RML Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and gave orders for clearing up to River Elbe. A & B were given this task. B Coy to clear WOOD and establish an OP on fwd edge. This OP commenced 1800 and was complete by 2200 hrs. 2 Bn Cameronians had cleared BLECKEDE.	
GARZE	24		Nothing to report on enemy. Coys employed in re-org and general maintenance.	
GARZE	25	1100	Nothing to report. Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs D.S.O. at Bde outline plan conference for crossing River ELBE. 9 CAMERONIANS to relieve 2 ASH on night 27/28 MAY 45. Lt. Col. Alexander and 8 offr and 20 OR of 2 CAMERONIANS visited Bn arriving at 1800 hrs. The road from BLECKEDE to GARZE had never	

			been used prior to this and opening ceremony was held at rd Block in 'C' Coy area.	
GARZE	26		Bn would now relieve 2 A&SH night 26/27 APR as plan brought fwd. Once more this would require night relief as fwd positions were under direct enemy observation.	
		2345	'O' Gp at Bde HQ for change in plan. D Coy now 29 APR 45. All coys of 2 A&SH relieved Bn now in position.	
HITTBERGEN	27	0600	Nothing to report. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 26. 9 CAMERONIANS ADM Order No 7. 9 CAMERONIANS O.O. No 5.	 APP. E/10 APP G/1 APP. D/2
HITTBERGEN	28	0600	Nothing to report. 9 CAMERONIANS Mov Order No 9. 9 CAMERONIANS Adm Order No 8.	 APP D/3. APP G/2
HITTBERGEN	29	0432	3 coys about to move across river now. 4 coy about to load on LVT now.	
		0515	All coys across and established on northern bank of ELBE, patrols being sent out to contact GH who immediately on left, also along main rd to LAUENBERG. On arriving on this side 29 P.W. were rounded up. No casualties during crossing.	
		0745	Report from Bde that 7 SEAFORTH and CDO Bde on obj and patrolling NORTH to OVERHORST.	
		0930	Brig ordered Bn to move to 870367 to take up a defensive position with 7 SEAFORTH on right and 2 GLAS H on left at 859378. 'O' Gp summoned and plan given out. Tpt had NOT joined Bn and it appeared that it wouldn't do so before move.	
		1045	Bn moved off C,A,B,D along main rd to LAUENBERG. On passing V.W.A. a certain amount of Bn tpt arrived and was taken with Bn.	
		1200	'C' had reached high ground in area 862358. Their obj was cross rds 860370 but C.O. on seeing ground ordered 'C' to remain on high ground covering the cross rd hy fire. The remainder of Bn took up defensive posn on reverse slope in approx location of 7 SEAFORTH. 2 GLAS H were obs adv in direction of KRUZEN.	
		1245	Orders received for Bn to continue with original plan adv along rd LAUENBURG - DAUDORF with BASEDOW as first obj.	
		1345	'C' Coy reached first obj high ground 879366 with no opposition but the area was being shelled from right flank. B Coy then passed through 'C' for Rd junc about 1000 yards ahead but came under small arms fire from area of this rd junc. Tanks of R.T.R were then ordered fwd and dealt with this situation.	

			A Coy moved off at 1610 to capture area 893395 and captured it at 1750 hrs when 'C' moved fwd to area 908388. Brig RML Villiers DSO then visited Bn and ordered Major PL Hendricks MC that Bn would clear area 8838 by 1930 hrs to allow 7 SEAFORTH to move in.	
		1900	'C' Coy reported on obj. D Coy ordered to occupy BASEDOW, which was complete by 2102 hrs. Total P.W for day 240 and 5 off. Casualties 2 Killed 5 wounded.	
		2000	Carrier patrol ordered to area DALLDORF to recce village to find if occupied by enemy or NOT.	
		2130	Patrol returned with infm that NOT occupied in WESTERN half of village. This was all they could manage owing to nightfall. 7 P.O.W. from FLAK captured.	
BASEDOW	30	2400	Recce patrol of 1 off 3 OR ordered out to same area and returned at 0300 hrs with infm that on reaching bend in rd at 906408 a number of enemy 1 pl str passed them travelling in the direction of BASEDOW. Patrol lay up at the side of the road and judged enemy str to be about 200-300 strong. Major P.L. Hendricks MC immediately engaged this area with artillery fire, a MIKE target being ordered. All coys were immediately warned by runner of this possible threat.	
		0445	Another recce patrol ordered out to regain contact with enemy and on leaving 'C' Coy area encountered enemy 500 yds from the area. The patrol immediately reported back to Coy HQ warning to FWD pl en route. Patrol Comd then reported to Bn HQ when infm passed to all concerned.	
		0510	D Coy reported being counter attacked from NORTH etc approx 15. Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs DSO immediately started to harass all areas safe to Bn fwd positions with arty and mortar at same time asking Bde for tanks. From then until 0600 hrs all likely enemy forming up places were brought under continual D.F. fire and a number of enemy were obs to be retreating. Infm from P.W at this stage stated that 4 Coys of 120 strong were in this area although he could NOT give locations, their obj being BASEDOW. 1 coy 935 GREN REGT. Tanks arrived in Bn area and moved to join B Coy as counter attack force if required. Shortly afterwards D Coy asked for one tank to give them SP. This was granted. A number of cas were undoubtedly inflicted on the enemy at this stage due to arty and mortar fire plus accurate small arms fire	

			from C & D Coys who had sustained most of the attack. A number of P.W wounded were evacuated through R.A.P. 1 off 4 OR.	
		0700	The situation to have entered on new phase and the enemy appeared to be attempting to infiltrate, as sniping flared up from these directions. Lieut J. Parsons S.O. was wounded in the shoulder by a sniper. Message received from 46 Bde that 7 SEAFORTH commencing to attack ZUCKER HORST at 0715 hrs but at 0752 when Lt Col Hunt DSO contacted Lt Col E Remington Hobbs DSO he infm Bde that he would NOT start the attack until we had cleared area of small copse on left of B Coy. Various plans then followed but final plan was evolved. B Coy would occupy small WOOD 8940 with 1 pl A Coy under comd. Later this was changed to 7 SEAFORTH occupying WOOD, this allowing 15 Bde of 5 BR DIV to pass through and capture ZUCKER HORST with 1 Bn whilst GREEN HOWARDS would pass through 9 CAMERONIANS and capture rd Bend and WOOD 906408. 7 SEAFORTH will relieve A Coy who on relief will fill gap between D Coy and CANAL.	
		1430	7 SEAFORTH in position. 15 Bde attack commenced at 1835 hrs.	
		1445	A Coy in new location. During the afternoon BASEDOW was heavily STONKED by enemy arty, from PW infm they were located at NORTH end of ZUCKER HORST. This area was engaged with arty. A number of cas were inflicted on the Bn due to this shelling. Major G Carruthers, Lieut J Clunie B Coy being evacuated. Capt G Allan Sp Coy was then given comd of 'B' Coy.	
		1835	15 Bde attack commenced, both obj taken by 2045 hrs. During enemy counter attack from infm recce on 1 MAY, the enemy had reached within 3 yds of some of 'C' Coy FWD sec posts and had even started to dig in before being dealt with. Claims as follows A Coy 2 Killed B Coy 4 Killed C Coy 24 Killed D Coy 10 Killed Total 40 102 P.O.W. taken, identifications 1 Bn 938 GREN REGT, 1 Bn 937 GREN Regt. 3 Coy 935 Gren Regt, 2 Coy 935 GREN Regt. Cas within Bn 3 off wounded 8 OR Killed 9 wounded. Infm received that Bn will move to area GULZOW on 1 MAY 45.	

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Unit 9 CAMERONIAN

Month and Year MAY 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			[Page missing in original] main road, meeting slight pockets of enemy resistance, which were cleared up. P.O.W. taken, being mostly submarine crews from HAMBURG.	CNB
			The task was very slow and Bn halted on several occasions to allow 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H who were clearing through WOOD to come level. However, at 2030 hrs task was complete and Bn established in WOHLDORF 6946.	CNB
			Total P.W for day 175.	
			Cas. 2 Killed 16 wounded incl Lieut J Baird Sp Coy.	CNB
			At 1730 hrs message received from Bde that HAMBURG declared an open city from 0800 hrs 3 MAY, and NO firing would take place after this time. Negotiations going on at present moment.	CNB
			46(H) Inf Bde MOV Order No 33	APP E/2
			Orders received from Bde that on day 3 MAY Bn would relieve 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H to allow them to conc in area TRITTAU 7661. Bn would be relieved by 1300 hrs by Bn of 53 DIV and then join Bde.	CNB
WOHLDORF	3	0900	Relief of 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H posns complete. Coy comd from 6 RWF 53 DIV arrived Br and shown Coy localities.	CNB
			Relief complete by 1230 hrs and Bn moved off at 1315 hrs, order of march D.B.C.A.	CNB
		1530	Bn arrived TRITTAU 7661.	
			Message received No move before 1100 hrs. Veh leave 1130 hrs. Marching tps 1200.	APP E/3
			46(H) Inf Bde mov Order No 34 for move on 4 MAY to SPREGGE area.	CNB
TRITTAU	4	1130	Vehs left for area SCHONBERG 7868 and all coys in location by 1350 hrs.	CNB
		2000	Duty off at Bn HQ received message from Major McNair (A Coy) that with effect 0800 hrs 5 MAY 1945 All enemy resistance in HOLLAND, N.W. GERMANY and DENMARK finished. This was a news flash heard at 2000 hrs. It was immediately relayed to the rest of the Bn and necessary celebrations ensued.	CNB

SCHONBERG	5	0825 1730	Message received from Bde. Day given over to complete rest. Adm Conference at Bn HQ when given out Bn would probably move to KIEL in the near future. This move would be semi-tactical with particular attention being paid to turnout. No friendly troops have entered KIEL.	APP. E/4 CNB CNB
SCHONBERG	6	0900 1500 2200	Bde 'O' Gp when discussion on occupation of KIEL giving all V.P. to be seized. C.O. 'O' Gp detailing V.P. to Coy. Message received from Bde, plan now changed. 7 SEAFORTH and Bde HQ move to KIEL at 0700 hrs 7 MAY. Separate instr for move of 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H. Lt Col HC Baker-Baker D.S.O. OBE to be in command. Harbour parties required from 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H.	 CNB CNB CNB
SCHONBERG	7	0700	2 Coys of T FORCE are in KIEL, reason for change in plan. Instructions received from Lt Col HC Barker-Barker D.S.O. OBE for move to KIEL on 8 MAY 45. Bn to lead remainder of Bde, to pass S.P. at 0800 hrs.	CNB CNB
SCHONBERG	8	0900	Bn passed S.P en-route for KIEL and arrived in KIEL at 1330 hrs ⊙ No incidents took place on way down. Major P.L. Hendricks M.C contacted Bn on arrival in KIEL and guided it to location 557398 at S.W. edge of Lake. The Bn conc in this area in civil houses. The position in KIEL on arrival was: German Army and Naval forces still controlled town to a certain extent although "T" FORCE and elements of 7 SEAFORTH had seized all priority targets. At Bde HQ conference in morning Bn areas were decided on. 9 CAMERONIANS controlling MAIN part of KIEL WEST of HARBOUR and SOUTH of KIEL CANAL. 2 GLAS H EAST of HARBOUR and 7 SEAFORTH NORTH of KIEL CANAL.	 CNB CNB
KIEL	9		Special Order of The Day by Lt. Col. E Remington-Hobbs D.S.O. Bde conference, certain priority targets given to Bn to seize and guard. Targets were in three types 1 Red. Military and Naval Barracks. II BLACK Security gds on Military and Naval Clothing stores III Yellow. Gds on civilian food stores. At Bn Conference, Bn area allotted to Coys and targets within areas allotted to them. Occupation of KIEL Gen Instr No 1 issued	APP. J/1 CNB APP. J/2 CNB APP ~~E/~~6 D/1
KIEL	10		All guards now in position. 4 P.W. camps started in area (I) RHINE II WIK III SEINE IV MASS V ELBE and VI ODER, which to be used for Civilian P.W. under suspicion by F.S.P. Occupation of KIEL Gen Instr No 2 issued.	 APP. D/2 CNB
KIEL	11		Gds on priority targets. Total PW in cages 14,000.	CNB

			Bde conference. C.CRA 8 CORPS will take over from 46 Bde with effect 1200 hrs 12 MAY 45. 46 Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS to remain present area until approx 23 MAY until Gds relieved by 121 A/TK, 10 SVY, 56 SP Regt. 9 CAMERONIANS to remain under comd KIEL Bde AREA until situation warranted their return to 46 Bde. Occupation of KIEL Gen Instr No 3.	APP D/3.
KIEL	12	1200	9 CAMERONIANS under comd KIEL Bde AREA BRIG A.G MATTHEW CBE, DSO, C.C.R.A. 8 CORPS.	CNB
KIEL	13		Gds on priority targets. Total P.W 13,500	CNB
KIEL	14		GDS on priority targets. Total PW. 13,500	CNB
KIEL	15	1800	GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 13,500 Message from KIEL AREA HQ that 8 German destroyers arriving from NORWAY. Crews will be taken off ships by ROYAL MARINES and escorted to RHINE CAMP ⊙ 9 CAMERONIANS responsible for guarding. The first crew disembarked at 2330 hrs and task finished at 0600 hrs 16 MAY 45	CNB CNB
KIEL	16		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 16000. Occupation of KIEL Gen instr No 4.	APP D/4. CNB
KIEL	17		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 16000. 1500 P.W transferred from RHINE to WIK. 2000 WEHRMACHT P.W. transferred from RHINE CAMP to area 'F' for final dispersal.	CNB
KIEL	18		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 14000. KIEL area conference, 10 SVY Regt will relieve 9 CAMERONIANS WEF. 1200 hrs 23 MAY 45.	CNB CNB
KIEL	19		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W. 14000 OCCUPATION of KIEL Gen instr No 5. 2500 P.W WEHRMACHT transferred to area 'F' for final dispersal.	CNB CNB APP. D./5 CNB
KIEL	20		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W. 14000	CNB
KIEL	21		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W 14000	CNB
KIEL	22		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W 14000. When all guards have been taken over by 10 SVY Regt, Coys will conc with Bn. Gds left with Bn on RHINE P.W Camp: ODER detention Barracks. Total commitment 1 off. 7 NCO, 42 men.	CNB
KIEL	23		GDS on PRIORITY targets until 1200 hrs then relieved by 10 SVY Regt.	CNB

			TOTAL P.W in RHINE CAMP 2500 9 CAMERONIANS OP INST No 10	D./6
KIEL	24		KIEL AREA conference discussed that 9 CAMERONIANS on clearing P.W. from RHINE Camp will take over this accommodation.	CNB
KIEL	25		Every endeavour being made to evacuate RHINE Camp. Earliest time of clearing P.W. 31 MAY 45.	CNB
KIEL	26		2000 P.W evacuated from RHINE CAMP, only small party of sick personnel left. A Coy moved into RHINE CAMP and commenced doing necessary repairs to it for Bn occupation.	CNB CNB
KIEL	27		B Coy moved into RHINE CAMP. Warning order received that Kings Birthday parade would be held on Sat 2 Jun 45 ⊙ 9 CAMERONIANS to send 16 off 320 OR on this parade.	
KIEL	28		C & D Coys moved into RHINE CAMP at 0900 hrs followed by Sp Coy at 1500 hrs.	CNB
KIEL	29		BN HQ moved into RHINE CAMP Lt Col E Remington Hobbs D.S.O. left Bn to fill vacancy A.A.G. India. Major PL Hendricks MC assumed comd of Bn until arrival of new comd officer.	CNB
KIEL	30		Brig RML Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and inspected rehearsal of Kings Birthday Parade.	CNB

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Unit 2 GLAS. H. H.L.I.

Month and Year JUN 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.U. CAMPBELL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRIGHTON	3		Fd Return Offrs & ORs to 2 ech	Appxs A & B
	4		CO's Church Parade.	
	6		"D" Day. Orders of the day read to all tps from Gen Eisenhower. Bn addressed by Bde Comd.	
	11		Bde Church Parade.	
NR. EASTHAM FARNHAM	12		Bn tpt & C.O. arrived Marshalling Area " marching tps " " "	
LONDON	15	1800	Veh pty boarded S.S. Empire Brutus	
NEWHAVEN	16		Marching tps embarked L.C.S.	
	17	 1900	" " landed in Normandy and conc. in ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES. Veh pty arrived off NORMANDY coast.	
	18		Church Service on board ship - Padre R.A.M.C. 8 Corps	
	19		Weather prevents disembarkation	
	20		Weather prevents disembarkation	
	21	2000	Concert for tps on board ship.	
	22		CO left on launch for conf with Div Comd.	
	23		1st veh pty disembarked.	
	24	1800 2300	Last " " ashore Bn moved to FAA - L.O.B.: Major White, Capt Renwick, Lieuts Wallace & Loudon	
	10 &	17	Fd Return Offrs & ORs to 2 ech	
	24		" " " " " "	App C & D
	26	0100 0700	Bn moved up to F.U.P. "H" Hour - Bn attacked & took objective CHEUX. Offr Cas: T/Major Carson, T/Capt Johnstone, Lieuts Hollway, Kehoe, Waldie, Blackadder, Wark - WOUNDED. T/Capt I.P.S. Wood, Lieut Keeble - KILLED.	
	27		Bn relieved by 1 WORC - moved to COLLEVILLE and took over from 2 GORDONS	
	28	1000 1400	Capt Renwick, Lieut Loudon arrive from L.O.B. Lt Loudon killed in repelling enemy attack from direction MOUEN.	

	29		Bn relieved by 10 HLI. Moved to MONDRAINVILLE where heavily shelled by mortars & repelled attack by inf & tks. Rev Jas. S. Taylor killed by mortar fire. Lt T.S. Maw R.A.M.C. wounded " " (replaced by Capt Giles 193 Fd Amb)	
Mondrainville	30/1	0400	Bn relieved 0400 by 4 MONS & reverted to area BRONAY for reorganisation. Total OR cas suffered in action: Killed - 18 Wounded - 177 Missing - 18	

2nd Bn. THE GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS (H.L.I.)

FRANCE ----- JUNE JULY 1944.

1. CONCENTRATION.

The following is a brief account of the happenings to this battalion during its first odd ten days in France, 1944.

The rifle companies sailed from England and arrived off the French coast on the 17th June, disembarking at LA RIVIERE. They concentrated in the area south of VIENNE-en-Bessin and awaited the arrival of the rest of the Bn. These companies were under the command of the second-in command, Major J.C. Davies, M.C.

Bn HQ. with HQ and S. Companies sailed from London on S.S. Empire Brutus and arrived off the French coast about 2100 hrs Saty 17th June. Bad weather held up unloading until Friday 23rd June. It was not until 2200 hrs on the following night that the complete Bn was concentrated. This was half an hour before it moved to an F.A.A. for its first attack.

2. PREPARATION FOR ATTACK

The move to the F.A.A., area of SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN, was completed in darkness. The Bn. remained there all 25th June in an over-crowded area as well camouflaged as possible. Church services were held by Padre James Taylor and vehicles loaded for battle. As much de-waterproofing as possible was carried out in the short time available.

3. GROUND AND ENEMY

The objective of the Bn was Cheux, and the route lay through, and just east of LE MESNIL PATRY. It was held by the 12th Panzer Div. The country apart from farm buildings was studded with many orchards and the fields were thick with corn 3ft high. The maps of the area were bad and air photos were used. LE MESNIL PATRY was held by a Canadian Infantry Unit. They had been in the line for some days, but the nature of the country made it difficult to learn much of the enemy positions. O.Ps were extremely difficult to obtain. CHEUX, our objective was about 3000 yards from LE MESNIL PATRY, and there was a valley of dead ground in between, whilst Cheux itself was not visible because of trees and orchards.

There was no knowledge of any enemy mine-fields and little of his strength on the Bn front. Cheux passed under so many different pronunciations that it was decided to call it "CHEWKS", and it has been known as that in the Unit ever since.

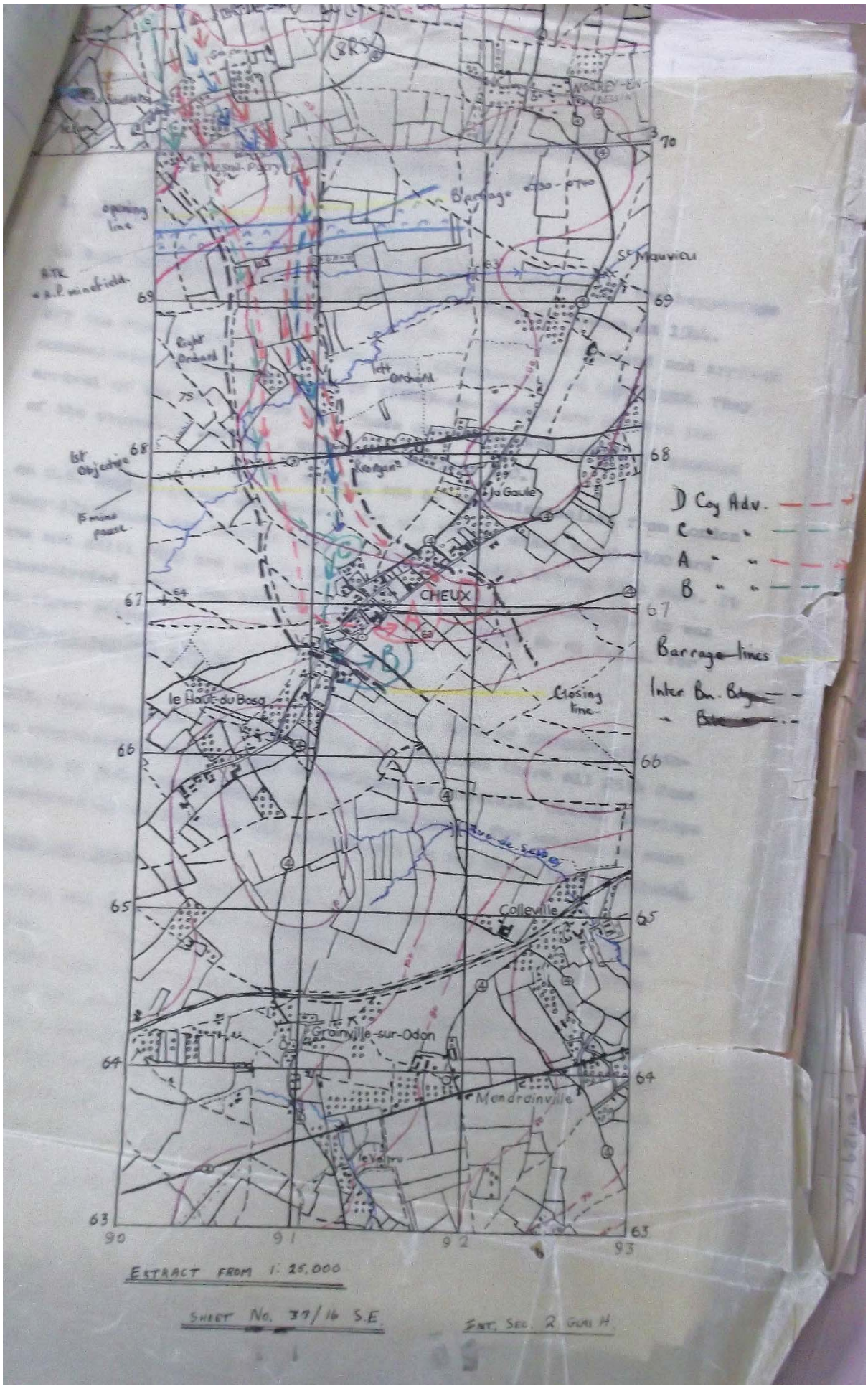
4. PLAN.

(A) The Glasgow Highlanders were to attack between the 9th Cameronians (to its right) and 8th Royal Scots (of 44 Inf Bde, to its left). The boundaries are marked on the trace.

The start line was north of LE MESNIL PATRY and behind the Canadian lines. This meant that it was some 1200 yds behind the opening line of the barrage and gave leading companies one thousand yards advance through the orchards before the barrage lifted: a total of 400 to the objective.

The advance was planned at 100 yds every three minutes, the barrage lifting accordingly. A barrage was used as the enemy positions were not exactly known.

For this operation the division had the support of H.M. ships, between 250 and 400 medium bombers, and 16 squadrons of fighter bombers. The first two were to look after CARPIQUET, to the east, where it was



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known that parts of the 21st Panzer Div were with their tanks. The fighter bombers were to look after road approaches from the south and south east.

The barrage and artillery concentrations on the Div front were to be fired by a total of 625 guns.

Each Bn had a squadron of Churchill tanks in support. 46(H) Inf Bde, in addition, had "Crocodiles" and A.Vs.R.E. in support, and ready for calls from Bns. The Glasgow Highlanders had a troop of "FLAILS" under command, for gapping minefields.

(B) The start line is marked on the attached sketch, also the opening line of the barrage. The barrage opened at 0730 on 26th June, remaining on its opening line for 10 minutes and then rising 100 yards in each three minutes until after crossing the main road where it paused for fifteen minutes before carrying on.

(C) The Bn plan was an advance with two companies forward, right "C" left "D", with "A" and "B" following. The latter were to do the mopping up. This task (in second priority to maintenance of momentum) was also given to the reserve plns of forward companies. (LESSON. This does not function in long corn as forward companies must not stop to mop up on the advance and the attack is apt to get pinned to the ground.) Later the G.O.C. decided it would be a better task for a reserve Bn or a reserve Bde.

A carrier- mortar group, under Capt. Johnstone's command, was detailed to watch our right flank and maintain contact with the Cameronians.

The 3" mortars were to remain mobile as the country offered no O.Ps and as there was such a heavy artillery barrage. (In the result this was agreed as right, but mobile fire controllers should still have moved with forward companies in order to get O.P.s quickly on the objective.)

Pioneer assault sections moved with each forward company to deal with enemy mines. They were not actually used as the attacking troops did not stop for any mine-fields.

Bn. six pounder anti-tanks guns were to move up to the objective as quickly as possible behind leading echelons of tanks.

Each forward company had two tps of Churchills in support. One to be up forward whilst the second covered it from the rear. Recces between tp and Pln commanders were carried out closely with this in view despite the difficulty of getting observation over the ground over which the attack was to pass.

The tank squadron commander was in wireless communication with the "Flail" tp. Each Churchill tp had a No. 38 Set netted to the leading Infy. Plns. Rear Companies 38 set nets co-incided with that of forward companies so that in the event of the C.O. having to pass through the rear companies on the intermediate objective (see sketch) infy-tank communications would not suffer. In the event no 38 set to a tank worked. There was no checking of nets in the F.U.P.

(D) Bn Command Post, consisting of the C.O. in his carrier, L.O. in Scout car from Tank Sqdn, and the Artillery Bty Commander in his Scout car, was to move on the left flank from O.P. to O.P. It was quite impossible to decide beforehand exactly where these would be. The Adjt in a Scout car with the Bde rear link set was to bound behind. A report centre was named in CHEUX, just north of the first cross roads (marked R.V. on sketch).

5. EXECUTION

"H." hr was at 0730 at which time the artillery barrage came down on the opening line, staying there for 10 minutes.

"C" and "D" Coys moved along axis as shown on sketch and were well up behind the barrage by the time it first lifted. They pushed on and met their first heavy opposition well north of the two ("right and left") orchards. The enemy had put a mine-field across the front. Churchills and some of the unit carriers were blown up. Casualties also occurred from anti-personnel mines and MGs. But the troops pushed on and through.

"C" coy on the right became pinned by MG. fire from the many lines of trees on their front and reported this over the No. 18 set link. The C.O. could not produce artillery fire owing to "D" Coys progress. The tanks were being held up to an extent by the mine-field. "C" Coy was told to get on with its own weapons and it got forward to the next hedgerow where it suffered much heavier casualties again being pinned. "A" Coy was ordered forward to make contact with "C". This it did and assisted in clearing hedgerows.

Meantime "D" coy had pushed ahead of "C", and "B" Coy was level with "C". This allowed "C" to get on. "D" Coy suffered their heaviest casualties in the "left orchard", where they came under heavy enemy mortar fire in the area of the bridge. On the further side of this orchard Major Gray had to pause to speedily reorganise his coy into 2 plns. One pln had been left behind mopping up and this was brought forward at this stage to make up the other two before the coy assaulted the wood on the intermediate objective. This wood was captured, but another pause, this time of 20-30 mins, to allow for further reorganisation before "D" coy's advance could continue into CHEUX. The Coy was by now very short of N.C.Os and could only muster 2 plns. The C.O. had arranged an R.V. on the first objective but owing to the mine-Field he was not able to meet "D" Coy before it had continued the advance. "D" Coy was ordered to carry on with this over the No. 18 set.

The barrage only paused for 15 minutes on this intermediate objective. This was not long enough in a 4000 yds advance. It would have been better (in order not to expend more artillery ammunition than necessary as it was always a bit short) had some smoke and H.E. been put down here for half to three quarters of an hour. Both forward companies now lost the barrage and had to move in the open.

"C" Coy, with "A" close behind crossed the intermediate objective on the right shortly after "B" Coy had done so on the left. "B" itself was behind "D". The C.O. met the tank Sqdn commander and O.C. "B" Coy just south of the original RV. ---- some high ground over-looking the northern buildings of Cheux, and waited here until the village was occupied. "D" Coy had pushed on and occupied the village. Patrols were sent out to contact the Royal Scots on the left and "C" Coy on the right, but both were fired on by the enemy. Thus "D" Coy was solely in occupation, without support. Success was reported to the Brigadier by wireless. The runner with Verey pistols had been killed and lost on the way up. "B" Coy was then ordered into the village to move via the "jutting out" portion at 913673 and to occupy the right hand half. This, originally, was "C" Coys objective.

"C" Coy was ordered to take up a reorganisation position in rear of 913673 out of the buildings.

By the time "B" Coy had occupied the village, "D" Coy had cleared the opposition away and had now moved forward of it and started to dig-in. "A" Coy arrived sadly depleted. All officers except one were casualties and the same had happened in the case of "C" Coy. "A" Coy was ordered to join up in front of CHEUX, on the right and later put under command of O.C. "B" Coy.

Bn. HQ opened in a GERMAN dug-out beside the road at the entrance to CHEUX. The supporting tanks came forward and through the

village to take up anti-tank defence until the Bn six pounder guns were in position. Consolidation took some time owing to enemy snipers and the fairly heavy casualties suffered in the advance. The R.A.P. opened in a large barn near Bn HQ and soon found itself dealing with casualties from other units as well. The 7th Seaforths moved through on to high ground south of CHEUX but had to fight for it and were not successful until the following day. The tanks remained close up to the Bn until late that night.

6. CASUALTIES DURING THE ATTACK.

"A" Coy.	(Major Carson in Command.)	Killed. Lt Keeble Wounded Lt Kehoe, Major Carson.
"B" Coy.	Capt Miller in command as Major White was L.O.B.	No officer casualties.
"C" Coy.	Major Lambie in Command.	Killed. Lt Waldie. Wounded. Lt. Blackadder, Lt. Wark.
"D" Coy.	Major Gray in Command.	Wounded. Lt Hollway.
"S" Coy.	Anti-tank Pln. Carrier Pln.	Killed Capt Wood. Wounded Capt Johnstone.
Other Ranks		KILLED. 19. Wounded and Missing. 178.

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7. INCIDENTS DURING ATTACK.

Lt Wark of "C" Coy displayed outstanding bravery in mopping up enemy M.G. posts. So also did Cpl Shaw of "D" Coy, who although wounded, destroyed four of an enemy post by himself with hand grenades, and captured four more enemy. C.S.M Tait showed great coolness when so many of A Coy officers became casualties in reorganising the Coy under fire and directing the men on to their objective.

8. CHEUX.

The Bn held the village until relieved the following morning. Constant enemy mortar fire was experienced in and in front of the buildings. Work in the R.A.P. had to continue under intermittent fire. Forward troops were sniped at whenever they moved. It was difficult to take action against these snipers who were hidden in a wood about 200 yds in front, as artillery fire was coming down on it every now and then from our own guns and the Seaforths were forming up there for their attack on the high ground to the South.

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When the Bn was relieved by 1st Worcestershires in Cheux it moved back to the orchard at 9168 for a brief reorganising. At 1400 hrs it was ordered to move to Colleville (926648) to relieve the 2nd Gordons of 227 Infy Bde. The route lays through thick orchard land and cornfields and snipers tried to delay our advance. But the Bn pushed on and occupied the village. During the night we again experienced enemy mortar fire including "nebelwerfer" which the "Jocks" named "Moaning Minnie" because of the wailing of the shells as they rushed through the air. The Bn received orders to move the next day -- June 28th -- to Mondrainville, and was just preparing to do so when a counter attack of unknown strength

developed. The Bn formed itself into a defensive position to throw back the attack which was supported by enemy tanks. We gained the support of some tanks of the 7th Armd Div which were in the Colleville area and together the attack was repelled. Our own mortars were given a fire task by the C.O. and our patrols later discovered that they had knocked out two enemy mortar positions.

One enemy wounded was found and was identified as 2nd Bn of Der Fuhrer Regt of the 2nd S.S. Panzer Div.

During the short, sharp fighting, Lt Loudon who had been L.O.B. and who joined the Bn in Colleville was killed, by it is thought a sniper in a cornfield.

The attack was thrown back, and the Bn dug in in its position until it was relieved the following day by the 10th H.L.I. The Bn had been ordered to Mondrainville and on the move "D" Coy came under enemy m.g. fire which was eventually overcome. The Bn dug-in at Mondrainville on June 29th and during the mortar fire which came down on our positions the Padre, the Rev James S. Taylor was killed when a mortar shell scored a direct hit on the R.A.P. truck. The Medical Officer Capt. T.S. Maw was wounded. Late in the afternoon an enemy counter attack supported by tanks over-ran part of the 7th Seaforths' position at LE Valtru and approached our Bn area. The C.O. was successful in securing the support of a sqdn of Churchill tanks and after fierce fighting the counter attack was beaten off. The night was comparatively quiet except for intermittent mortar fire and air burst shelling the following morning. On 30th June our O.Ps observed enemy movement in the area about 1500 yds south of Mondrainville. Heavy artillery barrages were put down on this and patrols later ascertained that many of the enemy had been killed in the woods where movement had been seen. On the night of the 30th we were told that the Bn was to be relieved by a Bn of the Monmouthshires. This relief took place in the darkness between midnight and 0400 hrs on July 1st. While it was taking place an intense artillery barrage was going down on enemy positions. This barrage, we learned later broke up what appeared to be an enemy counter attack as many machine guns were counted knocked and men German dead were counted.

The Bn

On July 1st the Bn moved back to the area Bronay, for rest and re-organisation. On July 2nd a church service was held and a tribute paid to the Rev J.S. Taylor. The Brigadier addressed the Bn and speaking of the weeks fighting said that it had more than maintained the fine traditions of the Regt. "I am proud to have such a Bn as yours serving in my Brigade." he said.

On the morning of the 3rd July the Divisional Commander congratulated the Bn and read the following message from General Sir Bernard Montgomery, C.inC. 21st Army Group.

"I would like to congratulate the 15th Division as a whole on the very fine performance put up during the past weeks fighting. The Division went into battle for the first time in this war; but it fought with great gallantry and displayed a grand offensive spirit. Scotland can well feel proud of the 15th Scottish Division, and the whole Division can be proud of itself. Please congratulate the Division from me and tell all officers and man that I am delighted at what they have done.

Good luck to you all"

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Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.U. CAMPBELL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRONAY	1		Battalion in rest area Bronay 8872.	
- " -	2		Battalion Church Parade taken by S.C.F. (Div) which served as a memorial service for the fallen, including our own late padre, Rev James S. Taylor C.F. Following the Church Parade, the Brig Comdr addressed the battn.	
- " -	3		Divisional Commander Maj General G.H.A. MacMillan D.S.O. visited and addressed the Bn. Capt J. Lewis taken on strength from 32 R.H.U.	
- " -	3-9		Battn refitting and resting at Bronay.	
	9		Bn left Bronay moving to MOUEN (9368) for an advance on Bretteville-Sur-Odon.	
BRETTEVILLE SUR ODON - " - WOOD 9865	10 11	 1500 2200 + 0600	The Bn cleared ~~along the left of~~ astride the road Verson-Bretteville, taking up position astride the road and rail junction. The Bn was relieved by the Canadians and moved to area Wood 9865 south of Verson. Maj J.C. DAVIES M.C. the second in command of the BN and "C" Coy proceeded to Eterville to assist 9th CAMERONIANS. respectively	
	11		The BN moved forward to Eterville 9864 to relieve the 9th BN CAMERONIANS.	
ETERVILLE	11 12	 0200	During the occupation of Eterville, Lieuts Hurst and Rice were evacuated to hospital. The BN was under mortar fire for the greater part of the period, and at 0200 hrs on the 12th was relieved by the Canadians, and moved to BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE.	
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE	14	2300	The BN moved to an FAA 952647, arriving at 0300 hrs.	
MIEBORD	15	2000	The BN moved off for night attack on ESQUAY, H hour being 2145 hrs. After clearing the village the BN consolidated astride the road 9461 & holding crossroads at Le Bon Repos.	

ESQUAY			Lieut MATTHEWS was wounded during this attack.	
- " -	16		The I.O. Lieut A C Bayvel and S.O. Lieut S.C. Dickson were wounded in the early morning and later in the day Major W.J. Munn Renwick and Capt J. Lewis also were wounded. From occupation until relief on the night 17/18 the BN repelled several counter attacks & was mortared heavily.	
- " -	17		The BN was relieved by the 5th Welch Regt. Sergt. Saunter D. was granted an immediate commission.	
MONDRAINVILLE	18		The BN was moving to MONDRAINVILLE when the Adjutant Capt L. KER ROBERTSON CAPT R.A TAYLOR was appointed Adjutant the same day.	
- " -	19		The Divisional Commander MAJ/GEN G.H.A. MacMillan addressed the BN. Intermittent mortar fire throughout day.	
- " -	20		Maj W.M. White was killed by a mortar shell.	
MONDRAINVILLE	21		Capt Elliott became Major.	
- " -	22		Capt A Miller became a Major. Following officers were posted to the BN: LIEUT MEECHAN, LIEUT SNELL, LIEUT J. FRENCHAM, LIEUT CAMPBELL, LIEUT WESTON.	
ST PAUL DU VERNAY	23		BN moved to ST PAUL du VERNAY 7470 arriving 1800 hrs.	
- " -	24		PADRE REV H. STEELE held Church Service.	
- " -	26		BN moved to a position west of CAUMONT - LA VACQUERIE 6759 and relieved the 8th ROYAL SCOTS.	
- " -	28		BN relieved by 8th ROYAL SCOTS and moved to area 7163 Flambardiere.	
FLAMBARDIERE	29		Capt White Spunner was posted to the BN.	
POINT 309 6951	30		BN moved through CAUMONT and Les Loges into the third phase of an attack & occupied POINT 309 AND QUARRY area 6951. MAJOR C.D. GRAY was wounded.	
- " -	31		Heavy mortaring during day. Lieut F.A.R.W. WALLACE MTO was wounded & later died.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Pt 309	1		BN consolidated in positions on Pt 309. Remainder of F echelon transport arrived about 1100 hrs. Hy shelling and mortaring from enemy. Some casualties sustained.	
Pt 309	2		Bn in position at Quarry PT 309. No enemy shelling. Our own Arty brought down fire upon woods Le Bois du Homme - east of Pt 309 where enemy were concentrating. Later numerous dead & smashed equipment was found there.	
Pt 309	3		Quiet day at Quarry.	
Area 7142	4 -"-	1400 1900	Left Quarry postns to take up defensive postns in area of woods 7142. Arrived in new postn. Slight shelling & mortaring, "C" Coy suffered casualties. Lieut A. Renwick wounded during the night 4/5.	
WOODS Sq 7142	5		Bn in postn Woods 7142. C.O. & Coy Comdrs recce'd an F.A.A. in area of Montcharival (7543).	
MONTCHARIVAL - " - Bois du Mont	6	0930	Bn left area 7142 at 0200 hrs and arrived in harbour area ( ) Bn moved forward in advance to contact role. Bn established position in area Bois du Mont (7840). Bn HQ off sunken track 781407. Fairly heavy mortaring & shelling throughout the day. Lieut A.W. Rennie sprained ankle & admitted to CCS.	
- " -	7	0200	Bn ordered to adopt a defensive postn at (La Druerie)-Au-Cornu (7741). Lieut Hannah wounded - later died of wounds.	
Au Cornu	8		Bn in position at Au Cornu 771413. Intermittent mortaring. Small counter attack beaten off. One Lloyd carrier hit and destroyed. Brigadier R.M. Villiers visited Bn. Recce patrol out under Lieut Boudreau.	
- " -	9		Bn in position at Au Cornu - intermittent mortaring. Patrol out during the night 9/10.	
AU CORNU	10		Capt D. Gordon joined BN. Took over M.T.O.	

			Bn in position under mortaring. "C" Coy sustained casualties. Bn visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers.	
- " -	11		Bn at one hours notice to move forward. Lieut Cameron wounded.	
- " -	12		Bn visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers at 1200 hrs. Lieut H.E. Rawlinson took over I.O. Bn relieved by 1st MONS. M.T. left postn 2000 hrs. Marching troops left 2345 hrs.	
St Pierre Tarentaine	13	0500	Bn arrived in harbour area St Pierre Tarentaine 704454. Church service held C of S and R.C. Bn moved in T.C.Vs to Feugerolles-sur-Odon 9960.	
FEUGUEROLLES-SUR-ODON	14		Bn in postn. Church service held by Capt Keen C.F. Brigadier R.M. Villiers present. After service Major J.C. Davies M.C. presented with Territorial Decoration. Divisional Commander, our late Brigadier CM Barber D.S.O. visited Bn and addressed them. He thanked the Bn for its support and attributed his appointment as Divisional Commander to the work put in by BNs of 46 BDE.	
- " -	15		BN left postn at 0600 hrs and arrived at Fresney-le-Vieux 009490 at 1000 hrs.	
Fresney-le-Vieux	16		Bn in postn. Cinema show in Barn.	
- " -	17	1130 1400	Padre Rev Keen C.F. conducted Holy Communion. Approx 80 attended. Ensa show at Bde HQ.	
- " -	19	0630	Bn left Fresney-le-Vieux, arrived Woods 1330 at 1000 hrs to relieve 1/5th Welch Regt.	
WOODS 1330	20		Bn in position. Church Service in evening. Approximately 30 P.O.W. passed through BN.	
- " -	21		BN moved back to area 119319 in orchard just north of St Martin in concentration area.	
119319 SAINT MARTIN de MIEUX	22		BN in concentration area. Lieut J. DUNN and Pioneer Sergt killed by mine. 5 others injured. Padre Rev Keen C.F. held burial service.	
- " -	23	1200	C.O.'s Parade. Commanding Officer Lt. Col. P.U. Campbell inspected and addressed the BN. Afterwards the BN marched past to the Pipes. The C.O. took the salute.	
- " -	24		BN left Concentration area in T.C.Vs. Arrived Gueprei 2728 at 1600 hrs.	
Gueprei	25		C.O. and Recce Gp, also Harbour party preceded the BN on a move to village 8874. Adjutant Capt R.A. Taylor to hospital. Lieut H.E. Rawlinson acting Adjutant.	

8874	26		C.O. and harbour party preceded BN in move to Emanville 0274. Bn took up defensive position. Carrier section patrolled as far as Le Tilleul Lambert 0476.	
Emanville Area 3086	27		C.O. left for Bde recce 0900 hrs. Bn moved in T.C.Vs to area 3086 (map ref)	
- " -	28	0700	Bn moved to FAA for crossing of the SEINE (FAA map ref 314882). River crossing began 1000 hrs preceded by 9th CAMS. Bn to concentration area 299889. River crossed at MUIDS 310890 map ref.	
299889	28/29	1900	Bn began advance along route MUIDS - Le Bout de la Ville (3289) - through forest to Roncherolles 359941. Opposition in form of mortaring at 357937, several casualties sustained. Contacted 7 Seaforths at Gd Roncherolles about 0215 hours. CPT LONG joined BN.	
Gd Roncherolles	29		Advance commenced at 0700 hrs. Coys reached objective at Cuverville 3795 via Petit Roncherolles. Enemy had withdrawn at approximate time we commenced advance. Bn consolidated in defence positions around village.	
CUVERVILLE	30		BN in position. Capt J. Lewis and Capt Green joined BN 30th. Capt R.A. Taylor rejoined BN and took over Adjutant. Lieut Lightbody rejoined BN. Major Briggs joined BN with 120 Reinforcements from Lancashire Fusiliers.	
- " -	31		Bn in position at Cuverville.	

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3795 CUVERVILLE	1	0001- 2359	BN in position of defence. R.C. church service at local church. Service for C of S etc taken by S.C.F. 15(S) Div at 1145. Visited by Divisional Commander Maj General CM Barber DSO.	App A Sheet I - " - - " -
- " -	2	0001- 2359	Bn in position of defence. Div Commander again visited BN. He inspected a recent draft of reinforcements.	- " - - " -
- " - 5015 La FEUILLE	3	0840 1300	Bn left Cuverville in TCVs. Arrived La Feuille 502151. Church service held at 1800 hrs. Pipe band played after the service.	- " - - " - - " -
7342 ESCLES	4	1330	Bn left La Feuille at 0330 hrs and arrived in T.C.Vs area Woods 7342 at 1330 hrs. Visited by Bde Commander, Brigadier RM Villiers DSO at 1400 hrs.	- " - - " - - " -
1808 SE of St Pol	5		Bn left area 7342 at 0840 hrs and arrived at area of 1808 SE of St Pol 1630 hrs.	- " - - " -
- " - Area SWEVEGHEM 904557 SWEVEGHEM	6	1100 1800 2100	Bn left area 1808 in Advance to Contact groups at 1100 hrs. Crossed Belgian frontier about 1800 hrs. Passed through Belleghem - first British troops to do so - and the BN was presented with a hand made tapestry of King George VI. Arrived 904557 and took up a defensive position.	- " - - " - App A Sheet I - " - - " - - " - - " -
0957 Audenarde	7	1500	Bn left area 9055 in advance to contact Gps being relieved by 8 BN Royal Scots. BN took over from 7th BN Queens Regt at Audenarde 0957 at 1500 hrs.	- " - - " - - " -
- " -	8		Bn in defence of Audenarde. 150 prisoners taken. Visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO.	- " - - " -
GHENT	9		Bn moved in combat gps to position SE of Ghent (2277). Under command 131 Bde. BN attacked over Canal in Northern sector of Ghent at 1930 hrs. Canal crossed at 175616. BN took up defensive positions in built up area after fierce street fighting. Casualties 4 killed 20 wounded.	- " - - " - - " - - " - - " -

GHENT - " -	10 Night 10/11		COYs of the BN continued their advance, meeting strong enemy opposition. Consolidated in area 1782. Enemy counter attack repelled - in this we were assisted by tanks. P.O.W. taken 239, Casualties:- Lieut J. Galloway - a broken leg. 42 O Ranks. Hy shelling of enemy positions.	App A Sheet I - " - - " - - " - - " -
- " -	11		Enemy positions Typhooned. Civilians evacuated from the area. Enemy seemed to have withdrawn. 21 P.O.W. Bn relieved by Polish troops, and moved to conc area 225772.	- " - - " - - " -
559768	12		Returned to 46(H) Bde command and moved in TCV's to Lippeloo.	- " -
SW Gheel	13		Bn left Lippeloo for area 044865 - SW of Gheel - just N of Albert Canal. Took up def position.	- " - - " -
- " -	14		Bn in defence at 044865.	- " -
Area Gheel	15		BN under Command 44 Bde for Bridgehead operation across Canal de Junction. Bn move to Gheel area 079904. 44 Bde in Bridgehead, unable to complete their own operation, therefore Bn ordered to remain in defence position area 079904. C Coy & Sec of Carriers moved up to defence postn just S of Canal bank 066918.	- " - - " - - " - - " - - " - - " -
- " -	16		Bn in position at 079904. Several recce's carried out but not required to be put into effect. Mortaring of our postns throughout the day. 20 Casualties.	- " - - " - - " -
- " -	17		Bn moved to area 0690. A Coy relieved C Coy at 066918.	- " -
- " -	18		Bn in area 0789. Defensive postn. Bn visited by Bde Comdr.	- " -
- " -	19-20		Bn in defence postn area 0789. D Coy relieved A Coy in area 066918.	- " -
Area EINDHOVEN	21	1430	BN crossed the Holland frontier at about 1430. Bivvied the night at 407213. BN visited by Bde Comdr.	App A Sheet II - " -
Area BEST	22		BN moved across WILHELMINA Canal and attacked BEST 3726. A Coy under hy mortar fire all along advance. Other Coys encountering very fierce MMG fire. 46 Casualties. Bn consolidated area 376258.	- " - LT BOUDREAU WOUNDED. CPT WHITE SPUNNER EVACUATED SICK
Area BEST	23 Night 23/24		BHQ moved to 383259. Bde attack - 2 Glas H. right 7 Seaforths left, moving from Rd (running N.S) to Rly. Coys reached objectives against severe opposition. 7 Seaforths right coy unable to get to its objective. Enemy infiltrated & counter attacked over B Coy.	CPT H.C. LONG CPT C.G. GREEN MAJ J.M. ANDERSON LT C. PARK LT McLENNON OR Cas 10. ALL WOUNDED LT MAYERS BATTLE EXHAUSTION

			Casualties 57. O.C. B Coy wounded, lay doggo in a shelter for 10 hours then evacuated by 9th CAMS who attacked over same ground.	CAPT L.R. PARKER - MISSING.
- " -	24		Bn concentrate in area 383259.	
Area BEST	25-26		Bn in defence position. Total P.O.Ws since 23rd 52	Appx A II
- " -	27		Bn move to defence position at X Rds 379267. Bn in defensive position 3726. Intermittent shelling and mortaring from enemy. Patrols carried out by Capt Stanton, nights 28/29, 29/30, 30/1 OCT.	- " - - " - - " - - " -

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BEST 379267	1		Bn in defensive position round the Xroads of Best 379267. Church parades held in COY areas. Captain Stanton took out patrol to area of Railway to listen for enemy transport. Arty fire brought down on Naastebest as a result.	App A: Sheet V 1/100,000
- " -	2		Visit by Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO. Advance party left for HELMOND 5522. CSM TAIT M.C.? granted commission as 2/LIEUT.	App A
- " - HELMOND	3	1430	Bn relieved by 5th BN Seaforths - 51(H) Division. Bn move to Helmond.	App A - " -
- " -	4		C.O. addressed BN. Pipe Band played at 1230 hrs and 1700. Bdier addressed all officers.	- " -
- " -	5		BN engaged in Training. 58 OR reinforcements. Bn dance in evening.	- " -
- " - HELMOND	6		Div Comdr. Maj General C.M. Barber DSO addressed all officers at 1645. Massed pipe bands played at 1730 hrs. Bn recce party left for MOOK 7251.	- " - App A [Sheet 5 1/100,000]
- " -	7		30 O.R reinforcements arrived at 1200 hrs & 23 more at 2300. LT P.C.N. Miller and Capt W.A.C. Lambie joined BN. Recce party returned from MOOK - move cancelled.	
- " -	8		Bn church parade. Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO took the march past. Major Fife & Lieut Rose joined BN.	App A
- " -	9		Div Comdr Maj Gen C.M. Barber DSO addressed BN & later took the march past. Remdr of DAY - Training.	- " -
- " -	10		Maj Fife posted to 8th BN Royal Scots. BN - Training.	- " -
- " -	11-15		Bn engaged in Training.	- " -
- " -	16		Bde exercise with RAMS area 4514 (Sheet 26 NE 1/25,000). Bn practised forming up in confined area & moving out.	
- " -	17-19		Bn - Training. C.O. spoke to Bn and mentioned his request to relinquish command owing to nervous strain.	
HELMOND	20-21		BN engaged in Training.	App A [Sheet V 1/100,000]
- " -	22-23		Bn church parade followed by communion service. Bn - Tng.	

- " - ACHT 4023	24		Lieut Colonel Campbell handed over Bn to Major J.C. Davies M.C. T.D. as BN was due to move. Bn left Helmond arrived ACHT 408233 (Sheet 18 SW) at 1900 hrs. Major J.C. Davies M.C. T.D. commanding.	 App A
BEST MOERGESTEL	25	0700 1345	BN marched to BEST 379267. Mounted tanks for an advance to contact operation. Objective Moergestel (2330). BN on objective without a fight. Bde O Group 1400 hrs. C Coy remained in Moergestel - remainder of BN occupied woods 2030 (Sheet 17 NE 1/25000) at 1615. Bn took up a defensive position.	 App A
Area 2030 OOSTERWIJK	26		BN move to concentration area 229328 for an attack on Oisterwijk 2334. Attack started 1000 hrs moving through 7th Seaforths bridgehead over stream. C. A. B. Btn HQ. D Coys were the order of march. Street fighting was spasmodic but enemy mortaring was heavy. BN cleared the village & occupied defensive positions by 1500 hrs. P.O.W. - 10. Casualties - 16 ORs wounded. Maj A. Hamilton killed. Capt Stobbs took over "B" Coy. Wasp flame throwers effectively used against 30 enemy - dug in. Lieut Col Campbell relinquished command on Posting.	- " - App A
OOSTERWIJK TILBURG	27		Bn handed over defence positions to a Bn of 51(H) Div & advanced towards TILBURG. Assault commenced 1645 hrs (Map ref 1732, Sheet 17 NE). Bn crossed canal 178327 by Assault boat & entered TILBURG. Occupied area 1633 - 1732.	App A App A
- " -	28		Pipe Band played in TILBURG. BN remained in the Town.	
TILBURG Area LEESEL	29	1130	BN left TILBURG in T.C.Vs in rapid divisional switch over to meet a threat developing towards DEURNE. BN attached to 44 BDE, took up defensive position in area of WOODS 6513-6613. Div relieved American troops in the area.	App A Sheet 27 NW/W (1/25,000)
LIESEL	30		Enemy observed forming up to front of D Coy. Arty engaged at 0815 & inflicted casualties. At 1215 hrs an enemy tank with supporting infantry attacked D Coy. Enemy shelling also heavy. B & D Coys involved in bitter fighting but enemy repulsed. At 1245 enemy appeared to be cutting across right flank in an endeavour to cut off BN. A Squadron of Gds Army Tank Bde arrived 1330 hrs & enemy began to withdraw. 1 P.O.W. 9 killed 20 wounded. Lieut Rice evacuated.	
LIESEL	31		BN in defensive position. Hy mortaring & shelling. 4 POW taken. Cas 1 killed, 6 wounded. Capt Lambie & Capt Lewis evacuated.	App A.

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Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer MAJ J.C. DAVIES M.C. T.D.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LIESEL LIESEL	1	1000 hrs	BN returns under command 46 Bde. Move to village of LIESEL 6614. Bn in harbour. 1700 hrs return to command 44 Bde - O Gp 1730. Cas - 3 wounded from shelling.	App A
- " -	2	0815	Bn left Liesel and attacked SE - West of Road. C Coy right D Coy left - objective Phase I line of Track 635117 NE to 688117. Phase II B Coy right A Coy left - objective Track 689112 to Xroads 693113. Objectives gained without opposition by 1000 hrs. At 1500 hrs Bn returned to command 46 Bde. Bn visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO. Lieut-Col H.C. Baker-Baker DSO MBE joined BN and assumed command as from 27 October 1944.	
HUTTEN	3		BN in defensive position. C Coy temporarily disbanded.	App A
6911	4		Div Commander visited BN in defensive position. Extensive local patrolling by COYS at night.	
- " -	5		BN move to new defensive position 6941. Patrolling by Coys at night.	Sheet 27 N.W/W
HEITRAK 6941	6-9		BN in defensive position. On 9th 8 OR reinforcements received & 1 officer, Maj C.G. Myburgh.	
- " -	10		Div Commander visited BN in defense position. Patrolling by night.	
- " -	11		Maj C.G. Myburgh posted to KOSB BN.	
	12		BN move to rest area 6517. Def Postns taken over by 9th Cameronians.	(Sheet 4 1/100,000)
	13-14		BN in rest area - Princess Irene Barracks, Vreikwijk 6517 - Brigadier visited BN.	
HUTTEN	15		BN took over defense positions - HUTTEN - from 7 Seaforths.	
HUTTEN	16-18		BN in defensive position with standing patrol by day & night at 708122. This was by a canal bank the other side of which - some 45x - was enemy positions. We were at the edge of a wood.	App A.
VREIKWIJK	18-19		BN move to rest area - 6517 Princess Irene Barracks.	

	20		BN left camp 0800 hrs to FAA 6812.	
	21		Bn advance through 9th CAMS bridgehead over Canal. A Coy leading. A Coy reached 796125 with little opposition. D Coy detached to area North of Tek Junction 761124 for protection of FAA of 11th Armd Div infantry Bde which arrived later. Bn HQ established in Woods 794125. Hy shelling. Maj J Rollin & Maj E Mc Elliott casualties. Lieut Col H.C. Baker-Baker sustained slight wound, remained on duty.	(Sheet 27 NW/E) 1/25,000
KRONENBURG	22		BN moved to Kronenburg 7914.	App A
- " -	23-24		Bn in Kronenburg as a harbour area - the front having moved forward rapidly.	
HORST	25		BN moved to HORST 8318 at 1300 hrs. Bde O Gp 1800 hrs. Bn O Gp 2000 hrs.	- " -
WOODS 8316	26		BN move to area 851180 at 0800 hrs for Wood Clearing operation. A & D Coys cleared from 8316 to 8417. No opposition but S & Teller mines found scattered. B Coy detached to area Grubbenvorst.	- " -
MELDERSLO	27		BN in wood clearing operation. A Coy 8720 - 8821, C Coy 8819 - 8920, D Coy 8719 - 8820, B Coy returned to command. Bn returned to area Melderslo in evening.	
- " -	28		Bn in harbour at Melderslo.	
WOODS N.W of BLERICK 8712	29		Bn moved to area of woods & took over a defensive position from 49 Div Recce. Hy shelling & mortaring. Patrols out at night.	App A
- " -	30		Bn in defensive positions. Patrols out at night.	- " -

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Commanding Officer Lt.Col. H.C. BAKER-BAKER DSO MBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WOODS AREA 873120	1	2359	BN in defensive position. An obvious recce was carried out conforming to a plan of diversion to an impending attack on BLERICK. Recorded tank noises broadcast in BN area. CAS. 2 wounded 1 missing from a Patrol led by 2/Lt McLaren.	App A
- " -	2		Plan of diversion continued in BN area.	App A
	3		Bn in defensive position. 44 Bde + 7 Seaforths successfully attacked Blerick. Our casualties 2 killed 8 wounded.	App A
- " -	4		Bn moved from defensive position at 1330 hrs to Broek 698092 (Sheet 27 SW/W). 15 OR reinforcements.	- " -
BROEK	5-7		Bn in position at Broek.	App A
ASTEN	8		Bn moved to Asten - Bde rest area. 37 OR reinforcements also 2 officers Lieuts Pipken & Kelly.	
ASTEN	9-16		Bn in rest area. Training by Coys.	App A
HAELEN	17		Bn moved to Haelen - Buggenem area for defensive position overlooking the MAAS. Relieved 1/6 Welch Regt. B.H.Q. 755941, B Coy in Buggenem 7794.	App A
- " -	18-19		Bn in defensive position HAELEN - BUGGENEM. A Coy join B Coy in Buggenem.	App A
- " -	20-21		Bn in same defensive postns. Strong current in River MAAS prevented our patrol crossing on night 21/22.	- " -
- " -	21-27		Bn in defensive position - same area. Standing patrols out each night forward to River bank area.	- " -
- " -	28		Bn moved from defensive position to Bde reserve area ROGGEL 7397. Relieved by 9th BN CAMS.	- " -
ROGGEL	29-30		Bn in reserve at ROGGEL.	- " -
- " -	31		BN in reserve " "	- " -

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROGGEL 7397	1		BN in reserve at ROGGEL 7397. New Year's dinner held in Coy areas. C.O. toured coys. Recce parties proceeded to Neer 7897 in the afternoon.	App A
- " - NEER 7897	2		Bn left ROGGEL and relieved 7th Seaforths at Neer 7897. BHQ established 773978. Coys stretched in defensive positions along River MAAS from WAIJE 7998 to NEER 7897. Standing patrols out at night along river bank.	- " -
- " -	3		Bn in above defensive position. Enemy patrol of 7-9 men engaged on this side of MAAS by A Coy. Maj J.C. Davies M.C. T.D. assumed command in absence of the Commanding officer on U.K. leave.	- " -
NEER	4-6		BN in defensive position, with Standing patrols out at night.	App A
7897	7		- " - . B Coy Stdg Patrol opened fire at an enemy patrol which had crossed the MAAS. Two enemy were killed - yielding a G.A.F. formation identity.	- " -
- " -	8		Bn in defense position. Visited by both Div and CORPS Commanders.	- " -
- " -	9-13		BN in defense position.	- " -
- " -	14		- " - . Lt. Col H.C. BAKER-BAKER re-assumed Command of the BN.	- " -
- " -	15-19		BN in the same defensive position.	- " -
- " -	20	0415	Enemy patrol - strength approx 10 - crossed MAAS engaged by C Coy Stdg Patrol. 1 enemy POW taken - our losses 1 POW & 2 wounded.	- " -
- " -	21-22		Bn in defensive postn.	- " -
NEER 7897	23		BN relieved by 8 Parachute BN. Relief complete by 1430 - except for Standing patrols relieved at night. BN moved to MONASTERY 7004 for harbouring prior to a further move to TILBURG.	App A
TILBURG 1732	24		Bn arrive in Tilburg. COYS billeted in civilian houses etc.	1/25000 17 NE App A

- " -	25-31		BN engaged in Training - area Tilburg.	

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Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. H.C. BAKER-BAKER DSO MBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG (Sheet 5 1/100,000)	1		BN engaged in Training M.Ref 1732.	A.
	2-4		- " - On the 4th Corps + Div Comds addressed all officers. BN left for Nijmegen at 1600 hrs.	A
NIJMEGEN	4	2300	Bn arrived at Nijmegen 2300 hrs M Ref 717625.	A
- " -	5-7		BN concentrated in Barracks.	
GROESBEEK 753553	8		BN attacked through Canadian FDLs + with terrific barrage stormed the outer defs of the SIEGFRIED Line. All objectives were taken by 1430 hrs, D Coy being the first COY into GERMANY. POW for the day were 220. Lieut Cecil wounded. BN supported by Tanks & Flails.	A. B.
(7954 Area (7755	9-10		BN in defensive postn. 10 POW.	A
MATERBORN 8855	11		Bn moved to the MATERBORN feature & took over from the 6 RSFs. BHQ 881559.	A
CLEVE	12-13		Bn in reserve - moved to CLEVE 884548.	A
Area 9153 ROSENDAAL 945527	14	1200 hrs	Bn moved to FAA 919537. BN attacked through elements of 43(Wessex) Div. D Coy secured ROSENDAAL. A Coy followed through with C Coy to the WOODS immediately S.E. Severe fighting & heavy mortaring prevented C Coy from securing all their objective & B Coy passed through & established itself at 953521. Heavy shelling & exchanges of fire went on sporadically through the night. 18 POW. Lieut Frencham wounded.	A A
- " -	15-16		BN in defensive position. 6 POW.	
Area 9451	17		Bn H.Q. moved to 944519. COYS in Harbour 9451.	A
CLEVE	18-19		BN moved to CLEVE - rest area.	

BUCHOLT	20		Moved to Comd 227 Bde. Attacked through 43 Div to area Bucholt. Operation carried out in RAM Inf carriers supported by Churchill tanks from 6th Guards Tank Bde. BHQ established at 945445. COYS & BHQ subject to heavy shelling. 120 POW.	A
- " -	21		BN in defense Postn. Bombed from AIR at night - Sup Arms suffered casualties.	A
Area 9345	22		Bn relieved by 10 HLI & went to FAA for attack under 46(H) Bde.	A
SCHL CALBECK(WOODS (9441 (9442 (	22		BN relieved 6 RSF in woods 9443 & further cleared towards River Niers. Very heavy shelling & mortaring. Again BN was supported by Churchill tanks of 6 Gds Tk Bde.	A
- " - (NIJMEGEN	23		Bn in defense position. Bn relieved by COYS from 9th CAMS. BN went in TCVs to NIJMEGEN.	A
- " -	24		BN in barracks at NIJMEGEN.	
TILBURG 1732	25-28		BN in Rest. Moved to TILBURG on 25th in TCV's.	A

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		BN in Training. Rehearsal for Div Commander's inspection.	Appendix A
175324	2		BN training in wood clearing.	Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch
- " -	3		Bn inspected by Maj General CM Barber DSO. March past afterwards.	1:100,000
- " -	4		Bn joined the 2nd BN A & S.H in a church parade at 1000 hrs. Major R. Stanton took BN representatives to a DIV Church Parade at 1500 hrs. Service conducted by SCF 15(S) Div and was followed by the divisional massed pipe bands playing retreat.	
- " -	5		Recce party left for COURSEL. Bn in training.	
- " - COURSEL	6	1430 2030	BN moved from Tilburg in TCVs. Arrived at COURSEL (Belgium)	Sheet 4 Maseyck 1:100,000
273762	7		COYs on individual training.	
- " -	8		Preparations being made for training in River Crossing.	
COURSEL	9-10		BN engaged in preparation for Assault River Crossing. R.E's assisted by building Class 9 bridge (on land) for training of Support COY.	
- " -	11		Church parade at 1100 hrs held by padre Rev D. McKean.	
- " -	12		Bn engaged in Tng with Buffaloes - mounting & dismounting.	
- " -	13		Demonstration of Buffalo loads under Bde supervision.	
- " -	14-16		I Sec taking part in exercise on the MAAS. 44 Bde & 227 Bde practising assault crossing. Lt Col Baker, the C.O. and other officers acted as umpires.	
- " -	17-20		Preparations continue for assault crossing.	
- " -	21	1930	BN moved in TCVs for Germany.	Q1 Essen 1:100,000
WOODS 0341	22	0530	Bn arrived in Concentration area between MAAS and RHINE at WOODS in HOCHWALD.	
HOCHWALD	23		Bn concentrate in HOCHWALD area.	
RHINE 1050	24		BN marched to S.B.W.A. Vehicles moved to V.W.A. At 1645 hrs the BN crossed the Rhine between XANTEN and Emmerich. Storm boats were used and the river crossed with the loss of only one	

			vehicle which was crossing on a Cl IX raft. On the other side the BN moved into an FAA in area 1050.	
AREA 1240	24	2300	Bn moved to defensive position area 1249.	
HOODMANHOF	25	0430 0745	Stand to from 0430-0630 during which time an attack was made, C Coy being involved. A smoke screen enabled C Coy to withdraw & join remainder of BN which moved at 1100 hrs to area 1547. COYs advanced to clear woods at 1448 - B Coy leading. At 1515 hrs B Coy commanded by Major R Stobbs cleared Hoodmanhof 1548. Carrier pty took this commitment over at 1630 hrs. B & C COYs advanced west to lake in area 1348. D Coy advanced N. and at 1830 hrs the BN was occupying a defensive position on its objectives - area 1448. D Coy was counter attacked at 2300 hrs and this was beaten off. Total POW for the day was 70.	
WOODS 1448	26		BN occupying same defensive position area WOOD 1448. At 2000 hrs BN moved to 175493.	
Area 1750	27	0500	Bn took positions from 2 KRRC preparatory to a further clearing operation. Bn advanced against minor opposition and took 10 POW. Finally established an objective in area 171650.	
Area 1651 Area 1652	28	1000 1430	D & A COYs advanced to positions at D - 161527, A - Wood 1652, C & B COYs remaining in position of previous night. Two Carrier patrols recce'd forward to Autobahn & found road cratered & impassable at 161540. 20 POW taken during the day. During the day B Coy captured 1 8mm, 2 x 20mm, 1 Quadruple 20mm guns.	P1 Bocholt 1:100,000
Area 1652	29		BN remained in same position & front was quiet.	
- " -	30		Bn remained in same area & position became semi-tactical.	
- " -	31		DIV Cmder visited BN in above position at 1145 hrs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
167526	1		Bn in harbour area after Rhine crossing and the battles which followed it. Church services held in COY areas.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 P1
- " -	2		The Commanding Officer spoke to the BN by Companies.	
- " - 299639	3		Harbour party left at 1215 hrs. BN followed at 1700 hrs arriving at new area 2000 hrs.	
824915	4		Bn again moved forward following the 6th Airborne Div which had passed through.	
- " -	5		Bn remained in this harbour area. B COY detached to clear a nearby wood capturing 4 officers & 4 OR's.	
- " - FRIEDWALD 758178	6 7		Carrier Ptn moved under orders 46(H) Inf Bde for mopping up operations. Remainder of Bn moved overnight 6/7 to harbour at FRIEDWALD.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 N3
FRIEDWALD	8		Church service held in local church in morning. BN moved at 1700 hrs to 761181 area.	
NE of FRIEDWALD	9		Bn in wood clearing operation. Area 7223.	
WIEDENSTAHL	10		Moved to WIEDENSTAHL 944220. Harbour area.	
WETTMAR 4863	11		T.C.V. move to WETTMAR. Advance to contact role.	
CELLE GARPEN	12		Bn moved off 0630 hrs. Advance to Contact - entered CELLE 5849 at 1510 hrs - moved on at 2145 hrs across river to GARPEN 6354 and occupied semi-tactical position.	
Area 8062	13		Advance to contact A COY leading on tanks of the 4th COLDSTREAM GDS. Enemy contacted at 1430 hrs & A COY cleared woods & hamlets as far as RADERLOH. 12 POW. B COY occupied hamlet 8062 and BN took up position there.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 N5
STADENSEN 8979	14		Bn moved forward in advance to contact role and occupied Stadensen. This village was turned into a defensive position with 1 Sqdn of 6th GDS Tank Bde, the Guns of 190 Fd Regt and two tps of A/T Guns - one S.P M10's - all within the village.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 M5

- " - STADENSEN STADENSEN	14/15 14/15		At 0100 hrs MG fire was directed at a nearby village occupied by 15(S) Recce. At 0355 a heavy attack came into the BN and enemy infantry on half tracks supported by many SP guns broke into the defence. A hand to hand battle ensued which lasted until dawn. Infantry fighting infantry, tackling SP guns & half tracks with PIATs - artillery firing over open sights - tanks seeking out enemy SP guns and our own SP A/TK Guns fighting magnificently in the breaking light. The C.O. Lt Col HC Baker-Baker decided to stand fast and fight it out in the now blazing ruins of a village. BN HQ had been burned to the ground. An enemy SP gun blew away the signal office at point blank range. By 0910 hrs B COY was established on the right and C Coy on the left, tank patrols and SP A/TK guns of our own were beginning to take a heavy toll of the enemy. It appeared that he had commenced to withdraw soon after first light but the open ground was proving very costly. New defensive positions were occupied by 1000 hrs and the enemy completely withdrawn. Altogether eight enemy half tracks and 12 S.P Guns were completely destroyed. Our own casualties were mainly in the soft vehicles burned out by the fire. Capt Scott and Lieut Renwick were killed - Capt Gordon wounded. OR casualties were Killed 5 wounded 28. The Bde Cmdr visited the BN at 1530 hrs. Div Cmdr visited BN at 1710 hrs. The enemy was identified as a battle group of Panzer Division CLAUSEWITZ.	
S of UELZEN	16	0130	Bn moved to 8885 - S of UELZEN into harbour.	
	17		Bn in reserve.	
UELZEN	18		Bn moved into attack and cleared Northwards into UELZEN. 70 POW taken. Bn on objectives, after street fighting, by 1800 hrs. Parts of the city blazed all night and COYs took up defensive positions away from the fires.	
BEVENSEN	19		Bn moved to Bevensen 9002 and harboured there.	
Area 9425	20		Advance to contact. Bn cleared Breetze and woods in area. Harbouring at 9425.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 L5
KARZE	21		Bn moved to KARZE 9628. C Coy - def position at Brackede, D Coy - def position at Radegast, both on the banks of the Elbe. OP's manned overlooking the river.	
- " -	22-25		BN in same def position. Bde Comdr visited BN on 23rd. B Coy relieved D Coy at Radegast on 25th.	
- " -	26		Enemy patrol crossed Elbe engaged by MMG & mortar fire. 2 POW.	
- " -	27		Forward positions relieved by Sqdn of 15(S) Div Recce Regt. Bn concentrate in KARZE for Elbe crossing.	

ELBE RIVER KRUZEN	28		BN moved to HOHNSTORF 8633 and crossed Elbe in storm boats. Concentrated W of Lauenburg. BN advanced to acquire the high ground S of Lutau. Bn HQ 860378. Supported by amphibious tanks of Staffordshire Yeomanry.	
LUTAU	29		D Coy passed through to forward COYs on high ground to capture X Rds 866404. Sniping by enemy slowed up B & C Coys when they came to close on LUTAU and a platoon of enemy were dealt with by C Coy. LUTAU occupied by 1500 hrs.	
LUTAU	30		Bn in harbour at LUTAU.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SACHSEN WALD Near HAMBURG	1	0830	BN moved to BRUNSTORF in T.C.Vs. Wood clearing operation commenced at 1015 hrs. Sachsen Wald cleared by the Div. 85 POW taken - mostly stragglers. BN took up position at 2100 hrs in AUMUHLE.	
TRITTAU	2	0920	BN moved by march route to TRITTAU. B.HQ 767617. Harboured the night there.	
SCHONBERG	3	1100	BN marched (non tactical) to SCHONBERG. BHQ 787681.	
- " -	4		BN in harbour at Schonberg. Roads an amazing sight. Wehrmacht marching back in strengths from Sections to a Regiment in order to give themselves up. Vehicles of all descriptions taking back POW.	
- " -	5	0800	All German resistance concluded on 2nd Army front. Germans surrender unconditionally to Field Marshall Montgomery.	
- " -	6-7		BN in same position. Recce party under 2i/c left on 7th for KIEL.	
KIEL	8	1400	V.E. Day. BN move in T.C.Vs for KIEL via Bad Oldesloe. Arrived KIEL and COYs took up guards of equipment naval and food stores. BHQ on South bank of River Schwentine 603400.	
KIEL	9-10		BN in same position. Div Comd visited BN on 10th.	
- " -	11		BN HQ moved to take up headquarters on depot ship 565382. A & B Coys moved to 556372 on relief by Marines. S Coy moved to 555368. C Coy still in U boat pen area 580390 and D Coy at Naval arsenal 584394.	
- " -	12-19		COYs in same positions. B Coy employed in unloading ships of seriously wounded POW. These ships arrived from Russian area and contained Wehrmacht and civilians. B Coy supplied guards and other assistance to British naval authorities.	
KIEL	20		Church parade in COY areas. Advance party left for RATZEBURG but returned later when move cancelled.	
- " -	21		C & D COYs being relieved by R.A. COYs concentrating.	
- " -	22		Advance party left for NIENDORF under 2i/c Major Briggs.	

- " -	23		Relief of C & D Coys completed at 1000 hrs. S, A & B COYs left for NIENDORF. C & D COYs took over billets vacated by A & B - BHQ to 555368.	
NIENDORF Near LUBECK	24		B.H.Q. C & D COYs moved from KIEL to NIENDORF in TCVs. Arrived new location 1330 hrs. B.H.Q. at 034043. A & B COYs at Brodten 0503. C COY in HAVEN 0302. S COY WARNSDORF 0201. HQ COY NIENDORF 0204. D COY 9806 area.	
- " -	25-27		BN in same areas. Pipe Band played retreat on 27 at 1800 hrs.	
- " - NIENDORF	28		DIV Comd addressed the BN at NIENDORF. He thanked them for their magnificent efforts and spoke of actions at Cheux, Caumont, the SEINE, GHENT, Best, the woods at LIESEL, the MAAS, the Feb 8th offensive from Groesbeek, the RHINE, STADENSEN, and the Elbe. He revealed that the BN had had the HIGHEST casualties in the DIV - 52 officers 1052 ORs and attributed this to the great number of sticky actions in which the BN had fought.	
- " -	29-31		Bn in the same areas.	

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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: Killed 1 Offr, 6 ORs. Wounded: 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: Killed 2 O.Rs. Wounded: 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: Killed: 10 ORs. Wounded: 61 ORs. Missing: 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: Wounded: 10 ORs. Missing: 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: Killed: 9 ORs. Wounded: 14 ORs. Missing: 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 recced 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- ST PAUL DU	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.	
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.

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Hill 309.	1 Aug		Bn held objective, heavily shelled and mortared during morning. In afternoon enemy counter attack dispersed.	See Appdx 'A'
		1130	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ.	
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	Bn left Hill 309 to take up posn as reserve Bn. Bn under Comd 44 Bde.	
		1130	Bn arrives at new location 681465. C.O. attended conference at 44 Bde HQ.	
	4 Aug		Bn near LA POULANICE as reserve Bn to ward off counter attack.	
		1245	C.O. to Bde for 'O' Group.	
		1400	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
		1715	Bn left LA POULANICE.	
		1910	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	Bn left LA BUJURE to F.A.A. for an attack on LASSY.	
		0845	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
		1200	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'
	7 Aug	0130	Bn took up defensive posn at CAVERIE. Bde Comd visited Bn HQ.	
CAVERIE.		2130	21 Rfts arrived at Bn HQ.	
			Enemy shelled area of 'D' Coy who suffered no casualties.	
CAVERIE.	8 Aug		Bn in defensive posn.	
		1130	2 Mk. IV tanks attacked forward posns and were destroyed by 17 Pdr A/Tk. One wounded PW of tank crew.	
		1945	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.	
	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.	
RUE-DE-VOIE.		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>	

			Killed. Wounded. Missing. Offrs. 1 9 - O.Rs. 11 81 3	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LES ANDELYS	1 Sep		Routine normal.	
LES ANDELYS	2 Sep		Routine normal.	
	3 Sep	0715	Bn leaves LES ANDELYS. - Start of 12 Corps drive through France.	
		0945	Bn arrives at LE PAVILLON.	
LE PAVILLON		2030	C.O. held conference.	
	4 Sep	0730	Bn leaves LE PAVILLON - Move by M.T.	
		1045	Bn arrives at FOUILLOY.	
FOUILLOY.		1430	Bde Comd visits Bn H.Q.	
		1500	C.O. held 'O' Gp.	
	5 Sep	0915	Bn leaves FOUILLOY.	
		1815	Bn arrives at HAUTECLOQUE.	
		1930	Bn leaves HAUTECLOQUE.	
		2115	Bn arrives at VILLERS CHATEL.	
		2145	C.O. leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde H.Q.	
VILLERS CHATEL	6 Sep	0830	Bn left Villers Chatel for COURTRAI (BELGIUM). Route was through ARRAS, CARVIN, SELLIN, LESQUIN, HEM, TOUFFLES and PECQ.	
		1310	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	7 Sep	0900	Bn left COURTRAI.	
		1145	Bn arrives at BERCHEM 0251.	
BERCHEM		1230	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
		1345	Bn left BERCHEM. Weather conditions bad - heavy rain.	
		1410	Bn at KERKHOVE F.U.P.	
		1445	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	

			area X rds TIEGHEM. Opposition overcome and Coy gained objective. 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.O.W. taken - 31. Bn casualties - 8 killed and 15 wounded.	
VOSSENHOEK.	8 Sep	 0200 0300 0330 0430 0130 VOSSENHOEK. 0930 1030 1930	Bn in defensive posns. 'D' Coy patrol to CASTER. " " " returns. 'C' Coy Patrol to CASTER X rds. " " " returns. 'A' Coy patrolling area from VIERSCHAAR 0152 to TIEGHEM. Patrols during the day from all Coys brought in 82 P.W. incl 2 Offrs. C.O. left for recce. Carrier Pl moves off. Bn left VOSSENHOEK by M.T.	
	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	1400 1615 2215	C.O. leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde H.Q. Bn leaves QUENENBOSCH. Bn arrives at MALDEREN conc area.	
MALDEREN	11 Sep	0900 1230 1400	C.O. held 'O' Group. C.O. leaves for Brig. recce party of ALBERT CANAL Br Head area GHEEL. Coy Comds leave for recce as above.	
	12 Sep	1130 1600 1645 1715 1755 1805	Bn leaves MALDEREN. Bn arrives at PADDENHOEK F.A.A. C.O. held 'O' Gp. Bn leaves PADDENHOEK. Bn crosses ALBERT CANAL. 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.	
HEEZE	13 Sep	 1315	Bn at HEEZE. Defensive posns on ALBERT CANAL Br head. Bn moves fwd to broaden br head, meets no opposition - 1 P.W.	

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

		1410 1430 1830 2115 2230	C.O. and Coy Comds leave for recce of WILHELMINA CANAL. Bn leaves VELDHOVEN. Bn arrives at 394244 FAA. 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. 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 0730	'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. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
	23 Sep	 1000 1400	Bn holding posns on WILHELMINA Br head. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 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

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 MOLENHOCK 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 GELDROP 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		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
		1430	CO held 'O' Group.	
		1730	Bn leaves HELMOND.	
		1930	Bn arrives at ACHT Conc area. Move from HELMOND in TCVs.	
		2030	CO leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde.	
		2300	CO held 'O' Gp. Bde to adv tomorrow on axis BEST, OIRSCHOT, MOIRGESTEL. Bn embussed on RAMS.	
	Oct 25	0945	Bn leaves ACHT. Advance to Contact. Marching personnel embussed in RAMS 389257 Sheet 5 HOLLAND 1/100000 - Advance through OIRSCHOT, SPOORDONK.	
		1245	Bn conc GROOT, HEIBLOEM 2727.	
		1430	Bn moves to OISTERWIJK 2334.	
		1730	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.	
		2000	Bde Comd's Conference.	App 'A'
		2200	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.	
	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.	

		0705	Major RWG Robertson McIsaac, OC 'D' Coy, wounded as Coy moves fwd - Died of wounds same day.	
		0710	Lieut AEM Dickie, 'C' Coy, wounded.	
		0725	Both 'A' and 'D' Coys across stream. Start house clearing in town.	
		0735	Coys contacted each other in town. Lieut WA Gunn killed by shelling.	
		0750	'C' Coy - Reserve Coy moving up and crosses stream.	
		0805	'A' Coy on objective and digging in.	
		0810	Lieut H. Holden, Bn Medical Offr, wounded.	
		0815	'D' Coy consolidates on objective.	
		0830	Tac HQ cross river to area CHURCH 232342.	
		0835	All Coys across and in posn. Digging in.	
		0840	Carrier Pl on extreme right to engage any threat from right flank.	
		0900	2 G.H. passing through area.	
			Enemy shelling and mortaring area.	
		0900	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1100	Bn HQ estd 232342.	
		1215	Local Comd of FFI of Netherland contacts HQ. Sent to Bde HQ.	
		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.	
			Bn Casualties:- 1 Offr Killed, 2 Officers Wounded.	
			3 ORs Killed, 35 ORs Wounded.	
		1235	All Bn 'F' Vehs across stream.	
	Oct 27		Bn in OISTERWIJK.	
		1030	'A' Coy moves fwd to line of track 227348 - 'D' Coy to DONBER STEEG line of Track 224346. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		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.	
		1230	Bn moves off on tanks.	
		1445	Bn enters HEIKANT. No opposition met. All Coys in posn.	
		1705	CO orders Coys to cross Canal into TILBURG.	
		1730	Coys cross WILHELMINA CANAL on Assault Boats. Bn Pnrs build raft for ferrying of vehs.	

		1900	Coys across WILHELMINA CANAL into TILBURG - 'A' Coy 161338 - 'C' Coy 168339 - 'D' Coy 167333 - Bn HQ 171335. 8 P.O.W. taken. Bn Casualties: 1 OR wounded.	
	Oct 28		Bn at TILBURG.	
		0845	CO held 'O' Gp.	
		1015	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.	
		1200	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. P.O.W. taken 2. Bn Casualties: 1 OR drowned when raft capsized.	
	Oct 29		Bn at TILBURG 156337.	
		1000	Bn Church Parade with 15 (S) Inf Div Massed Pipe Bands. Recce Party under 2 i/c to DEURNE to meet Bde Comd.	
		1225	Bn leaves TILBURG (M.T. Move).	
		1700	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		Bn in Def Posn (6520).	
		1100	Bn moves fwd to new posn along rd DEURNE - LEISEL to new posn at LOON.	
		1150	Capt LM Smith killed by shell.	
		1230	Bn posns - Bn HQ 664158 - 'A' Coy 664153 - 'C' Coy 668154 - 'D' Coy 664153.	
		1440	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bn Dug in in defensive posns.	
		2100	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	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.	
		0840	Bn goes into attack under fairly heavy enemy shelling and mortaring. Weather bad - visibility 80-100 yds.	
		0850	'A' Coy clearing houses along road into LIESEL - progressing slowly.	
		0925	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		Bn holding dug-in positions at LIESEL 6614.	
		0800	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.	
		0930	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.	
		1315	Bn HQ at SNOERTS 668144, 'A' Coy 683138, 'C' Coy 692143, 'D' Coy 691137.	
		1700	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		Bn holding positions area SNOERTS 668144 - to stop any infiltration of enemy WEST of Canal.	
		0200	'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.	
		1200	Div Comd visits Bn HQ.	
			Enemy shelling Bn Area at intervals, otherwise quiet.	
SNOERTS	3 Nov		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.	
		1030	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 1130	D Coy leaves for area of HORIK 6302, comes under comd of 2 Gordons, 227 Bde. 8 Corps Comd visits Bn HQ and inspects Camp.	
	Nov 16	 1300 1530 1930 1945 2130	Bn at Camp S of DEURNE 655170. Bn leaves Camp. Bn takes over positions from 9 Cameronians. Bn HQ at 695101 SOUTH of HEITRAK, 'A' Coy area 697107, 'C' Coy area 698099. C.O. leaves for 'O' Group at Bde H.Q. D Coy returns to Camp S of DEURNE 655170. 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	 1130	Bn holding positions S of HEITRAK 695101 to prevent any enemy crossing Canal. 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	 1400 1600	Bn holding positions S of HEITRAK 695101 to prevent any enemy infiltration West of Canal. C.O. to 'O' Group at Bde H.Q. 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	 1045 1145	Bn holding positions S of HEITRAK 695101. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 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		Bn holding positions at HEITRAK 695101.	
		0830	Pl of 'C' Coy withdrawn from area footbridge 715100.	
		0900	A Coy take up positions to protect bridges over Canal at HOOGEBRUG 7012 and relieve Coy of 9 Cameronians.	
		1000	D Coy move into positions vacated by 'A' Coy.	
			C Coy maintain Standing Patrol on EAST Bank of Canal at 715100.	
		2300	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		Bn holding positions at HEITRAK 695101.	
		1345	Bn leaves HEITRAK to follow up after 2 Glas H who are passing through 9 Cams. Roads are in a very bad state.	
		1645	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		Bn in area Woods 786123.	
		0700	D Coy moves NORTH to give right flank protection to Bn of 11 Armd Div advancing towards AMERIKA.	
		0930	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1100	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.	
		1255	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		Bn in area of VOORSTE HEESE 8014.	
		1045	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.	

	24 Nov		Bn in area of VOORSTE HEESE 8014.	
		1015	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
			C.O. visits Bde Comd, 227 Bde at HORST.	
			Carrier Pl to act as screen to adv of 227 Bde on Right Flank area MELDERSLO 8519.	
			Bn to adv to MELDERSLO 8519 via HORST tomorrow.	
	25 Nov		Bn in area of VOORSTE HEESE 8014.	
		1315	Bn leaves VOORSTE HEESE.	
		1415	Bn at HORST 8317. Bridge 844181 blown. RE building br. Bn to cross when ready.	
		2115	Bn crosses br 844181 and enters MELDERSLO.	
		2230	Bn Positions MELDERSLO - Bn HQ 853194, 'A' Coy 855192, C Coy 857195, D Coy 857197. No enemy were contacted.	
	26 Nov	0800	Bn leaves MELDERSLO 8519 adv to capture HOUTHUIZEN 8917 - little enemy opposition was encountered during the adv. Enemy post was located at 905174 and road block covered by MGs at 903187. Patrols contacted enemy near LOTTUM 9019 and exchanged fire. Posts were dealt with by Recce. Bn dig in area HOUTHUIZEN on WEST bank of R. MAAS. Bn HQ at 888174, 'A' Coy 892173, 'C' Coy 885174, 'D' Coy 898174. Today was the first time the majority of men were able to see Germany (across the MAAS).	
		1530	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Forward OPs were established and good observation was obtained. Enemy diggings and earthworks were seen in progress on EAST Bank of R. MAAS. These were being continually harassed by our arty and mortars. Occasional enemy shells landed in Bn Area. Patrols: Contact Patrols with 9 Cams on our left in LOTTUM 9019. Recce Patrols along bank of River MAAS.	
	Nov 27		Bn at HOUTHUIZEN 8917.	
		0845	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1215	Coys reshuffled and posns are Bn HQ at RLY Station 884167, A Coy 886173, D Coy 895177, C Coy 886156.	
		1630	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Patrols: Contact Patrols to NORTH and SOUTH during the night. Recce Patrol along R MAAS drew fire from EAST Bank. Enemy digging parties were busy on EAST bank and a lot of movement was observed from forward O.P. Arty engaged targets during day - own Mortars kept up harassing fire on enemy work parties. Bn Casualties: 2 wounded.	
	Nov 28		Bn in area HOUTHUIZEN 8917 WEST of R. MAAS.	
		1630	Bn positions taken over by Herefordshire Regt, 11 Armd Div.	

		1845 2100	Bn moves to conc area SCHADIJK 8020 for the night. Weather conditions terrible. Heavy rain. Tracks almost impassable to wheeled vehicles. C.O. holds 'O' Group.	
	Nov 29	 1100 1600	Bn at conc area SCHADIJK 8020. Bn leaves conc area SCHADIJK 8020. 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	 1700 1830	Bn holding posns WEST of the R. MAAS at ROOTH 850092. Bn relieved by 9 Cams. During relief enemy shelled area inflicting cas on 'A' Coy. 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 ROGGEL 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 ROGGEL 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 recced 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. Patrols 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.	
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		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 Reps 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	Patrols - 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.	

			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. Weather: Heavy white frost - Sprinkling of Snow.	
NEER	Dec 29		Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978. 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. Propaganda leaflets were found nearby and telephone lines cut. There was thick fog at time and nothing more was seen of enemy.	
NEER	Dec 30		Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978. '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.	
NEER	Dec 31	1100	Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 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.	

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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 1800	CO held 'O' Gp re handing over and moving to new location. 2 i/c 9 Para Bn checks over Bn area. 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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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	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' No3. 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 2300	'F' Ech to move to area FRASSELT. 'F' Ech moves to FRASSELT.	
	Feb 11	0300 0700 1030 1400 1530 1630 1800 2030 2330	'F' Ech reaches area North of FRASSELT. Bn moving to MATTERBORN to take over from KOSB, 44 Bde. Position only temporary previous to move to CALCAR. M.T. Colm to move via TUTHEES 8254. Bn Marching Troops mounted on tanks to join colm. Bn arrives MATTERBORN feature. Take over from KOSB, 44 Bde, completed. Bn HQ 867548, 'A' Coy, 870550, 'B' Coy 865546, 'C' Coy 871546 & 'D' Coy 875552. 'D' Coy sent out patrols and enemy contacted. Brig Comd visits Bn HQ. 'C' Coy patrols fwd of area MATTERBORN first light. CO to Brig Comd Conference 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 0900/ 1200 1400	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. Recce reports groups of enemy in factory 907552 and at level crossing 913547. Report clearing enemy from factory. '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.	 <

			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		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.	
		1000	COs Recce party goes forward.	See Appendix 'E' No.13.
		1130	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.	
		1630	All Coys reported in position. Bn HQ 928539, 'A' Coy 937539, 'B' Coy 937537, C 940535, 'D' Coy 943537.	
		1845	C.O. to Brig Comdr's 'O' Group.	
		2330	C.O. held 'O' Group on Op for 14th Feb.	
		2359	Patrols arranged for night 13/14 Feb.	
	Feb 14	0100	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.	
		0400	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.	
		0600	'D' Coy Recce and Fighting Patrol to find out if enemy still in wood 953527.	
		0720	'D' Coy Patrol report having found no enemy in woods.	
		0730	'A' Coy Patrol report being fired at from wood 939531. Patrol reached houses ROSENDAHL 944527.	
		0800	Ops cancelled meantime due to floods.	
		1225	CO with Brig Comdr.	
		1330	Bn leaves HASSELT for BEDBURG. Floods have now completely cut off HASSELT - CLEVE Road.	
		1415	Bn at BEDBURG 926528.	
		2215	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	CO holds 'O' Group	See Appendix No.15.
		0910	Forward Coys in F.U.P. ROSENDAHL 9452. 'A' Coy Right - 'D' Coy Left.	
		0930	Leading Coys and Tanks start forward.	
		0950	Tanks held up by mines 953526. Inf going on. Pioneer Sec to clear mines.	

		1015	'A' Coy under Spandau fire on their left. Being dealt with by 'D' Coy.	
		1020	'A' Coy report Houses cleared 955521 on 1st Objective.	
		1045	'D' Coy just short of Wood 959522 - not starting 2nd Phase until mines are cleared.	
		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.	
		1215	'B' Coy to go through 'D' Coy and capture wood 959522.	
		1300	'D' Coy counter attacked. Attack driven off. 6 PoW taken and MMG captured. MAJOR D.L. HENDERSON, O.C. 'D' COY KILLED.	
		1350	'C' Coy to put in attack supported by tanks. Road now clear of mines.	
		1430	'C' Coy not meeting with much success. Heavy shelling and MG fire from enemy.	
		1515	'C' Coy ordered to go fwd to wood 959522.	
		1605	'C' Coy in wood 959522 and are pressing on to clear same to forward edge.	
		1700	9 Cams attacking RING CONTOUR 963514.	
		1800	Bn in position astride Rd and Track Junc 959521. Floods still rising on left of axis.	
		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.	
	Feb 16	0800	Bn positions: Bn HQ 945528, 'A' Coy 956521, 'B' Coy 948528, 'C' Coy 958521, 'D' Coy 953527, Carrier Section 955525.	
		1030	Div Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1130	Snipers report enemy 949528 crawling in ditch (Claim one killed).	
		1130	9 Cams counter attacked on Ring Contour.	
		1200	'D' Coy report enemy at 959525.	
		1500	Enemy posts located 959523 and MG Post 960518 and 959526.	
		1540	Snipers fired on by spandau from wood 959523. MMG Post at 960518.	
		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.	
	Feb 17	0130	'B' Coy start fwd on Night Attack on wood 959523.	
		0200	'B' Coy attacking wood from the Right through 'A' Coy.	

		0245	Attack successful. 'B' Coy consolidate and are patrolling forward. R.E. party clearing mines on main road.	
		0430	Road now clear of mines. 'B' Coy ask permission to carry on to area Houses and Wood 963519.	
		0500	'B' Coy Patrol reports area wood 962518 clear of enemy.	
		0545	'B' Coy given permission to go fwd.	
		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.	
		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.	
		1600	Activity on Right. Counter attack on 9 Cams area.	
		1700	CO orders 'C' Coy to relieve 'B' Coy at dusk.	
		1920	'C' Coy relieving 'B' Coy.	
		2030	'C' Coy take over 'B' Coy's posns except fwd Pl in Houses 963519.	
		2100	Enemy Spandau Posts at 960524 - 964521 - 963522 - 965523. Being engaged by Arty. Enemy harassing fire along main Rd and in fwd Coy posns.	
	Feb 18	0030	'C' Coy Recce Patrol to 960524. Enemy post cleared.	
		0100	'C' Coy Section occupy 960524.	
		0400	Patrol from 'A' Coy along lake to wood 963518. Contacted small enemy party on edge of wood.	
		0745	Small arms fire on left of 'D' Coy's posn. Fwd Pl taking up better posn for daylight.	
		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.	
		1200	'C' Coy area heavily shelled and mortared. DF task brought down.	
		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.	
		1515	Brig Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1800	Orders for relief of Bn given out. Recce Parties from incoming unit go over area.	See Appendix E No.17.
		2330	Relief starts. 'D' Coy move out.	
	Feb 19	0050	'A' Coy relieved.	
		0110	'B' Coy relieved.	
		0125	'C' Coy relieved.	
		0245	Relief completed by Bn MAISON NEAVE - 5 Cadn Inf Bde.	

			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 0800 0930 1300 1640 1730	Coys report all quiet now after heavy enemy stonking of fwd posns. 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. 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. 44 Bde reported having reached 939412. 44 Bde in wood 9440. Houses 949411 and wood 930413 cleared. 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 0945 1000 1730	Hot meals were taken fwd to Coys for first time. Also an issue of self heating soup. All unessential vehs to be returned to 'B' Ech. Bn to be relieved tomorrow. Harbour and Guide Parties to be sent to R.V. 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.	See Appendix E No. 19.
	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 1830	Bn leaves conc area. M.T. Move. Bn arrives back in TILBURG. Bn HQ 158315.	See Appendix E No. 20.
	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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WAR DIARY
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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders.

Month and Year MARCH, 1945

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	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 Massed Pipe Bands play in TILBURG.	
	Mar 5	1030	Bn at TILBURG. Trg; Entertainments; Band to TURNHOUT to play with Div Massed 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	

			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.	
		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.	
		1100	A Coy in Treudtekath. 46 PW, 2 Bn. 1052 Regt, 84 Div.	
		1145	Bn moves fwd along Bund. A Coy now at Wolffskath. 4 PW, 21 Regt, 7 Para Div.	
		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.	
		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.	
	25 Mar	1200	Enemy reported infiltrating in 'C' Coy area from wooded area near Br.	
		0100	Spandau and small arms fire at close range from right and fwd of 'C' Coy.	
		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.	
		0300/ 0330	D Coy report having withdrawn left Pl and that enemy had infiltrated that posn. DF task brought down on C Coys posn. Mediums engage woods.	
		0500/ 0600	Position being restored. Enemy withdrawing. Cas inflicted on both sides.	
		0700	Enemy cleared from village and Coys regroup taking up posn again. Carrier Section in Bldgs at 132487.	
		0715	C.O. 9 Cams at Bn HQ.	
		0810	Bde Comd; CO 2 G.H. and CO 190 Fd Regt at Bn HQ.	
		0900/ 1100	OPs set up and report enemy MG 136485 - 4 men 137487 - enemy digging 140490.	
			Two enemy posts area of embankment of lake. SP on Track 137494.	
		1200	A Coy report many enemy in edge of wood 133493.	
			During afternoon 2 Glas H cleared wood East of lake 1348.	

		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. Cas: 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.	
		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.	See Appx No. E. 15.
		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. Cas: 2 Offrs; 38 ORs.	
	27 Mar	1000	CO on recce area 161502 and area of wood.	
		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. Cas: 1 OR.	See Appx E. 16.
	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 0940 0945 1000 1015 1020 1400 1530 1645	B Coy moving fwd. A Coy on objective WOODS 162514. D Coy clearing house and farm SPIKATH and progressing well. 11 POW. A & D Coys well in posn. B Coy consolidates. 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. Bn holding posns while 2 A & S.H. and 10 HLI pass through to clear Woods N of posns. Bn moves up to area Woods 1552. Bn HQ Area X Tracks 153419. Coys in wood, 1452. 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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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders.

Month and Year APRIL, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.M. HUNT, D.S.O.

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	Bn to move to area NORDWALDE. 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No.29 received.	see Appx E.9.
		1040	Bn moves off in TCVs. A2 to stand fast.	
		1500	Bn in area NORDWALDE. Bn HQ 824888.	
		1830	COs Conference - now under 8 Corps.	
	5 Apr	1000	COs 'O' Gp. Bn to adv entanked on Churchills of 4 Coldm Gds.	
		1120	Bn formed up ready to move off. 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No.30 received.	see Appx E.10.
		1145	Bn entanked moves off.	
		2100	Bn stops off rd for night. Uneventful journey.	
	6 Apr	0830	Bn entanked on Churchills of 4 Coldm Gds and continues journey.	
		1800	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	Bn leaves area FRIEDEWALDE (Marching). 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No. 31	see Appx E.12.
		1600	Bn arrives at WIEDENSAHL 9421. Harbouring area for night.	
		2000	C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. 7 Seaforth Op Instr No. 30	see Appx D.4.
			46 Bde Op Order No. 24	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 Shelldrake. 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.	

			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.	
		1400	Bn consolidating in Uelzen with HQ at 898895.	
	19 Apr		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.	See Appx E.17
			46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order " 32 "	" " E.18
			7 Seaforth Mov Order issued	" " D.5
		1800	CO to Bde 'O' Gp.	
		2130	COs 'O' Gp.	
	20 Apr		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.	
		1800	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
	21 Apr		Bn at KARZE 962285 and GARZE 976275.	
		1045	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1400	Bn moves to area HITTBERGEN 905314; C Coy WENDEWISCH 9332; D & B Coys same area.	
	22 Apr		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.	
		1515	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		Bn at HITTBERGEN - 905314.	
		1115	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1415	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		Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314.	
		1045	Bde Comd's 'O' Gp.	
			Op Enterprise - 46 (H) Inf Bde Outline Plan for crossing R. Elbe.	see Appx No. E.19
		1615	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 46 (H) Inf Bde Outline Admin Plan.	see Appx No. H.25
			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.	
	26 Apr		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	
		0730	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		Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314. Recce Regt to relieve C & D Coys. OP to be manned until dusk then to be discontinued.	
		1715	COs 'O' Gp. Bn under comd 1 Commando Bde.	
			46 (H) Inf Bde Op Order No. 26	see Appx No. E.21
	28 Apr		Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314. 46 (H) Inf Bde Order (Adm) No. 22	see Appx No. H 26.
			Bn preparing for crossing Elbe - Recce Sqn takes over Coy posns.	
			1 Commando Bde O.O. No. 1 received.	see Appx No. E 22
		1030	C.O. to 1 Commando Bde HQ. See 7 Seaforth O.O. No. 33	see Appx No. D 6.
		1500	Co-ordinating Conference Bn HQ.	
			Bn ready to move fwd to River. 1 Commando Bde OO Marshalling & Control Instr	see Appx No. E 23
		2315	Bn moves fwd to Boat Waiting Area at Bund 856339.	

	29 Apr	0100	Bn in Waiting Area Bund 856339.	
		0320	Leading tps start crossing Elbe in Buffaloes.	
		0345	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.	
		0500	All Coys in posn and dug-in. Enemy SP guns sent over some shells but there were no casualties.	
		0600	Patrols out fwd report enemy pulled back to area Basedow.	
		0730	A Coy knock out half-track with PIAT.	
		0800	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.	
		1730	Bn prepares to move fwd to new location.	
		1830	Bn in new location Wood 878373. No cas. Total PW for day - 54.	
	30 Apr	0330	COs 'O' Gp.	
		0530	Bn moving along main rd towards Basedow.	
		0715	Enemy reported in woods 906410 and area 905399 about 100 strong.	
		0800	Bn halted along main axis.	
		1000	Tac HQ and RAP move up to Farm Bldgs at 894397. Enemy shelled area frequently causing cas.	
		1245	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.	
		1330	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.	
		1500	Both Coys near far edge of wood and enemy almost completely cleared. Many dead and wounded enemy.	
		1540	Wood cleared. A & C Coys reorganising on objective. Total P.W. 73 Own cas 2 Offrs, 15 ORs.	

		1700	Bn posns HQ 885385; Tac HQ 895398; A & C Coys Wood 8940; B Coy 890398; D Coy 893396.	

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders.

Month and Year MAY, 1945.

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.	

		1530	Bn crosses canal, relieves German sentries, clear area of locations, begin occupation tasks - searching buildings, collecting POW in specified areas etc, guarding VPs. Locations: Bn HQ 622417; A Coy 6144; B Coy 6241 (Airfield) C Coy 6443 (Bks) D Coy 6343 (Bks) Support Coy 6242; Carriers on Bridge 571419.	
	8 May	 1800	Bn in same location. Duties continue: disarming all enemy; collecting and destroying enemy weapons and ammunition. KIEL Canal established as control line for Displaced persons: bridge at 600412 guarded by 'A' Coy and bridge at 571419 by carriers. A Coy guard lock gates. Coys also responsible for Displaced persons in area - Sp Coy runs camps for Belgians, Finns, Dutch. 'C' Coy for Russians and Poles; 'D' Coy for Dutch, Czecks, etc. Personal message from C-in-C received. Special Order of the Day by Maj Gen CM Barber, DSO, Comd 15 Scottish Division, received. C.O. goes to Bde Conference.	 J. 13. J. 14.
	9 May	 0001 1800 1900	Bn same area. Occupation duties continue. European surrender of German forces takes effect. CO goes to Bde Conference. Bn Pipe Band plays Retreat with Bde Massed Pipe Bands in KIEL. Special Order of the day by Div Comd received.	
	10 May	 1430 1800	Bn same area, same tasks. COs Conference at Bn HQ. CO to Bde Conference. QM and IO check up billets occupied by Bn. Sorting of POW continue. Luftwaffe now under RAF Regt. Wehrmacht under B Coy in Barracks 623413. Marines at D Coys barracks 641433. Navy at Friedrichsort barracks 646435 under C Coy.	
	11 May	 1700 1800	Bn same area, same tasks. All MT pooled under MTO. Pipe Band play Retreat in KIEL with Bde Massed Pipes. CO to Bde Conference.	
	12 May		Bn same area, same tasks.	
	13 May		Bn same area, same tasks.	
	14 May	 1200 1900	Bn same area, same tasks. Ceremonial take-over by C Coy of FRIEDRICHSORT Barracks from the German Navy. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~. Bn Pipe Band play Retreat at Friedrichsort Barracks.	 Appx J.12.
	15 May	 1400	Bn same area, same tasks. Coy Comds conference at Bn HQ.	

		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 recces new area - LABOE. CRA 8 Corps recces 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.	

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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt-Col J.D.S. Young DSO MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WISTON PARK STEYNING	9th		Capt TR Meechan and 4 ORs left for FRANCE to establish Beach Control Party.	
	11th		Advance Party consisting of 2 Officers and 2 ORs left for FRANCE.	
	13th		Bn left for HAYWARDS HEATH (Marshalling Area). Road Party left same morning for MT Marshalling Area at WANSTEAD. Bn arrived at HAYWARDS HEATH at 1600 hrs.	
	17th	0700 0900 1800	Bn left HAYWARDS HEATH for embarkation area at NEWHAVEN arriving at 0830. Bn embarked aboard LCIs(L). Convoy sailed for FRANCE.	
FIELD	18th	0800 1115 1200	Bn arrived COURSEULLES-SUR-MER waded ashore 0830. Left for assembly area 0900 arriving 1030. Discarded FMO marched on in FSMO. Hot meal served at tea point by Canadian RASC. Bn marched off to conc area at VAUX-SUR-SEULLES, arriving at 1600 hrs. Bn HQ est at 835778.	
	19th		C.O. away to conference. Weather wet.	
	20th		C.O. left for Recce at 1000 returning at 1600. Weather dry. Dornier 217 shot down by AA fire in late evening. Crew of 3 killed.	
	21		C.O. to conference. Weather dry.	
	22		C.O. to conference. Weather dry.	
	23		C.O. to conference. Weather dry. Party of transport arrived.	
	24		Rest of tpt arrived.	
	25		Bn moved off for FAA 1800 hrs arrived at 2100 hrs.	
	26	0730 0730 0730 1030	Tpt arrived at FAA. Bn less A2 vehs moved to 909735. Arrived location 0930. Arty Barrage opened up. Bn advanced on CHEUX. 44(L) Bde captured ST MAUVIEU. 46(H) Bde in outskirts of CHEUX. Bn advanced to CHEUX at 1815, contacted enemy south of CHEUX. After skirmishing, consolidated for night.	CASUALTIES OFFICERS - 1 wounded ORs - 8 wounded 1 killed
	27th	0730	Bn moved fwd, halted by enemy armour. 1000 hrs tanks broke through onto Bn area and were engaged by own Anti-Tank guns. 5 enemy tanks	CASUALTIES OFFICERS - 1 wounded

			knocked out. Remainder withdrew and posn restored by 1100 hrs. 1 Signal truck burnt out after receiving direct hit.	1 missing ORs - 77 wounded 20 missing 13 killed
	28th	1300 1830	Bn relieved by 6 KOSB. 1630 Bn left CHEUX for COLLEVILLE. COs "O" Group. Bn to attack MOUEN. 1945 Bn crossed starting line supported by tanks. MOUEN heavily defended by German Armour. A & C Coys reached objectives but are ordered to withdraw during the night by CO. B & D Coys were pinned down and suffered casualties, and withdrew. B, D and Bn HQ spent night in farm east of Mouen.	CASUALTIES OFFICERS - 4 wounded 1 missing 3 killed ORs - 45 wounded 7 missing 22 killed
	29th	0800	Bn relieved 2 GH. B Coy sent to reinforce CAMERONIANS.	CASUALTIES ORs - 25 wounded
	30th		Bn posns shelled. CO and 2i/c injured. Major Sinclair 2 Gordons takes over comd. Bn left to take up def posn south of MONDRAINVILLE. [signature] Maj For LT COL COMDG 10th BN THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY	CASUALTIES OFFRS 1 wounded ORs 18 wounded 3 killed

INTELLIGENCE LOG

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT	REMARKS
25th June	0730	Bn moved off on foot (less vehs) to FAA at 909735. Order of March - A, B, HQ, C and D.	
	0930	Bn arrived at FAA. Bn bedded down for night.	
26th June	0600	Stand to. A2 echelon arrived. Breakfast served at 0700.	
	0730	Bn (less vehs) moved southwards.	
	0745	Supporting Arty barrage opened up. 44(L) and 46(H) Bdes moved fwd into attack.	
	0750	Bn halted at 909739. Barrage continues.	
	0930	Bn moved off in same order of march. Route - X Rds 904732 - X Rds 894721 - Rd Junc. 894721 - track junction 898709 - LA MESNIL PATRI.	
	1430	Bn halted at FUP 905681.	
	1030	44 Bde captured ST MAUVIEU and are fighting between ST MAUVIEU and LA GAULLE. 46 Bde in outskirts of CHEUX.	
	1440	No move before 1700.	
	1650	No move before 1815.	
	1815	Bn advanced from LA HAUT DU BOSQ. Order of advance A, B, C, D and Rear HQ. "C" Coy shot 2 snipers in area LA HAUT DU BOSQ.	
	1900	A & B Coys encountered Hy MG Fire from area WOOD 908664.	
	1920	Enemy MG Fire coming from PANTHER tanks on wood 908664.	
	1930	Hy Tank Squadron moved up in support of Bn.	
	2000	Bn withdraw to CHEUX covered by tanks.	
	2100	CO at 912665.	
	2100	Enemy mortar fire in orchard 912664.	
	2115	Bn HQ est at 912668. Bn digging in.	
	2300	Rd in area 9166 shelled. Direct hit on rd junc 913669. Casualties for day OFFICERS: 1 wounded, OR's 8 wounded 1 killed	
27th June	0415	Stand to. Breakfast 0500 hrs.	
	0700	Bn posns heavily shelled. Bn advanced, A on right supported by C - B on left supported by D. Fwd Coys came under hy MG Fire from PANTHER TANKS and mortars. Bn objective GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON. Axis of advance - Rd from 913668 to GRAINVILLE.	
	0730	Enemy mortars firing into wood 912667. Wounded coming in to R.A.P. R.A.P. moved to 912669.	
	0745	3 PANTHER Tanks broke through into LA HAUT DU BOSQ firing into CHEUX. Bn A/Tk Pl returning fire.	

	0800	Bn HQ moved to 913668. A/Tk Pl destroyed 3 tanks. 1 Panther attempting to escape overturned in road 910667. Rear HQ now 912673. Casualties heavy. Own tanks are engaging enemy armour.	
	0900	Tanks making progress.	
	0930	Rear Bn HQ outside CHEUX. Situation very confused but being restored. A&SH moving down road to COLLEVILLE, followed by tanks.	
	1200	Rear Bn HQ est in former posn.	
	1230	Bn of CORNWALLS out in front of our posns.	
	1800	Throughout day tank battles. Bn shelled and mortared all afternoon.	
	1600	6 enemy tanks dug in. Our 17 prs trying to knock them out.	
	2100	Inf of 11 Armd Bde moving up. 1 Offr and 7 ORs of 2 SS Pz Div "Totenkopf" captured during day.	
		Casualties during day:- Offrs - 1 wounded 1 missing. ORs - 77 wounded 20 missing 13 killed.	
28th June	0500	Stand to. Dug in tanks not yet destroyed. No move before 1100.	
	1300	Bn relieved by 6 KOSB. Bn to move to COLLEVILLE. No move until further orders.	
	1630	Bn left CHEUX for COLLEVILLE.	
	1730	Halted at 918659. Snipers hindered progress. Enemy counter attack broken through some ground gained in COLLEVILLE area. Situation being restored.	
	1830	CO holding "O" group.	
	1945	Bn moved off to attack MOUEN. Arty barrage opened up.	
	2000	Bn advanced, A and B on left, D and B on right. Coys advancing in open formation. No opposition.	
	2002	Barrage continuing. Tanks supporting on left and right.	
	2015	A/Tk gun fire aimed at tanks on left. 1 Sherman knocked out. Hy MG fire from houses and rly sweeping top of corn. A & B Coys & Bn HQ pinned down by MG fire unable to advance. 5 PANTHERS destroyed. 3 Shermans knocked out. Casualties heavy. A Coy entered wood.	
		On right - D & B advanced down right of rly towards wood. Before reaching wood, came under hy MG fire from Panther tank, dug in the orchard. OC Coy wounded, 2 Subalterns killed. Unable to advance owing to MG fire sweeping open ground, withdrew to sunken road.	
	2200	1 Sgt & 3 ORs went fwd to quieten MG posts with LMG fire to enable wounded to be evacuated by carrier from cornfield.	
	2300	Bn HQ and A/Tk Pl in carriers to COLLEVILLE dug in def posns taken up for night. A2 ech remained outside COLLEVILLE. B & D Coys in COLLEVILLE. A & C Coys withdrew during darkness to A2 echelon.	
		Casualties during day:- Offrs 4 wounded 1 missing 3 killed. ORs 45 wounded 7 missing 22 killed.	
29th June	0415	Stand to. No large events during night.	
	0800	Bn evacuated posns and moved to centre of village to take over from 2 Glas H. Bn HQ est at 929651. A & C Coys rejoined bn.	

	0945 1800 2220	A2 ech arrived at Bn HQ. Shelling of Bn posns all day. Tech store truck hit and burnt out. Counter attack on Cameronian posns at GRAINVILLE. Situation restored. B Coy sent to reinforce CAMERONIANS. Casualties during day:- 25 ORs wounded.	
30th June	0400 0800 0940 0950 1100 1415 1615	A & D Coys moved up to deal with possible enemy counter attack. Bn to cross river and move to right flank of Bridgehead. C.O.s "O" Group. Bn move cancelled. Bn posns shelled. CO & 2i/c injured. Bn to await further orders. Major Sinclair, 2 Gordons, took over cmd of Bn. Bn ordered to take up def posn S of MONDRAINVILLE. Bn moved off to MONDRAINVILLE. Order of march A, Bn HQ, B & D. Bn arrived at 922633 and proceeded to dig in. Posns mortared whilst digging. Wood immediately in front cleared by A Coy. A Coy in front, B Right, D left. Enemy MG on right flank in wood. Hy fighting to NW of GRAINVILLE. Arty barrage by field and medium guns on enemy posns. All our mortars firing at enemy posns across river. Arty barrage laid on wood prior to Bn moving in. Casualties:- Offrs 1 wounded ORs 18 wounded 3 killed	

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Month and Year July 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	JUNE 30th		4 Officers and 60 ORs posted as 1st Reinforcements from 32 RHU.	
FIELD	1st		Bn still in Wood South of Mondrainville 922633. C.O.'s "O" Group. Bn to be prepared to be relieved by R.W.F.	CASUALTIES ORs - 1 wounded POSTINGS 4 Offrs from 32 RHU
	2nd	0100	Bn relieved by RWF and marched off to NORREY-EN-BESSIN arriving at 0500 hrs, for period of rest. Situation throughout day normal. C.O. returned to take up command of Bn. Major Kenneth 2 A&SH takes up appointment as 2i/c. Major Sinclair returns to own unit.	
	3rd		Situation normal throughout day. 5 Offrs and 18 ORs posted as Reinforcements from 32 RHU. 70 ORs posted from Ox & Bucks.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	4th		Bn attached to 32 Guards Bde as reinforcements against possible enemy counter attack. Div Commander addressed Bn.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	5th		Situation normal throughout day. 1 Offr and 85 ORs posted as Reinfs from Ox & Bucks.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	6th		Situation normal throughout day.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	7th		Situation normal throughout day. RAF Hy Bombers raided N of CAEN at night.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	8th		Situation normal. 1st Corps attacked CAEN. Exercise of Coys clearing wood of snipers, etc, practised by Coys 62861 T/Maj GT Palmer, Devons, posted to this unit from 33 RHU to comd "C" Coy.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	9th		Situation normal. 176939 T/Capt JS Hay to A/Major w.e.f. 29th June 44 to comd "D" Coy. 1 Offr and 1 OR missing believed killed now confirmed wounded (Major Stoker and C.S.M. Gent F.)	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	10th		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	11th		Situation normal throughout day. C.O.'s "O" Group. Bn at 2 hrs notice to move.	CASUALTIES:- NIL

	12th		Situation normal. No move for 24 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	13th		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	14th	 2300	111318 T/Major I. Mackenzie posted to WE 10th H.L.I. from U.K. as 2i/c and T.O.S. w.e.f. 14 July 44. Bn left for VERSON area, arriving 2355 hrs and digging in.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	15th		C Coy and part of Bn HQ left as advance party for BARON. Bn arrived at 1730 hrs. Hy enemy shelling and mortaring all night until 0300 hrs on 16th. C.O.'s "O" Group. Bde with 2 Glas Highlanders in support to attack EVRECY and the High Ground on other side.	CASUALTIES:- OFFICERS:- 1 wounded O.R.s - 3 killed 28 wounded
	16th	0530 0800 1500	Bn unable to start attack due to extensive minefield in front of start line. Bn digging in behind start line. Hy enemy mortaring and shelling. 12 F.W. 190s on recce over area. Bn withdrew to North of Baron. Bn returned at 1700 hrs to take up def posns south of Baron. Rear Bn HQ at GOURNAY. With exception of shelling, situation normal. Enemy bombers over area.	CASUALTIES:- OFFICERS:- Killed - Major GT Palmer Missing - Lt R Bowers ORs 16 wounded 1 killed
	17th	0600 2300	Bn still holding defensive posns. Bn moved to LE HAUT DU BOSQ arriving at 2359 hrs. Enemy bombers over area.	CASUALTIES:- Officers - NIL ORs 15 wounded 3 missing 3 killed
FIELD	18th		67193 A/Maj I.H. Murray H.L.I. and 3 Canadian Lieutenants posted to WE 10th HLI from 32 RHU. Situation normal. Lt Col J.D.S. Young D.S.O. MC admitted 79th General Hospital, France. Lt Col D Russell Morgan posted from 2 A&SH and assumes command of Bn.	CASUALTIES:- WOUNDED Officers - Capt Scully ORs NIL
	19th		Div Comdr visits Bn. Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	20th		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	21st		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	22nd		Situation normal. CO's "O" Group. Bn to proceed to CAUMONT to take over defence of town from a battalion 5th US Infantry Div.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	23rd		Bn left LE HAUT DU BOSQ for CAUMONT by TCVs, arriving at SALNY at 1500 hrs. Bn to relieve US Infy during hours of darkness.	CASUALTIES:- NIL

	24th		Bn arrived 0030 hrs at CAUMONT, and takes over from US Bn.	CASUALTIES:- OFFICERS:- Capt K Ingram
	25th		Situation normal. Slight shelling of town during morning.	
	26th		Situation normal. Div Comdr visited Bn OP at CAUMONT.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	27th		Situation normal. 2nd Army Comdr Lt Gen M.C. Dempsey visited Bn OP.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	28th		Situation normal. Bn to be relieved by 6 KOSB during night and return to SALNY.	CASUALTIES:-
FIELD	29th		Bn relieved by 6 KOSB moved off to SALNY at 0200 hrs arriving 0400 hrs. CO's 'O' Group. 15(S) Division to attack on line south of CAUMONT. One Bn 46 Bde objective LE BOURG. 2 Gordons objective LUTAIN WOOD. Bn objective Xrds at HERVIEUX. 2 A&SH objective LES LOGES. 2 Bns of 46 Bde objective Pt 309 and high east of ST MARTIN LE BESACES. 11th Armd Div to secure right flank and take as first objective ST MARTIN. On left flank 43rd Inf Division objective JURQUES and high ground west of town. 6 Gds Tk Bde in support of 15(S) Div.	
	30th		Breakfast 0300. Bn moved off to FUP at 0415 hrs. Bn left FUP at 0755. Bn crossed start line at 1100 hrs, reached objective by 1400 hrs. Coys dig in, 46 Bde passed through at 1430 hrs. Bn posns shelled during evening.	CASUALTIES:- WOUNDED Officers:- Lt T Carruthers ORs:- 5 killed 36 wounded
	31st		Bn still in posn. Situation normal. Gds Armd Div passed through during night. Reinforcements arrived from RHU. D.R. Morgan Lt Col Commanding 10th Bn H.L.I.	CASUALTIES:- NIL

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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

Month and Year August 44

Commanding Officer Lt-Col D Russell Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FIELD	1st		Situation normal. Gds Armd Div advancing beyond ST MARTIN DE BESACES. Bn still at Xrds at HERVIEUX 688548. CO attended Bde 'O' Group at 2300 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- 19 ORs
	2nd		Situation normal. Bn 'O' Group 0400 hrs - Bn to occupy PT 238 683482 taking over posns previously occupied by 32 Gds Bde and mop up any pockets of resistance in area LE BRESSI 694470. Bn moved off on tanks and tpt at 1530 hrs arriving at PT 238 at 1900 hrs. No incidents during move. Bn HQ established at 682484.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	3rd		Situation normal. Enemy reported to have evacuated LE BRESSI.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 1 OR
	4th		Situation normal. "C" Coy area shelled during day.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
Field	5th		Bn 'O' Group 0300 hrs. Bn to stand by to move at 0700 hrs. Bn 'O' Group 0400 hrs. Orders:- 44 Bde to pass through to occupy area MONTCHARIVEL. 10/HLI to occupy AU CORNU 7741. 2 A&SH to occupy area 7737. 2 Gordons to push through and occupy ESTRY 748377. 10/HLI to bye-pass Gordons and occupy LE THEIL 762359. 2 A&SH to occupy CANTELOUPE 7836. Bn moved off at 0700 hrs on tanks and tpt arriving at MONTCHARIVEL at 0900 hrs and debussed. Bn advanced to AU CORNU - Order of March - D, C, B, A, Bn HQ. Bn shelled and mortared during approach to objective. Bn dug in on high ground overlooking AU CORNU. Shelling and mortaring continued during night. Owing to modification of Orders after move had begun only first objectives were occupied. Advance to be continued next day. 2 Gordons consolidated on X Rds 767403.	CASUALTIES:- 1 OFF Wounded REINFS:- 31 ORs
Field	6th		Bde 'O' Group 0100 hrs. Orders:- Bde to advance southwards on roads to VIRE and VASSY. 2 Gordons leading to seize and hold village of ESTRY, which enemy were still believed to occupy. 10/HLI following	CASUALTIES:- OFFRS:- 1 Killed 2 Wounded

Field		1400 1600 1930	2 Gordons to by-pass ESTRY and seize LE THEIL, but to assist 2 Gordons if resistance in ESTRY proved strong. 2 A&SH to seize and hold high ground area CANTELOUPE. S.P. - X Rds LA CAVERIE. Move to be made on foot with tanks in close support. 46 Bde at same time to clear high ground and woods East of AU CORNU. Bn shelled whilst forming up, SP was under sporadic MG fire. Recce Sqn reported mines at X Rds 758388. 2 Gordons and Gren Gds Tanks held up. REs assisted by Pioneer Plns sent fwd to clear mines. Recce Sqn reported enemy tank and MG post at X Rds 746378. Bn resumed advance at 1215 behind 2 Gordons. Gordons held up beyond X Rds 758388 by enemy tanks and MG post, on left flank. Tanks advanced to deal with this opposition. Gordons contacted enemy at X Rds 746378 and withdrew slightly. C Coy attempted to by-pass ESTRY on left flank but pinned down by MG fire on leaving road at 756386. Bn HQ on road 757387. One enemy MkV tank destroyed by SP Guns on Bn left flank. Hy enemy shelling and mortaring throughout afternoon, continuing until nightfall. At 1730 2 Gdns and 10/HLI with support of tanks were to attack ESTRY, attack to be preceded by a conc of Med & Fd Arty on objective. Bn to advance, C supported by A on left of road, B supported by D on right. B & C Coys reached objectives, but unable to advance on village due to enemy tanks and MGs. Tanks also held up by enemy A/Tank Guns. Bn dug in on objective. Bn HQ est at 746379. Bn ordered to stand to all night.	ORs 43 wounded and killed
Field	7th		Shelling continued intermittently all night. Bn stood to all night in event of enemy counter attack. Situation remained normal. Rd from AU CORNEU almost impassable to tpt due to heavy enemy MG fire and food had to be transported to Bn by Carrier Pl during day. A Coy withdrew to rear of Bn as former posn was untenable due to being under enemy observation and fire. Typhoon Rocket Fighters attacked tanks, mortar posns and gun sites throughout day. 100% stand to ordered all night.	CASUALTIES:- ORs 80 wounded
Field	8th	0600 1000	Stand to all night. No enemy counter attack. Bn to be relieved by 6 KOSB and guide party left for new location. Bn moved off by companies by march route. Bn HQ est at 747393. Bn area shelled just after move in. 44 Bde attacked and captured ESTRY but withdrew in face of heavy arty and MG fire. 30 reinforcements arrived from R.H.U. 2 Gdns moved back to 745406.	
	9th		Bn still in same location. Situation normal throughout night. Intermittent arty & MG fire fell around Bn area.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	10th		Situation normal. Div Comdr and Bde Comdr visited Bn during day.	CASUALTIES:- NIL

	11th		Situation normal:- Enemy shelling fwd of Bn area.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	12th		Situation normal:- Brig visited Bn. Bn to be relieved by Recce Unit of 11 Armd Div next day. Bn to stand by ready to move.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 64 ORs
Field	13th	1230	Situation normal:- 1230 Bn relieved by Recce Sqn of 11 Armd Div. Bn moved off by march route for LA MARTELLIERE. Route of March - Montchamps - ST. CHARLES DE PERCY - LA MARTELLIERE. Order of March - HQ, C, B, A Coys. Bn arrived 1030 hrs and dug in, tea on arrival.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 1 ORs
	14th		Bn to move to conc area at MALTOT at 1500 hrs. Moving by TCV. Bn left at 1500 for conc area arriving 1815 hrs, and dug in.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	15th		Bn visited by next Div Comdr, Maj Gen Barber and Bn paraded for his address.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	16th		Sit. normal. Brig visited Bn. Admin Day - Baths etc. Air activity during night.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
Field	17th		Air activity during night. Sit. normal. Brig visited Bn.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 15 ORs
	18th		Sit. normal. Bde 'O' Group. Bn to move to BOIS-HALBOUT 0146 by T.C.V. No move before 1400 hrs. Bn left at 1430 passed Bde St.Pt. at 1500 arrived 1730 and dug in. Bn HQ est at 014466.	CASUALTIES:- NIL Map Sheet 7F/3
	19th		Situation normal. Warning order issued to be ready to move at 1 hrs notice from 0600 hrs 20th Aug. No move before 1400 on 20th August.	CASUALTIES:- NIL RFTS:- 14 ORs
FIELD	20th		Situation normal. Brig visited Bn at 1000 hrs. Bde movement order issued for advance to contact on route FALAISE - TRUN - VIMOUTIERS 4964 - LE SAP 5859, to be known as operation "GALLOP". Bn movement table issued. Bn to act as advance guard with in support 1 Sqn from 34 Tk Bde - 1 Bty of 131 Fd Regt RA - 1 Tp of 129 SP A/TK Bty RA - 1 Tp of 286 A/Tk Bty RA - 1 MMG Pl of 1 Middlesex - 1 Pl of 20 Fd Coy RE, 1800 hrs operation postponed for 48 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL APP "A" att
	21st		Situation normal. Brig visited Bn.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	22nd		Sit. normal. Orders received that operation "GALLOP" would be extended to include to adv from LE SAP through MONNAI 6358 - BROGLIE 7370 - BEAUMONT-LE-ROGER 9376 to EMANVILLE 0274. New Bn mov order issued. Sp Arms and Bn role as before except that tp 129 SP A/Tk no longer in support. This op again could not be put into practice owing to presence of Canadian Divs fighting on our axis of advance. Orders for move to fwd conc area SE of FALAISE issued in order to facilitate eventual move to operational objectives. Bn to pass St.Pt. at 0615 hrs on 23rd. Route via FALAISE to conc area	CASUALTIES:- NIL APP "B" att

			PERTHEVILLE-NERS 2033. Move fwd to be made non-tactically and without tanks.	
	23rd	0615	Bn coln embussed, crossed SP. Bn arrived 0830 at conc area. Bde 'O' Gp. Orders given for further move to fwd conc area at MONNAI. Sp Arms as previously detailed for op "GALLOP", move to be made embussed. Route - TRUN - FRESNAY-LE-SAMSON 4958 - LE SAP 5859 - MONNAI. Time of start 0830.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	24th		Move postponed until afternoon and move limited to adv to conc area east of TRUN 3330, arrived conc area 1900 hrs. 2300 Bde "O" Gp. Op "GALLOP" to take place on following day. No changes from previous order of battle except that Tanks would follow in rear of Bde Coln.	CASUALTIES:- NIL Rfts 23 OR's
FIELD	25th	0015 0600	Bn orders issued for Op "GALLOP". Bn to act as advance Guard as in orders already issued until contact with enemy was made or objective at EMANVILLE was reached. 44 Bde & 46 Bde advancing simultaneously on parallel routes. Bn to move embussed on route - ORVILLE 5458 - LE SAP 5859 - N.D. DU HAMEL 7157 - LA BARRE EN OUCHE 8363 - SEBECOURT 9664 - LES AUTHIEUX 9871 - EMANVILLE. SP to be crossed 0600. Bn crossed SP. Advance made without incident except for occasional delays caused by destruction of road and large quantities of abandoned enemy equipment. Arrived EMANVILLE at 1800 hrs. Contact made with fwd US Forces. 2230 Bde 'O' Gp. Orders given for adv to be made next day to high ground between LOUVIERS 2289 and River SEINE. Move to be made embussed on route EMANVILLE - LE NEUBORG 0283 - LOUVIERS. Close spacing and high speed required in order to complete movt of Bde within 3 hrs and leave roads free for subsequent movt of US troops. Move to commence from SP - LE NEUBOURG at 0700 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL APP "C"
FIELD	26th	0030 0600 0700	Bn orders issued for above move. Bn to be ready to move at 0315 and vehs to be clear of EMANVILLE by 0430. Bn coln moved off and was halted short of SP at 0500. Bde Comdr arrived and issued modification of orders. 10/HLI with under comd 2 Gordons to occupy LOUVIERS, remainder of Bde to move later. Bn crossed SP and advanced to reach LOUVIERS 0800. Contact made with Mayor of Town and head of Resistance Movement in order to find accommodation for the Bns in the town which still inhabited by civilians. Bn HQ est 22538917. OP est at Bn HQ to watch high ground east of town which was believed still occ by small numbers of enemy. Coys disposed to guard brs across River EURE. 2 A&SH and 2 Gdns occ high ground between LOUVIERS & R SEINE.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REF MAP 1/25000 LOUVIERS
	27th	1100 1300	C.O. with Bde Cmdr made Recce of R SEINE at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY 2690 with a view to crossing river on same day. Bn brought fwd to ASS. AREA at ST ETIENNE-DU-VAUVRAY 2692. Bde 'O' Gp 1500 and orders	CASUALTIES:- ORs:- 2 killed 13 wounded

Field		1900 1900	were given for crossing of R. SEINE. 10/HLI to secure intact half of existing br at 272904 and form bridgehead round it, incl village of ANDE. 2 Gordons to cross 1000 yds further South and advance on MUIDS 3089. Initial crossings to be made in storm boats with rafts for ferrying tpt to be completed 4 hrs later. 44 Bde to cross on left flank and 46 Bde on right. 1530 Bn orders issued for crossing of river. One Pl of "C" Coy under Lt Graham to lead crossing and secure intact portion of bridge before it could be blown. Zero hr for crossing 1800. Subsequent crossings to be made by "A" & "B" Coys to clear village of ANDE 2790 and wood 275902 respectively. "C" Coy to give fire support from west bank of River. Zero hr subsequently postponed until 1830. Leading tps across river after delay due to engine failure of storm-boats. Bridge secured intact by 2000 hrs and leading Coys secured objectives by 2130. Ferrying of vehicles began 2230. 2 A&SH passed through Bn at 2335 to conc in area between 10/HLI & 2 Gordons. Opposition during crossing and subs adv was slight.	
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	30th		Situation normal. Bde Comdr issued orders, in view of bad weather and quietness of sit, for Bn to occupy billets in village of CONNELLES. 1400 Bn moved into billets in village. Bn HQ est at 303939. Bn given rest period for 48 hrs.	CAS:- NIL
FIELD	31st		Situation normal. New CO arrived at Bn. F.G. Wood Maj for Lt Col Officer Cmdg 10th Bn The H.L.I.	CAS:- NIL

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Month and Year August 44

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			Administrative notes and appendices for the month of August	
Field	1st		113653 T/Capt Moore E.B. posted to W.E. 10th H.L.I. from 32 R.H.U. wef 1st August 44.	
	5th		113653 T/Capt Moore E.B. H.L.I. relinquished rank of T/Capt 1st August 44.	
	9th		291128 WS/LT Sunderland R.S. R.A.M.C. posted to 10th H.L.I. as R.M.O. wef 6th August. 266544 WS/Capt Walker W.A. R.A.M.C. posted to 153 Fd Amb and S.O.S. wef 6 August 44. 92548 WS/LT A.R.B. Wylie to be A/Capt wef 25 July 44.	AUTHY: 15(S)Div/100C/25/ MSA dated 6th August
	11th		92555 WS/LT Foulds J.M. to be A/Capt wef 7th August. Cdn/350WS/LT McLean B H.L.I./Cdn posted to W.E. 10th H.L.I. from 227 Bde and T.O.S. wef 9th August.	
	12th		138544 WS/LT Bridge F.H. H.L.I. posted to 10th H.L.I. and T.O.S. wef 10 August 44. Cdn/610WS/LT Carson F.J. posted to W.E. 10th H.L.I. and T.O.S. wef 11 August 44.	
	16th		299679 WS/LT Nicholson J.H. H.L.I. posted to 227 Bde and S.O.S. this unit wef 16th August 44.	
	18th		129145 WS/LT Ensor G.W. posted to Rfts group and S.O.S. this unit wef 18 August 44. 138544 WS/LT Bridge F.H. H.L.I. to be A/Capt wef 7 August. 156596 WS/LT Steward D.N. Bucks to be A/Capt wef 9th August 44. 111315 T/MAJ MACKENZIE I. R.S.F. posted to 6th Bn R.S.F. and S.O.S. this unit wef 10th August 44.	AUTHY: MS/21/1436 of 17 August 44
	19th		138555 T/Capt Reddick A.F. H.L.I. to be A/Maj wef 6th August 44.	
Field	24th		315725 2/LT Hutchinson G. H.L.I. posted to W.E. of 10th H.L.I. from 32 R.H.U. and taken on strength wef 23 August.	

	28th		66915 T/Maj WOOD F.G. Camerons posted to 10th H.L.I. and appointed 2i/c. T.O.S. wef 25 August 44.	
Field: 1st August	30th 44		207834 A/Capt Agnew E.M. H.L.I. to be T/Capt wef 1st July 44. 67193 S/Capt A/MAJ Murray I.H. H.L.I. to be T/Maj wef 9th August 44. WS/LT. COL. H.P. MACKLEY Cameronians 28106 appointed O.C. 10th H.L.I. wef 30th August, VICE A/LT. COL. D.R. Morgan 39640 A&SH to another comd. F.G. Wood Maj for Lt Col Officer Comdg 10th Bn The H.L.I.	

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Month and Year SEPTEMBER 44

Commanding Officer Lt-Col H.P. Mackley O.B.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st	1500	Situation normal. Bn still at CONNELLES. Warning Order for move on 2nd Sep issued. 1500 move cancelled.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	2nd		Situation normal. C.O.s Route March. Brig visited Bn. Recce party left Bn location at 1430 hrs for LE TRONQUAY 467127. Bde 'O' Group 1900 hrs. Bn 'O' Group 2145 hrs. 227(H) Inf Bde Movement Order issued. Bn to move to conc area. Move to be in two phases. Marching tps will march to embussing point at GAILLEBOIS-CRESSENVILLE 407017 arriving Bde SP at HOUVILLE 366972 at 1420 hrs. Order of March - B, Bn HQ, C & "A". 2 hrs rest and embuss for remainder of journey to LE TRONQUAY. Tpt to move in Bde convoy to LE TRONQUAY crossing Bde SP at HOUVILLE at 1100 hrs. Route as shown in Bde Move Table No.8.	CASUALTIES:- NIL Rfts: 20 1 copy with original War Diary Sheet 9E/5
Field	3rd		Tpt left Bn at 0915 for new location. Passed SP at 1105 arriving LE TRONQUAY 1400 hrs. Marching personnel moved off at 1130 hrs, crossed Bde SP at 1420 and arrived embussing pt at 1530 hrs. Embussed 1800 hrs arrived LE TRONQUAY 1845 hrs. Bn HQ established 467126. Bde 'O' Gp 2100 hrs. Bn 'O' Group 2200 hrs. 'O' Group - Bn to move embussed on the 4th Sept to area East Gaillefontaine 6335 by Route "SKY". Harbour Party to leave at 0700 hrs to recce area. Order of March - IO, Carriers, Fwd HQ, Mortars, A/Tk, A1 Ech, C Coy, Bn HQ, B & A Coys, A2 Ech, "B" Echelon. To cross Bn SP 1130 hrs. Move "non-tactical".	Sheet 9E/4
Field	4th		Bn left LE TRONQUAY embussed at 1130 hrs and crossed Bde SP at 1135 arriving at 6335 at 1400 hrs. Bn HQ est 635358. Bn took up def posn. Bde 'O' Gp 2145 hrs. Bn 'O' Gp 2300 hrs. Coys ordered to clear woods at FORGES-LES-EAUX at first light. Clearing to be done by "A" & "B" Coys and two secs of carriers. Starting at 0630 hrs. Bn to move on 5th Sep to CONCHY-SUR-CANCHE 0503. Bn tpt less marching pers to move at 1130 and cross Bde SP 699412 at 1230 hrs. Coys to move in TCVs at 1400 hrs to cross Bde SP at 1440 hrs	Sheet 9E/4 Sheet 9E/4 Sheet 72

			(dependent on TCVs being available). Move "non-tactical". Recce Parties leave at 0700 hrs for new location.	
Field	5th	0630	"A" & "B" Coys assisted by two secs of carriers cleared woods at FORGES-LES-EAUX, no enemy seen. 1200 hrs Bn tpt, "A1", "A2" and "B" Echelons left Bn area for CONCHY-SUR-CANCHE. Crossed Bde SP at 1230 hrs. Route:- Xrds 6335 - CRIQUIERS 6536 - ABANCOURT 7039 - rd junc 699412 - GOURCHELLES 7142 - Rd junc 719431 - rd junc 742436 - x rds 7346 - HORNOY 8154 - AUMONT 8358 - rd junc 851638 - AIRAINES 8567 - LONGPRES LE CORPS SAINTS 8872 - rd junct 879739 - LONG 8876 - AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER 8980 - MOUGUILLE 8786 - AUXI LE CHATEAU 9996 - LIGNY SUR CANCHE 1001, arrived 1915 hrs. Bn HQ est at 059036. Coys remained at EAST GAILLEFONTAINE as TCVs were not available.	MAPS LE HAVRE-AMIENS 1/250,000 AMIENS-MONS
	6th		Bde "O" Gp at 0900 hrs. No move before 1200 hrs. 227 Bde to occupy COURTRAI 8556 and guard NW approaches. Move dependent on availability of TCVs. Route:- Xrds 059037 - Xrds 126007 - rly crossing 163117 (Bde SP). Route "SKY" ST POL 1611 - rd junc 1814 - DIVION 2921 - CAMBLIGNEUL 3712 - HERSIN 3917 - Xrds 4217 - rd junc 4522 - Rd junc 4620 - BERMELLS 4722 - Xrds 5122 - WINGLES 5422 - Xrds 5324 - Br 5625 - AMEULLIM 5926 - Br 5828 - Xrds 6033 - LILLE 6937 - HALLUIM 7554 - MENIN 7555 - COURTRAI 8658. Bde to "HEDGEHOG" at 2000 hrs if destination not reached. Move "non-tactical". Harbour parties to Bde at 0700 hrs 7th Sep. 2300 hrs no move before 1000 hrs 7th Sep.	CASUALTIES:- NIL SHEET 7: 1/100,000 MAPS:- 1/250,000 LILLE & GHENT
Field Field	7th		Bn left CONCHY-SUR-CANCHE at 1045 hrs and proceeded on route given. Coln diverted north of LILLE as some enemy still occupied COURTRAI. Bde now to conc area HELCHIN 9446. 44 Bde to occupy COURTRAI and extend NE. 46 Bde, under comd 7 Armd Bde, engaged with enemy AVELGHEM 9750. Harbour parties sent fwd. Move contd on route LILLE - RONCQ 7449 - TOURCOING 7746 - MOUSCRON 8148 - DOTTIGNIES 8745 - HELCHIN 9346. Arrived HELCHIN at 2300 hrs. Bn HQ est 930457. Bde "O" Group 2330 hrs. 44 Bde to hold crossing of River LYS from excl COURTRAI - excl OISENE 9968. 227 Bde to take over crossings of LYS from incl OISENE - excl GHENT, with 10/HLI right area excl GHENT - excl DEYNZE 0473 and 2 A&SH left area DEYNZE - OISENE. Approach move to be made tactically as some enemy possibly still on route. Order of March:- Div Recce - 2 A&SH - Bde HQ - 10/HLI - 2 Gordons. Route:- HELCHIN - KERKHOVE 0152 - ANSEGHEM 0053 - CRUYSHAUTEM 0484.	Casualties:- Nil Sheet 72
	8th		Bn "O" Group 0030 - Orders given for move to River LYS. A Coy to hold br DEURLE 1075. C Coy to hold bridges around WEST of GHENT. Route as for Bde, then to CRUYSHAUTEM - NAZARETH 0970 - DEURLE 1074. Tps to op under comd - Pl MMGs - Pl REs - One tp 6pr RA - move embussed under "A" Coy Gp - Bn R Gp - "C" Coy Gp - "B" Coy Gp.	Casualties: Nil

			A2 & B Echs to remain under Bde control. Bn SP - Xrds 929459. Time of Start - 0810 hrs. CO & IO to travel with Bde "O" Gp. 0800 hrs move postponed. Recce party moved off. 1120 Bn moved off. 2 A&SH encountered slight opposition. 1700 hrs "A" & "C" Coys deploy and moved on to objectives. No opposition encountered. 1900 hrs "B" Coy and Bn HQ est 163768.	
Field	9th		Situation normal. 1200 hrs A, B & C Coys crossed River LYS to clear enemy from the area. 2 PW taken. Bn 'O' Gp. 'C' Coy to take over rd and rlwy bridges south west of GHENT. 1400 Bn to be ready to move. 1530 Div Comdr visited Bn. 1800 move cancelled until further orders. Bn to be in readiness to move.	Casualties: Nil
	10th		Situation normal. Bn at 2 hrs notice to move. 6 P.O.W. taken.	Casualties: Nil
Field	11th		Situation normal. Bn O Gp 1100 hrs. Bn to be ready to move by 1400 hrs. Bn S.P. 163768. One platoon of B Coy 1 Mx under comd. Bn to move to HUMBEEK 652694. Bn moved off 1400 hrs, arrived HUMBEEK 2200 hrs. Route:- DEURLE - NAZARETH - CHRUYSHAUTEM - STRYTHEM - ASSCHE - WOLVERTHEM - HUMBEEK, 1/250,000 Sheets 2 & 3. Bn HQ est at 652694. Bde 'O' Gp 1600 hrs during move. 44 Bde take over GHEEL and push NORTH to bridge over canal at 0792. 227 Bde conc EYNTHOUT 1790. 15(S) Div advance and take MOLL and push through to DONCK 1795. Plan subsequently changed and Bde to take MOLL and DONCK.	
Field	12th		Bn O Gp 0800 hrs. Infm of MOLL-DONCK attack. Bn O Gp 2230 hrs. Bn move 0830 hrs to conc area EYNTHOUT by T.C.V. Order of March: A, B, C, HQ. Move non-tactical until reaching conc area. Route "AYR". Wireless silence during move. Bn 'O' Gp to move with Bde. R.V. 0845. Carrier Pln, dismounted, to secure high ground over canal on morning of 14th. Arty SP - 4 Fd Btys, 2 Med Btys, 1 Hy Bty. Bn O Gp will recce with Bde Comdr at 0900 hrs 13th. Bn S.P. 632625 to be passed at 0810 hrs. Bde S.P. 637657 at 0830 hrs. Order of March: Sec Carriers, 2 Mortars, 2 A/Tk, all Sec Pioneers, A Coy, Sec Carriers, Bn HQ, 2 Mortars, 2 A/Tk, B Coy, A2 Ech, S Coy, RAP, Sec Carriers, 2 Mortars, 2 A/Tk, C Coy, L.A.A. Halts 10 mins every hour.	Casualties: Nil
Field	13th		Situation normal. Bn moved off at 0810 hrs. Orders amended during move. Bn to move on and occupy MOLL. 2 A&SH to push through and secure bridge at DONCK. Bn passed over ALBERT CANAL to MEERHOUT. A2 Ech left convoy at MEERHOUT. Div Recce report a few enemy at MOLL. Bn halted just short of MOLL. Bn to attack, 'B' on left, 'A' on right, 'C' in reserve. Arty barrage on MOLL for 7 mins. A/Tk guns to fire A.P. shots at Church Tower which is probably an enemy OP. Arty Barrage and A/Tk shots at 1800 hrs. Bn attack 1810 hrs. No enemy opposition, enemy having withdrawn over canal. B Coy occupied	Casualties: Nil

			posn on rd leading to DONCK 170913. A Coy 179917 on rd leading to LOMMEL. C Coy in reserve in MOLL 167904. BHQ est at 169905.	
	14th		Situation normal. 2 A&SH unable to occupy DONCK, bridge over canal being destroyed by enemy. Bn HQ shelled at 1100 hrs.	Casualties: Nil
Field	15th		Bde O Gp 1400 hrs. 44 Bde Bridgehead not very successful. If 44 Bde cannot make further progress the following Op will be carried out by 227 Bde. 2 A&SH to create a diversion at DONCK with boats. 2 Gordons to build and launch Kapok bridge and form bridgehead in wood at 143945. HLI to cross and take DESSCHEL 1696, having formed up behind wood 1593. 2 A&SH to pass through Gdns and HLI and extend right of bridgehead to WHITGOOR 1896. Sptd by 4 Fd Btys, 1 Med Bty, 1 Hy Bty. Med Bty to fire on DESSCHEL, Fd Btys on wood 1495. After this arty at call of HLI. A/Tk 17 pdrs to DESSCHEL, 6 pdr A/Tk and LAA in wood. Surprise crossing to be made in lifebelts by volunteers if available. S.L. edge of wood 1595. Launching to be ready at 0200 hrs. Bn to cross canal 0300 hrs and cross S.L. at 0600 hrs. Route:- Gdns & HLI. 168903 - 1591 - 155921, A&SH. Direct route to canal and crossing to be taped. Bn Guides to meet Gdn guides at 2 A&SH location. Guides left 2200 hrs.	Casualties: Nil
Field Field	16th		Bn O Gp 0200 hrs. 2 Gdns started off 0130 hrs. Bn to follow up as closely as possible in order to cross in darkness. Time of start 0300 hrs. Hot tea to be issued in assembly area. Order of March 'C' Coy with I.O., leading 'B' Coy, Bn HQ, A Coy. Transport to move up in rear of marching column. Method of crossing and subsequent operation. Only one br available therefore 'C' Coy to cross first and advance to clear S.L. B Coy to follow to Start Line. Bn HQ and 'A' Coy to cross later. Attack on DESSCHEL to be made by C Coy left B Coy right. Bn left MOLL 0300 hrs arrived conc area ACHTERBOSCH 1692 at 0500 hrs where contact was made with rear of 2 Gdns. Bn moved up to assembly area behind 2 Gdns at 0700. No further advance could then be made as leading coy of Gdns had not succeeded in making initial crossing of canal. HQ est 148936. 1500 hrs. Original plan abandoned and Bn withdrawn to occupy former locations in MOLL. Orders then received for 227 Bde to extend 44 Bde Bridgehead North of GHEEL 0888. Bn diverted en route and Harbour parties sent forward to recce Bn area 1091. C.O. attended Bde O Gp 1630 hrs. Bde intention to extend bridgehead by crossing canal in area from LOCK 078928 to 101934 while 2 G.H. crossed on west of bridgehead. 8 assault boats to be made available for crossing by 2 Gdns and 2 A&SH. 10 HLI to make all arrangements for taping the crossing sites and working the boats. Night 16-17 to be used for listening patrols to locate enemy on canal bank and for RE recce for boat embarkation	Casualties: Nil

Field			places. Day of 17th to be occupied in preparation and inspecting of boats. Night 17-18 taping to be completed and boats to be carried forward and launched and crossing to be made. Bn arrived new area 1920 hrs. Bn HQ est 103913. R.E. recce to begin 2100 hrs with taping party from B & C Coys and pioneer party for marking crossing sites with stakes. Recce began from right of sector 2200 hrs. Severe flooding encountered on approach to canal 101932 and canal bank could not be reached. Taping and pioneer parties were left at a central R.V. while R.E. recce officer and Bn I.O. completed recce of canal ⊙ Approaches found to be waterlogged or impassable over most of the sector. Enemy active on far side of canal with snipers and mortars.	
Field	17th		RE Recce completed 0500 hrs. Recce report forwarded to Bde HQ. Plan to make assault crossing as proposed now cancelled and instead orders given for 227 Bde to relieve 44 Bde in existing Br Hd and subsequently to extend its perimeter 1900 hrs. Carrier Pln took over from coy 6 RSF at posn covering possible crossing place at 090930.	Casualties: Nil
	18th		Bn withdrawn to conc area prior to crossing canal. 1600 hrs Bn left present location for GHEEL. Posns taken over by 7 Seaforths. Arrived GHEEL 1700 hrs. Bn HQ est 089882. A Coy area shelled during night 18-19.	Casualties: 1 OR KILLED
Field	19th		2 Gdns relieved Bn of 44 Bde in bridgehead. Bn warned to be prepared to extend bridgehead thus held by crossing canal 19-20 and attacking westwards through 2 Gdns to increase bridgehead by 500-600 yds on that side. Bn O Gp 1700 hrs. Bde intention given. Bn to move up to assembly area behind wood 072925 until normal evening German counter attack is over. Bn to cross by existing assault boat ferry during darkness. Mortar personnel to be used for ferrying and carriage of ammunition. Carrier Pln to work dismounted under comd of B Coy. A1 Echelon to remain in last location. A/Tk Pln to provide three gun teams to take over 3 guns left in Br Hd. Method of attack. B Coy right, C Coy centre, A Coy left. Arty Spt on call. Time of crossing to be ordered by Bde. Time of attack to be ordered as soon as Coys reported on S.L. Bn HQ to remain in assembly area until morning 20th. Bn left GHEEL 1830, arrived 2000 hrs. Bn dug in in assembly area. 2215 hrs Bn commenced crossing canal. Crossing completed without incident by 2400 hrs.	Casualties: Nil
	20th		H hour for attack 0200 hrs. Coys reached their objectives by 0300 hrs without serious opposition. 0415 hrs B Coy having advanced beyond objective were heavily counter attacked and forced to withdraw to correct objective, suffering some casualties. After	Casualties: 10 KILLED 20+1 WOUNDED 8 MISSING

Field			first light all coys were subjected to MG and Arty fire whenever movement was made. 0630 Bn HQ (advanced) crossed and est posn 074930. 0815 C.O. called to Bde O Gp. Orders given for further attack to extend Br Hd for a further 300-400 yds on Bn sector. Orders passed by wireless to Coys. 1100 hrs Orders for attack cancelled. 1300 hrs C.O. received orders from Bde Comdr. 1400 hrs Bn O Gp. Orders given to hold fast in present posn. Bde to come under comd 7 Armd Div while remainder of Div prepared to move to area EINDHOVEN. Arrangements made for issue of food. 1700 hrs C.O. called to Bde HQ for orders. 1800 Bn O Gp. Bde ordered to evacuate Br Hd at once as 7 Armd Div did not wish to have heavy commitments on this sector. Evacuation commenced with HLI 2000 hrs followed by simultaneous withdrawal of A&SH and Gdns. Bn withdrawn by 2300 hrs. A few casualties occurred by accurate arty fire on crossing. Bn returned to billets in GHEEL less 'A' Coy who took over covering posn on canal in area 081928.	
Field	21st		1400 hrs 'C' Coy relieved A Coy. 1600 hrs Bn O Gp. Bn to occupy defensive posns on line of canal from including wood 0792 to incl br 118938. Posns occupied with three Coys forward. A Coy right B centre C left. Bn HQ est at 092908. 1900 hrs orders received from Bde. 227 Bde less 10 HLI to rejoin Div area EINDHOVEN. 10 HLI come under comd 131 Bde from 0800 hrs 22nd and remain in present posns.	Casualties: Nil Rfts: 20
	22nd		Bde O Gp 0900 hrs. HQ 131 Bde. 7 Armd Div to be relieved on 23rd by 49 Div. Present 131 Bde sector of canal from excl HERENTHALS 9890 to incl br 118938 to be taken over by (right) 10 HLI incl br 118938 to incl br 064925, left 1/6 Queens. Relief of these two Bns would probably be carried out afternoon 23rd.	Casualties: Nil
Field	23rd		131 Bde Cmdr visited Bn and warned C.O. that relief could be expected during afternoon. Present location of 227 Bde VELDHOVEN (1/100000 Belg S.W. Sheet 4) 3714. 1400 Relief of Bn begun by 1/7 Queens. 1600 hrs Bn embussed and left location to join 227 Bde. Route GHEEL - MOLL - LOMMEL - STEENSEL 3411 - VELDHOVEN arriving 1900 hrs. Bn met by Bde L.O. and led to area received shortly beforehand by harbour party on N.W. side of EINDHOVEN. Bn HQ est 419197. Coys dispersed in civilian billets.	Casualties: Nil
Field	24th		Situation normal. C.O. attended Bde O Gp. 1530 hrs Orders given for Bde to advance on SCHIJNDEL (ref 1/100000 Holland Sheet 5) 4137. These orders were cancelled before completion of O Gp and Bde ordered to enlarge Br Hd of 46 Bde at BEST ref 3726 by attack from	Casualties: Nil

			canal to NAASTERBEST 3626. Bde to advance order 2 Gdns, 2 A&SH, Bde HQ, 10 HLI. Attack to be made by passing 2 Gdns round North of BEST to capture AARLE and establish base on main rd west of BEST. 2 A&SH and 10 HLI to pass round and attack NAASTERBEST from this position. 2100 hrs C.O. attended further O Gp at Bde. 227 Bde still to attack NAASTERBEST but as 46 Bde and 44 Bde were not sufficiently advanced attack would be made due north from canal. 2 Gdns to secure start line N of canal for subsequent attack with right 10 HLI, left 2 A&SH. Arty and MG fire plan made in support. H hour for attack 1000 hrs. Bn O Gp 2200 hrs information and general plan of Bde Ops were given out. Bns to be prepared to move off at 0730 hrs next day.	
Field Field	25th		0645 hrs Bn O Gp. Orders given for attack on NAASTERBEST. Bn to advance on narrow sector facing canal ref 3724 to NAASTERBEST with right flank on rlwy. Main enemy strong pts were known to be situated along this rlwy. Attack to be made on either a one or two coy front according to the appreciation of the ground made by C.O. at advanced O.P. One troop S.P. guns under comd to follow up Bn for demolition of houses etc, order of advance A, B, C Coys. 0730 hrs Bn moved off and crossed canal by bridge 380244 at 0930 hrs. Then moving into F.A.A. wood 3727 while 2 Gdns cleared start line. C.O. and Bn O Gp meanwhile viewed the ground from OP in factory on S. bank of canal and C.O. decided to attack with A Coy right, C Coy left. B Coy in support of A Coy. As 2 Gdns were not able to reach their objectives and clear start line the subsequent phases of the operation were not carried out. Bn remained in assembly area. 1830 hrs CO visited Bde HQ for orders. 2130 hrs Bn O Gp. 46 Bde to remain and deal with enemy in BEST while remainder of Div advanced to area LIEMDE 3632. 227 Bde to advance on route BEST - VLEUT 3828, clear wood 3830 and form hedgehog north of wood. Advance through wood to be made with right 10 HLI, left 2 A&SH. Arty spt on Bn call to clear allotted sector with right 'A' Coy, left 'C' Coy and B Coy in reserve.	Casualties: Nil Rfts: 37
    Field	26th		Bn left Assembly Area 0700 hrs. Coys on start line S of wood at 0830 hrs. Bn began advancing through wood meeting some opposition from M.G.s. 1345 hrs support given by rocket firing Typhoons. A Coy held up by heavy MG fire halfway through wood. B Coy ordered to clear this opposition by left flanking movement through C Coy 1600 hrs. Before this operation could be completed Bde was ordered to withdraw into Bn hedgehog posns south of wood. Carriers withdrew and dug in in area 390300. During the clearing of the wood about 60 POW were taken at the expense of 2 killed and 20 wounded. Advanced Bn HQ established 392299. Spasmodic mortaring and shelling of Bn	Casualties: 22

			posns. Contact patrols made throughout the night with flanking units.	
Field	27th		Bn remained in hedgehog positions. Typhoons made further attacks on wood. Spasmodic shelling of our posns by enemy arty. 44 Bde passed through to NE of the Bde posns prior to making flanking attack on area north of wood. Fighting patrols were carried out by coys and brought in a further 14 P.O.W. Bn ordered to extend the perimeter of the hedgehog towards the road next day. By night contact patrols were made with flanking units. 44 Bde made night attack on area N of road.	Casualties: Nil
	28th		Situation normal. Slight enemy shelling. Orders given for coys to advance slightly into new positions recced by C.O. and Coy Cmdrs. At 1100 hrs and 1300 hrs further Typhoon attacks were made on the wood, preceded in each case by propaganda broadcasts by Div I.O. and patrols subsequently brought in a total of 5 PW, and stated that large numbers of enemy were prevented by their own MG's from surrendering. 1700 hrs Coys occupied rear posns. By night the usual contact patrols were made.	Casualties: Nil Rfts: 9
Field	29th		Situation normal. Fighting patrols sent out which encountered heavy MG and mortar fire on S edge of wood. Enemy sniping and shelling more pronounced than on previous day. Two men wounded by shellfire. One Officer P.O.W. taken. By night contact patrols were made and a fighting patrol sent to secure P.W.'s from a new enemy posn observed in SE corner of wood. This posn was found to be empty by night.	Casualties: 2
	30th	1700	Situation normal. Very little enemy activity. Patrols from fwd coys reported previous M.G. posns empty and only snipers in S edge of wood on Bn sector. B Coy patrol lost one man killed by sniper. C.O. visited Bde HQ and received warning order that Bn might be relieved next day for period of rest and re-equipping. H.P. Mackley Lt Col O.B.E. Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry	Casualties: 1

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Month and Year September 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			PART TWO ADMINISTRATIVE DIARY	
Field	5th		Can/497 WS/LT Owen JH H.L.I./CAN. admitted to CCP on 4th Sept 44 and S.O.S. this unit.	
	14th		2LT Short R.H. H.L.I. granted immediate emergency combatant commission by CinC and T.O.S. 10th H.L.I. wef 14th Sept 44.	
	15th		2/LT Healey A. H.L.I. granted immediate emergency commission by CinC and T.O.S. 10th H.L.I. wef 15th Sept 44.	
	18th		CDN/616 WS/LT Drew S.S. R.C.A./CAN posted to W.E. of 10th H.L.I. from 33 R.H.U. and T.O.S. wef 18th Sept 44.	AUTHY:
	21st		WS/LT McGilp F.I. H.L.I. posted to W.E. of 10th H.L.I. from 32 R.H.U. and T.O.S. wef 19th Sept 44. WS/LT Mitchell JL H.L.I. admitted hospital. Evacuated through 153 Field Amb on 20th Sept 44 & S.O.S. this unit.	AUTHY: 32/Inf/2141/Serial Wo 1650 dated 18/9/44
Field	23rd		T/Capt Agnew EM H.L.I. missing in action Nr AART Belgium ref 075927 sheet 25/35 TOURNHOUT-GHEEL on 20th Sept 44 believed wounded and P.O.W.	
	27th		Cdn/467 T/Capt McCabe RA (PEIH) (CAN)) Wounded in action on 26th Cdn/356 WS/LT Graham D H.L.I. (CAN)) Sept 44 and S.O.S this unit. Field 30th September 44 H.P. Mackley Lt Col O.B.E. Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry	

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Month and Year OCTOBER

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st		Situation normal. Night Patrols activity negative. 0700 Orders received for harbour party to proceed to new location. 1230 hrs C.O. of 1st Gordons arrived at Bn HQ to commence taking over. 1200 mortar pl put down harassing fire on enemy posns in wood to conceal fact that Bn was preparing to move. 1500 Relieving unit began taking over posns. Rear posns to be relieved during daylight and fwd posns at dusk under cover of 4.2 in mortar fire. 2000 handover completed. 2100 Bn moved off embussed to rest area MILHEEZE 6526 by route:- VLEUT 3828 - NEINSEL 4430 - BEEK 5427 - GEMEERT 5729 - BAKEL 6225 - MILHEEZE 6526. (Ref Sheet 5 HOLLAND 1/100,000)	CASUALTIES: NIL P.W.'s: NIL
Field	2nd		0030 Bn arrived at MILHEEZE. Bn HQ est at 642266. Bn began four day period of rest, regrouping and trg. Trg to cover chiefly elementary battle drill, handling of weapons and street fighting.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
	3rd		Situation normal. Bn engaged in trg. 1400 C.O. addressed Officers and afterwards Coys independently.	CAS:- NIL
	4th		Situation normal. Bn engaged in trg.	CAS:- NIL
Field	5th	1730	Situation normal. 1430 Dutch LO addressed coys in turn on "Conditions likely to be met in Germany". Bde Comd addressed all Offrs and NCOs of 227 Bde in Cinema at DEURNE 6520 on pts of general discipline and on the general plan of the forthcoming operation.	CAS:- NIL
	6th		Situation normal. Bn "I" Section attended one day conference at Bde HQ. 1400 C.O. attended Bde 'O' Gp. Preliminary orders given for forthcoming operation. (Details not given as operation later cancelled). 1645 Div Comdr addressed all officers of the Bn.	
	7th		Situation normal. 0830 hrs COs parade, rehearsal for parade before Div Comdr on following day. 1500 C.O. and 2i/c attended Corps Comdrs conference. Operation as outlined on 6th October cancelled. Details of further ops not yet known. Dutch LO attached to Bn.	
Field	8th		Situation normal. 0430 "C" Coy reported that enemy mines had been laid on rd MILHEEZE - DEURNE, one mile south of their posn 653226.	

			Two Jeeps from outside units became casualties as a result of these mines. The remainder of mines in road neutralized by Bn Pioneer Pl. 1000 Bn paraded before Div Comdr. Div Comdr addressed Bn and afterwards took the salute at a march past of the Bn and Pipe Band. Parade followed by Bn Church parade attended by Bde Comdr. 1130 hrs Contact made with units of 11 Armd Div on left flank with a view to preventing infiltration of German mining parties by night. Bde ordered cycle patrols to be sent out hourly during night between 10/HLI and 2 Gordons along rd MILHEEZE - DEURNE.	
Field	9th		Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys.	
	10th		Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys.	
	11th		Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys.	
	12th		Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys. Warning orders that 13th October would be available for trg. Trg would include wood clearing.	
	13th		Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys. 1630 Officers and NCOs attended demonstration of armoured troop carriers. 2100 CO to Bde for conference and to receive outline of next operation.	
Field	14th		Situation normal. 0930 CO attended coordinating conference at Bde HQ and received maps and details of next operation. 1100 to 1230 Coys practised embussing and debussing with armd troop carriers. Sigs personnel attended 19 Set operating course at Bde HQ. 1700 Bn conference of Coy and Specialist Pl Comdrs to discuss details for forthcoming operation. Details for the moment to be issued to Officers only and no maps to be issued until a later date.	
	15th		Situation normal. Bde 'O' Gp. Proposed operation cancelled. Bn to remain in present location until further notice. Coys engaged in further training.	
	16th		Situation normal. Coys engaged in training.	
Field	17th		Situation normal. Coys engaged in training.	
	18th		Situation normal. Bde O Gp 1000 hrs. Bde to be prepared to return to DONDERDONCK 3930 and take over def posns previously held by Bde, relieving two Bdes of 51(H) Div. Move to be made embussed, marching personnel in TCVs. Bn to pass SP 1135 hrs. Route:- MILHEEZE 6424 - HELMOND 5522 - AARLE 5425 - BEEK 5427 - LIESHOUT 5126 - NIENSEL 4330 - ST OEDENRODE 4332 - DONDERDONCK 3930. Order of March:- A, Bn HQ, B & C.	
	19th		Situation normal. Bn moved off embussed at 1135 hrs on route as detailed above. Bn passed SP at 1145 hrs, arriving DONDERDONCK at 1420. Take over completed by 1800 hrs. Bn HQ est at 392299. Recce patrols sent out during night. No enemy were contacted.	

Field	20th		Situation normal. Admin 'O' Gp 1400 hrs. Patrol intentions for night 20/21 Oct laid on. During day fwd posns were mortared intermittently and sporadic bursts of MG fire were observed. Patrol sent out at 2000 hrs, encountering enemy MG fire, returning to Coy area without loss.	
	21st		Stand to. Situation normal. Bn mortars employed on suspected enemy posns throughout morning. Early morning patrols contacted enemy posns in area of wood fwd of Bn posns. Occasional enemy mortaring throughout day. 2100 hrs A Coy patrol sent out, encountering MG fire from def posns in area 3830, returning without loss. 2400 B Coy patrol sent out.	CASUALTIES: 1 WOUNDED
Field	22nd		Stand to. Situation normal. B Coy patrol attempted to search a portion of wood in area 385306 but attempt abandoned due to thick nature of undergrowth. No enemy fire was encountered but noise of enemy withdrawing from area of wood was heard. Patrol returned without loss. Enemy mortar fire dropped on 'A' Coy's posns, causing one casualty.	Casualties: 1 Killed 8 Wounded
Field	23rd		Stand to. Situation normal. Patrols out during night and encountered enemy posns as on previous night and returned without loss. Fwd posns of 'B' Coy mortared. 7 wounded. 1400 hrs C.O. attended planning conference at Bde HQ. 1500 hrs Bn planning conference. 15(S) Div to take part in op to clear wood and adv to BEST - BOCKSTEL rd in conjunction with attack of 51(H) Div on SCHIJNDEL and 53(W) Div attack on S'HERTOGENBOSCH. Clearing of Northern part of wood to be a preliminary phase and to be completed by 1300 hrs. One Sqn COLDSTREAM GDS tks (6 Gds Tk Bde) to operate in support. Op probably to commence on 25th Oct.	
Field	24th		Stand to. Patrols out during night. Enemy posns previously held were found to be evacuated and although patrols fired their weapons and showed themselves openly, no enemy movt could be seen. Bn 'O' Gp 1030 hrs. Plan changed owing to advance of 51 Div and apparent withdrawal of enemy. 227 Bde to clear wood area DONDERDONCK - VLEUT - DE NACHTEGAAL - LIEMDE at once, 2 GORDONS on right, 10/HLI in centre, 2 A&SH on left. On reaching road BOKSTEL - BEST, Bns were to consolidate and await further orders. 15(S) Recce Regt were to recce along track VLEUT - LIEMDE for enemy posns. Bde to pass SL at 1200 hrs. 1200 hrs Bn started to clear wood, 'C' Coy left, A Coy right. Both fwd coys reached first report line, no signs of enemy, and posns showed hurried evacuation. Coys pushed on to rd BOKSTEL - BEST and consolidated. No enemy opposition had yet been encountered. Coys then told to push on to line of rly BEST - BOKSTEL and reached objective before last light. Bn HQ established	

			363295. 'A' and 'C' Coys dug in on line of rly, B Coy in area Bn HQ.	
Field	25th		Stand to. Situation normal. Still no sign of enemy. Bn to move to conc area NOTEL 3226. Bn moved off in two bodies. Marching personnel at 1230 hrs by route SNEIPSEND 3427 - track junction 323282 - NOTEL 3226. Tpt left at 1400 by route VRILKHOVEN 3432 - x tracks 320298 - NOTEL 3226. Bn HQ est at 323270. Bn 'O' Group. Bn to move to area MOERGESTEL 2330 on 26th, where Bde would assist in attack on TILBURG.	
Field	26th		Stand to. Marching personnel moved off at 1035 hrs passed SP 300069 at 1135. Route:- Main road OIRSCHOT 3125 - MOERGESTEL 2330. Order of march:- C, B, Bn HQ, A. Bn reached MOERGESTEL at 1630 hrs. Bn HQ est at 229305. 1400 hrs CO attended Bde 'O' Group. Details of plan for clearing of TILBURG in conjunction with 44 Bde. HLI to mop up GOIRLE 1527 after passage of other two Bns in armd carriers. Then adv in turn on Armd Carriers and enter NE part of town. 1700 hrs Bn 'O' Group. Details of plan to clear TILBURG and GOIRLE. Planning done entirely from air photographs and town plans. 2100 C.O. attended Bde 'O' Group. Change of plan in attacking TILBURG. Bde advance to be made through 44 Bde area west of town, and HLI to clear GOIRLE from the north.	
Field	27th		Bn 'O' Group 0900. Details given for clearing of GOIRLE and subsequent clearing of TILBURG. Bn to move to fwd assembly area at VOORT 1825. 1125 hrs Bn passed SP to move to VOORT by march route:- MOERGESTEL 2330 - BIEST 2126 - HIVARENBEEK - VOORT. Tpt followed later by same route. Arrived assembly area 1400 hrs. 1530 hrs Orders received from Bde Comd that 44 Bde had advanced rapidly and Bde was to move in rapidly to occupy TILBURG. 1600 hrs Bn began to move into TILBURG by march route via BROEKHOVEN 1630. Tpt much delayed by traffic congestion and only tracked vehs could cross the temporary bridges. Bn entered TILBURG without opposition at last light and took up billets for the night. A1 echelon and food brought up by 2100 hrs.	
Field	28th		Situation normal. Carrier patrols sent to check roads SW of town. Bn 'O' Group 1000 hrs. Bn to move to conc area HEEZE. Area changed en route to ASTEN 6113. Bn moved off embussed from TILBURG at 1730 hrs by route - TILBURG - HILVARENBEEK - STEINSEL - EINDHOVEN - GELDROP - HEEZE - ASTEN. Order of march - S Coy (tracked vehs), A, Bn HQ, B & C. Bn arrived ASTEN 2100 hrs. Bn HQ established 616147. On arrival orders given for alarm posns South of ASTEN to be manned in case of emergency.	

	29th		Stand to. Situation normal. 0800 CO attended Bde 'O' Group. Bn def posns south of ASTEN coordinated. 0845 CO carried out recce of ground with Coy Comdrs. 1100 hrs Bn ordered to take up def posn around ASTEN in event of enemy counter attack. Bn HQ est at 619132. 1500 hrs Bn ordered to move fwd and take up posn in area of wood 6409 to relieve recce unit of 7 Armd Div. Bn moved and took up posns by 2359 hrs. Bn HQ est at 640103.	Casualties: 2 Wounded
Field	30th		Stand to. 2 GORDONS on left were attacked twice at 0430 and 0730. Both attacks beaten off. Own patrols active on Bn front while Recce Regt on right patrolled canal. Some PWs were taken. 2300 enemy infiltrated through our lines, believed to be Coy Strength, and took up posn in wood 6409. Div Arty and Medium Arty brought to bear on wood during night and concs were put down on tracks 6509 to prevent enemy escaping. MGs & Bn mortars fired on track also. 2400 Tanks moved up to protect flanks. Noise of enemy movt in area 6508 engaged by arty fire.	18 P.O.W. Taken Casualties: 1 Killed 7 Wounded
Field	31st		0015 Sig Sgt and Cpl on line repair party captured by enemy in wood. Sgt escaped but was wounded in doing so. Arty brought down on wood at different intervals from 0100 to 0700. 6 PWs were taken. 0700 hrs A Coy with spt of tanks swept wood thoroughly but owing to misty nature of morning and poor visibility enemy escaped. A Coy reported wood cleared of enemy. Enemy shelling of fwd posns during day. Reinforcements for month of October 140 H.P. Mackley Lt Col Officer Comdg 10th Bn H.L.I.	21 P.O.W. Taken Casualties: 2 Killed 2 Wounded

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			WAR DIARY PART II - ADMINISTRATIVE.	
Field	6 Oct		A/Capt D.W. Preston posted to WE 10/HLI from 7 Seaforths and TOS this Unit wef 7 Oct 44 WS/Lieut. D.R. Turner posted to WE 10/HLI from 32 RHU and TOS this Unit wef 7 Oct 44	
"	20 Oct		WS/Lieut. J.A. Kerr (276868) posted to WE 10/HLI from 32 RHU and TOS this Unit wef 18 Oct 44 2/Lieut. D.D. Farmer granted immediate emergency commission by GOC 21st Army Group wef 20th Oct 44	Authy EXPOR/A/8390 of 191230A
	26 Oct		A/Capt W. Laing 190340 to be T/Capt wef 19 May 1944. WS/Lieut/CDN520) Jackson R.G. admitted CCP and sos wef 20 Oct 44	
	30 Oct		WS/Lieut. 277441 D.R. Turner admitted CCP and sos wef 29 Oct 44 Field 31 Oct 44 H.P. Mackley Lieut.-Colonel Commanding 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry	

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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

Month and Year NOVEMBER 44

Commanding Officer Lt-Col H.P. Mackley O.B.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st		Bn still at 619132. Situation normal. Patrol activity. CO to "O" Group at Bde HQ 1400 hrs. Details given for 227 Bde to advance on MEIJEL 7106 from west if 44 Bde attack on the village was successful. Orders received later that night for this op to be replaced by advance of 10 HLI and 2 GDNS into houses 300-400 yds ahead of them.	CASUALTIES: WOUNDED 5 KILLED 2 PW:- 5 REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
	2nd	1000	Situation normal. 0930 hrs HLI and GDNS advanced with tank and RA support and occupied several houses immed fwd of their posns and no opposition was encountered. "A" Coy ordered to move fwd to houses 637092 their posns being taken over by Coy 2 A&SH. Bn engaged in active patrolling. Spasmodic shelling of fwd posns. Some enemy patrols were shot up.	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- 3 REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
FIELD	3rd	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night.	CASUALTIES:- 1 MISSING PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	4th	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night.	CASUALTIES:- 1 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	5th	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night. Bn 'O' Group. CO warned all Coy Comdrs to be prepared to be relieved by 6 R.S.F.	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- 3 ORs
	6th	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night. 6 RSF began taking over from 10 HLI and 2 GDNS at 1230 hrs. Take over completed by 1800 hrs. Bn returned to ASTEN 6113. Bn HQ est 620131.	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
	7th	0600	Situation normal. Warning order issued for Bn to be prepared to relieve 8RS & 6KOSB on 8th Nov in area MOOSTDIJK 6909.	CASUALTIES:- 1 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- 4 ORs
FIELD	8th	0600	Situation normal. Relief of 8 RS and 6 KOSB to begin at 1500 hrs and to be completed by 2300 hrs. 1330 hrs Bn left ASTEN for MOOSTDIJK. 1500 hrs relief commenced. Bn HQ est at 695096. One Pl 8	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL

			RS under comd Bn for patrol purposes. Patrols sent out during night.	
	9th	0600	Situation normal. Enemy mortaring of fwd posns. Bde Comdr visited Bn and advised C.O. to be ready to be relieved next day by 6 KOSB. Bn to return to previous location in ASTEN. Take over to commence at 1200 hrs and be completed by 2000 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	10th	0600	Situation normal. Bn relieved by 6 KOSB at 1200 hrs. Bn left for ASTEN at 1300 hrs. Bn HQ est 620131. Take over completed by 2000 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 26 ORs
FIELD	11th	0600	Situation normal. Bn still resting in ASTEN.	CAS:-) PW:-) NIL REINF:-)
	12th	0600	Situation normal. Bde 'O' Gp. Bn to relieve 6 RSF on 13th Nov. Relief to start at 1400 hrs and be comp at 2000 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 2 OFF & 43 ORs
	13th	0615	Situation normal. Bn 'O' Gp 0900. Details given for relief of 6 RSF. 1100 hrs Corps Comdr visited Bn and Div Comdr visited Bn at 1200 hrs. Bn left ASTEN at 1330 hrs to relieve 6 RSF and arrived at 1400 hrs. Bn HQ est at 637104. Take over completed by 1800 hrs. CO decided to form a "BATTLE GROUP" as a nucleus for a future "D" Coy. Battle Gp to consist of 3 secs, one from each Coy, each sec to be armed with 2 Bren LMGs - 2" Mortar - and one P.I.A.T. Battle Gp to be comd by Lieut J D Robinson.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	14th	0630	Situation normal. Fwd Coys reported some shelling and extensive minefields fwd of their posns. Pl of REs att to Bn commenced clearing mines in Bn area. Bn warned to occupy MEIJEL as patrols of 44 Bde reported that enemy activity in this area had apparently ceased. One Coy of REs to be in spt of Bn. Axis of advance - Main Rd MEIJEL - ASTEN. "C" Coy to occupy area BERG 6907 and consolidate. "B" Coy to pass through and occupy MEIJEL followed by "A" Coy who was to pass through and consolidate in area DONK 7105. "C" Coy on completion of this were to pass through MEIJEL and consolidate in area 713066 with patrols along rd to canal. "B" Coy patrol entered MEIJEL during night and remained in there. Enemy patrols were met in village.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	15th	0630	Situation normal. Bde Comdr visited Bn at 0930. Bn 'O' Gp 1015 hrs. Bn to move into MEIJEL by stages as planned. Bn moved at 1115 hrs. First objective occupied by "C" Coy at 1300 hrs. Many mines were encountered in this area and were cleared by Bn Pioneer Pl and REs. "B" Coy passed through and reached second objective at 1330 hrs. "C" Coy passed through "B" and took up posn in area 713066. "A" Coy moved up to "C" Coy posn and then passed through MEIJEL to take and	CAS:- 6 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL

			consolidate area DONK at 1700 hrs. Bn HQ est at 708069. Two vehicles destroyed by mines. Patrols sent out during night. Sporadic shelling of MEIJEL. 44 Bde reached area N of MEIJEL. Enemy outposts encountered on west Bank of Canal.	
FIELD	16th	0630	Situation normal. Bde "O" Gp 1500. Bn 'O' Gp 1730 hrs. Bn 'O' Gp. "B" Coy to move to area 725066 with fwd pls on west bank of DEURNE canal preparatory to crossing canal to link up with adv of 51(H) Div from South. One Pl of 'B' Coy took up posn at 716067, rest of Coy remained in old location. "C" Coy moved to area 715065 to fill in gap between "A" & "B". Shelling of village during night.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 1 OFFR
	17th	0630	Situation normal. 'B' Coy moved into area 716067. Shelling of village during day.	CAS:- 1 KILLED 2 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- 6 ORs
	18th	0630	Situation normal. Patrols attempted to cross canal but as enemy was still present, patrols returned. Pioneer Sec shot up by MG believed at 729068. 3 casualties. Bde 'O' Gp 1900. Bn 'O' Gp 2100. "B" to push fwd 2 Pls across canal to cover construction of bridge next morning. Bn to cross bridge when complete and occupy BERINGEN 7506 and relieve Recce Regt of 49 Div.	CAS:- 3 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	19th	0630	Sit normal. "B" Coy pushed two Pls fwd across canal without opposition. Recce patrol sent to BERINGEN to contact troops holding village. Bde 'O' Gp 1400 (Details given for future Bde adv to Sevenum - Op "NUTCRACKER"). Bn to move after last as soon as bridge over canal completed. 1945 hrs Bn moved off into BERINGEN, coys by march route, tpt to follow on completion of bridge. Bn arrived BERINGEN 2130 hrs. Contact patrols between Coys. Bn HQ est at 748059. Bn 'O' Gp 2000. Remainder of 227 Bde to cross canal 20 NOV and adv on SEVENUM by route BERINGEN - track to ACHTERSTE STEEG 8012 - SEVENUM. 10/HLI to follow up in reserve. Scots Gds Tanks in support of Bde. In view of muddy nature of track to be used, Bn tpt limited to tracked vehs and 4x4 wheeled vehs. Essential stores from other vehs to be loaded on to extra carriers taken from carrier pl. Carrier Pl to fight on foot.	CAS:- 7 WOUNDED 1 KILLED PW:- NIL REINF:- 4 ORs
	20th		Sit normal. Bn to be ready to follow up 2 GDNS and 2 A&SH. Bn 'O' Gp 1330. Details issued for follow up of Bn. Move postponed at 1600 hrs as bad going held up adv of leading Bn. 1900 Bde 'O' Gp. Adv on SEVENUM to be contd next day on 2 Bn front, 10/HLI to remain in reserve.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	21st		Sit normal. Bn ready to move in spt of rest of Bde. Move again postponed due to bad conditions of tracks, which slowed down	CAS:- 1 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- 13 ORs

			progress of leading Bns. Bde 'O' Gp 1800 hrs. Leading Bns to cont adv on SEVENUM. HLI to move up in support.	
	22nd	0630	Situation normal. Bn moved off to concentrate behind 2 A&SH at BROEK 8011. Bn HQ est 806115. Bn to be prepared to cross HELMOND - VENLO rly and occupy HORST 8318. Bn maintained along very difficult track by using carriers and "weasels" to bring up supplies.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	23rd	0630	Situation normal. 0830 hrs Bn moved off supported by Sqn of Tks from 3 Scots Gds and 1 troop of "Flail" tks. Bn reached HORST 8318 without encountering any opposition by 1100 hrs. Bn HQ est 829186. Bn consolidated around northern end of village. Rest of Bde in southern part. Bn area heavily shelled at 2030 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	24th	0600	Situation normal. "C" Coy moved fwd to 832203 to cover construction of bridge at 833203. Carrier sec went fwd with pioneers to clear rd from 832203 to 820210. 1730 hrs Bde 'O' Gp. 2100 Bn 'O' Gp. Bn to do right flank protection to Bde advance on TIENRAIJ 8523. Bn to occupy EIKELENBOSCH 8521 supported by Sqn of 3 Scots Gds tks and 1 troop of "Flail" tanks. Order of march:- A, Fwd HQ, B & C, the carriers to join in en route. Axis of advance:- track 843203 to EIKELENBOSCH. "C" Coy to recce and clear at first light route from main rd to this track.	CAS:- NIL PW:- 1 REINF:- NIL
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FIELD			wood 8626 where Coy Cmdr carried out recce with CO. Tanks unable to move up owing to swampy nature of track. 1600 "C" Coy cleared southern part of BLITTERSWIJK and move through to north, taking up def posns. "B" Coy moved up and occupied posns in Southern part of village. Enemy posts on left flank engaged by tp of tks. 1730 Battle Gp moved up to posn guarding western approaches. Bn HQ est 868249. Bn HQ shelled during evening. "C" Coy extended posns after dark. Coys patrolled towards river, encountering enemy to NW. BLITTERSWIJK heavily shelled during night. Ground near river flooded up to depth of 2 ft.	
FIELD	27th	1400	Situation normal. C Coy est OP at 877274 and observed enemy movement on east bank of MAAS. B Coy patrol located enemy movement and posns covered by wire and minefield west of BLITTERSWIJK. A Coy found similar posns between HELLING 8626 and rd WANSSUM - BLITTERSWIJK. Bn to be relieved by 2 RUR, relief to commence 1600 hrs. Harbour Party left to recce billets in ASTEN. 2300 hrs relief completed at 2330 hrs and moved via VENRAIJ - DEURNE to ASTEN.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 4 ORs
	28th		Bn arrived in billets at ASTEN 6113 by 0500 hrs. Bn HQ est 612131.	CAS:- 3 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- 7 ORs
	29th		Situation normal. Bn resting in ASTEN.	CAS:-) PW:-) NIL REINF:-)
	30th		Situation normal. Bn resting in ASTEN. H.P. Mackley Lt Col Comdg 10th Bn The H.L.I.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 3 ORs

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FIELD	12th		PART TWO ADMINISTRATIVE 324282 2ND/LT GORLEY HA (KSLI) posted to WE of 10/HLI from 33 RHU and T.O.S. this Unit wef 11 Nov 44 324306 WS/LT COATES TG (DLI) posted to WE of 10/HLI from 33 RHU and TOS this Unit wef 11 Nov 44	
	16th		138556 T/CAPT SCOTT AN (HLI) awarded the MILITARY CROSS. 326363 2/LT TIMMONS M. (HLI) posted to WE of 10/HLI from 2 A&SH and T.O.S. this unit wef 15th NOV 44. H.P. Mackley LT COL COMDG 10th Bn The H.L.I.	

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Field	1st		Situation normal. Bn still in ASTEN 612131.	Rfts. 4 OR's
	2nd		Situation normal. Bn still in ASTEN.	
	3rd		Situation normal. Bn still in ASTEN.	Rfts. 6 OR's
	4th		Situation normal. Bn warned to be prepared to take over from 4 Welch Regt. 160(W) Bde in area BAARLO 8504.	
	5th		Situation normal. CO and IO went to BAARLO to recce area and disposns of 4 Welch in preparation of take over.	
	6th	0945	Recce new area by CO and Coy Comdrs.	Rfts. 41 ORs
Field	7th	0830	Bn "O" Gp. Bn to be ready to take over from 4 Welch and 2 Mons after last light. Bn sector extends from right incl. HOUT 8402 to left incl BAARLO 8505. Bn to hold this sector and prevent enemy patrolling, special attention to be paid to concealment and control of movement by day. Coys to man outposts O.P's covering FERRY HO 872052 LOCK GATES 868038 - HOUSES 859027 and track 848016. Bn to move up embussed by route ASTEN - MEIJEL - BERINGEN - HELDEN - ONDER to ass. area in wood 8304. Take over to commence after last light and Comd. to pass at 0430 hrs 8th. Coy and Pl Comdrs to do advanced recce starting 1130 hrs. 1240 Bn moved up by route given to ass area. 1445 Bn halted in ass area while meal was prepared. 1800 hrs Bn HQ est at 853048. "A" Coy occupied BAARLO by 1900 hrs.	
	8th		0430 relief completed. Coy location as follows: "C" Coy Pl at 840023, 843025 and 843029 with sec by night at 847016. "B" Coy with Pl at: 842034, 887042 and 853044 with sec by day at 854031 and by night, Pl in this area, with sec at 859027 and further Pl at 849032. "A" Coy Pls at 860047 with sec by day at 843038 and by night at 848038, Pl at 860050 with sec by day 868049 and by night 872052 Pl at 860057. Battle Gp located in BONG 849051 as counter attack force and carrier Pl at Bn HQ for local protection and counter attack. During the early part of the night one of our patrols was attacked by enemy patrol at 857026.	Cas: 1 OR Killed 2 Wounded Rfts 8 OR's

	9th		Slight shelling during the day. Our O.P.s observed enemy movement around known posns 859018, BELFELD 8602, 872038 and 874047.	Cas: Nil Rfts : 1 OR.
Field	10th		Slight shelling and MG fire. Enemy activity observed as on previous day enabling some posns to be pinpointed. No enemy patrols were contacted during the night 9/10th. RE's laid A/Pers minefield covering lock 868038.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	11th		Enemy shelling and MG fire was slight and some activity was observed in suspected enemy localities. Civilian reports stated that enemy patrols crossed from area BELFELD in rubber boats. 2315 hrs Battle Gp patrol shot up at 862030 by enemy patrol with MG and grenades. One of our patrol was wounded but brought back safely. Enemy withdrew after grenade had been thrown at them and were not subsequently contacted.	Cas: 1 Wounded Rfts : 1 OR PW's : Nil
	12th		0315 hrs Battle Gp patrol shot up in houses 867048 by enemy patrol of unknown strength. One of our patrol killed and one wounded, but remaining man caused cas to enemy with a grenade. One wounded POW was brought in.	Cas: 1 Killed 1 Wounded Rfts : 4 OR's PW's : 1
	13th		Enemy activity normal. Bn 6 pdrs fired at O.P. in church tower BELFELD and enemy retaliated with Arty fire. C in C presentation of medals at ZOMMEREN 591112.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
Field	14th		Enemy activity normal. Shelling slight. Suspected enemy crossing places reported to be from BELFELD to behind artificial bank 865033. RE's by night laid A/Pers minefield covering south edge of this bank 863029.	Cas: Nil Rfts : 30 OR's PW's : Nil
	15th		Enemy activity normal. 1200 hrs Div Comdr visited Bn. 1500 hrs Corps Comdr visited Bn. By night enemy patrols suspected but no contact made.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	16th		Enemy activity normal. Slight shelling and MG fire during day. No contact with our patrols. Civilians reported three enemy broke into HO 853027 during night.	Cas: Nil Rfts : 2 OR's PW's : Nil
	17th		Enemy activity and shelling slight. Enemy air activity increased over night and several fighter bombers and recce aircraft (incl jet propelled) flew over the sector during the day. By night RE's laid A/Pers minefield at north end of artificial bank 866035.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	18th		Enemy [activity] and shelling slight. Visibility poor owing to mist.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	19th		Enemy activity and shelling slight. A very quiet day, visibility poor, which limited observation, due to mist. Bn warned to be prepared for relief by 2 A&SH on 20th Dec.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil

Field	20th		0800 hrs Coy reps carried out recce of new area. 1330 take over by 2 A&SH began, owing to bad visibility it was found possible to change over all except fwd posts in daylight. Relief of fwd posts completed by 2000 hrs. Coys lifted by MT to new location. "A" Coy EGCHEL 7703, "B" Coy HELDEN 7803, "C" Coy HUB 7603, Bn HQ and "S" Coy at EGCHELHOEK 7703, Bn HQ at 771038.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	21st		1030 Bn O Gp. CO gave probable future role of Bn, namely that the present system of relief and occupation of river line would continue. Since the latest arrivals of reinforcements had brought the Bn up to WE, it was proposed to reform "D" Coy on 22nd Dec using the Battle Group as a nucleus. The new coy to be comd by Major A.F. REDDICK, Capt A.N. SCOTT assuming comd of "S" Coy. 2 Pl's from each coy in turn would do 24 hrs duty. One with each of the fwd Bns to provide patrols or ambush parties.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	22nd		Situation normal. "D" Coy reformed.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
Field	23rd		Situation normal. Bn at rest. Recces made for take over from 2nd Gordons. 1830 Bn O Gp. Bn to be prepared to take over from 2nd Gordons in KESSEL 8200 sector on following day. Detailed timetable worked out.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	24th		Situation normal. 1400 hrs Bn commenced take over from 2nd Gordons. Coys moving independently in accordance with timetable. Bn was disposed as follows: "A" Coy area KESSEL EIK 807988, "B" Coy area VEER and KESSEL 8200, "C" Coy around 828015, "D" Coy in reserve near Bn HQ. Bn HQ est at 816014. The following fwd posns were manned by night. "A" Coy 801983 and 808987. Carriers Pl 810991 and 813995. "D" Coy 817998. "B" Coy 822002, 831006 and 835008. "C" Coy 839009. Take over completed by 2100 hrs. Enemy activity during night was slight.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	25th		Little enemy activity. Visibility poor.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	26th		Visibility improved and a certain amount of enemy movement was seen, enabling some of their posns to be located. Coys began wiring of all posns with trip wires and erection of donnert fence, as near to river as poss in their sector.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	27th		Enemy activity slight. Visibility poor restricting observation.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
Field	28th		Enemy activity slight. Observation again restricted by bad visibility. During night 28/29 Dec, a telephone cable to a fwd posn of "A" Coy was cut. Investigation procured an enemy cap and some leaflets. But no contact was made with enemy.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil

	29th		Far bank of river obscured by mist during most of day. Some increase was heard in noise of enemy working.	Cas: Nil Rfts: Nil PW's: Nil
	30th		Situation quiet. Very little enemy activity observed.	Cas: Nil Rfts: Nil PW's: Nil
	31st		Div Comd visited an O.P. in the Bn area during the morning. Visibility was improved and some further enemy posns were located. B.L.A. 5th January 1945 H.P. Mackley Lt.Col OBE Comdg. 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry "City of Glasgow Regiment".	Cas: Nil Rfts: 2 OR's PW's: Nil

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			Part Two Administrative	
Field	2nd		A/Capt. Preston D.W. S.Staffs admitted to hospital and SOS this unit wef 2nd Dec.	
	5th		WS/Lt Adey G.G. RS posted to WE of 10th H.L.I. from 2nd Army Signals and TOS this unit wef 4th Dec 44.	
	6th		WS/Lt MacLean B. H.L.I. of Canada admitted to hospital and SOS this unit wef 5th Dec.	
	8th		WS/Lt Armitage G.A. D.L.I.) Posted to WE of 10th H.L.I. and TOS WS/Lt Pickin I.G.G. D.L.I.) this unit wef 7th Dec 44	From 33 RHU
	24th		3308480 Sgt. Chapman W. Signals) Awarded the C-in-C's 3326194 Sgt. Wilson A. Mortars) Certificates 3314977 L/C. McGrane T. S.B. Section) Can/515 Lt D.H. Struck. Awarded the MC. 4039943 Sgt. Daly T. Awarded the D.C.M. 5722364 Sgt. Preedy F. Carrier Pl.) Awarded the M.M. 3311619 L/Sgt McDonald A. Carrier Pl.) 7044188 L/Cpl Riddick W. D Coy) 5187671 L/Sgt Dawson H.) B.L.A. 5th January 1945 H.P. Mackley Lt.Col OBE Comdg. 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry City of Glasgow Regiment.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st		Bn still in KESSEL. The enemy began the New Year by a wild firing of verey lights and tracers along the whole front at midnight. Between 0200 and 0400 hrs an enemy patrol apparently about 20 strong engaged the fwd sec position at 817998 and by attacking them from two sides by MG fire and grenades, succeeded in taking four of the section prisoners. The enemy was also engaged as it withdrew by the adjoining fwd post of the carrier Pl, but managed to evacuate under cover of mortar fire any cas incurred. The subsequent search of the area failed to reveal the method of crossing, but it is thought the enemy made use of the hrs of darkness before the moon rose. Activity during remainder of the day was slight. But good visibility enabled some further enemy posns to be determined. Warning orders issued for Bn to be prepared to hand over to 2 A&SH on following day. During the stay of the Bn in this sector, a large portion of the front was wired in spite of the frozen ground and the bright moonlight.	Cas: 4 W PW's: Nil RFT's: Nil
Field	2nd		Enemy activity slight. Hand over to 2 A&SH at 1400 hrs and coy's were relieved according to timings laid down. Reliefs being completed by 2300 hrs and Bn returned to rest area with A coy at EGCHEL 7703, B coy HUB 7603, C coy HELDEN 7803, D and S coy's EGCHELHOEK 7703. Bn HQ est 771038.	Cas: Nil PoW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	3rd		Situation normal. Bn rested and carried out interior economy. C.O. and Coy Comdrs carried out recce of area for possible counter attack role. During the rest period one coy stood to daily in case of an emergency. In addition one Pl was supplied to each of the fwd Bn's to assist in patrolling.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	4th		Situation normal. Xmas dinners were held under coy' arrangement on this and the following three days.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	5th		Situation normal. Bn resting.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil

	6th		Situation normal. Bn still resting. Bn "O" group. Bn to take over from 2 Gordons in area BAARLO 8504, on 7th Jan. Take over to commence from 1330 hrs and to be completed by 2300 hrs.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	7th		Situation normal. Bn commenced relief of 2 Gordons. Bn HQ commenced at 1400 hrs. Rifle coy's at 1330 hrs. Take over completed by 2300 hrs. At 2000 hrs telephone cable between left hand post and Recce Regt was cut.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: 6 O.R.s
Field	8th		During the night a large amount of flares were seen to the north of the Bn front on the enemy side of the river. During the day enemy movt was only slight.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	9th		Situation normal. Throughout the day very little enemy activity was observed.	Cas: POW's: Rfts: Nil Nil Nil
	10th		Situation normal. Very little enemy activity could be observed during the day as a thick mist was on and visibility was never more than 550 yds.	Cas: POW's: Rfts Nil Nil Nil
	11th		Situation normal. Visibility was again poor owing to mist and enemy activity could not be observed. During the day, our arty engaged five enemy boats on the far bank of the river and hits were seen on a house nearby. No direct hits could be observed on the boats, but the accuracy of the arty fire seemed to indicate that these boats were put out of action. Search of buildings in bn area carried out in co-op with Dutch underground forces.	Nil Nil Nil Cas: POW's: Rfts See Appx D1
	12th		Situation normal. The visibility had improved somewhat and a small amount of enemy activity was observed. The enemy used a 37 mm AA gun in a ground role firing into the fwd edge of the village of BAARLO.	Nil Nil Nil Cas: POW's: Rfts
Field	13th		Situation normal. A large amount of enemy activity was heard in STEIJL 8705 which was engaged by arty and mortar but the houses restricted observation of results. A fair amount of MG fire was heard throughout the day. Corps Comd visited Bn at 1100 hrs and accompanied by the CO visited HQs of forward coys. During the day, the bn area was shelled and one person killed and four wounded.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	14th		Situation normal. A large amount of MG and rifle fire was observed during the day but little enemy activity was observed.	Cas: 1K POW's: Nil 4W Rfts: 19 O.R.s
	15th		Situation normal. Visibility was very poor during the day and was down to 200 yds for most of the time. 1000 hrs Bn 'O' Gp. Bdes of the Division to be relieved in cycles. 227 Bde to be relieved by 1 Cdo Bde and to take over from 44 (L) Inf Bde in area of BLERICK on or about 19th Jan, date to be determined by arrival of 1 Cdo Bde. 44 Bde to go to rest and trg area near Brussels for a period of 14	See Appx D2

Field			days. After period of rest and trg finished 44 Bde to relieve 227 Bde and 227 Bde to go to rest and trg area for 14 days. On completion of rest 227 Bde to relieve 46 Bde in area North of ROERMOND. In area BLERICK Bn as reserve will take over from 8 RS in area MAASBREE and SEVENUM. A&SH & GORDONS to take over from 6 KOSB and 6 RSF respectively in fwd positions. Bn split into 2 forces SEVENUM FORCE and MAASBREE force. Bn.HQ to be in MAASBREE. SEVENUM force to consist of "D" and "B" Coys under Comd of OC "B" Coy. "A" and "C" Coys in MAASBREE. Advance party to go to MAASBREE on 16th. Take over of BAARLO area by 45 CDO to be completed by 2100 hrs. "A" and "C" Coys to MAASBREE by March route, "B" and "D" coys to SEVENUM embussed. Bn to take over same posns as 8 RS. ROLE IN BRUSSELS TRG AREA Cadres for junior NCOs will be run by RSM. Weapon firing esp PIAT to be practised : A drill parade each day and strict attention to be paid to the turnout and discipline: During period two night exercises will be carried out on coy level with practice on ATTACK and CONSOLIDATION. Discussions will be held on Infantry and tank co-operation when passing through fixed defences such as the SIEGFRIED LINE. Discussions concerning raids across river MAAS which is projected after return from rest and trg period. Entertainments, baths etc will be laid on.	CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: Nil
	16th		Enemy activity and MG fire only slight throughout the day.	CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: Nil
	17th		Except for spasmodic bursts of MG fire the day was fairly quiet.	CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: 8 O.R.s
	18th		During the night MG fire and verey lights were observed but after 1000 hrs no signs of enemy activity were seen or heard and no MG fire or shelling recorded.	CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: Nil
Field	19th		During the night a very large amount of flashes were seen on the enemy side of the river and loud explosions heard. From daylight onwards all was quiet and nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. Visibility was good throughout the day. 1800 hrs Bn 'O' Gp. For final plans for change over with 45 Cdo and 44 Bde and role in new area. On 20th Jan Bn will be relieved by 45 Cdo Debussing pt rd junc at BONG 44053, coys to provide guides. Relief to be done in two phases, 20th MAASBREE force consisting of "A" and "C" and Bn HQ to move to MAASBREE on completion of hand over to 45 Cdo. "B" and "D" Coys to conc in area BONG 8405 for night 20/21st and proceed to SEVENUM on morning of 21st. Signal pl to take over from 8 RS Sigs at 1230 hrs, "S" Coy to move under pl arrangements, Bn HQ to move at 1400 hrs to arrive MAASBREE by 1430 hrs. Coys to start take over of rear posns at 1430 hrs. Tpt to be at check pt by 1500 hrs. Role	See Appx E1 & H1

			in MAASBREE area - SEVFORCE Under Comd. of OC "B" coy, supported by 2 secs of mortars, Tp of LAA, 4.2 mortar Pl 1 med and 1 Fd Regt. Task to guard rd SEVENUM-BLERICK. MAASFORCE "C" coy PL at JERRICAN Bridge 847086, coy's in area ROOTH 8408. A&C coy's to be mobile coy each alternate day. If emergency arises, "S" coy less 2 secs Mortars to move down and assist MAASFORCE. Mobile coy to be prepared to move to any part of Bde area followed later by rest of Bn.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts 22 O.R.s
	20th		Situation normal. Enemy activity almost negligible. 1230 hrs Sig Pl took over, 1400 hrs Bn HQ moved to MAASBREE arriving 1430 hrs. HQ established at 827081. A and C Coys commenced at 1430 hrs, B and D Coys at 1500 hrs. Take over completed by 2300 hrs.	Cas 1 W POW's Nil Rfts Nil
	21st		Situation normal. B and D Coys moved to area SEVENUM at 0800 hrs.	Cas-Nil POWs-Nil Rfts-Nil
	22nd		Situation normal. Bn in res at MAASBREE and SEVENUM.	Cas-Nil POWs-Nil Rfts Nil
	23rd		Bn handed over to Armed Recce Bn of 6 Airborne Div. Warning Order given for Bn to move to rest area for a period of trg. 1900- Bn 'O' Group. Final details given for hand over.	(See Appendix E2,3,4) H2)
	24th		Bn moved off 1030 hrs, embussed by route:- MAASBREE : PANNINGEN : MEIJEL : LIESEL : ASTEN : HELMOND : EINDHOVEN : VELDHOVEN : ARENDONCK : TURNHOUT : MERKSPLAS. Bn arrived at 1830 hrs. Bn HQ est at 999106.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 2 O.R.s (See Appendix E4)
	25th		Bn given 3 days for reorganisation after which trg was to be begun with particular ref to the breaching of fixed defs, in co-operation with tanks.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil (See Appendix J1 & 2)
	26th		General rest and re-organisation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	27th		General rest and re-organisation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 4 O.R.
	28th		First Details issued to CO for Operation "VERITABLE".	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil (See Appendix E6,7,8)
	29th		CO visited 30 Corps HQ for Bde Comds briefing and carried out preliminary Recce for future operation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil (See Appendix E5)
	30th		Discussion by Officers and Pl Comdrs on Storming of Fixed Defs such as the SIEGFRIED LINE in co-operation with tanks and R.E. specialist equipment.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil

	31st		1000 hrs. Representatives from Bn attended. Bde Discussion on above subject. Lt.Col. H.P. Mackley, OBE. relinquished command of Bn and was succeeded by Lt.Col. R.A. Bramwell-Davis. R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. Commanding 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry, (City of Glasgow Regiment)	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 3 O.R.s

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			ADMINISTRATION	
	6th		WS/Lt JACKSON G. CDN/520 posted to WE of 10th HLI and T.O.S. this unit w.e.f. 6th Jan 45 from 34 RHU	
	13th		2/Lt WILSON A. (Number not yet known) Granted Immediate Emergency Commission and T.O.S. WE 10th HLI w.e.f. 13th Jan 45	
	14th		276868 WS/Lt KERR J.A. admitted to hospital and struck off strength of this unit w.e.f. 14th Jan 45.	
	"		CDN/467 S/Capt. R.A. McCABE admitted to hospital and struck off strength of this unit w.e.f. 14th Jan 45.	
	17th		176939 T/Major HAY J.S. posted to WE of 10th HLI from 34 RHU and taken on strength of this unit w.e.f. 17th Jan 45. R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. C Comdg. 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1st		Bn still in area MERKSPLAS carrying out training. CO and IO carried out recce of FUP for future operation. Warning order received for move to conc area.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appx E1
	2nd		Bn trg by Coys contd. 1500 hrs C.O., Coy Comdrs, I.O., Adjt., and Q.M. attended briefing by Bde Comdr for future op. Conference held in Model Room in Div HQ. Outline Plan of Operation given.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	3rd		Training continued. Bde Operation Order issued giving detailed plan for Operation "VERITABLE". Major F.G. Wood relinquished appointment as 2 i/c on leaving Bn. Recce party left for conc area.	Cas: Nil P.W.: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appx E2. H1.
	4th		Training continued. 1030 hrs All Officers attended address by Comdr 30 Corps on Op "VERITABLE", followed by address by Div Comdr. 1245 hrs All Officers with Officers of Supporting Arms attended issue of Orders for Operation "VERITABLE", by CO in Model Room at Div HQ. Warning Order received for move to conc area night 5/6th Feb. Bn Admin Order governing details of special equipment to be carried, and re-allocation of tpt for the op, issued. Movt order for move of Bn to conc area issued.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appendix (D.1. (D.1A (G.1. (E.3A
	5th		1100.-Bn 'O' Group- at which CO explained details of Bde Op Order No. 5. Major FBB Noble arrived to take up appointment of 2 i/c. Bn left MERKSPLAS embussed at 1500 hrs. Route:- TURNHOUT : POPPEL : TILBURG : VUGHT 3143 : OSS 4754 : Bridge NIJFTRIK 5757 : NIJMEGEN.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	6th		Bn arrived conc area 0400 hrs. Rest of day spent in rest and preparation for Op "VERITABLE". CO and Coy Comdrs carried out recce of FUP and SL for op. Bn HQ located E711620.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	7th		During morning C.O. addressed all coys; Coy and Pl Comdrs carried out further recce of FUP and SL. 1430 Bn 'O' Gp. Final details and timings given for operation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 10 O.R.s See Appx D.2. G2
	8th		0530.- Bn began to move up to FUP. Order of March:- "C", "A", "B", Tac Bn HQ, Mortar Pl, "D" Coy, Rear Bn HQ. 1115.- Bn moved fwd to pass through gap made in minefield by 2 A&SH and advanced behind barrage to assault KRANENBURG 8056. Going for vehs very bad, which	See Appx D1A, D2. E5.) J.1.) Cas: 1 Offr K 2 W

			held up RE specialist equipment. By 1600 hrs "C" Coy had successfully entered west end of village securing intact br over A Tk ditch, but "A" and "B" Coys were held up in area of rly station by small arms fire and point blank fire from a NEBELWERFER in the village. 1615 hrs Tac Bn HQ brought fwd on foot the Wireless Sets taken from the bogged down carriers and est HQ at 803559. 1635 "C" Coy completed its task of clearing the western half of KRANENBURG but "A" and "B" Coys were still unable to carry out their part of the op, except for one pl of "A" Coy which had succeeded in entering the village. "C" Coy Comdr therefore took on the task of clearing this remaining enemy posn from the rear. By 1800 hrs the post had been eliminated and the remaining Coys were able to proceed to their objectives which were consolidated by last light. After dark in spite of the great difficulty in moving vehs the majority of the Bn's essential tpt was brought fwd together with a hot meal. Owing to the great difficulty in moving fwd vehs in the boggy ground west of KRANENBURG the subsequent phases of the Div Op were set back and the Bn remained over night in KRANENBURG. In all nearly 200 PW were taken by the Bn during the operation.	ORs 12K 26W 5M PW: 185 Reinf: 30 O.R.s
	9th		0945 - 44 Bde and 2 Gordons having been successful in breaking through the SIEGFRIED LINE at NUTTERDEN 8455 the Bn was warned to be ready to take over from one Bn of 44 Bde in order to release them for a further advance. 1015- Bn 'O' Group. Bn to take over from 6 KOSB as follows:- "B" Coy - HINGSTBERG 848552 : "D" Coy - WOLFSBERG 844544 : "A" Coy - 840547 : "C" Coy - 830537. Move probably not to take place before 1300 hrs. Coy recces to be carried out in the meantime. 1500 hrs - Bn moved up to new area as above. "B" Coy were shelled en route in FRASSELT 8153. Tpt delayed by bad condition of tracks through minefield and A Tk ditch. Bn established in new posns by last light and Bn HQ est at 834546.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	10th		Following an advance by 44 Bde towards high ground SW of CLEVE, and attack by 2 A&SH along southern edge of forest 8655, Bn was ordered to remain in posn until tpt congestion caused by passing of 43 Div through to the south of CLEVE was relieved. 1800 hrs- Bn ordered to be ready for counter attack on 2 A&SH area 870550 should this be necessary. Recce of approach and FUP carried out at last light by CO and provisional orders given to Coy Comdrs.	Cas: 12W O.R.s PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	11th		0400 hrs- Warning Order for advance to be resumed. 0700 hrs- CO attended Bde 'O' Group. 0830- Bn 'O' Group. 44 Bde now est in South-Western outskirts of CLEVE. 2 Gordons to continue clearing northern edge of TIERGARTEN FOREST 8856 and enter north of CLEVE securing br head over canal area 9056. 10 HLI then to pass through	

			brhead and clear North Eastern part of CLEVE. Bn to be ready to move at 1000 hrs. 1000 hrs - Bn moved off on route - NUTTERDEN - Main rd through DONSBRUGGEN - CLEVE, in order of March 2 tps 3 SG tks - "B" Coy - Tac Bn HQ - "D" Coy - "A" Coy - Pl RE - Rear Bn HQ - "C" Coy - Pl MMGs. Bn Coln halted for long period in DONSBRUGGEN owing to difficulty experienced by 2 Gordons in clearing enemy from Northern edge of TIERGARTEN FOREST and entrance to CLEVE. 1600 hrs.- Bn warned to recce accn with a view to commencing 48 hr rest period next day. This order was countermanded when it was found that 2 Gordons had been successful in gaining their brhead and pushing on beyond it. Div Comdr therefore directed that 10 HLI with support of tanks and flame-throwers should clear pocket of enemy resistance in area 891553 between 2 Gordons and 44 Bde. CO held brief 'O' Group and divided area into three zones to be cleared by Right- "B" Coy : Centre- "D" Coy : Left- "A" Coy. Bn coln moved off at once with leading inf riding on tanks and closely supported by flame-throwers Coys quickly overcame what resistance remained and linked up with friendly troops before last light. Coys then withdrew slightly to billets in area around 892558. Bn HQ est at 893562.	Cas: O.R.s 7 W PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	12th		Bn at rest and re-organising. CO addressed Coys in turn during morning. Bn HQ moved to 895562.	Cas: ORs 9W PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	13th		Rest and re-organisation. Bn ordered to recce possible counter attack against any enemy infiltrating into area MATTERBORN 8754 through REICHSWALD FOREST by rd running South from 890520. Kangaroos were allotted for this operation and Sqn 3 Scots Gds tks in support.	Cas: ORs 1W PW: Nil Reinf: 2 Offrs & 34 ORs (see Appendix D3)
	14th		Bde Op Order issued for attack on high ground south of CALCAR 0050. 1200 Bn 'O' Group - Orders given for Bn's plan in above attack. Advance to be made with 2 Coys up (in Kangaroos) closely sp by tks, with remaining two coys with tanks to mop up. 2130- Bn O Group.- Bde plan changed because of slow advance of 46 Bde against hy opposition around MOYLAND 9651. Bde advance now limited to the high ground south of MOYLAND.	(See Appendix D4) E.6. Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	15th		1000- Coln formed up in Kangaroos, 1200 hrs. Bn placed under comd 46 Bde and 227 Bde op suspended. CO and IO left to receive orders from 46 Bde HQ. 1300- B coln moved fwd by march route to conc area BEDBURG 9252, while CO and Coy Comdrs recced SL for Bn attack to be carried out that night. Bn HQ est at 925532. 1900 hrs- Bn 'O' Group. 46 Bde had reached SE corner of wood 964513 but unable to advance further in this direction or on MOYLAND. 10 HLI to attack by night across open ground to the south and secure features at	See Appx E.7. Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil

			962496 and 967502. Advance to be made on foot from SL previously taped by Int Section, 948509, following in bounds behind arty barrage moving 300 yds every 12 mins. One Sqn tks 4 Coldm Gds to be in sp. Advance to be made with 2 Coys fwd- "B" Right- "D" Left- with "A" Coy mopping up behind "B" and "C" Coy behind "D". "B" Coy objective area 961497: "D" Coy objective - 965502. Bn A Tk guns and tp SP guns to be brought into Coy areas on consolidation, when remainder of Bn essential tpt would be brought fwd under OC "S" Coy. Artificial moonlight to be provided during op and direction to be assisted by Bofors tracers on right and left bdy. 2230 Bn Gp moved fwd to cross SL at 2340. Tk support was withdrawn at last minute but Coys were ordered to carry on with attack keeping closely behind barrage.	
	16th		By 0130 Coys had consolidated on objectives and Bn HQ est at 951507. Coys were est as follows:- "B" 961497- "D" 965503- "A" 957502- "C" 960506. Heavy mortaring and shelling cont during the hours of darkness. During the night 2 counter attacks were made on "D" Coy posn sp by SP guns. Both were beaten off by small arms and arty fire. An enemy fighting patrol was also beaten off. Later a heavy counter attack was made with SP guns and succeeded in overrunning "B" Coys posn, causing a large percentage of casualties. The remainder of the Coy was withdrawn to a firm posn between "A" and "C" Coys. "B" Coy later reorganised as a one pl posn around houses 956502. 0730- "C" Coy ordered to attempt to clear wood 9650 and 9750 from the west. The attack was made in mist and heavy cas were incurred by enfilade MG fire as the Coy entered the wood. As an unsupported attack was not poss CO ordered Coy to withdraw to its previous posn. At about 0800 hrs reports were received of a number of inf (probably about 60) forming up with SP guns in front of "D" Coy. This was dispersed by arty fire before it attacked. Canadian attack which was due to release the Bn by midday was postponed and the Bn was ordered to remain in posn. Hy mortaring and shelling continued intermittently throughout the day. Over 100 PW were taken during this action.	See Appx J.2. Cas: Offrs 2W ORs 9W PW: 108 Reinf: 40 O.R.s
	17th		Bn remained in posn subject to continued mortar and shell fire and with movt by day harassed by MG fire from enemy posn in wood North of Bn posn. 1400 hrs Two Canadian Bns advanced through Bn and secured objectives at 961488 and 975497. Relief of Bn however was still not possible because of enemy remaining in wood 9650. In view of this remaining threat "A" Coy was ordered to take up posn between "C" and "D" Coys in area 962503 and 960501.	See Appx E.8. Cas: ORs 12K PW: Nil 9M 2W Reinf: Nil

	18th		1400 hrs.- Two Cdn Bns began attack on wood 9650 but withdrew at last light to posns just outside wood. Bn to be relieved by Black Watch of Canada. Relief commenced 2200 hrs by Coys, and Bn returned to billets in CLEVE by 0500 hrs on the 19th.	Cas: Offrs 1W ORs 1K 5W PW: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appx E.9.
	19th		Period of rest and administration for 48 hrs. Bn HQ est at 894562. Coys in same billets as night 14/15 Feb.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	20th		Bn resting and reorganising. Warning Order issued for Bn to move with 46 Bde to area north of GOCH prior to attack between GOCH and UDEM.	Cas: Reinf: Nil PW: Nil See Appx E.10.
	21st		CO attended "O" Group at 1000 hrs at Bde HQ. Bn to be under Comd 46 Bde for attack through 227 Bde area 9442 to secure posn on rd UDEM - WEEZE 950393. Plan changed after visit of Div Comdr and 10 HLI ordered to revert to comd of 227 Bde, relieving 2 Glas H night 21/22 Feb, thus releasing 2 Glas H for participation in 46 Bde attack. 1300 CO and Coy Comdrs visited 2 Glas H to recce Coy posns. 2330- Bn moved off embussed by route CLEVE - PFALZDORF 9146 to ass area 9445 to take over from 2 Glas H.	See Appx E.11. Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 5 ORs
	22nd		Take over completed by 0700. Bn HQ est 944445. Coys located as follows:- "A" 951432 : "B" 949436 : "C" 954435 : "D" 949439. Owing to state of ground one "Kangaroo" under comd for distribution of food and getting A Tk guns in posn. Bn area shelled and mortared at intervals throughout the day. Sqn of 3 SG tks available for counter attack along with "D" Coy should the occasion arise. During the night "C" Coy patrolled to houses 949431 and found them occupied by enemy.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 62 ORs
	23rd		Arty deception plan to assist Bde on right in their advance brought down considerable enemy fire on our fwd posns. Shelling and Mortaring continued during day especially on wood south of "A" Coy. By night fighting patrol from "B" Coy brought in 6 PW from enemy posn located by "C" Coy.	Cas: ORs 1M 3W PW: Nil Reinf: 2 ORs
	24th		Div Comdr visited Bn and gave news of forthcoming relief and return of Div to rest area in Holland. 1400 Reps from Bn 1st KOSB (3 Br Div) arrived to recce posns prior to taking over. 1600 Co-ordinating conference at Bde HQ to arrange details for hand over attended by CO. 1800- Relieving unit arrived and began taking over at 2200 hrs. Bn conc in area 925452.	Cas: ORs 2W PW: 6 Reinf: 7 ORs
	25th		0750.- Bn moved off embussed to rest area at TILBURG on route:- GOCH 9043 - ASPERDEN 8745 - OTTERSUM 7846 - GRAVE Br - s'HERTOGENBOSCH - TILBURG. 1430.- Bn arrived TILBURG and took up quarters in billets. Bn HQ est at 167311.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	26th		Bn resting and carrying out interior economy.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 3 ORs

	27th		Bn resting and carrying out interior economy. Bn given sufficient allocation to enable each man to have 48hrs leave in Brussels.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 5 ORs
	28th		Bn held Drill Parade to practise Ceremonial Parade before Div Comdr on following day. R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt)	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 41 ORs

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	1st		Bn paraded at 1200 hrs for address by Div Comdr who afterwards took the salute at a march past.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	2nd		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	3rd		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	4th		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	5th		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation. Warning Order for Bn to move along with rest of Div to area of BREE for training.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	6th		Div Trg Instr No. 23 issued giving details of future trg. (see Appendix E1) Recce parties left for new area at 1000 hrs. 1430 hrs - Bn moved off embussed for new area on Route MOERGESTEL : OIRSCHOT : BEST : EINDHOVEN : HECHTEL : PREE : BREE : ASCHE : OPGRIMBY. Bn HQ est at 556626. Bn arrived at 2130 hrs.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	7th		Bn trg areas allotted and Coy tactics, weapon trg, etc., practiced. First technique instrs issued for Op "PLUNDER", dealing with the crossing of a large water obstacle. (See Appendices - E2, E3, £4.)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	8th		Further "PLUNDER" instrs issued and 1st instrs for 15 Div Ex "BUFFALO" to be held on 14th March to practice this technique. (See Appendices E2, 3 & 4)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	9th		2015 hrs Bn Night Exercise held in area 5363 to practice the drill of crossing a water obstacle by night together with subsequent advance. Emphasis laid on control and maintenance of direction. Further instrs for "BUFFALO" issued. (See Appendix E7)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	10th		1000 hrs Div Comdr briefed CO and Rifle Coy Comdrs on future Op. at HQ 12 Corps. (See Appendix E18). Bn trg to incl loading of LVTs with vehs and 6pr guns. Further instrs for "BUFFALO" issued. (See Appendix E8).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:

	11th		Bn marching personnel did practice loading and unloading of LVTs incl practice crossing on the MAAS. Veh drivers practiced driving onto rafts with the aid of "Mock Ups". (See Appendix E5)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	12th		0930 hrs CO, IO and MTO did recce of marshalling area and LVT route for forthcoming Ex "BUFFALO". (See Appendix E9). Veh drivers practiced driving vehs on and off Class 9 and Class 50/60 rafts. CO and IO viewed model of area for future ops at HQ 12 Corps.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: N
	13th		1000 hrs - Bde "O" Group for Ex "BUFFALO". (See Appendix E7,8 and 10, H1). Final Details of Bank Control, Comms, etc., given out and loading tables fixed for personnel and vehs travelling in LVTs. (See Appendix G1). 1600 hrs Bn "O" Group. (See Appendix E7). for Ex "BUFFALO". 227 Bde to cross river MAAS area 6172 to 6475, with right 10 HLI-Left 2 A&SH and secure a bridge head up to JULIANA CANAL 6472 to 6677. Bn assault to be made in LVTs in 3 waves 1st wave-"C" Coy right, clearing PAPENHOVEN 6273 and advancing to 6372. Left "A" Coy advancing to area 6474. 2nd wave-"D" Coy advancing through "C" Coy to secure bridge 6473. Left - "B" Coy advancing through "A" to take bridge 6475. 3rd Wave-Essential HQ and "S" Coy vehs (for details see loading table). Bn to assemble in Marshalling area 6076 by 0830 hrs 14th March where Inf and vehs would be loaded onto LVTs. Remainder of vehs also to be assembled in this area by Bank Control for passage over LVT ferry or Class 9 raft. Bn control of vehs on far bank to be arranged by Unit Landing Officer (Lt Short) assisted by Regtl Police DRs and 1 sec Div Provost under comd. <u>METHOD</u> Initial assault wave to enter water at H-Hour under control of LVT Sqn Comdr. 2nd Wave to cross as soon as 1st wave had cleared bank. 3rd wave to cross on orders of CO. <u>Support</u>- 1 sec Mortar Pl, to be manhandled in 2nd wave and be est on bank. Remaining mortars to cross with vehs and be est in "A" Coy area, original two dets then moving up to "C" Coy. ATk Pl - 2 dets to "A" Coy, 1 det to "B" Coy, 1 to "C" and 1 to "D". Carrier Pl to move with and protect Bn HQ. Pioneer Pl- 1 sec to "C" Coy to tape and clear landing place, remainder "A" Coy for same task. MMGs- 1 sec to be manhandled into "C" Coy area, to be joined there by the remainder of Pl. Comns- Bn HQ to be crossed in 2nd wave and be est near "A" Coy. LVT wireless net to be used until after landing when 18 set comn would be resumed. 18 sets with ULO and LVTs 3rd wave, for calling fwd vehs. Bde rear link set to be manhandled in posn until Comd Carrier has landed.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:

			Instrs issued for night Ex "BUFFALO" on 15/16 Mar (See Appendix E11) and also 1st instrs issued for Op "TORCHLIGHT". (See Appendices E12 & H2.)	
	14th		0715 hrs - Bn moved off embussed for Ex marshalling Area arriving 0830 hrs. (See Appendices E10 and G1) 1100 hrs Final instrs issued. 1200 hrs All personnel embussed. 1415 hrs - H-Hour. 1530 hrs All Coys on objectives and were being sent fwd. 1600 hrs. Ex ends and instrs were issued for dispersal. Chief points noted on the exercise were:- Slowness in est control on far bank and difficulty of comms while manhandling sets.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	15th		0900 hrs Bde Conference on exercise. 1215 hrs Bn "O" Group. CO gave out points from day exercise and issued gen instrs for night ex. Emphasis was laid on the necessity for increased control on the far bank, and necessity for ensuring that all veh drivers were briefed as to their exact route and destination. Night Ex to be the same in all respects as the daylight practice. Bn to leave for marshalling area at 1415 hrs (See Appendix E11). H-Hour for exercise to be 0400 hrs 16th March. 1415 hrs Bn moved off embussed to marshalling area where it had evening meal and rested. 1800 hrs Bn "O" Group. Final details given for night exercise. As 5 LVTs were out of action for repairs 3rd wave was curtailed for exercise purposes. MO and fwd RAP personnel from 2nd wave to change places with sec Mortar Pl in 1st wave, in order to be able to deal immediately with any cas on far bank. Vehs of 3rd wave to be preloaded by 1900 hrs, remaining personnel to be loaded ready to move by 0300 hrs. At 1900 hrs CO gave Coy Comdrs gen idea of the future op for which Bn was now practicing.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	16th		0300 hrs. All personnel of Bn and vehs loaded into LVTs. 0400 hrs. Assault wave of LVTs crossed. Owing to difficulty of landing the LVTs on the far bank the leading Coys were landed at scattered places and there was some delay before Coys could be rallied, and control regained. This also occurred with the follow up wave. 0530 hrs -Right hand Coys had advanced to their objectives but owing to delay, left hand Coys were still moving up. Thereafter landing of vehs proceeded satisfactorily until exercise ended at 0700 hrs. Draft Bde Op Instr issued for Op "TORCHLIGHT". (See Appendices E14 and H3).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	17th		0900 hrs CO, IO, and OsC "B" and "D" Coys carried out recce of marshalling area and approach routes for future op near XANTEN. (See Appendix E13). Warning Order received for Bde to move to marshalling area on 22nd Mar preceded by Harbour Parties on 20 Mar.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL

	18th		Int Sec constructed Sand Model of area for future op to be used for briefing within the Bn. Bde Op Order No.5 issued for Op "TORCHLIGHT". (see App E18)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	19th		Bn Admin instrs issued dealing with special feeding arrangements and giving revised loading tables for LVTs and priority of vehs on ferry service. (See Appendix G2 and G3).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	20th		0900 hrs 2 i/c and OsC "B" and "D" Coys carried out recce of Op area. Unit Harbour party left for marshalling area. 2030 hrs. Bde Comdr briefed all Officers on the future op. (See Appendices D1, E7 and H9.)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	21st		1000 hrs CO briefed all offrs and NCOs in gen idea and Bn plan for future op. (See Appendices D2, G4, H18, J2) Warning Order for Bn move issued. (See Appendix E20)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	22nd		0600 hrs All tracked vehs left for marshalling area in order not to delay move of main convoy. 1030 hrs. Adjt gave out orders for move of Bn coln to ass area. 1700 hrs. Bn embussed less tracked vehs left for ass area. Route:- ASCHE 4970 : BREE 5084 : LOOZEN 4972 : WEERTE 5897 : BERINGEN 7406 : MAASBREE 8207 : HORST 8318 : LOTTUM 9019 : TWISTEDEN 9429 : KAVALAER 9632 : UDEM 9842, thence along rly line to LABBECK 0540 : to ass area 0542. (See Appendices D3 and E21).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	23rd		Bn arrived ass area 0300 hrs. Bn HQ est at 064433. Coys dispersed under cover in HOCHWALD FOREST. 1030 hrs Bn "O" Group. Final infm and details about operation. (See Appendix H10) Landing to be made slightly further right than planned in order to enable LVTs to take advantage of beaches to facilitate landing. LVTs to leave loading area by H-80 mins. Loading to be completed by 0300 hrs. Details of arty programme given which was to consist of groups of concs fired on a time basis but also available on call as required (See Appendices E18 and J2). From 0930 no high angle fire to be used on account of airborne ops at 1000 hrs. 1200 to 1300 hrs CO spoke to Coys and explained the gen idea of the Operation. 1500 to 1600 hrs Coy and Pl Comdrs carried out recce of river. 1730 hrs Bn attended Church Service.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	24th		0030 hrs - Loading of LVTs completed. 0040 hrs Bn began moving down to river in LVTs. 0200 hrs. "A" and "C" Coys crossed river without cas but were landed several hundred yards to the right of the right hand objective. As a result "A" Coy had to take on the strong point of WOLFFSKATH 119461 (C Coy objective) in order to get on to their own axis. The river bank at this point was strongly held by 3 Coys of 1/21 Para Regt and the second wave together with Bn HQ were held up while the clearing of the bank was going on. On the landing of	

			the 2nd wave an erroneous report was received that the leading Coys had cleared the bank. "B" and "D" Coys accordingly attempted to move fwd and Bn HQ moved inland from the bank although not landed in the correct place to get clear of stray fire falling near the river. When the posn became a little clearer it was seen that "A and "C" Coys had succeeded in clearing most of the strong point around WOLFFSKATH but had suffered a large number of cas incl both Coy Comdrs wounded. "A" Coy lost their remaining Offr Lt Picken who was killed silencing a 20 mm gun which was fired directly at WOLFFSKATH. The Coy was rallied by the CSM and brought under comd of "C" Coy. "B" and "D" Coys had not been able to carry on to their objectives. Bn HQ having landed well to the right was for the time being in "No Mans Land" and was once attacked by small arms and grenades and subsequently fired on from both the right flank and from a posn on the river bank behind it which had been occupied since the landing. At 0500 hrs it was possible to extricate Bn HQ. The posn was then that "C" Coy had managed to advance some 500 yds north from WOLFFSKATH while "A" Coy had encountered large quantities of small arms fire in attempting to clear westward along the river bund. "B" Coy had been ordered to continue clearing the enemy posns westward along the bund as it was appreciated that advance inland was impossible until this was done nor could vehs safely be ferried over. "C" Coy were instructed to press on to their original objective in OVERKAMP 1247 with "D" Coy following up. Bn HQ was temporarily est at WOLFFSKATH 119461. 1000 hrs Airborne troops flew in across Bn area to their landing places. 1100 hrs. Coy of 7 SEAFORTHS supported by 2 troops of DD tanks reached Bn from 44 Bde bridgehead without having encountered any enemy opposition. "C" Coy had by now reached the southern edge of OVERKAMP where they were temporarily held up by determined opposition but were subsequently able to get fwd and allow "D" Coy to move through and capture the north end of OVERKAMP. On the left 2 A&SH had experienced similar difficulties in the initial stages of the attack and were still engaged in clearing the bund towards "B" Coy. At about 1200 hrs the two linked up and the bund was clear. To assist the Bde on to their further objectives a Coy from 7th SEAFORTHS with tank support was ordered to take LOHR 1047 while the remainder of the Bn passed through OVERKAMP to clear up REE 1147 MEHRBRUCH and MEHR 1248. 1600 hrs Bn HQ moved fwd into OVERKAMP at 123470 while "B" Coy joined the other Coys in concentrating nearby 123472. During the evening 9 CAMERONIANS passed through to attack HAFFEN 1149. During this day's action as	Cas: Offrs 3K:4W ORs 10K:61W PW: 180 Reinf: NIL

			was revealed by a captured Bn Order, the Bn broke through the sector held by three Coys of a German Para Regt taking approx 180 PW and causing large numbers of cas. (Effect vouched for by two of the Bns SBs who were for some time attending German cas in a German RAP). The Bn lost 3 Officers and 11 ORs killed, 4 Officers and 61 ORs wounded.	
	25th		Bn remained at rest in OVERKAMP. A burial service was held at 1400 hrs for those killed in the previous day's operation. The Bn was warned in the evening that it might be required to assist 46 Bde or to take over from one of its Bns. 2300 hrs Bn was placed at 1 hrs notice. 2330 hrs. CO attended "O" Group at 46 Bde HQ to discuss take over from 7 SEAFORTHS and 9 CAMS in the area HAFFEN-MEHR. Bn warned to be ready to move at once.	Cas: ORs - 1K : 1W PW: 12 Reinf: NIL
	26th		0030 hrs Bn "O" Group. Bn ordered to take over from 7 Seaforths and 9 Cams to release them for operation on following day. Take over to be carried out as follows:- "A" Coy to take over from Coy 9 Cams area BRUCKSHOF 1249 : "B" Coy to take over from Coy 9 Cams area WISSHOF 1250 : "C" Coy to take over from Coy 9 Cams at STOPPENDAHL 1249 and Coy 7 Seaforths at AVERFORTH 1249. "D" Coy to take over from Coy 7 Seaforths in area 134494. Bn HQ est at 119491. Take over completed by 0400 hrs. Coy doubled up in posns with outgoing units. 1445 hrs "C" Coy attacked the moated house at BELLINGHOVEN 1350 but found it clear of enemy. Bn HQ moved up to AVERFORTH 1249.	Cas: NIL PW: 7 Reinf: NIL
	27th		During afternoon Bn was ordered to take over whole of Bde front by relieving 2 Gordons with one Coy in area 108510. Posns reorganised as follows:- "B" Coy to take over from 2 Gordons in area mentioned: "D" Coy to take over posn vacated by "B" Coy: "A" Coy to push out to area 127509 (already patrolled during day) this change over was completed by last light. 1900 hrs 2 Sqns Recce Regt arrived to take over from operational commitment of Bn in existing Coy posns to enable Bn to rest in preparation for an op to be carried out the following day. 2100 hrs. CO attended Bde "O" Group. Orders given for a Bde attack on wood 1352. 46 Bde at present holding up to SE corner of this wood against stiff opposition. Attack to be made with HLI right-Gordons left in bounds dependent on advance of 46 Bde through wood on right 1452. (See Appendix E23). Troops allotted in support:- Each Bn to have 1 tp CROCS, 1 tp 17 pr SP, 1 Pl MMGs. Arty fire plan to incl "softening-up" all through night followed by groups of concs immed prior to attack. (See Appendix E24). Enfilade small arms fire to be given from flank by Recce Regt. Limit of advance to be determined by progress of 46 Bde on flank. If this was slow Bns were to halt on reaching eastern edge of wood and dig	Cas: NIL PW: 7 Reinf: NIL

			in for night. 2200 hrs Warning Order for following day issued to Coys.	
	28th		0900 hrs CO and IO carried out recce of FUP and SL area 146517, while Bn moved up to conc area 144497. 1030 hrs. Bn "O" Group. CO gave details for attack. Initial advance to be made as far as edge of wood with "A" Coy right-"D" Coy left "C" Coy mopping up and "B" in reserve. Troops of Crocs to be in close support of leading Coys and 2 Wasps to be under comd "C" Coy. Assault to be made frontally, closely following arty concs with support of enfilade fire from MMG Pl and Recce Regt and close support of crocs. From the mornings recce little enemy activity had been apparent and it was not expected that enemy opposition would be strong. 1200 hrs Bn moved up to FUP area 145513 while Coy Comdrs carried out recce from SL. 1415 hrs Attack began. 1435. Coys reached eastern edge of wood without opposition and were ordered to carry on to final objectives. 1610 - Final objectives reached without opposition although advance of 2 Gordons on left delayed by mines. Bn HQ est at 137521.	Cas: NIL PW: 1 Reinf: 1 and 10
	29th		As a Bde of 3 Div had cleared HALDERN 1253 and remaining ground ahead of Bde advance, Bde op role was ended. Bns were told to move fwd into suitable accm where personnel could rest. Bn est in following areas:- "A" Coy 131551: "B" Coy 130538 : "C" Coy 128535 : "D" Coy 138542 : "Sp" 130533 : Bn HQ 134536.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	30th		Bn at rest.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	31st		Bn at rest. Messages of Congratulation received from Army and Corps Cmdrs. (See Appendix J3) F.B.B. Noble ~~Lt. Col.~~ Major Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt.)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: 4 Offrs and 70 ORs.

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Month and Year MARCH 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. RA Bramwell-Davis

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			Administrative War Diary	
Field	24th		162941 WS/Lt LJJ Picken DLI) Killed in action on the 24th of March 276868 WS/Lt JA Kerr HLI) 45. Buried in Bn cemetery ref. Sheet 285564 WS/Lt D McVean HLI) GS GS 4414 No 4204, Map ref. 119466. 67193 T/Major IH Murray HLI) Wounded in action on the 24th of 138555 WS/Capt AF Reddick HLI) March 45. 315725 WS/Lt GG Hutchison H.L.I.) Evacuated through CCP. 330186 WS/Lt NB Hubbard Essex) 326363 WS/Lt M Timmons HLI took over duties of Signal Officer wef 23rd March 45. 304166 WS/Lt GG Adey Royal Signals posted to 3rd Br, Div Signals wef 24th March 45 and SOS this unit.	Authy: SA/160/A/101 Dated 23rd of March 45.
Field	26th		138556 T/Capt AN Scott HLI to be A/Major wef 25th of March 45 289894 WS/Lt JD Robinson HLI to be A/Capt wef 9th of Feb 45. Cdn/223 WS/Lt IF McMillan HLI Can to be A/Capt wef 25th of March 45. 324306 WS/Lt JC Coates DLI posted to WE of 10th HLI from 32 RHU and TOS this unit wef 22nd March 45.	Authy: 2E 21/2025/4 (ORG) 5th Nov 44.
Field	30th		203126 WS/Lt SJ Burrows N Staffs) 271204 WS/Lt F Hollands RWK) Posted to We of 10th HLI from 33 335350 WS/Lt TC Nolan Lincs) RHU and TOS this unit wef 30th 335325 WS/Lt SL Hooker RF) March 45 B.L.A. F.B.B. Noble Major ~~Lt. Col.~~ April 45 Comd 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt.)	Authy: 33 RHU 3012 A Per 180 dated 26th March 45

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Month and Year APRIL 1945

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1st		Bn at rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	2nd		Bn at rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	3rd		1030 hrs-Warning Order for probable move to conc area BOCHOLT issued. 1100 hrs-Bn now to proceed to conc area IBBUREN V9808. CO and recce parties to RV at HEEK A5790. 1600 hrs- CO met Div Comdr at HEEK A5790 and was informed of change of plan. Div now to be under Comd 8 Corps. Bns to conc on arrival next day area GREVEN A9188.	Cas: NIL PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	4th		1030 hrs-CO contacted Bn recce parties in new Bn area EMSDETTEN A8697. 1050 hrs-Bn left embussed to new conc area by route:-HALDERN : HAMMINKELN: BOCHOLT : STADTLOHN : AHAUS : METELEN : BURGSTEINFURT : EMSDETTEN. 1500 hrs Bde Comdr visited CO and issued Warning Orders for next day. Bde to clear wooded area between TECKLENBURG - LENGERICH to LOTTE - HASBERGEN. 1800 hrs- Bn arrived in EMSDETTEN and occupied billets. 2100 hrs-CO attended Bde "O" Gp. 15 Div to be under comd 8 Corps to exploit their success. Div to take the lead when bridgeheads over river WESER had been secured by 11th Armd and 6th Airborne Divs. General axis of Advance- MINDEN : CELLE : UELZEN. Preliminary task to clear wooded area this side of OSNABRUCK. 227 Bde to clear area already stated with right 2 GORDONS - left 10 HLI. 2215 hrs.- Bn "O" Group-Operation outlined above to be carried out with 3 Coys fwd: Right "B" -Centre "D" - Left "C", each Coy to have under Comd 1 sec Carriers-1 Wasp and 3 Carriers (from Mortar and A Tk Pls) to enable 1 Pl to be lifted. Advance to be made by bounds (See Appendix J.1.) Recce parties to move ahead of Bn by separate route to recce harbour area west of OSNABRUCK. Tpt to move separately under Bde Control.	
	5th		0730 hrs-Bn moved off embussed on approach march through SAERBECK A9397 - rd junc V9704-TECKLENBURG W0502. 0930 hrs- Bn crossed SL	Cas: Nil PW: Nil

			and debussed to commence wood clearing. Apart from congestion on rds progress was satisfactory and no enemy were found. A few small dumps of enemy stores were discovered. 1800 hrs- Coys reached the final bound and marched into billets on the western outskirts of OSNABRUCK. Bn HQ est at 181077.	Reinf: Nil
	6th		0700 hrs-Recce parties left for new conc area. 1130 hrs- CO attended Bde "O" Group. Div to conc as soon as possible this side of river WESER in area LAVELSLOHE W6825 - BOHNHORST W7326. TCVs allotted to each Bn but had not yet arrived. 1800 hrs-Bn HQ tpt and "S" Coy vehs moved to new area by Route:- OSNABRUCK - BOHMTE 3919 - BUTENHOLM 4821 - RAHDEN 5926 - LAVELSLOHE - WARMSEN. Bn coln arrived 2200 hrs and Bn HQ was est at 759294.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	7th		1200 hrs Remainder of Bn less "B" and "C" Coys left in available TCVs and arrived WARMSEN 1630 hrs.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	8th		0800 hrs-"B" and "C" Coys left for WARMSEN arriving at 1200 hrs.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	9th		Bn in conc area WARMSEN. Warning Order to move fwd to area WUNSTORF issued. (See Appx D.1. & E.1.)	Cas: PW: Reinf:
	10th		1430 hrs- Bn moved embussed to WUNSTORF by route:- PETERSHAGEN 8420 - MUNCHEHAGEN 9828 - SACHSENHAGEN 0423 - WUNSTORF, arriving at 1800 hrs. 2000 hrs CO attended Bde "O" Group. 15 (S) Div to take over lead from 11 Armd Div and advance on axis CELLE - UELZEN - DOMITZ. Bde to advance next day through Div Recce in area 4342 and capture CELLE. 46 Bde to advance at same time and on our right flank. 3 SCOTS GDS tks to be in support of Bde Group. Advance to be made embussed in TCVs and on tks. 2 GORDONS to lead Bde coln followed by 10 HLI. Advance to proceed with all possible speed by day and by night to capture CELLE and secure crossings over river ALLER. 2130 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn task in next day's advance to assist 2 GORDONS in taking CELLE and to form bridgehead over river ALLER. RF Sqn 3SG to be in support of Bn for this Op. Bn Order of March:- "A" Coy on tks plus 1 tp SP ATk guns plus Sec Carrier Pl, plus 1 Wasp, plus Sec Mortar Pl. -Adv Bn HQ - "C" Coy - "B" Coy - "S" Coy with Pl MMGs - 2 Pls 4.2" Mortars - Tp 289 A Tk Bty RA - Pl REs with Bulldozer: Rear Bn HQ - "D" Coy - RAP.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	11th		0800 hrs-Bn coln moved off and followed 2 GORDONS in slow advance until outskirts of CELLE were reached at 1900 hrs. Warning Order issued for Bn attack on CELLE at 2400 hrs. Bn harboured beside rd for hot meal. 2215 hrs- Bn "O" Group. 2 GORDONS to secure bridgehead over canal at 553480, Bn then to pass through at 0100 and secure bridgehead over river ALLER in area of rly bridge. Bridge believed blown but not defended. Method:- "A" Coy to	

			approach as near as possible to river on tanks and try to cross by rly bridge, failing this by assault boats (carried with Coy on Sec Carriers) ; "C" Coy to cross by asslt boats 400 yds left of "A" Coy.: "B" Coy to be prepared to deal with poss enemy gun site 5767494 and form left flank protection of bridgehead. : "D" Coy to clear houses on this side of bridgehead and form firm base. H-Hour not before 0100 dependent on 2 GORDONS securing necessary crossing over canal.	Cas: Nil PW: 14 Reinf: Nil Appx J.2.
	12th		0315 hrs-Bn passed through 2 GORDONS. 0530 hrs- Leading Coys crossed river without opposition and as "B" Coy were not committed they were ordered to follow up. 0640 hrs-"A", "B" and "C" Coys were est in brhead 1 mile deep on far bank. Bn HQ was est at 572496. During morning "D" Coy moved across river to join other coys. Bn HQ and Bn tpt left at 1500 hrs to rejoin Bn by means of intact bridge at 621483. Bn all conc on far side by 1930 hrs. and moved for night to GR. HEHLEN 5753. 2100 hrs- CO attended Bde "O" Group to receive details of plan for next day. Adv to be cont to UELZEN with 10 HLI at head of Bde Group. 2245 hrs Bn "O" Group- Bn to adv next day at head of Bde Gp to capture UELZEN, sptd by Sqn 3 SG tks ; Bty 319 Fd Bty RA ; with under Comd Pl RE and bulldozer. Order of March:- "D" Coy on tks : Tp SP A Tk : Sec Carriers : 1 Wasp : Sec Mortar Pl : "B" Coy on tks : Adv Bn HQ : "C" Coy in TCVs : "S" Coy and Supporting Arms : "A" Coy : Tp RA on wheels : Rear Bn HQ : RAP. Advance to be carried out with all speed and thick woods on each side of rd not to be cleared unless essential. Sqn of Recce Regt to operate ahead of Bn.	Cas: Nil PW: 42 Reinf: 1 Offr
	13th		0800 hrs Bn Coln moved off. 0900 hrs - Coln held up by crater at 667604. 1040 hrs-Recce Sqn found diversion and entered ESCHEDE without opposition. 1100 hrs-Bn followed up on diversion. 1200 hrs-Bn again held up by crater 707645 and slight enemy opposition dealt with by "D" Coy and tks. Diversion made and advance cont. 1320 hrs-Held up by further crater at 747670 covered by SP gun, Pl of "D" Coy deployed to stalk this gun which made off under cover of smoke. Tk bridge laid over crater and adv of coln cont at 1500 hrs. 1530 hrs-Small party of enemy attacked flanks of coln but were soon mopped up. 1630 hrs- Coln halted by very large crater and delayed action bombs at 770685 and covered also by 2 enemy guns. RE work being impossible a detour was made by tracks through the wood to by-pass the crater and cut off the enemy def it. 1900 hrs-Coln reached lateral rd at 780707 and leading Coys with tks cleared village of WEYHAUSEN on main axis. 2100 hrs-Bn withdrew into "Laager" area at 780707. Bde Comdr decided that the coln should	Cas: Nil PW: 40 Reinf: Nil Appx J.3.

			cont its advance at midnight by cross-country route to UELZEN to avoid the many delays which would probably be caused by demolitions on the main axis. The Bn was given 3 hrs for rest and food.	Cas: Nil
	14th		0015 hrs- CO gave out orders for continuing the adv. Fmn of coln to be as before. "C" Coy followed by "B" Coy to ride on tks followed by HQ and "A" Coys in TCVs. "D" Coy to remain in posn on far side of crater on main axis. Route:- By most direct side rds through HOSSERINGEN - SUDERBURG - HOLDENSTEDT - UELZEN. 0130 hrs- Coln moved off and made good progress with no opposition. A few enemy were overrun in the villages but the speed of our adv was unexpected. About 0430 hrs the coln passed through HOLDENSTEDT and began the final adv on UELZEN. On reaching the area 8886 the leading tks ran into an enemy coln coming towards them. Numerous flak sites on the open grd nearby sent up Verey lights and a General alarm was soon given. An enemy amn truck which had been set on fire trapped one of our leading tks in its flames and blocked the rd for a further adv. The enemy who had now been thoroughly roused began to come into action on either flank. In view of this and the fact that it was almost daylight the CO ordered Coys to hold objectives around the rd-rly crossing at 888868. "C" Coy attempting to adv to a posn on the road junc 892876 met an enemy counter attack coming in from their right front and pulled back to a firm posn at 890870. Meanwhile a number of enemy supported by SP 4 Barrelled 20mm AA guns, infiltrated from the woods to the east and cut the main rd where "S" Coy and part of Rear Bn HQ were halted putting out of action a number of vehs and taking 16 prisoners from "S" Coy. This party then manned further 20mm AA guns on the west of the rd and set on fire some of the TCVs in the Bn coln. Prompt action was taken by the Tp of 319 Fd Bty RA which had deployed beside the rd and fire was directed against the enemy over open sights, causing the enemy finally to withdraw. At 0715 hrs, "A" Coy supported by arty fire attacked enemy in a small wooded feature at 882872, which had been giving trouble. Over 70 PW were taken bringing the total to over 200 for the night's operation. The PW were found to belong to a new unit which had just arrived from DENMARK and was in process in occupying posns for a strong def of UELZEN. Between 0800 and 0930 hrs considerable parties of enemy cont to infiltrate into our posns particularly from the woods immediately to the east. During this time the Bn was cut off from the rest of the coln and engaged groups of enemy from all sides. One SP 20 mm which remained in action cont to give serious trouble by fire at very close quarters. At 0930 hrs the Bde Comdr sent fwd	Cas: 7 ORs Killed 1 Off & 57 ORs wounded PW: 214 Reinf: Nil

			an additional Sqn of tks to reopen the main axis to the Bn while at the same time the 2 A&SH began to move fwd along our right flank to clear the enemy from the woods 8985 and 8986. By 1030 hrs the situation had eased except that "A" Coy in a rather isolated posn were being subjected to rather heavy mortar and MG fire. "D" Coy who had rejoined the Bn at this time were sent to assist them by taking up a supporting posn on their left flank. Since it was now appreciated that the enemy was holding UELZEN in strength the Bn consolidated and re-organised in its existing area while a Bde attack on UELZEN was prepared, to take place overnight. There was intermittent shelling of our posns during the remainder of the day. 2030 hrs- CO gave orders to the Coy Comdrs for the night attack. The Bn to capture the village of VEERSSEN while 2 GORDONS passed through to enter UELZEN. Bn attack was to be made at 0030 hrs with "B" and "D" Coys fwd on tks and "A" and "C" Coys following to mop up. Arty fire plan to be put down before the advance.	
	15th		0030 hrs- Leading Coys moved off with tks. Strong opposition was met in the village but "D" and "C" Coys on the left succeeded in reaching their objectives at 8898883 and 887881 respectively. "B" and "A" Coys on the right had more trouble in dealing with enemy in houses and the tks were unable to penetrate more than 100 yds into the village owing to the narrow streets and presence of numerous "Panzerfaust" squads. At 0500 hrs all Coys were engaged in heavy fighting inside the village. "D" Coy had been counter attacked by an enemy force incl SP guns which fired into their posns at close range and made them untenable. "C" Coy in its firm posn at 887881 now became fwd Coy on the left. "A" and "B" Coys in their areas now began house clearing against heavy opposition which was now found to consist of 6 SP guns closely supported by infantry escorts of 6 to 10 men with Panzerfaust and automatics while snipers and MGs were sighted in houses covering every approach. Close quarter fighting cont all morning and in the course of it the CO was wounded. By mid-day it was decided that "A" and "B" Coys would continue their house clearing until the Bn was est on the line of the east-west rd running through the centre of the village. When this was finally achieved in the afternoon, there was still unlocated snipers in the area and the fwd posns were dominated by SP guns at ranges even of less than 50 yds. Numerous attempts which were made to stalk these resulted in one being put out of action, but the infantry escorts surrounding them made approach very difficult. As a result of the resistance on our objective and equally strong opposition on the main rd, 2 GORDONS on our right	Cas: 1 Offr & 17 ORs wounded PW: 23 Reinf: Nil

			had been unable to advance any further than we had. It was decided therefore that 46 Bde should attack the town, while 44 Bde cleared that part of the town east of the river in 9089. 46 Bde would take over existing posns of 227 Bde during the night. During the hours of darkness 9 Cams relieved the Bn.	
	16th		0100 hrs-Hand over to 9 Cams began. 0600 hrs-Relief completed and Bn returned to rest in area HOLDENSTEDT.	Cas: 1 Offr and 27 ORs wounded PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	17th		Bn rest and re-organising. 1800 hrs-CO attended Bde "O" Group. Orders given for task to be carried out in connection with the capture of UELZEN and subsequent advance to the ELBE. 227 Bde to be prepared to assist in clearing UELZEN and then to occupy area 3 miles to the north. 2100 hrs- Bn "O" Group. CO passed on probable future intentions and gave order of march for the move.	Cas: 12 ORs Missing PW: Nil Reinf: 3 Offrs
	18th		Bde Comdr brought change of plan during morning, UELZEN had now been by-passed by 11 Armd Div and the eastern portion of it captured by 44 Bde. 227 Bde would advance through UELZEN when it was finally cleared and advance to area BEVENSEN 9002, BARUM 8698, VINSTEDT 8497 ; 1330 hrs CO attended Bde O Group. In view of 11 Armd Divs breakthrough to LUNEBURG advance of 227 Bde now to be extended to area WENTHAUSEN 8921 : HOLZEN 9020 : REINSTORF 9819. Time of move dependent on time taken by 46 Bde to clear UELZEN. Advance later to be cont by whole Div to the ELBE and an immediate crossing made if opposition was light. 2000 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn Order of March given:- "C", "D", and "B" Coys on tks of Sqn 3 SG : Tac HQ : "S" Coy : Rear HQ : and "A" Coy to travel with Bde HQ as local protection.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	19th		0745 hrs-Bn coln began adv as Rear Bn of Bde Gp. 1000 hrs- Bn halted in area WULFSTORF 8613. 1115 hrs-Orders received for adv to be cont to area SCHARNEBECK 8525 with a view to the Bde Group closing up to the river ELBE by night. 1600 hrs- Bn in posn in SCHARNEBECK with Pl guarding canal crossing at 848272. 2000 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn to move fwd during night in conjunction with the rest of Bde to close up to river ELBE. Immediate objective of Bn LUEDERHAUSEN 8131, from which point adv was to be cont to ARTLENBURG if rd was passable to tpt. Patrols to be made along river bank to gain infm for RE purposes. Bridges at 803285 and 813318 blown and now being repaired. Vehicles would probably not be able to proceed over 2nd br until next day. Advance to be made by march route without tanks or vehs in order "A" : "C" : "D" : "B" starting at 2200 hrs. Rear HQ and Tpt to be called fwd later.	Appx J.4. Cas: 4 ORs Killed 2 ORs Missing

	20th		0005 hrs- Bn reached LUEDERSHAUSEN where br was still being built, infm received from Coy of 1st CHESHIRES in this location that ARTLENBURG was occupied by at least 1 Pl of enemy. 0100 hrs- Bn "O" Group. As Bde Comdr did not wish night attack to be made on ARTLENBURG, Bn would occupy posns at LUEDERSHAUSEN with "C" Coy fwd at MARIENTHAL 8233 as firm base for patrols. Each Coy to send Offr Recce Patrol to a selected area of the river bank to make a report on suitability of bank for storm boats or LVTs. 0230 hrs- "C" Coy est in posn and patrols began. 0600 hrs- All patrols returned and reported that they were unable to carry out full recces on account of enemy posns. Enemy were reported at southern, eastern and western approaches to ARTLENBURG. Also at AVENDORF 8135 and at points on river bank between these places. 0930 hrs- Enemy carried out recce of "C" Coy posns which was beaten off with cas. During the day REs attempted to build bridge over crater 823326 but were prevented from doing so by enemy SP guns dominating the ground from the far bank of the river. 1700 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn to capture ARTLENBURG by night exploiting to AVENDORF. 2 A&SH on right and 2 GORDONS on left would be closing on river at same time. Attack to be supported by arty fire plan and "pepper pot" of MMGs, 4.2" Mortars and tks. Attack on ARTLENBURG to be made from FAA in "C" Coy area by "B" Coy right-"D" Coy left. "A" Coy to pass through after capture and attack AVENDORF. Tac HQ to be est in "C" Coy area.	Cas: 2 ORs wounded PW: 4 Reinf: Nil Appx E.2.
	21st		0100 hrs- Attack started. Heavy opposition was encountered at approaches to ARTLENBURG, particularly on "D" Coy front. This was rapidly overcome and many PW were taken. 0400 hrs-"A" Coy and Tac HQ moved to southern end of ARTLENBURG. 0415 hrs-"B" and "D" Coys on final objectives after roughly searching the town. 0500 hrs-"A" Coy commenced attack on AVENDORF with arty support but found it unoccupied and were able to consolidate by 0600 hrs. "B" and "D" Coys at first light carried out a more systematic search of their areas in ARTLENBURG. Bn now warned that an immediate crossing of the river would not be made and that the Bde would remain in its posns for a week or 10 days during which time OPs and listening posts would be manned to gain infm about enemy posns, etc., on far bank. "D" Coy was withdrawn to LUEDERSHAUSEN, leaving "B" Coy to occupy ARTLENBURG.	Cas: 2 ORs Wounded PW: 184 Reinf: Nil Appx J.5. Appx D.2.
	22nd		Bn OPs est by Int Sec and Snipers in ARTLENBURG and by "A" Coy in AVENDORF. During the following days considerable enemy movt was observed especially in area of ferry 838351 and a number of posns were pinpointed.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil

	23rd		Bn contd its task of holding river and observing enemy. Outline plan received for future crossing of ELBE.	Cas: NIL PW: Nil Reinf: 1 OR Appx E3 & E5
	24th		By night "C" and D Coys relieve "A" and "B" Coys respectively in fwd posns at ARTLENBURG and AVENDORF.	Cas: Nil PW: 2 Reinf: Nil Appx D.3.
	25th		Bn remained in same posns with same tasks.	Cas: Nil PW: 4 Reinf: Nil
	26th		1000 hrs- CO attended Bde "O" Group. Operation of crossing ELBE (Op ENTERPISE) would be carried out by 44 Bde. In view of recent advances made by the Russian forces timing would now be brought fwd to night 28/29 April. 227 Bde to be prepared to cross at first light 29th into brhead made by 44 Bde and extend it to west and north west. (See Appendix E6). 1100 hrs-All Coy Comdrs attended briefing on Op "ENTERPRISE" by Bde Comdr.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	27th		Details of Bn crossing of ELBE and subsequent advance issued.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil Appx E6 & E7 & H1
	28th		Admin instrs concerning passage of vehs of Bn over ELBE issued. (See App G2) and vehs assembled in Waiting Area.	Cas: 3 ORs missing PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	29th		0400 hrs. "A" and "B" Coys plus Tac HQ moved fwd to assembly area in ARTLENBURG. 0600 hrs- Bn Recce Parties crossed to layout FAA in 44 Bde br head area 841359. 0730 hrs-"C" Coy crossed by stormboat and remaining Coys began to cross by LVT ferry. Enemy shelling of crossing place continued throughout this operation. 0845 hrs- All Coys and Tac HQ assembled in FAA 1100 hrs. Bn moved fwd in Order:- "D" : "C" : "A" : "B". Opposition was slight coming chiefly from RAD troops. 1240 hrs-"C" and "D" reached intermediate objectives in wood. 1350 hrs-"A" and "B" Coys est on final objectives 823383 and 821387. 1545 hrs- "C" and "D" Coys on final objectives at 810389 and 810384. Tac HQ est in "A" Coy area. After final mopping up had been done a total of 72 PW had been taken. 1830 hrs- Bn "O" Group. 2 GORDONS now on objective TESPERHUDE 7937 and 2 A&SH to be on objective GRUNHOF 7938 by 2200 hrs. Bn to adv to 2nd objective area 790409 to 800410 during night. Probable time of start being 0200 hrs. Stages of advance "D" Coy to take over area 795397 from 2 A&SH: "C" Coy to pass through and take HASENTHAL 7940 : "A" Coy to pass through "C" and take RAPPEN-B 7941 : "B" Coy at same time to pass through and occupy wood 795407. Arty programme to be put down on these objectives as Coys adv through "D" Coy posns.	Cas: 2 Wounded PW: 72 Reinf: 102 ORs Appx J.6.
	30th		Owing to difficulty with commns H-Hour was postponed to 0245 and roles of "A" and "C" Coys reversed. 0400 hrs All Coys had reached	

			objectives without opposition although some shelling was encountered. A number of PW was taken. HQ est 796397 in "D" Coy area where Russian slave labour camp had been liberated. Some sniping and mortaring cont between "A" and "C" Coy areas as enemy still occupy wood 783413. 1130 hrs- Bn moved to WIERSHOP 8041 to take over from Recce. 2030 hrs - Bn "O" Group. 15 Div to cont to expand its brhead and 227 Bde would move fwd next day to line KRUMMEL 7838 - HAMWARDE 7843 - BRUNSTORF 7847. 2 A&SH to move next day to BRUNSTORF. 2 GORDONS now moving to HAMWARDE. 10 HLI to move next day to WORTH 7744. WORTH reported clear by Recce but enemy to north and NW. Advance to be made at 0600 hrs through 2 GORDONS supported by 2 Tps COLDM GDS tks. Bn to be divided for move into (a) mobile and (b) Marching colns. Mobile coln to be led by Carrier Pl followed by "C" Coy on tks and Tac HQ with supporting arms. F.B.B. Noble Major Comd 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry	Cas: Nil PW:89 Reinf: 1 OR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information ADMINISTRATION	References to Appendices
	12th		102028 WS/Lt D.S.S. MARR wounded in action.	
	14th		129008 T/Capt R.T. JOHNSTON wounded in action. 333116 WS/Lt R.H. SHORT missing in action. CDN/520 WS/Lt R.J. JACKSON (HLI of Canada) posted to WE of 10 HLI from 34 RHU and TOS of this unit w.e.f. 14th April. 143409 T/Capt R.C. STRUTHERS) 333143 WS/Lt A HEALEY) Mentioned in Despatches (Awarded whilst serving as Sgt)	
	15th		33622 T/Lt.Col. R.A. BRAMWELL-DAVIS Wounded in Action Major F.B.B. Noble OBE assumes Comd of Bn w.e.f. 15th April. 308288 WS/Lt C.G. BINTCLIFFE (Suffolks)) Posted to WE of 10 HLI 327367 WS/Lt H.W. SIMPSON (Kings)) from 34 RHU and TOS of 292494 WS/Lt J. WEST (Yorks and Lancs)) this unit w.e.f. 15th April 45	
	25th		336633 WS/Lt D.D. FARMER to be A/Capt w.e.f. 25th April 45 284750 T/Capt D.H. St CROIX (RWK) posted to WE of 10 HLI from 34 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 25th April 45	
	26th		210803 WS/Lt J.A. DICKENSON posted to WE 10 HLI and TOS this unit w.e.f. 26th April 151833 T/Capt D.R. BAYLISS posted to WE 10 HLI from 33 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 26th April 45.	

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	1st		Recce found to be in occupation of WORTH and Bn occupied posns by 0900 hrs around the village. 1130 hrs-Bde Major visited CO and informed him that on 2 A&SH front surrender of GEESTHACHT was being negotiated and that a truce was in force until 1700 hrs. 2 A&SH and a Bn of 53 Div would then occupy GEESTHACHT. 10 HLI would patrol at 1700 hrs to HOHENHORN and occupy if no opposition was met. 1530 hrs-Bn "O" Group. CO gave orders for "B" and "C" Coys to send fwd patrols at 1700 hrs on both rds leading to HOHENHORN. Patrols would send back word as to whether enemy occupied village or not. If there was no opposition Bn would move fwd at 1800 hrs on both routes to occupy HOHENHORN less "C" Coy who would remain in WORTH until relieved by a Coy of 2 GORDONS. If HOHENHORN was occupied Bn attack would be staged for next day. 1730 hrs- Patrols reported enemy in occupation of HOHENHORN with apparently arty or Mortar support from the north. On orders of Bde no attack was to be made on the village before next day. 2000 hrs-CO attended Bde "O" Group. Div would move fwd next day on three Bde front (Right 44 Bde : Centre 46 Bde : Left 227 Bde) to clear Forest of SACHSENWALD 7552, after handing over GEESTHACHT sector to 53 Div. 227 Bde to advance to area immediately to east of BERGEDORF with Right HLI followed by 2 GORDONS and left 2 A&SH. Objectives Right HLI-to take HOHENHORN 7545 adv quickly through wood 7345 and take KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDORF 7146 exploiting to wood 7467 and continuing if unopposed to NEU-BORNSEN 6946; 2 GORDONS to follow up and give assistance on flanks if required. Left 2 A&SH - to take ESCHEBURG 7144 and BORNSEN 6945. Each leading Bn to be supported by Half Sqn 4 COLDM GDS tks. 2245 hrs-Bn "O" Group. CO gave out orders for next days operation. Phase 1-Attack on HOHENHORN. Attack to be made on 2 axes with "B" Coy and tp COLDM GDS tks on right and "C" Coy plus tp COLDM GDS tks on left. H-Hour 0800. Attack to be supported by Fd and Med arty concs on HOHENHORN and area to the North of it. Mortar Pl to smoke poss enemy gun to the North of HOHENHORN. Inf to move	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil Cas:- NIL PW:- NIL Reinf: 9 ORs

			deployed on either side of tks. Phase 2-Subsequent Advance: After capture of HOHENHORN by "B" and "C" Coys, "D" and "A" Coys would pass through and continue advance preceded by 2 tps of the Recce Regt. Order of March- 2 tps of Recce Regt: "D" Coy on Tks: "A" Coy: "B" Coy : Tac HQ : "C" Coy : "S" Coy : Pl REs : MMG Pl : Rear HQ. "D" and "A" Coys to deploy right and left of rd respectively on reaching wood and search to a depth of 200 yds while "B" Coy escorted tks. On reaching far edge of wood Recce to take over lead.	
	2nd		0800 hrs- "B" and "C" Coys began adv and met Small Arms opposition and 20mm AA gun on the outskirts of the village. Coys and tks deployed and attacked these posns. Approx 40 PW were taken from a unit of Marines. 1045 hrs-HOHENHORN reported clear and Recce passed through followed by "D" and "A" Coys. 1230 hrs-Recce report slight opposition at edge of wood 7345. "A" and "D" Coys supported by tanks soon overcame this opposition and took a large number of PW. 1400 hrs-Leading Coys reached far edge of wood and halted while Recce took over adv. Slight enemy opposition was encountered but "A" and "D" Coys were able to adv and enter KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDORF taking more PW. At exit from village tks were delayed by AA gun at 712468 which was covering the rd. By 1540 hrs this had been eliminated by tk and arty fire and the Bn was firmly est in the village. 1630 hrs- "A" and "D" Coys cont on main axis towards NEU-BORNSEN while "B" Coy plus tp of tks gave flank protection by advancing on parallel side rd to south. 1715 hrs-"A" and "D" Coys held up by AA Gun half a mile beyond village. Tks and infantry were deployed to deal with this gun. 1740 hrs-"B" Coy reached 704463 against some opposition and began clearing houses in this area. By 1800 hrs "A" and "D" Coys had been able to adv to just short of X-rds 700465 but were held up here by enemy snipers and Bazooka parties. Enemy snipers also became very active in "B" Coy area and on the flanks of "A" and "D" Coys, making movt very difficult. CO asked Bde Comdr whether 2 GORDONS could assist by clearing wood on our right flank. This became unnecessary however as at 2015 hrs opposition slackened and Coys were able to adv to their final objectives. 2100 hrs-"A" and "D" Coys were est in tight perimeter around Tac HQ and tks in NEU-BORNSEN 694467 with "B" Coy at X-rds 700465. Rear HQ remained in KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDORF along with "S" Coy. CO was told that from First Light tomorrow a truce would be in force in the Bde area to allow negotiations to proceed with a member of the Staff of the German Army Group North. CO would be prepared to meet and receive any such rep at our FDLs at 0700 hrs on 3rd May.	Cas:- 3 ORs Killed 1 Offr 10 ORs Wounded P.W.:- 162

	3rd		News was received that truce would continue as negotiations were going on at a high level for the surrender of the German armies in NW Germany and DENMARK. Meanwhile the Bde would be relieved by a Bde of 53 Div who were to occupy HAMBURG. 0915 hrs- CO of a Bn of SWB arrived to work out details of relief of the Bn. Relief to commence 1130 hrs and be completed by 1300 hrs. 1200 hrs- Bn "O" Group. It was made known that BERGEDORF and HAMBURG had surrendered and that large scale negotiations for complete surrender were in progress. 15 Div would conc for next 48 hrs in area North of SACHSENWALD. 227 Bde to move in afternoon to area WITZHAVE 7255-ROTHENBEK 7556. Route:- KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDHORF-FRIEDRICHSRUH - ROTHENBEK. Method of Movt-"D" and "A" Coys carried on tks: "B" Coy carried on 20 Carriers of "S" Coy : "C" Coy carried on rest of "S" Coy and A Ech vehs. 1500 hrs Bn coln moved off. 1800 hrs-Bn arrived in Billets in WITZHAVE. Bn HQ est at 724557. 2130 hrs-Orders issued for Bn to proceed next day to Bde area at AHRENSBURG 6567. Move to be made by March route. Tpt to move independently at 1000 hrs preceded by Recce parties.	Cas:- NIL PW: 72 Reinf: Nil
	4th		0900 hrs- Marching Coln left for AHRENSBURG. 1500 hrs-Bn arrived in billets in AHRENSBURG. Bn HQ est at 660678.	
	5th		0800 hrs-Hostilities ceased and surrender of all German troops in NW Germany and DENMARK became effective.	
	6th		1100 Bn attended Bde Group Church Service (See Appendix G1). 1815 hrs-CO held Conference attended by Coy Cmdrs, Adjt,. I.O., and Q.M. The following points were given out:- (a) Immediate Future-Surrender of numerous enemy fmns north and NW of HAMBURG still to be accepted. Small bodies of PW would be evacuated in the normal way. Large bodies would be disarmed and remain static. All displaced persons would be directed to HAMBURG. No other movt of civilians to be allowed. (b) Later Moves-Div would later move, probably to following areas. 44 Bde-KIEL : 46 Bde-CUXHAVEN : 227 Bde-LUBECK (2 A&SH-TRAVEMUNDE) (c) Long Term Policy-Bn will probably be in LUBECK for three months. Drive to be made on turnout, drill and discipline. Numerous Welfare amenities already been started in LUBECK and would be increased later.	Appx G1.
	7th		Final surrender of all German Forces in Europe completed.	
	8th		1600 hrs- CO held Bn parade and March past as rehearsal for the Parade before the Div Comdr next day.	
	9th		1100 hrs- Bn paraded and was inspected by Div Comdr who gave a short address, thanking all ranks for the support they had given	

			him in the many battles since Normandy. After the address the Bn Marched Past.	
	10th		1830 hrs- CO held Conference attended by Coy Comdrs, Adjt., I,O., and Q.M. Warning was given that the Bn would move to LUBECK probably in about 10 days time, taking over from units of 5 Div who were at present occupying the town. Meanwhile the Bn would move on 13th May to an immediate conc area to allow Div HQ to move into AHRENSBURG. A few further details of the reorganisation of the Bn on peacetime lines were discussed. It was decided to disband A2 and B Ech on 11th May and to centralise as much as possible of the Bn tpt in charge of MTO. It was explained that the policy with regard to enemy fmns was to leave them for admin purposes under their own Comd, until they had completed all the clearing up that was required, after which they would be evacuated to selected PW areas.	
	12th		Orders issued for Bn to move next day to area ZARPEN 8389-BADENDORF 8789. Recce parties visited new area during the Day. (See Appendix D1).	Appx D.1.
	13th		0900 hrs-Tracked veh coln left for new location-1000 hrs. Remainder of Bn coln left. 1130 hrs-Bn arrived in new area. Bn HQ est at 834901. 1500 hrs CO and IO attended a Conference at Bde HQ on the disposal of PWX and DPs. Immediate action would be:- (a) To collect all stray German PW. (b) To gather together all Russian PWX and DPs in readiness for their evacuation to the Russian area in the first week in June. Bns were allotted areas in which to carry out these tasks by making detailed searches of these areas and maintaining control posts on main rds. 1730 hrs-CO gave Coy Comdrs instrs for carrying out plan outlined above.	
	14th		Coys began collection of German PW and Russian DPs. 1900 hrs- Lt. Col. RA Bramwell-Davis returned from Hospital and resumed Comd of Bn.	
	15th, 16th and 17th.		Coys continued collection and disposal of German PW and Russian DPs. Recces were made for future accn in LUBECK.	
	18th		Orders issued for Bn to move to LUBECK next day. (See Appendix D2) 1730 hrs-CO held first of a series of weekly Conferences for Coy Comdrs to discuss administrative points. 1830 hrs-Bn Adv Party left for LUBECK. Total figures for the collection of German PW over the 5 previous days was 897.	Appx D2
	19th		0900 hrs-Tracked vehs left for LUBECK. 1000 hrs. Remainder of Bn coln left arriving at 1130 hrs. The Bn took over from 2 NORTHAMPTONS and One Coy of the 2 RSF. Bn HQ est at 956921 with	

			Coys as follows:- "HQ" Coy 957923: "S" Coy 957933: "A" Coy 971878: "B" Coy 006918: "C" Coy 954909: "D" Coy 947903. Coys took over VP guards in their areas. (See Appendix D.2.).	Appx D2 & D3
	20th		Bn Op Instr No. 1 issued, giving details of guards and other commitments in the Bn area. (See Appendix D.3.).	Appx D.3.
	23rd		CO held Conference of Coy Comdrs, Q.M. etc to discuss admin points (See Appendix G2&3).	Appx G2 & 3
	24th		Bde Comdr visited Bn and inspected all Coy areas.	
	25th		On orders from Bde, Bn est Check Points to check all movt of German vehs, and impound all those being used without authority.	
	26th		Check of German vehs continued.	
	28th		Div Comdr visited Bn to inspect general area.	
	29th		"A" Coy moved to accn in area 957914 as a first step towards centralising the Bn in NE part of LUBECK. On orders from Bde, the Bn carried out a check of all RED CROSS personnel in the area, and arrested those illegally wearing RED CROSS insignia. (See Appendix D4). R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. Commanding, 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry, (City of Glasgow Regt.)	Appx D.4.

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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

Month and Year MAY 1945

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. RA Bramwell-Davis DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			ADMINISTRATION	
	3rd		WS/Lt A. HEALEY HLI posted to WE 10 HLI from 33 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 3rd May 45.	
	5th		155494 T/Capt PA SMEETON (HLI) posted to 32 RHU and SOS this unit w.e.f. 26th April 45. Remains attached to this unit. 143409 T/Capt RC STRUTHERS. Awarded French Decoration: Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star.	
	12th		33622 WS/Lt.Col. RA BRAMWELL-DAVIS DSO awarded bar to DSO. 336653 A/Capt DD FARMER awarded The Military Cross. 3328034 L/Sgt SCANLON T. awarded The Military Medal.	
	14th		33622 WS/Lt.Col. RA BRAMWELL-DAVIS DSO posted to WE 10HLI and resumes Command of Bn w.e.f. 14th May 45. 58192 WS/Major FBB NOBLE OBE Appointed CO for period 17th April to 13th May 45 (incl). Granted Temporary Rank of Lt.Col. for period of Appointment.	
	25th		CDN/223 A/Capt IF MACMILLAN (Canloan) posted to 4 CITR, Whitley Camp, Aldershot and SOS this unit w.e.f. 25th May 45. Relinquishes Rank of A/Capt. CDN/515 WS/Lt DH STRUCK MC appointed to A/Capt w.e.f. 25th May 45.	
	31st		315725 WS/Lt GG HUTCHINSON posted to WE 10 HLI from 39 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 27th May 45. CDN/616 WS/Lt SS DREW (Canloan) posted to WE 10 HLI from 38 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 31st May 45. R Bramwell-Davis Lt.Col. Commanding 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry.	

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Unit 2 GORDONS

Month and Year Jun 44

Commanding Officer Lt.-Col E.C. Colville

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MUNTHAM COURT	5		The Bn carried out a night exercise in the battle area behind FINDON. A lovely night with a full moon and excellent visibility gave the Bn an excellent picture of an Airborn Force and an idea that Invasion had started. Some three hundred planes, Dakotas mainly, against a midnight moon, appeared at 2000 ft for two hours tugging gliders South East. They reappeared almost immediately moving North West sans gliders.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	6		The Bn returned to camp 0600 hrs. The news of the Invasion was broadcast at 0800 hrs.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	7		Traffic Control party consisting of Lieut Dingwall, Sjt Atherton and two O.Rs left the Bn at 1630 hrs for FRANCE.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	9		The finishing touches are put to waterproofing, loading trials, packing kit etc.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	11		Capt Wishart, Lieut Fairlie, CSM Kernohan and D.R. Stocker, left at 2045 hrs as Advance Party to the Bn's move to FRANCE.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
NEWHAVEN	18		Main body of Bn embarked at NEWHAVEN for France. The journey was made in very rough weather in a large troop carrying ship. The other portion of the Bn which was mainly the transport under the 2 i/c embarked at TILBURY on the ship EMPIRE FALSTAFF, 10,000 tons.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	19		This date still saw the Bn off the coast of France. The weather was extremely bad and landing was considered out of the question.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	20		Bn disembarked at ARROMANCHES and marched in parties to concentration area at VAUX-SUR-SEULLES 831785 (Sheet 7F/1 CAEN).	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	21-25		During this period the rest of the battalion landed in FRANCE in small lots. The transport party under the 2 i/c, disembarked at COURSEULLES and moved to the concentration area between the 23 - 25 Jun 44. During the day 25, plans were completed for the first action of 15 (Scottish) Div. The plan was for 44 and 46 Bdes to adv through the Canadian line about Le Mesnil Patry and to capture a line through CHEUX. 227 Bde was then to pass through with 10 H.L.I. on right to take Granville-sur-Odon; 2 GORDONS on left to take	

FRANCE			COLEVILLE and TOURVILLE, 2 A. & S.H. were then to pass through 2 GORDONS and make a bridgehead over the River ODON at TOURMAINVILLE. 2 GORDONS would then take over the bridgehead and the 2 A. & S.H. would hold the next crossing over the ODON to the West. The way would then be clear for the armour to go through and a complete break through was expected.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	26		During night 25 - 26 Jun, Bn moved from old conc area to a forward conc area and all day moved slowly up to our forming up place for the attack, just N. of CHEUX. The attack by 44 and 46 Bdes though successful, was slow and we were not able to form up with the supporting tanks until the evening. The Bn attack started at about 1830 with "A" and "B" Coys leading "C" and "D" Coys in the rear. A very heavy storm broke just as the Coys started and it was obvious that there would be no opportunity for the promised air support. The attack met with strong opposition from the enemy who had well placed M.Gs and several dug in tanks and A. Tk guns well positioned. Several of our tanks had been knocked out. "B" Coy were believed to have got through to COLEVILLE but "A", "C" & "D" Coys had been held up short of the village. All coys had heavy casualties particularly "A" Coy. The C.O. then decided on re-organising what could be collected of the Bn and a small defensive position was made beside the CHEUX - COLLVILLE road about 1 mile S. of CHEUX. Majors Soutar, Aitchison, and Capt Wishart, and Lts Niven and Kiddie were killed in this action. During this very bloody action the work of our Medical Officer Capt MacPhail and his stretcher bearers was magnificent.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	27		When dawn broke our position was still secure. During the morning our tanks moved up on our left and the A. & S.H. passed through the Bn during the morning, making for the bridge at TOURMANVILLE and we received orders to move on to COLLVILLE. Soon after first light, "B" Coy's remnants joined us from the enemy lines where they had been cut off. The Bn took up a position in COLLVILLE in an orchard. "Sniper fever" was bad among the troops and it was several days before this could be stopped by practice of controlled fire. That afternoon we moved to TOURVILLE after having been relieved by the 9th SEAFORTHS (46 Bde). Our advance was held up by a German tank which had got into posn and was knocking out some of our tanks. The road was also being mortared. This was soon overcome and Bn moved into position south of the village in an orchard area.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	28		Spent the day in TOURVILLE where we were slightly mortared and had some trouble from a tank on the main rd behind us. During this time	

			the armour was passing through our area and over the river. It was unable to make much progress and later had to withdraw.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	29		In the afternoon, the Bn received orders to move back to COLLVILLE and be prepared to carry out a counter attack on the Cameronian posn at GRANVILLE-sur-ODON at dawn the next morning, should the enemy take it. Bn moved and several casualties were sustained during the move by enemy shelling of the road.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	30 30 - 1 Jul		The proposed counter attack by the Bn was not required and the Bn was then ordered to MONCEAUX. The leading coys got to the road running to the river at TOURMANVILLE but came under heavy mortar fire from German posns south of the river. There were many casualties. The B.M. Major J. Lochore was among the killed. The Bn, as a result was ordered to withdraw to its old location in TOURVILLE. 2315 - 0530 hrs 1st Jul, Bn was subjected to a very severe mortar and shell barrage. Casualties were not heavy as troops were well dug in. During the mortaring one of the casualties was R.S.M. Black killed.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.

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Unit 2 GORDONS

Month and Year JUL 44

Commanding Officer Lt.-Col E.C. Colville

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		53 Div moved into our sector. Adv party for relief of 2 GORDONS arrived at 1600 hrs. Capt J. McL Smith was wounded by a mortar bomb during an attack in the late afternoon.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	2		Bn was relieved in the late evening and withdrew to BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE where they took up a defensive posn and prepared to re-equip and re-organise. (Attached is letter of congratulations from G.O.C. 8 Corps).	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	3-7		Three coys were formed in the re-organisation of the Bn ("B", "C" & "D" Coys). "B" was commanded by Capt H.T. Slight, "C" by Major G.H. Hutchinson and "D" by Major R.M.M. Tindall. Re-organization and re-equipping continued throughout this period. The complete list of casualties sustained by the Bn during its battle engagements from 26 Jun to the 2 Jul 44 were as follows:- Officers:- Killed 4, Wounded 7; Missing 1. O.Rs Killed 48, Wounded 195; Missing 11.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	7-13		Re-organization of Bn. New "A" Coy formed and Major Duke put in command. 2 men wounded in "D" Coy by shelling. Shells were not confirmed to be from enemy gun.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	14		Bn moved from Bretteville L'Orgueilleuse to conc area 944647. Slight enemy mortar fire experienced.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	15-16		Bn arrived in assembly area near BARON village during the evening of the 15th, were subjected to heavy mortar and shell fire from the enemy. Pnr 3 ton truck was hit and destroyed. At 2245 hrs the Bn moved into the attack through BARON. "C" & "D" Coys were leading followed by Bn HQ with "A" & "B" Coys follow up coys. The first objective was line of rd 928611 - 932610 - 934610 was taken and held. Whilst this action was in progress Brig Mackintosh-Walker, M.C. (Two Bars) commanding 227 Bde was killed in his forward HQ in BARON. Lt. Col Colville took over command of 227 Bde and Major Sinclair took command of 2nd Bn The Gordon Highlanders. The battle continued and "A" & "B" Coys on moving forward to pass through "C"	

FRANCE	16		& "D" Coys came under very heavy M.M.G. fire on fixed lines. Their progress was slow and when first light came they were still some 400 - 500 yds behind "C" & "D" Coys. The order was then given to dig in in these positions. In the early morning of the 16th, 12 German planes circled Bn area three times and on the third occasion opened fire but caused no casualties among the unit. One plane was shot down by light A.A. fire. During the morning of the 16th, the enemy attacked at several points in the Bn front but was driven off by our weapons and the excellent shooting of our battery of the 131 Fd Regt under Major G. Campbell R.A. At about 1210 hrs enemy tried another counter attack on "A" & "B" Coys posns from the left flank. This time tanks and inf were used. Good shooting by the A. Tk pl under Capt A.W. Parish broke up the enemy attack and with two guns firing from the area of Bn HQ, knocked out 5 PZKW Mk IV tanks. Ps of W. taken up to 1300hrs 16 Jul 44 were 35. Considerable German equipment and a marked map of importance was found. Enemy continued to attack with mortar and shell fire during the afternoon and evening. Capt H.T. Slight was killed during the attack on "B" Coy's posn. At 2358 hrs, the Bn came under command 44 Bde and were ordered to hold posns pending relief. The A. & S.H. and H.L.I. had been withdrawn earlier in the day. During the night of the 16th, "C" & "D" Coys were ordered to withdraw to posns behind "A" & "B" Coys.	RG Hogg Capt I.O. RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	17		Bn remained holding a defensive posn throughout the day; spasmodic attacks were made by the enemy but were broken up by arty fire. Bn was again subjected to severe mortar and shell fire during the evening. Several casualties were sustained. During the late evening, the enemy attacked behind the lines with several fighters and bombers; many flares were dropped and A.A. defences along whole sector were kept busy for some time. One enemy plane was definitely shot down. A successful attack by a squadron of Typhoons was carried out on enemy tanks concs SOUTH of our sector. Great fires were seen burning in the EVRECY area after this attack. About 2300 hrs the WELSH BDE moved through our posns to attack the high ground and the FERME DE MONDRAINVILLE sector. Welsh Bde did not succeed in the operation.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	18		Bn held posns throughout day till relieved by the 7th Bn The WELCH R. in the late afternoon. The relief was completed by 1930 hrs. Bn moved back by march route to area of FARM 903648 N.W. of GRANVILLE-SUR-ODON to reorganise and rest. Casualties from the 14th - 18th Jul were Officers 1 Killed; 3 Wounded; Nil Missing; O.Rs 11 Killed, 107 Wounded; 7 Missing.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.

FRANCE	19-22 22	 1900	Period from 19 to 23 Jul was spent re-organising and re-equipping in area of 903648. Capt E.R. Macdonald rejoined Bn and took over command of "B" Coy. Lt.-Col Sinclair appointed C.O. 2 GORDONS. Major Henderson became 2 i/c. Recce party left unit under I.O. Capt R.G. Hogg to make recce of area NORTH of CAUMONT with view to the relief of 1st Bn of 2nd Regt of the 5 U.S. Div. Positions selected in rear of American areas as U.S. posns were thought to be too congested.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	23		Bn left area of GRANVILLE and moved to CAUMONT to take up defensive posns as reserve Bn of 227 Bde. Role was counter-attack on CAUMONT should 10 H.L.I. be driven from the town by the enemy.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	24		Bn completed preparations for defence of sector "A" Coy forward on left front; "C" Coy in posn on the left forward flank by the 2 A. & S.H. "B" Coy were in posn on left rear with "D" Coy on right rear of Bn HQ, which was situated at 702625 (Sheet 6F/2 ST LO). A. Tk Gun and Jeep on rd attacked by plane. Casualties were 1 killed, 7 injured incl Capt A.W. Parish who remained on duty. A recce patrol was sent out at 2400 hrs to patrol into enemy lines south LA REPAS sector. Patrol returned with some information 0230 hrs but failed to reach main objective. No casualties.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	25		Quiet time spent in new area. Recces were made and plans tied up for counter attack on LA REPAS and CAUMONT if either should be attacked and overrun by the enemy. Patrol out during night. Unsuccessful.	(Att Plan "A" and "B"). RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	26		Standing Patrol out during night from 2400 - 0615 hrs to act as stop gap to 10 H.L.I. and 2 A. & S.H. during their patrolling. Patrol did not encounter enemy.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	27		Quiet day; recces of CAUMONT area made by Coy Comds. Fighting Patrol out under Lieut McIntyre. Patrol contacted the enemy and killed 3 of them. They did not succeed in taking a prisoner. We lost one man killed and two were wounded.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	28		Another day spent quietly in same location. Liaison done with H.L.I. in CAUMONT. Standing Patrol sent out to stop gap between A. & S.H. and H.L.I. Patrol did not encounter enemy.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	29		Preparation for new task began. 'O' Gp at Bde revealed plan for Div attack SOUTH of CAUMONT. Loading and forming up arranged. Recces carried out from A. & S.H. locality by C.O. and Coy Commanders along with tank commanders.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	30		Bn left area at 0215 hrs and moved into F.U.P. This move was completed by 0315 hrs. The attack began at 0655 hrs. 2 GORDONS objective was LUTAIN WOOD 712582 (Viller Sheet No. 37/14 N.W.). Attack put in in two phases. "A" Coy right with 1 troop of tanks	

			from 4 Gren Guards. "B" Coy left with 1 tp tanks; "D" Coy with objective LIEU MONDANT in left rear. "C" Coy in reserve behind "D". "A" and "B" Coys met opposition by M.M.Gs and mortars but eventually managed to push onto objective with help of tanks. Second phase began after "D" Coy had cleared LIEU MONDANT and "C" and "D" Coys on its left supported by "crocodiles" started to sweep the wood. The coys got through the wood but "D" was forced to withdraw due to heavy casualties from enemy mortars firing into the trees. Outskirts of the wood were held by three coys up and "D" was put in reserve at the N. side of the wood. Bn HQ established itself along the edge of hedgerow at 712586 (Villers sheet No. 37/14 N.W.). Bn dug in and the other big phases began. It might be added that as a direct result of our drive the armoured drive south was allowed to begin. By the morning of the 31st the high ground in a line from St Martin de Besaces 6750 (TORIGNI-SUR-VIRE Sheet 6F/4) to Pt 309 6951 was strongly held by 15 (S) Div.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	31		In the early morning the Bn was subjected to some long range shelling and some bombing south east of the area. No casualties were sustained. Bn left this area at 1200 hrs and moved forward as reserve Bn into a Bde area. A. & S.H. were left forward Bn and the H.L.I. were in posn in our rt forward flank. 2 Gordons took up posn in farm W. of LA TEINTURIERE at 703555 Villers (Sheet 37/14 NW).	RG Hogg Capt I.O.

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Month and Year Aug 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FRANCE	1		Bn well settled in new location; some local patrolling done in our area on left flank. This was the most weak flank. There was little to record except that two enemy tanks broke through A. & S.H. left flank and some of their A.P. shells fell in our area. There were no casualties. Warning was received late in evening for early morning move to new area. "O" Group was held at 2400 hrs.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	2		Bn moved to pt 244 695478 (TORIGNI-SUR-VIRE SHEET 6F/4). Adv to contact, "A" Coy leading. Bn got settled in new posn at about 2350 hrs - 10 H.L.I. on the Bn right at Pt 238 and 2 A. & S.H. were in reserve, at La Mancellive. No enemy encountered in area. Main road to Pt 244 was subjected to spasmodic shelling by long range gun.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	3		Bn still in defence posn on 244. Shelled by long range gun but most of the shells fell short. No casualties.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	4.		Still in posn on 244. Large store of German "Q" eqpt found and several documents and identifications got from it. Two bombs were dropped during the afternoon in "D" Coy area by allied aircraft. One did not explode and was dealt with by the R.Es later in the day. Enemy aircraft over during the night. Warning order to move received at 0015 hrs 5 Aug.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	5		Moved off 0830 hrs in Adv to Contact in T.C.Vs to MONCHARIVEL 7442. "B" Coy was adv guard coy. Bn debussed at MONCHARIVEL and commenced advance on 769405 with "B" Coy leading with 2 troops of tanks in support. Captured objective without opposition from the enemy. Bn dug in in area of the X-rds; were subjected to heavy shelling and mortar fire during evening and again after dark. Quiet night after 2400 hrs.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	6		Bn was ordered to move forward to capture ESTRY (VIRE 6F/6). Moved off at 0845 hrs in advance to contact with "C" Coy leading with 2 troops tanks and S.P. guns in support. "B" Coy	

FRANCE			followed up with "A" & "D" and the remaining tank troops. "C" Coy soon contacted the enemy and succeeded in attacking and taking the X-rds. Further movement beyond these X-rds (746377 - 200 yds N. of ESTRY) was stopped by heavy M.G. fire and by dug in enemy troops. "B" Coy with 2 troops of tanks in support then was ordered in to help "C" Coy by going down track 756385 on the left flank and try to work round on that flank. Heavy casualties were sustained from M.G. fire and from the five of the dug in tanks. This attack failed. The enemy strength at this period was estimated to consist of strong M.G. posns, enemy in strength, and tanks in well sited and dug in posns. Another effort was made and "A" Coy was ordered forward but failed to help the situation. The tank support was badly cut up by accurate fire from German concealed tank guns and 11 of the supporting tanks of the squadron were out of action. The other tanks withdrew. C.O. tried once more to get control of left flank and put "D" Coy in to assist two S.P. guns forward in an effort to deal with the enemy tanks. This did not succeed. While this was being done, the road on which we were moving was being constantly shelled and mortared and many casualties were accounted for. After this effort, the C.O. got in touch with the C.O. 10 H.L.I. and arranged for them to move through and try to take the objective as our numbers were badly depleted. This was done and 2 GORDONS followed up the H.L.I. attack. This attack however failed and the two Bns dug in in a "tight" box N.N.E. of X-rds 746377. During this operation one enemy tank was destroyed by one of the S.P. guns under command.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	7		Bn held posns all day and was subjected to the most severe shelling and mortaring experienced in any action the Bn has been in. Cas were very high in both 10 H.L.I. and 2 GORDONS Bns. R.A.P. got a direct hit and lost most of its S.Bs but it carried on as best as it could. Wonderful work was done by the medical branch during all this action. Orders for withdrawal received by C.O. at 1800 hrs but action could not be taken till next day.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	8		Bn withdrew with 10 H.L.I. at 1000 hrs and moved to area L'OBTINIERE 7440 (Sheet 34/14 S.E.). 2 Bns of 44 Bde attacked ESTRY but failed to make strong points. Huns still hold the village.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	9		Bn located in area of L'OBTINIERE. The day spent re-organising and getting reinforcements and new eqpt.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.

	10		Bn still in area of L'OBTINIERE. C.O. decided to form three coys "A", "C" and "D" - "B" Coy incorporated in the other three till re-inforcements arrive. Great shortage of offrs and N.C.Os made this action necessary.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	11		Still in area L'OBTINIERE. Busy day with organisation.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	12		Morning spent working with P.W. - Poles deserted from ESTRY area. Interrogation at Bde HQ gleaned a lot of excellent information. Recce party went out from L'OBTINIERE and recced new area in St PIERRE TARENTAINE 7045 (Sheet 6F/4). The Bn arrived later in the evening and settled in quickly in its new location.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	13		Spent quiet day in ST PIERRE TARENTAINE and day passed without incident.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	14		Casualty report on action from 5 Aug to 8 Aug 44. Offrs 1 Killed; 7 wounded; Nil Missing. O.Rs 21 killed; 146 wounded and 22 Missing (16 known to be wounded, not yet traced). Recce party left for new area at 0600 hrs today. 15 (S) Div rejoining 12 Corps in CAEN area. Bn moved by road from area of 7045 embussed. Moved through CAUMONT, HOTOT, and CARPIQUET to conc area north of MALTOT (Sheet 7F/1 CAEN). Reached new area in and around the grounds of LE CHATEAU 995626 at 1800 hrs. Found this a filthy place where a very savage battle must have raged. Lots of enemy eqpt littered around and several enemy dead still unburied in the area. Bn settled in to new location. 227 Bde HQ is quite near.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	15		Restful day. Settling in new area quite well. General Barber (new G.O.C. 15 (S) Div) visited Bn at 1030 hrs. ENSA show held for troops in afternoon and evening. News of new landings in S. of FRANCE received. Little to report on Bn activities during day. Pipes and Drums played during evening.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	16		Bn still in location at Le Chateau. At 4 hrs notice to move to a new location. Visit made by A.D.O.S. in afternoon to Bn. Mobile bath unit available for unit all day.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	17		Spent another day of waiting to move to new area. Little fresh to report. Weather still very good, warm with little breeze. News of fall of ORLEANS and CHARTRES announced. Recce party under 2 i/c left to recce new area. Bn due to leave for new location not before 1200 hrs 18 Aug.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	18		Bn left area of LE CHATEAU at 1315 hrs. Arrived in new conc location about 1500 hrs. Bn located in area FONTAINE-HALBOUT (Sheet 7/F3 AUNAY-SUR-ODON). Settled in by evening. Trg	

			conference held at Bn HQ, plans made for trg while in conc area.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	19		Weather broke early today. Rain and sultry weather cleared up by late afternoon. Day spent trg from sec to coy level. Signal, A.Tk and pioneer cadres in progress. Warning for new operation received at 1830 hrs. Bde 'O' Gp held at Bde HQ. Operation planned; adv to contact to area of VIMOUTIER and then to hold the crossings of the River VIE and TOUQUES.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	20.		Bn 'O' Gp held at 1000 hrs. Bn at six hours notice to move. This was cancelled at 1830 hrs - no move in the next 48 hrs. Church service held in field near Bn HQ.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	20-21		During night, several enemy planes flew over our area and dropped several A.P. bombs. There were no casualties in our area. Several casualties were experienced by the A. & S.H. Just after the raid, a French civilian was picked up in a house near our Sp Coy HQ. He was seen to be showing a light. The Frenchman was taken to Bde and interrogated and held for the F.S.P.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	21		Weather was extremely poor today. Rain fell all day till late evening. A cinema show was given to the Bn in a barn near HQ in the afternoon and evening.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	22		Weather back to normal again. This has been a warm sunny day. Trg was carried out by coys and specialist pls. E.N.S.A. show held in A & S.H. camp - some of the Bn attended in afternoon and evening. Lt.-Col Sinclair promoted to Brigadier to command 153 Bde (51 (H) Div). Maj Henderson took over command of Bn till arrival of new C.O. Bn received warning order to move to area of NERS to 3421 to conc prior to divisional move.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	23		Bn moved to NERS - 3241 at 0600 hrs. Arrived NERS 0920 hrs. Coys well settled into new areas. Weather unsettled with showers of rain.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	24		Bn left NERS and moved by road to area of BOURDON 4056 7F/6. No enemy encountered and lots of damaged eqpt seen on road. The general intention was for the Bn to move to BERNAY but the roads were so congested with Canadian and French tpt that Bde had to conc for night in BOURDON area. Bn settled in by 2200 hrs. Bde 'O' Gp for further move at 2200 hrs.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	25		Bn left by tpt - adv to contact to area of EMANVILLE 0373 (8F/4 BERNAY). First elements left at 0600 hrs and unit moved without incident into new def posn. Unit was established by 1845 and guns were in posn by 1900 hrs. U.S. tps also in this	

			area but moved to other location on our arrival. Bde 'O' Gp at 2345 hrs.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	26		Left EMANVILLE at 0430 hrs and moved to occupy the town of LOUVIERS 2289 (9F/1 LOUVIERS). This town was occupied without opposition from the enemy. H.L.I. took over E half of the town and 2 GORDONS the W half. This town had been bombed on night 25 - 26 Aug. Some damage done to Tech School and rds to the town, otherwise the town was untouched. Bn took up defensive posn watching all rds and bridges. No enemy seen in area.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
FRANCE	27		Bn moved at 0900 hrs from town and went on to high ground in area of WOOD 263886 (Sheet 9F/1 LOUVIERS) overlooking river, prior to a crossing being made in evening. At 1830 hrs a beginning was made and the bn less all tpt, began to form up for the attack across the River SEINE. The assault boats were brought down and put in posn near the intended crossing place 272885 just south of the railway bridge and the crossing began. Opposition was encountered from the opposite bank and after four boat loads had been destroyed by direct M.G. fire, and it was found impossible at the moment to cross at that point, the Bn was pulled back and moved down stream to area of ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY. A fresh crossing was made at 266905 behind the H.L.I. This crossing was successful and the Bn continued to move on to clear the village of LE MESNIL ANDE 2789 and then on the MUIDS. This was cleared and occupied during the night of 27 - 28. Several prisoners were taken, most of which were S.S. tps left behind in small bands with small arms only, to hold up our advance. It was very noticeable how much confusion now prevails in the enemy's little remaining organisation on this front.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	28		During the day the advance up the N. bank from MUIDS began and by night the Bn had reached area of Pt 144 3692. This point produced some opposition but was speedily cleared up. The Bn was then ordered to send one coy "C" Coy, to clear FRETTEVILLE 3492 but the opposition here was found to be more than could be dealt with by a coy. On orders from Bde, the coy returned to the Bn which was concentrating in the area of Pt 144. During the night the Bn was subjected to slight mortar fire and cas were sustained. This was the first heavy weapon used by the enemy in this operation.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	29		At 0930 hrs the tracks and vehs of the Bn joined the marching tps and concentrated behind the defensive posns on Pt 144. The Bn remained here all day and held a defensive locality. The	

FRANCE			enemy gave no trouble in and it seemed as if they were withdrawing all along our divisional front. The weather was extremely bad as it rained heavily all day, turning the whole area into a sea of mud and made the usual tracks impassable.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	30		At noon, an order to move to better posns in the villages of LA ROQUETTE and LE THUIT 3692 came through from Bde and the Bn moved there to reorganise and clean up.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.
	31		Bn located at LA ROQUETTE and LE THUIT. Weather has improved. The new "B" Coy complete has arrived and is settling in. They have come complete from the 2/5/LANCS FUS. and are commanded by Major H.D. FOLLETT. Lt.-Col R.W.M. De WINTON assumed command of the Bn w.e.f. today.	RG Hogg Capt I.O.

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Unit 2nd Bn THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS

Month and Year Sep 44.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. De Winton

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FRANCE	1	Sep	on. Pipes and Drums played at Le Thuits in the evening. Report of Major R.M.M. Tindall's death received. Casualties during our recent action in crossing the Seine are Major Tindall, Capt Spence, Lt. Aitken and 37 O.Rs killed. Lt. Lamont and 46 wounded. 3 O.Rs missing.	RWM de Winton
	2	Sep	Notification received re move forward. Recce party left at 1500 hrs. Div Comd visited new "B" Coy today. The following officers and O.Rs have been awarded the decorations as shown below :- Major R.M.M. Tindall - M.C. Major A.W. Parish - M.C. 2886857 Sjt J. Atherton - M.M. 2886747 Sjt C. Harris - M.M. 2888214 L/Cpl A. McConnell - M.M. 2927095 Pte J. McLean - M.M. "O" Group held at 1845 and arrangements made for bn to move to Le Tronquay 4610.	RWM de Winton
FRANCE	3	Sep	Transport left area of Le Thuit at 1115 hrs and arrived at Le Tronquay at 1235 hrs. A,B, and C Coys marched to area of 400004 where they were picked up by unit transport sent back from Le Tronquay after being unloaded. Bn was complete in new conc area by 1930 hrs. Pipes and Drums played in the village during the evening. Orders for move on 4 Sep received.	RWM de Winton
	4	Sep	"O" Group held at 0900 hrs. Bn moved at 1150 hrs and arrived in area of BOIS DES PUITS 6437 (Aumala Sheet 9E/2) at 1400 hrs. Concentration area for the bn prior to move forward on 5 Sep. Troops moved to the above area in unit transport and the vehicles returned to collect their store loads and rejoined the Bn at 1830 hrs.	RWM de Winton
	5	Sep	Bn ordered to move to area FILLIEVRES 0305 ST POL Sheet 72 FRANCE and BELGIUM. 1/50,000. Vehicles moved off at 1035 hrs	

			and reached destination without incident at 1740 hrs. Troops were due to leave at 1400 hrs but T.C.Vs did not arrive.	RWM de Winton
FRANCE	6	Sep	Bn still in FILLIEVRES. Troops did not arrive during night or this morning but are expected later in day. Bde "O" Group at 0900 hrs. Orders for Bde, with supporting arms, to move to occupy COURTRAI 8556 (Sheet 53 FRANCE and BELGIUM 1/50,000) issued: timings delayed due to troops being late in arriving at FILLIEVRES. 2 GORDONS ordered to lead the advance. T.C.Vs did not turn up so move did not materialise.	RWM de Winton
	7	Sep	Rained all day. T.C.Vs did not arrive till 1630 hrs. Bn left on its own for COURTRAI as Bde had left early in the day. Column moved at 0030 hrs 7-8 Sept.	RWM de Winton
BELGIUM	8	Sep	At 0930 hrs Bn crossed the FRANCO-BELGIUM border at Toufflers 8239 and proceeded to St. Genois 9148 where it arrived at 1030. Bn left St. Genois at 1400 and moved up in rear of 227 with task of clearing Nazareth of enemy and occupying village. This was completed without opposition and the Bn moved in to occupy NAZARETH 0970 (Sheet 7 1/100,000 TOURNAI) in all round defensive posns. Bde also came into this area. Patrols during late evening took two prisoners.	RWM de Winton
BELGIUM	9	Sep	Patrolling of areas round NAZARETH carried out during day. Pipes and Drums played at 1800 to a large assembly of the people of the town and GOC 15 (S) Div. Nothing extra of note to report.	RWM de Winton
	10	Sep	Bn still at NAZARETH. Were at two hours to move all day but nothing resulted and bn remained at the village during the night.	RWM de Winton
	11-12	Sep	Bn moved by road at 1245 to village NW of HUMBEEK called NIEUWENRODE 6270. Took up a general defensive posn and settled there for the night. B Coy ordered to move off to guard a lock over the Albert Canal and deny it to the enemy. During morning of 12th Sep Bn got orders to follow up to support "B" Coy. Bn left at 1500 hrs and arrived in the village of ZOERLE PARWYS 9981 Sheet 3¼ ins where it remained the night after sending "D" Coy forward to assist "B" Coy.	RWM de Winton
BELGIUM	13	Sep	Bn moved forward to area of school at OOLEN where plans were made to go over canal and occupy area west and on the lock. This was not considered necessary by higher authority and the bn less "B" Coy which remained to protect the lock were moved to area of MEERHOUT where it took up an all round defensive posn in defence of 227 Bde HQ.	RWM de Winton

	14	Sep	Capt Hogg posted to "D" Coy as 2 IC. Lieut Thompson takes over IO. Presentation of medal ribbons to Major Parish by Field Marshal Montgomery. 2 officers and 20 men present as spectators.	RWM de Winton
	15	Sep	Recce to find suitable crossing of canal by RUPOL WOOD Map Ref. Sq. 1494 (Map Sheet 25&35. TURNHOUT-GHEEL). Recce fired on by MG and one rifle shot. Bde 'O' Gp 1400 hrs. Bn ordered to cross canal by night. A & S.H to pass through. 1900 hrs Recce Party returns, IO & recce commander report to Bde HQ, maps did not show backwater which was discovered by recce & also Air Photos received at 1900 hrs causing further complication - crossing due to start at 2200 hrs but postponed for confirmation of possibility of crossing.	RWM de Winton
BELGIUM BELGIUM	16	Sep	Bn warned to move at 0200 hrs - "C" Coy provided Assault Platoon, comd Lt. Lamont - (dress: sandbags over boots, no eqpt) led by Taping Party from "I" Section who laid 3 mile of tape, followed by "PLANKING PARTY" consisting of one pl of "A" Coy, comd by Sjt Binnie. Arrived at Canal Bank at 0600 hrs. Crossed Backwater by Barges and Planks. Helped across by Bargees who warned us of a sniper and made a carpet of sacks across the Barges to minimise the echo from the Barges. Assault Pl fired on by sniper on crossing the Backwater. ~~(IO made hasty retreat).~~ Platoon held at lock by MG firing on fixed line and were unable to proceed. - Dawn was breaking - remainder of "C" Coy, "B" Coy & "D" Coy crossed the barges with Carrier Pl on foot, all pinned down on island between Breakwater and Canal. "A" Coy attempted to cross by assault boats W. of the lock but pinned by MG and rifle from far bank - A Tk gun used to fire into lock hut on far bank which was being used as a Strong Point - CO visited fwd coys and realised impossibility of crossing. Decided to leave "A" Coy under command of Major Dukes with one sec of carriers in support, remainder of Bn returned to 156921 (Sheet 25&35) 1 ins., at 1400 hrs. Lt Brownlee-Lamont K. killed attempting to cross lock. Major Follett and Capt McIntyre wounded - 2 O.Rs killed, 18 wounded. CSM Grey wounded attempting boat crossing. R.A. Trace attached	RWM de Winton Appendix I
	17	Sep	Early hours of morning "A" Coy report lock gates were opened by enemy. 0700 "A" Coy relieved by Recce Regt. Bn moved to KIEVERMONT in square 1088 (Sheet 25-35 1 ins) where Bn conc for one night. CO and IO recce to KOSB at 076927 where RSF and KOSB held small Bridge Head over L'Escaut Canal, NORTH of	

			GHEEL. Heavy counter attack during the visit. 1330 hrs Airborne Div passed overhead in NW direction. Saw 5 shot down on return journey. Issue of German rations to Bn. Lt Patrick rejoined Bn and posted to "C" Coy.	RWM de Winton
BELGIUM	18	Sep	Crossing postponed from daylight to night. 0700 hrs CO and Coy Comds visited Bridge Head - recce liaison with A & S.H who had taken over prev night from RSF. 1100 hrs Major Kempton joined Bn from London Scottish. CQMS WILKINSON posted to "A" Coy as acting CSM. 1200 hrs 3 carriers sent to A. & S.H to assist in evacuation of wounded. 2000 hrs First Group consisting of Bn HQ crossed canal by Assault Boats, remainder of Bn C,A,B,D, Support, at hourly intervals. (Bn held up one hour owing to counter attack). Bde LO's controlled timing of crossing. Take over complete by 0400 hrs with little interference - Code word for completion "NUTS" (Bn exchange of A Tk guns).	RWM de Winton
BELGIUM	19	Sep	Major Kempton posted to A & S.H. Lt Griffiths and Lt McDonald joined Bn, posted to A and D Coys. Bn HQ established at MR 076928 (Sheet 25-35: 1 ins to 1 mile). Bn well dug in and holding posn taken over from KOSB. Heavy shelling and mortaring encountered during the day. Notified that 10 HLI would pass through Bn positions at night. At 2245 hrs first coy HLI reported over the Canal, interference by Long Range Sniper, second Coy of HLI reported over at 2325 hrs. 20 Fd Coy RE were in charge of the ferrying across the Canal during the day and night. The Central crossing was observed as journeys nearly always resulted in shelling. Joint Command Post shared with 2 A & S.H in cellar of house on NORTH bank. The two Bns were so closely inter-locked and so essential to prevent enemy infiltration if bridgehead to be kept intact, that this close liaison essential. Casualties: 4 O.R's.	RWM de Winton
	20	Sep	All HLI Coys reported in position at 0235 hrs. HLI Carrier Pl reported they had lost contact with their "B" Coy and that their Officer was missing. CO instructed Capt Grendan to take them under his command and sent a party out to make contact between them. Bde Comdr calls for Bde 'O' Gp at 0915 hrs R.V. at Red House in Wood South Side of L'Escaut Canal (MR 075925 Sheet 25-35 1" to 1 mile). The bridgehead was to be abandoned and the Division were to follow up the	

BELGIUM			successful crossing of the Canal further EAST on the main 2nd Army Axis. The crossing started at 2000 hrs and all three bns were cleared of the NORTH bank by about 2400 hrs. HLI withdrew through the Bn first and thereafter the withdrawal carried out by Serials, the A & S.H conforming. "B" Coy was the last to leave. The Carrier Pl took up positions on South bank to cover the crossing and flanks should the enemy follow up. Casualties:- 1 O.R killed 20 wounded.	RWM de Winton
HOLLAND	21	Sep	0100 hrs Bn established in area KIEVERMONT (MR Sq 1088 Sheet 25-35 1" to 1 mile) with Bn HQ at MR 105890. Spent quiet day reorganising etc. Bn visited Mobile Baths.	RWM de Winton
	22	Sep	0700 hrs Harbour party under Command of Major Henderson left KIEVERMONT to recce new Bn positions at VELDHOVEN in HOLLAND (MR Sq 3714). Bn moved at 1330 hrs and arrived new location 1800 hrs. Orders for the Bn to move early on the morning of the 23rd Sep were received at Midnight.	RWM de Winton
HOLLAND	23	Sep	Harbour party under Command Major Henderson left VELDHOVEN at 0730 hrs to recce new Bn conc area SOUTH of WILHELMINA Canal. This area under enemy mortar and shell fire. Orders received from Bde to return and a new area allotted to the Bn on the outskirts of EINDHOVEN (MR 408228 Sheet 18 S.W 1/25000). Bn arrived new location at 1130 hrs and Bn HQ established at (MR 409229 Sheet 18 S.W 1/25000). The GOC 15 (S) Division visited and spoke to all ranks of the Bn at 1730 hrs. The Commanding Officer spoke to all ranks and informed them of his intention to disband "B" Coy and reform 3 strong Coys A,C & D, to take effect from 23rd Sept. Bn was billeted in houses in the "Garden City" occupied by employees of Phillips Electric Coy. All ranks were made to feel very much at home and great kindness shown.	RWM de Winton
HOLLAND	24	Sep	Bn still in position on the outskirts of EINDHOVEN. Church Service arranged for 1030 hrs in the Hospital Courtyard but had to be cancelled owing to heavy rain. A voluntary Service was held at 1215 hrs in "A" Coy area. Bn prepared to move at 1700 hrs but this order was later cancelled until 0730 hrs 25th Sep. The Pipe Band played Retreat at 1800 hrs in the Bn area. Letter of congratulation to the Bn received by C.O. attached.	Appendix II RWM de Winton
	25	Sep	Bn moved at 0730 hrs to Area of BEST (MR 386257 Sheet 18 S.W. 1/25,000). 2 Gordons to clear area from Main Road at 386255 to	

HOLLAND			incl WOOD 364250. "H" hour 1000 hrs. Attacked with C and D Coys forward, A Coy in reserve. Heavy M.G. fire met from Rly embankment and attack was held up. Bn later withdrawn to area 385257 and an attack by Typhoons on enemy MG positions dug in on rly embankment was made. 20 PW were taken. Bn stayed night 25/26 in this area. Major Duff was wounded but remained on duty. Casualties:- Capt R.G. Hogg and Lt G.E. Beaton were killed. Major G.H. Hutchinson, Lt G.C. McDonald, Lt T.A.S. Johnson were wounded. Lt D.R. Fairlie reported missing. O.R's 9 Killed, 47 wounded and 55 missing. The object of the attack was for the Bn to secure a firm line North of the Canal and West of the railway to allow 10HLI and 2 A & S.H to form up for their attack on NAASTENBEST on the left of 44 Bde. During the attack some of the enemy flying white flags gave themselves up to the Bn. 54 were counted to leave the wood, but owing to many being killed by their own people only 22 returned to the PW Cage - during this action "Cat & Nine Tails" were found in enemy NCO slit trenches. The Bn were held up from very accurate and conc MG fire from the factory in BEST, and all the Platoon who managed to cross the railway were trapped, few managing to get back.	RWM de Winton
HOLLAND	26	Sep	After a very uncomfortable night, the Bn moved at 0800 hrs in pouring rain to area (Sq 3928) with Bn HQ at 394286 (Sheet 18 S.W 1/25000) to defend Bde HQ and as Reserve Bde while the HLI & A. & S.H advancing N. to widen the existing Line of Communication (North to Bridgehead over the Rhine). Contact made with reserve Coy of Airborne American Tps. At 1700 hrs the Bn moved to hold defensive position in area Sq. 3828 to fill a gap on the left of the Bde. Bn HQ in house Map Ref 386284 (Sheet 18 S.W. OIRSCHOT 1/25,000). Patrol sent out at 1030 hrs and 0230 hrs to contact Bde HQ Patrol. Casualties - One man missing, three men rejoined having previously been reported missing on Sep 25th.	RWM de Winton
	27	Sep	Bn ordered to move to relieve 8 R.S. in area 372277 (Sheet 18 S.W. 1/25000) moved at 0830 hrs. Bn relieved by Recce Regt. Relief of 8 R.S completed by 1000 hrs. Some enemy shelling and mortaring during the day. 1100 hrs. Typhoon attack positions in WOOD (MR Sq 3629) and a propaganda broadcast was made to the enemy. At 1300 hrs the Typhoons again attacked their positions and 50 prisoners gave themselves up to the A. & S.H. Owing to the Brigade being on a	

			very wide front and thin on the ground with small gaps between units it was necessary to have very active patrolling between units during day and night. 1 NCO and 8 men previously reported missing on Sept 25th returned to unit. Casualties:- Capt A.W. Grendon - (Carrier Officer) and 4 O.Rs wounded by shelling. Fire plan traces attached	RWM de Winton Appendix III & IV
HOLLAND	28	Sep	Bn in same area - experiencing bad weather of rain and cold. Very little information is known of the enemy on our immediate front. A & D Coys sent out small recce patrols to listen and observe enemy movement. O.P. established in House at 372231 manned by "I" Section. Casualties:- One man wounded.	RWM de Winton
	29	Sep	Patrol sent out to contact enemy at 365289 to find they had left. "A" Coy sent patrol to wood in Sq 3728 two section strength. One section were taken by surprise from the rear and 5 O.Rs taken prisoner, before the other Section realised what had happened the enemy was well away with the prisoners making use of the trees for cover.	RWM de Winton
HOLLAND	30	Sep	~~1400. The Adjutant sitting by himself in the Command Post heard someone walking on the roof of the C.P., knowing it was not any of our own people he felt certain it must be an enemy infiltration. Carefully raising his head over the top of the dugout he came face to face with a pig. Seeing the Adjt the pig put in an attack, the attack stopped by firm resistance and a stone, direct hit, on its nose.~~ RWM de Winton 0200. "A" Coy Patrol to area of House 372287 where contact with enemy was made and O.Rs killed 2 wounded 2. Active mortaring and shelling on both sides. Reinforcements of officers and O.Rs arrived at A2 Echelon. Major Gloster, E.A.) Capt Green, L.G.W.) Capt Smith, G.W.L.) from 59 Div. Capt Duxbury, T.G.) Capt Grose, L.) As a result of active patrolling by the bn and by harassing fire by 3" mortar and MMG, the enemy drew back slightly and was very much on the defensive making no attempt to patrol himself.	RWM de Winton RWM de Winton

WAR DIARY.

In lieu of A.F. C 2118.

Unit:- 2nd Bn The Gordon Highlanders

Month and Year:- October, 1944.

Commanding Officer:- Lt.-Col R.W.M. de Winton, D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		Weather remains wet and cold, trench life becoming most uncomfortable. Bn informed that the 51st Highland Div were relieving 15 (S) Div the following day. Hoped that one of our own Bns will relieve us (1st or 5/7 Bns) - Constant patrolling during day.	
		0810	"A" Coy sent Pl under command of Lt Burge to WOOD 273287 made contact with enemy patrol - one man killed - retaliate with M.G. and Mortar "Hate Shoot".	
		1600	Standing patrol of 2 O.Rs from "D" Coy to M.R. 388288 report seeing enemy patrol on track at 365282.	
		2000	Bren party (3 Brens) from "A" Coy. Harassing Shoot on HOUSE at 372288 and WOOD 373288 for ¼ hour (10 mags Bren).	
			Slight shelling from Enemy Inf guns during day.	
	2	1100	Brig Sinclair (153 Bde), Brig Colville (227 Bde) with members of 1st and 5/7th Bns visit Command Post.	
		0900	"A" Coy patrol 1 N.C.O. and 6 contact A. & S.H.	
			Standing Patrol 2 O.Rs from "C" Coy observe enemy movements in HOUSE 372288. WOOD 373288 Report clear of enemy. Appears enemy is thinning out. Strong points remain along railway.	
			Fighting Patrol from "D" Coy (1 N.C.O. and 8 O.Rs) to contact enemy on railway 365275. Observed two enemy sentries on W. side of railway. Patrol returned to report.	
		1400	"D" Coy patrol sent back to railway as object in morning had not been achieved. Orders were to fire at enemy if observed. Return to report hitting at least two enemy - were fired on from enemy M/G firing into top of trees - very inaccurate. Patrol lay quiet until firing ceased then returned fire from Brens.	
		1100	Explosion heard on bearing 355° from O.P. (372280) thought to be enemy Amn Dump but not confirmed.	
		1625	Recce party from 5 Camerons.	
			Slight shelling during day, appears to be trying for Class 40 Br at M.R. 389249.	

		1930	C.O. and Adjt dine with 153 Bde.	
HOLLAND	3	0800	Enemy fighting patrol attack O.P. - M.Gs and Light Inf Mortars. Difficult to tell exact location of firing but did not appear to be very close to O.P. Carrier Pl report seeing about 15 men enter WOOD 365278. Carrier Pl, 3" Mors and Gunners shoot up likely return routes to railway. No casualties - quiet by 0830 hrs.	
		1200	A tired and nervous enemy N.C.O. walked into our lines causing amusement owing to his poor condition. During day arrangements made for hand over to 5 Camerons. All surplus stores and tpt sent to Bn Assembly Area (395286).	
		1400	Commencement of "Hand Over". "A", "C" & "D" Coys of Bn change over, Camerons making slight adjustments and including their "B" Coy. We were very weak on ground.	
		1500	Bn report "STAG" - code word for completion of operation.	
		1515	Bn feed in Assembly Area.	
		1545	Move to Rest Area - Order of March Bn HQ, Sp Coy, "A", "D" & "C" Coys in 3 ton lorries.	
		1930	Arrived in DEURNE M.R. 653202 (1/25000 - 19 Sh VENRAIJ).	
		2200	Bn settled in new billets. "D" Coy in German Hutted Camp at M.R. 644209, remainder of Bn in private houses and cafes. Americans concerned about our lights and noise as enemy patrols and shelling of village were possible. Capt G. Potter joined Bn and posted to Mor Pl.	
	4		Bn re-organisation. 3 coys made up to strength from drafts.	
		1300	For first time since leaving ENGLAND, central Officers' Mess in School. Mobile baths during day. P.R.I. opens canteen in Cafe.	
		1800	Pipes and Drums play "Retreat" in Square.	
		2100	Cinema show in local cinema.	
	5		Bn trg including Drill and P.T.	
		1000	Bn quarter guard mounted at Bn HQ. Shelling of Village during afternoon.	
		1730	Bde Comd lectures to officers and N.C.Os - briefing of future operations.	
		1800	E.N.S.A. concert.	
	6	1000	Day's course for "I" Sec at Bde HQ.	
		1400	Bde "O" Gp.	
		1730	Div Comd lectures to officers in HELMOND (553220 Sh 5 1/10000).	

HOLLAND		1800 1930 2000	For the first time during this war, a performance of the Div. Pipe Band has been held on the Continent. The Pipe Band under Drum Major Wilkie and Pipe-Major Nicol paraded in the grounds of The Castle, HELMOND before the Corps and Div Commanders. After the performance the Corps Commander expressed his high approval of the excellent display that had been given. The programme was as follows:- Blue Bonnets over the Border - Skye Gathering - Atholl and Breadalbane - Because he was a Bonnie Lad - High Road to Linton - Glendurnie Highlanders - Lady Dorothea Stewart Murray - Farewell to the Creeks - The Mist Covered Mountain - Australian Ladies - Munlochy Brig - Scotland the Brave. Shelling of Village. Film Show.	
	7	1445 1730	Corps Commander's interview with C.O. and 2 i/c at Bde HQ. The Bde's intention to attack W. of Forest RUCHSWALD to GENNEP on TUE 10 Oct cancelled. Maj G.H. Hutchinson returns to Bn from hospital. Shelling during day. Two S.Bs wounded. For the first time on the Continent a performance of the 1st, 2nd and 5/7th Bns' Pipe Bands played "Retreat" NORTH of the ZON Bridge. It is a memorable occasion for the three Bns. The Pipe Band under Drum Major Ferguson (5/7th Bn) and Drum Major (1st Bn). The Pipe Majors, all from Balmoral Castle lead the pipers - Pipe Majors Brown (1st Bn), McGregor (5/7th Bn) and Nicol (2nd Bn). The Div and Bde Comds were present.	Retreat Programme Appendix I.
	8	 1145 1900	Enemy patrols laid A/Tk mines on road between DEURNE and BAKEL. Two Jeeps of 11 Armoured Div blow up. Interpreter L. Dunke Jacob joins Bn from EINDHOVEN. Scale X Church Parade in "D" Coy Camp. Guest Night in Officers' Mess.	Appendix II.
HOLLAND	9		Return to Bn from hospital of Sjt Harris and 4 O.Rs. Owing to enemy activity it was necessary to send out patrols during the night. "A" Coy supply patrols along road to Bde HQ; they have nothing to report except meeting patrols from Recce, A. & S.H. and American Army. While repairing roof of factory, Pte Candie of Pioneer Pl fell through roof of factory and fractured his skull. American Div move to area of DEURNE and take over patrolling between DEURNE and MILHEEZE.	Appendix III.
	10	0920	Corps Comd lectures to Bn Comds at Corps HQ (8th Corps).	

			C.O. lectures to all Coys.	
	11	1545 1730 1930	Hockey match between offrs and Sjts. Score 0 - 4. Pipe Band plays "Retreat" at DEURNE. Film Show. 1st Publication of Bn News Summary as "BY DAND" taking the place of "The Gordonian".	Appendix IV.
	12	1630 1700 2030	Hockey. DEURNE Hockey Club v. Gordons Team. Score 1 - 0. Members of team presented with Souvenir Picture. Football Match A & S.H. v Gordons. Score 2 - 1. Bde Comd spectator at game. Film show in Deurne Cinema. 5 members of Bn return from Hospital. Night patrol in Village. Bn being worried by a number of Dutch civilians desiring to join British Army.	
	13	 1645	The following awards were published:- Brigadier Sinclair J.R. - D.S.O. Capt MacPhail A.N., R.A.M.C. - M.C. Lt Hitchcock J.H. (Can Inf Corps) - M.C. 2817733 L/Sjt C. McGregor - M.M. Officers and N.C.Os visited HELMOND to see Armoured Troop Carriers.	
	14	 0930 1400 1500 1400 2000	Bn Holiday with exception of officers and men on certain essential duties. Bde 'O' Gp. "C" & "D" Coys visit to Helmond to see Troop Carriers. "B" Ech move to area 598235. Reps from coys visit HELMOND. Film Show.	
	15	1000 1100 1800 2030	Church Parade in School Yard. Lecture of Officers and N.C.Os by Major Campbell (R.A.) on R.A. Support. Cinema Show in Theatre. Bn Concert arranged and produced by Capt Rae (P.R.I.).	Programme Appx VI.
HOLLAND	16	1000	C.O., 2 i/c and Coy Comds attend demonstration of Armoured Troop Carriers working with Tanks. General trg and recreation. Film in evening.	
	17	0900	Bn Exercise with Armoured Troop Carriers on Trg Area N. of Trg Pl Comds to work on briefing from Map and not on Ground - using Carriers as flank protection.	

		1400 2030	Conference on morning's trg. Suggested that 2 i/c Coys should travel with rear pl together with the 18 set. Comn difficult, possible use of flag signal. Film show.	
	18	 1400 2130	General trg. Coys practice quick decision orders and comn for use in Armoured Troop vehs. C.O. visits 51 Highland Div to make arrangements for take over from 153 and 152 Bdes. Visit to 1st Gordons. Nothing definite arranged as times of take over not certain. Bde 'O' Gp. Bn load and prepare to move. Bn '68 RESERVE' Sign put on all House and Buildings occupied.	
	19	0930 1000 1230 1430 1515 1530 1600 1630 1700 1700	Bn 'O' Gp. 227 Bde to take over from 153 and 152 Bdes. Defensive role - to allow 51 H.D. to reform and prepare for attack N. of River DOMMEL (Sh 18 N.W.). Cameronians under command of 227 (H) Inf Bde. C.O. and I.O. leave for 5/7th Bn GORDONS from whom the Bn takes over. Recce of Coy positions etc. Coy Comds and guides arrive at 5/7th Gordons. Bn arrive at Assembly Area. - 153 Bde HQ 419314. - to reorganise into coy groups prior to moving forward. Food is cooked in this area. Mortar Pl and "C" Coy move forward to 5/7th Area 404314 (Map 18 N.W. 1/25000). Bn HQ move forward. "A" Coy with 2 6 pdr A. Tk guns, 2 Secs carriers and Coy Carrier. "D" Coy with 2 6 pdrs and 2 secs of Carriers. Move complete. Track leading down to Bn area impossible for wheeled vehs. Standing patrol as shown on sketch sent out to fill gap left by the Black Watch who moved out at 1800 hrs - also to let enemy think that posn still occupied. Change over as follows:- 2 Gordons Coys. — 5/7 Gordons Coys. "C" Coy and 2 17 pdrs. — "A" Coy. "A" Coy and 2 6 pdrs. — "C" Coy. "D" Coy and 2 6 pdrs — "D" Coy. 2 Secs of Carriers and the Assault 2" Mortar Section Standing patrol in Black Watch area.	See Appx VII. Sketch of Coy locations.
	20	0112	"A" Coy report farm building on fire - 600 yds in front of their F.D.L. Patrolling during day with harassing fire from	

			Brens and Mortars - from position on Bn left flank and also GASTHURSHOEF area to make enemy think we still held the ground. Enemy mortaring on wood at 387324 (Sh 18 N.W. 1/25000). Considerable patrolling during day and night, no contact with enemy. Standing Patrol in GASTHURSHOEF. Enemy still thinks village is occupied as slight mortaring on one previous forward positions. Night patrols penetrated as far forward as 383328 with no contacts made. Tracks in Bn area becoming very muddy and difficult for tpt. All available men on road maintenance.	
	21		Still appears enemy think GATSHURSHOEF (M.R. 3932 1/25000) occupied by Black Watch. Mortared forward positions during day. Deception plan by firing 3" Mor and M.Gs from GASTHURSHOEF area. Held by 1 Pl Standing Patrol. Enemy not very active. No sign of patrols.	
	22		Active patrolling during night 21/22. "C" Coy contact enemy at 388316 (1/25000). Exchange of fire. No casualties. Heavy shelling of enemy posns during day. Enemy shell St Oedenrod. Mortar had direct hit on enemy digging at 385322. Bofors det under command of Bn.	
	23	0001	Active patrolling during night. No enemy contacted. 51st Highland Division put in attack on right towards our right flank.	
	24	0630	Party of 2 offrs and 5 O.Rs left for 48 hrs short pass in BRUSSELS. Bn move at 1200 hrs. Attack as shown in Appx XVIII. No enemy encountered. 1 O.R. killed by Box Mine. Bn HQ at 358296. Attack completed by 1600 hrs. Quiet night.	
HOLLAND	25	1200 1500	Two civilian prisoners handed to "C" Coy sent from BOXTEL. Bn marching personnel left for NOTEL (Sh 18 S.W. 1/25000). Arrived at new location. Conc in area for night.	
	26		Bde move to conc area MOERGESTEL as shown in Appendix XIV. Bn HQ established at 224316. Bde 'O' Gp at 1700 hrs.	
	27		Bde attack on TILBURG. See Appx X. Bn in town at 1830 hrs; great reception from civilians delaying operation for a short time. No enemy encountered. Civilians report enemy left town at mid-day. Bn spent peaceful night in good billets. Bn goes into Battle using KANGAROOS for first time, supported by tanks. No casualties.	

	28	 1400	Div Pipe Band play "Retreat" in TILBURG - day of celebration for civilian population. It was hoped that the Bn would remain in TILBURG for a few days to clean up and enjoy civilisation for a change to the field and slit trenches. This was not possible as there was a threat of enemy infiltration on 8th Corps front at ASTEN, which was held by a small American Battle Group. Bn move to ASTEN with 227 Bde only, prepare for counter-attack role and defence of ASTEN.	
	29		Evacuation at own request of civilians in area of ASTEN, scared of counter-attack, atmosphere very tense. Bn moves to conc area in Sq 6113, defending 227 Bde HQ. Bde defensive role on ASTEN. Bn takes over from Americans. See Appx XI for dispositions. Active patrolling by enemy during night. Enemy using more and heavier arty than encountered since NORMANDY - Counter-attack expected. Americans withdrawn through our line and completed by 2400 hrs.	
	30	0430	Enemy Fighting Patrol of Coy strength attacked and took House M.R. 664108, occupied by "C" Coy. 3 O.Rs killed and 2 wounded. Two P.Ws taken. At 1400 hrs Pl of "C" Coy supported by two tanks counter-attacked and re-took house, taking 1 offr and 20 O.Rs P.W. Heavy shelling during day. 8 P.Ws taken during the evening by Maintenance Party from Sig Pl - kept in area under guard all night.	
	31		Active patrolling during night. Heavy shelling. Gunners firing all day. P.W. reported to be very effective.	

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WAR DIARY
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Unit 2nd Bn The Gordon Highlanders

Month and Year November 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.W.M. de Winton D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		Bn still in area sq. 6511. During night 3 P.W. walked into our lines, in very poor condition, 1 Polish, who seemed to be very pleased to be in our hands. He reported that most, if not all, of his coy were either killed or wounded, and that our shelling had been most effective. Heavy shelling during day caused casualties. Lt Griffiths, Sjt Anderson and Sjt Chell were killed. Patrolling during night.	Appx 1. Coy locations.
Holland	2	0930	Patrols during night showed signs of enemy moving back. Bn in series of coy attacks supported by tanks, moved forward to area of PEEL Xtracks, with H.L.I. moving up on the right. At the same time 44 Bde moved to 692086. Our coys reached their objective meeting no enemy. A short time after the attack slight enemy shelling of "D" Coy area slightly wounded Major Duff, who remained on duty. Appx 1 shows disposition of coys. During the day, pioneers cleared several mines from the tracks, some of which were found to be Booby trapped. At M.R. 667105 our gunner OP carrier blew up on a mine, killing one OR.	Appx 1.
	3		Quiet day with no shelling, coys sending out of line a platoon each day to rest and bath. During day Bn rest with OP's and Bren screen for protection.	
	4		46 Bde having reached MOOSDIJK forced enemy to withdraw from our front Sq. 6908 (Sheet 27 NW 1:25000) leaving behind him mines both A/Tk and A/P and cratering the main road at 681086. Only necessary to have small protective screen on ground. Bn resting in local buildings with parties to ASTEN for baths. Meals served in daylight. Very bad weather and tracks becoming very difficult for vehicles.	

			Lt Arnall joins Bn and posted to Pioneer Pl. Quiet night with contact patrols to H.L.I. only.	
Holland	5		R.S.F. take over from H.L.I. and 2nd Gordons at 1400 hrs. Recce party left for ASTEN where we were to take over A & S.H. old billets. These billets were not found suitable so Bn moved to HELMOND, arriving at 1630 hrs. Coys billeted in private houses with Bn H.Q. in town Post Office.	
	6		Bn resting in HELMOND. Baths and entertainment during day. Party of 300 in TCV visit EINDHOVEN to see ENSA show. Bde "O" Gp and Recce to American Battle HQ where it was expected we should relieve them the following day. A & SH take over in area OSPEL during evening and come under comd of 51st Div.	
	7		Bn in HELMOND. Baths and entertainment. Warning order. See Appx. Baths and Cinema during day.	Appx II.
	8		Bn takes over from Seaforths area NEERKANT Sheet 27 NW/W. See Appx III. Take over completed by 2400 hrs with no incidents. No patrols out during night. Enemy patrols reported seen by "D" Coy. A little shelling but no casualties.	Appx III
Holland	9		The country in this area being very flat and open made observation for both sides very easy and consequently any movement by day drew mortar fire so feeding and movement restricted to hours of darkness. Patrolling during night for contacting enemy and recce for mines. Mine clearing by Pioneer Pl along tracks, finding Tellermines and Tin Box Mines. Very little enemy activity. Thought that he had withdrawn to far bank of canal, and sending out recce patrols and a patrol to destroy one of our bogged tanks.	
	10		Draft of three officers and 58 OR's join Bn. Lt Prentice joined and posted to "D" Coy. Bn relieved by 8 R.S. See Appx IV. Sp Coy take over in daylight drawing little mortar fire on Bn H.Q. Bn in HELMOND by 2200 hrs occupying same billets as on 6 Nov. Major Henderson (2IC) command of Bn during absence of the Commanding Officer on leave in Brussels.	Appx IV
	11		Bn in HELMOND. 1000 hrs Corps Commander visits Bn. Cinema in evening.	
	12		Bn visit to demonstration of L.V.T. (See Appx V) Bn tea dance 1500 hrs to 1800 hrs.	Appx V
Holland.	13		Instruction on mines in morning by RE's. Take over from 2 A & SH. See Appx VI. C.O. returns to Bn.	Appx VI

			Minimum tpt used owing to 51 (H) Div using axis and bad condition of roads. Coy position see Appx VII No patrols sent out. Very little enemy activity.	Appx VII
	14		Feeding by darkness and very little movement by day. Slight shelling on Coy forward area. Gunner O.P. with "C" Coy. No enemy movement observed during day, thought that he had moved out, leaving a ~~fantastic~~ number of mines along the whole front, both A/Tk (Tellermine and Box Mines) and A/P Schu Mines. During the day the Pioneers cleared many mines. The Pioneer Officer, Lt Arnall lost a foot on a Schu Mine. During night, a Recce Patrol leaving from the Sausage Wood at 681072 (Sheet 27 N.W.) to area 695053 saw no signs of enemy although several slit trenches and equipment.	Appx VIII. Mine and Enemy positions.
Holland	15		Quiet day on our front, with 51(H) Div advancing under heavy barrage along South of canal to GALGENBERG with very little resistance. Pioneer and Coys clearing mines from area to make shorter communications between coys. Possible to move by day without drawing fire party from each coy. Visit Bde demonstration on "Lifting a Schu Mine". Bath parties to ASTEN. Coy of Seaforths under Comd.	
	16	1800	Relaxation in alertness. Food brought up by daylight. H.L.I. advance to MEIJEL after confirming by Recce that town had been evacuated. Found to be heavily mined and booby trapped. 51 (H) Div reached canal running N to S. To fill gap between the two we sent two pls of Seaforths and 1 Pt of "D" Coy to area of ROZZELSEHEDINK in square 7004. Div Comd visited Bn in morning. R.E. party contacted 49 Div clearing main road at 658013 which was very heavily mined. Finding that the road had been cleared and bridging equipment already on road, the party returned. Difficulty during night in keeping touch with forward pls. Wireless communication not very successful.	
Holland	17	0800 0810	C.O. visited forward pl and bridging site at 710040. Bridge was completed by 1030 hrs with one coy of 51(H) Div over canal at 725035, meeting no resistance. Forward pl relieved by Recce Regt. Bn rest in coy areas leaving double sentries at pl positions until 1400 hrs when Bn moved back to HELMOND occupying previous billets. Seaforth Bn under comd relieved by A & S.H. at same time. Bn at three hours notice to move.	

	18		Bn resting at HELMOND. At three hours notice. Baths and entertainment.	
	19		Bn in HELMOND. Preparation for next action. Evening entertainment.	
Holland.	20	0700	Bn move in T.C.V.s to MEIJEL (M.R. 712067, 1:25000 27 N.W. E. Half) and then on to BERINGEN on foot where Bn prepared for the advance to the River MAAS. Bde Gp moved at 1400 hrs with ourselves in the lead followed by the A & S.H. and H.L.I. Bn order of march, "D" Coy, attach. H.Q., "C" and "D" Coy, Sup Coy. First Bn objective, high ground in area 7708. Recce working in front contacted enemy in this area. "D" Coy with left flank Sqn Scots Guards Tanks in support attacked, taking 43 prisoners. Casualties 13 slightly wounded. Bn consolidated for the night, sending out patrols to contact enemy and find out if bridge at 782104 had been blown. Bn H.Q. situated at 764084.	
	21		Bn moved forward with Carrier Pl leading to area of bridge at 782104 which had been blown during the night. Carrier blown up on mine across track. Pioneers sent ahead of tpt to clear road while "C" Coy crossed stream and formed small bridgehead on far side. R.E.s constructed bridge and Bn moves forward to SEVENUM supported by tanks. The enemy had left but leaving every possible obstacle to clear in the form of road blocks, blown bridges and the church at SEVENUM. We found that all our possible O.P.s had been blown ~~down~~. Bn consolidates at SEVENUM for the night, sending out patrols to the enemy line. Shelling during night.	See Appx XII for route and bounds.
	22		Bn moved forward to HORST, with H.L.I. and A & S.H. leading. No enemy resistance with exception of obstacles. Few enemy found hiding in houses. Shelling during day and Lt Stewart wounded.	
Holland	23		1 P.W. taken from house. Owing to difficulty of communication and supplies Bn remained in HORST during day sending parties to fill craters and clear mines from axis at 823204 to allow R.E.s to construct bridge during night. Patrol out during night did not contact enemy.	See Appx XIII. Corps Comd's message.
	24		Bde at 833204 constructed at first light allowing the Brigade to continue their advance, Bde objective TIENRAIJ 6523. Bn in reserve at DIJK. As enemy was not contacted was decided to push forward to SWOLGEN with Scots Guards in support. Enemy seen leaving as forward elements approach SWOLGEN. Bn	

			consolidates for night, sending out patrols. Shelling becomes a little acute. No casualties.	
Holland.	25		Was decided to send out small recce parties to contact enemy. Coys brought up at intervals to sort out any opposition encountered. "D" Coy reached OSTERBOS where they found an O.P. overlooking the river into Germany. "C" Coy made their way forward to BROEKHUIZERVORST meeting slight enemy resistance. As light was failing Bn consolidated in their positions with "A" Coy back at SWOLGEN. Patrols out during night. 2 enemy walked into "C" Coy lines. Order came through that the Bn had to get forward to line of river before first light. "C" Coy after sending forward fighting patrol, found BROEKHUIZERVORST clear and consolidated on South side of village. "A" Coy moved forward to North side of village, and "D" Coy to OIJEN at 904243. Bn occupied positions overlooking the river by night and rested in the buildings by day.	
	26		The enemy do not appear to know that we occupy the position overlooking the river as during the day digging and visits from officers seen on far bank, also ferry at 911221, still working. Gunners put ferry out of order in afternoon.	
Holland.	27		Enemy still using ferry at 911221. "C" Coy send fighting patrol into BROEKHUIZEN but were held up by mines losing 3 OR.s killed and 2 wounded from "S" mines. The outbuildings of a farm were also blown up on approach; it appears the enemy meant to hold this small bridgehead as long as possible and using every means to do so, laying mines a foot apart. Two Pioneers clearing mines from 4022 area were reported missing and presumed P.W. During the night the gunners gave BROEKHUIZEN and the ferry all their attention. R.E. section cleared path to our two killed and S.B. carried them in with the loss of one S.B. who was killed by an "S" mine. The R.E.s found that they could not manage to clear all the mines by night.	
	28	 1800 2230	46 Bde reached STOKT from the South but were held up by m/g fire from KASTEL and houses in 9021 area. During morning Battle Gp and Carriers supported by tp of tanks raided the KASTEL area taking prisoners, 1 officer and 4 OR's. Shelling and mortaring very heavy during day. Bn relieved by 159 Bde of 11 Armd Div. Bn relief complete and in ASTEN for a rest period. Capt Buchanan (CANLOAN) rejoins from hospital.	 Appx XIV

	29		Bn in ASTEN. Baths and entertainment. Visit from Div Comdr. Pipes and drums play retreat.	
	30		Bn resting in ASTEN. 8th Corps Commander visits Bde H.Q. before leaving his comd to go to India. Arrival of new draft of 55 OR's. Posted to coys.	

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Month and Year DECEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer:- Lieut. Col. R.W.M. de Winton, D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND.	1st to 6th		Bn concentrated in Rest Area at ASTEN. Time spent training, recreation and entertainments. Pipes and Drums play "Retreat". Bn Inter-Coy Football match.	Appx. I - Example of Entertainment Allocation.
	5th		Bde "O" Group. Discussion on future Bde Ops.	See Appx 2.
	6th		Recce party visit KESSEL, prior to taking over from East Lancs of 160 Bde.	
	7th	1200 1910	Bn leave ASTEN for Assembly Area in HELDEN (M.R. 8003). Bn feed and move forward at 1800 hrs to take over from East Lancs. Hand over complete. Standing Patrol on river bank with constant patrolling during night between Coys and to H.L.I. at HORST (M.R. 8502) and R.W.F. at 7998.	See Appx 3. " " 4. " " 5.
	8th	 1930	Slight shelling during day. Div Commander visits Bn Area. (1145 hrs). During day, O.P as shown on sketch, have nothing to report. Many earthworks, trenches and A/tk ditches seen but no movement of the enemy. Thought he rests by day and all movement in darkness. We rest in buildings during day and occupy dug positions after "Stand-to" times, with sentries and O.Ps observing during daylight. Civilians still in occupation of all villages along river. Movement heard on far bank during night.	Appx 6 and 6A.
	9th	0130 0145	Bde HQ report Enemy Patrol had shot up an H.L.I. Contact Patrol, killing one O.R. and wounding 3 O.Rs. Thought that enemy were using Bren. "D" Coy report Standing Patrol at 838010 attacked by Enemy Patrol thought to be using Bren Gun. 1 - O.R. killed. Gunners - 25 lbs and A/Tk 6 lbs snipe Church which was being used as enemy O.P. (845001). Visibility poor but enemy movement observed. Shelling and Mortaring more active.	
	10th	 1400	Lt W. Tasker and Lt S.W. Telfer joined Bn. Div Commander visits "A" Coy O.P.	

			Carriers relieve Battle Group of forward position.	
HOLLAND.	11th		Enemy observed during day - Snipers firing on targets when opportunity arose. Heavy shelling during day chiefly in "C" Coy Area - one casualty in "A" Coy Area. Civilians report that enemy probably cross river in area 864030 and 862023. Believe boats are hidden under burnt out barn 86530278 and in Slit Trench 868022.	
	12th		2 - O.Rs return from Hospital. 21 reinforcements from Inniskilling Fusiliers. Between 2000 hrs and 2045 hrs noise of vehs and what sounded like a concrete mixer about 830999. Several illuminating Verey Lights were fired and one Veh moved for a short time with full headlights.	
	13th		2 - ORs return from Hospital. Commanding Officer, Capt McPhail (M.O.), 2886747 Sjt Harris, 2888214 L/Cpl McConnell, 2927095 Pte McLean were presented with Medal Ribbon by Field Marshal Montgomery at Div HQ in ZOMERON. Spectators from the Bn were also present. Awards presented were:- Commanding Officer - D.S.O. Capt McPhail (M.O.) - M.C. 2886747 Sgt Harris C. - M.M. 2927095 Pte McLean J. - M.M. 2888214 L/Cpl McConnell - M.M.	See Appx 7.
	14th	1400	5 - ORs return from Hospital. H.V. Gun fire at O.P. No casualties. Corps Commander visits "C" Coy O.P. Major Duff leaves for BRUSSELS to recce area for Div Battle School. Capt Grose command of "D" Coy.	
	15th		Bn W.E. up to strength, decided to reform "B" Coy, commanded by Major Hutchinson. O.P. observe enemy activity during day. Slight shelling.	
HOLLAND.	16th	1400	Bn draw for Home Leave. During night enemy patrol cross river. Civilians report 3 enemy broke into house at M.R. 853027, crossing river at 852013.	
	17th		Enemy patrol crossed river during night. Offensive activity during day - Jet propelled planes patrolling front. Enemy Rocket-firing plane attacks road leading to "C" Coy Area. "C" Coy Sniper killed by Mortar Bomb.	

	18th		Three enemy patrols were seen during night - a small one at 852024 and 841015 and a strong patrol of 14 at 806980. 1 Pl and Battle Group of A & S.H. attached and under command to fill gap left by any Fighting Patrol found necessary to send out during night. Slight shelling during day.	
	19th		Dog reported crossing river during night. No enemy patrol seen. Considerable noise heard during night. 3" Mortar active time engaging targets.	
	20th		Enemy Patrol reported by Carrier Pl. Owing to thickness of Fog, visibility very poor and for a period in the morning when S.P. and Ambush had to be manned. Slight mortaring observed during afternoon when fog rose.	
	21st		Quiet day. Very little shelling. O.P., with "C" Coy, sniped at from far bank.	
	22nd		Commanding Officer, by invitation from the Div Commander, leaves to spend 24 hours at Div HQ. Quiet day. No shelling, and owing to visibility very little enemy activity observed.	
	23rd		During the night "C" and "D" captured 3 and 1 prisoners. A party of two crossed in boat to collect four others who had been on this side of the river all day, hiding in a wood. Commanding Officer returns from Div HQ. Recce party from H.L.I. to see Bn positions prior to taking over. Bde Exercise "Calling for Fire". See Appx.	Appx 8 and 9.
HOLLAND.	24th		Quiet day. No shelling. 10 H.L.I. taking over Bn positions, started with Bn HQ at about 1230 hrs. Relief completed 2100 hrs. No casualties. Capt J.H. Thompson proceeded on Course to the U.K.	
	25th		Bn in reserve at EGCHELHOEK with Bn HQ established at 772038 (Sheet 1/25,000), "D" in HELDEN. Duty Coy provided each day who supply patrols as required by the Left hand Bn of the Bde front. ORs had Xmas dinner. C.O. visited each Coy.	
	26th		Quiet day. Still in reserve. Entertainment at night (Cinema).	
	27th		Quiet day. Still in reserve. Entertainment at night (Cinema). Baths in HELDEN.	
	28th		Quiet day. Still in reserve. C.O. and recce party visit 2 A & S.H. area prior to taking over their positions.	

	29th		Relieved 2 A & S.H. Area BARLOW. Bn HQ established at 853047 (Sheet TEGELEN 1/25,000). Very quiet night. No incidents and no casualties. Disposition of Bn as per trace.	Appx 10.
	30th		Very quiet during the day, when sentries and O.Ps man the posts, others resting in buildings. Standing Patrols along the river bank during the night.	
	31st		Again a very quiet day. No enemy activity.	

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Month and Year January 1945

Commanding Officer:- Lt. Col. R.W.M. de Winton, D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Holland	1		Bn still in defence position as per Trace, with Bn HQ at 853047 (Sh Tegelen 1/25000).	
		0001	'Shoot' with 3" Mortar, MMG, 6-pr and small arms to let 'New Year' in across the River MAAS. No enemy reaction.	
		0420	Call from 10 HLI that 1 Sec (PIKE) had been over run on our right.	
		0940	6-pr 'Shoot' from 'A' Coy area at houses on other side of river used by enemy. Good shooting. Several direct hits. Very quiet during the day, no movement of enemy seen. No shelling and no casualties.	
	2		Very quiet day. Enemy keeps well under cover during daylight. Spasmodic Spandau and rifle fire during the day. We retaliate with 3" Mortar. No shelling and no casualties.	
	3		Very little to report. No enemy movement, slight Spandau and rifle fire which we engage with 3" Mortar. Explosion on far side of river bank during the night but unable to say what it is. Sounds like a mine. No shelling, no casualties.	
	4	0115	Call from Bde that enemy patrol had crossed in 2 A & SH area on our left and in Glasgow Hrs area on our right. Visibility during the morning very poor making observation impossible.	
		1430	Good shooting by 3" Mortars caused a loud explosion followed by a column of black smoke 100 ft high. Possibly hit an amn dump. No shelling and no casualties during the day.	
	5		One of 'C' Coy had accident with Schumine. Enemy MG and rifle fire more active during the day but he still keeps well under cover. Two enemy seen enter house and 3" Mortar quickly engage them scoring several direct hits through the roof. Friendly aircraft (Spitfire) makes crash landing in Bn area. Pilot safe having come down by parachute in our area. No shelling during the day.	

	6	 1300	Visibility very poor through thick ground mist, listening posts manned. Visibility improves and listening posts return and OPs fully manned. Spandau and rifle fire fairly active but still no enemy movement observed. Recce party from 10 HLI visit Bn area prior to taking over. No shelling.	
Holland	7		Relief by 10 HLI started at noon and completed by 1900 hrs. No incidents. Bn moved back to rest area at Egchelhoek as relieved. Two casualties caused through accident with 36 Grenades.	
	8/11		Bn in rest area at EGCHELHOEK with 'D' Coy in HELDEN. Bn HQ established at 772038. Days spent reorganising, resting, with baths at Helden and entertainment at Helden and Helmond.	
	11		Recce party visit 2 A & SH area at Kessel prior to us taking over.	
	12		Bn take over 2 A & SH defensive area at KESSEL with Bn HQ established at 816013. Sheet Tegelen 1/25000. Disposition of Bn as per trace. Relief of 2 A & SH completed by 1930 hours. Very quiet night. No shelling and no casualties.	Appx 2 Appx 3
	13		Corps Commander visits the area. Major A.J. McKenzie visits the Bn after nearly 3 years absence. Slight enemy shelling and mortaring during the day and Gunner's OP hit. No casualties. Spandau fire and snipers very active and enemy movement observed. Retaliation with 3" Mortars very effective. Nothing to report during the night.	
	14		Slight enemy shelling and mortaring during the day. Very little enemy movement observed. Snipers and Spandau fire active but firing seems to be erratic. No casualties. House at 829996 occupied by enemy. Engaged by 3" Mortars. Very effective shooting, several hits through roof.	
	15		Very quiet day. Visibility rather poor through ground mist. No enemy movement during the day.	
	16	0430	Boat seen making its way towards CARP, engaged with small arms fire by posts at CARP and FILLET and returns to opposite bank. Engaged with 3" Mortars also. Visibility not very good during the day. More enemy movement seen but 3" Mortars soon send them scurrying to their 'slits'. Slight enemy shelling and mortaring during the day but no casualties. Capt McIntyre and CSM Duncan rejoin Bn from wounded list and posted to 'D' Coy.	
Holland	17		Snipers and Spandau fire very active although doing no damage. Very little movement observed. C.O. and I.O of No. 6 Commando	

			arrive at Bn HQ prior to taking over. Stayed at Command Post. Recce party left for 6 RSF area at BLERICK whom we are due to relieve. Change over postponed.	
	18		Little enemy movement during the day. Slight shelling and mortaring. Weather changing, beginning to thaw. Gunners have 'shoot' with 1 - 25-pr at Church Steeple in the village of REUVER. Very successful. Steeple demolished. 'D' Coy sniper kills one German opposite Kessel area.	
	19		Another quiet day. No enemy shelling. Visibility at times very poor due to spasmodic snow storms. OPs nothing to report during the day. 2-i/c and recce party leave for BLERICK area to recce 6 RSF positions.	
	20		Very quiet day. Snow storms during the day again making conditions rather hard for observation. No 6 Commando take over Bn area. 'C' Coy being the last Coy to be relieved. Bn proceeded direct, as relieved to BLERICK area to relieve 6 RSF. Bn in position without incident by 2400 hours. Bn HQ established at 894098 Sheet Tegelen 1/25000. Disposition of Bn as per trace with 'C' Sqn Recce under command. 'D' Coy sniper has good day, claims 2 Germans killed and 1 wounded, area opposite KESSEL.	Appx 4
	21		2-i/c and recce party leave to recce Bn rest area. Bn billeted in houses and cellars, resting during day and manning forward posts at night. OPs manned during the day. Very little movement during the day. No shelling and no casualties.	
	22		Very quiet day with little enemy movement to observe. Recce party from 12 Devons of 6th A/B Landing Bde arrived to see Bn layout prior to them taking over. Stayed the night with their respective groups. No shelling and no casualties.	
	23		Another very quiet day, slightly more enemy movement observed and our 3" Mortars used to good effect. Visit of Div Comd of 6 A/B Div who visited the OPs.	
	24		Still very quiet with no enemy shelling.	
	25		Very quiet during the day. No shelling. Relief of the Bn by 12 Devons of 6th A/B Landing Bde. Coys moved by march route as relieved to Staging Area at BOEKEND, Sheet Tegelen 1/25000. Bn settled in Staging Area by 2200 hrs and prepared for early move next morning to Rest Area.	
Holland	26		Bn moved from BOEKEND at 0900 hours as per Movement Order (Appx 5). The Commanding Officer leading the convoy. Arrived at new location area 9714 (Lunatic Asylum) at 1600 hours. Bn HQ established at 976153 Sheet 3 Antwerp 1/100000.	Appx 5

	27/28		Days spent resting and reorganising, with cinema shows in the Asylum and recreational transport into TURNHOUT in the evening.	
	29/31		Bn carry out training programme under Coy arrangements. Cinema shows and baths in the Asylum and recreational transport into TURNHOUT.	
	30		Major General G.H.A. McMillan, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. visited the Bn.	
	31		Bde Conference. Coy Comds attend.	

WAR DIARY

In lieu of A.F. C 2118.

Unit:- 2nd Bn The Gordon Highlanders.

Month and Year:- February, 1945

Commanding Officer:- Lieut.-Colonel R.W.M. de Winton, D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Bn still in area 9714 (Sheet 3, ANTWERP 1/100000)	
	2		Trg (Breaching minefield, assault on pillboxes and A/Tk defences) continues.	
	3		Trg - Pipes and Drums play Retreat.	
	4		All officers attend an address by the Corps and Div Comds at TILBURG.	
	5	1430	Bn column left at 1430 hrs for NIJMEGEN (Bde Movement Order att) led by 2 IC. Route was 'Maple Route Up' but many diversions owing to state of the road - Road surface very bad in parts. Order of March - Bn HQ, "A","B","C","D" & Sp Coys.	
	6.	0230	Bn arrives at its billets in a large school in NIJMEGEN. Remainder of the day spent in preparation for coming action.	
	7		Final preparations and 'O' Group for Op 'VERITABLE'. Six shells land in A.2 Ech area but no military damage done.	
	8	0700	Bn moves off at 0700 hrs for assembly area (movement order att) with rifle coys on foot. Routes SKYE and GLEN proved to be little better than mud tracks running through the gun areas. The guns (25 prs, medium and heavies) were putting down a terrific barrage which had started at 0500 hrs while Bofors, M.M.Gs., etc., were 'pepperpotting'. In spite of the depth of mud on the roads the Bn column reached its assembly area (7557) a wooded area North of GROESBEEK, complete at 1000 hrs. There the Bn remained all day with the barrage continuing unceasingly and with no apparent reply on the part of the enemy.	
	9.	0200	At 0200 hrs the Bn moved forward, the marching personnel, "A","B","C","D" Coys and Carrier Pl, going by the more direct route onto the NIJMEGEN - KRANNENBURG road while vehicles were routed via GROESBEEK and the lateral road running N.E. to join the main road short of WYLER. The marching personnel had an uneventful approach to KRANNENBURG reaching the R.V. (Rd Junc 805563 on the Western entrance to KRANNENBURG) at 0330 hrs where the 2 IC, who had gone on in advance had set up a	

			control post. Meanwhile the vehicle column had met with several delays on the lateral GROESBEEK - WYLER road. These took the form of (1) Two abandoned three ton trucks across the road (one with its engine still running) (2) Two sets of trenches dug right across the roads into the first of which the I.O's Jeep, which was leading, fell and had to be pulled out by the Bty Comd's half track (3) Mines and finally (4) felled trees across the road. These obstructions delayed the column which finally met up with the rifle coys at the R.V. at 0430 hrs. It was during this approach that the Bn crossed the frontier into Germany at the road Junction on the NIJMEGEN - KRANNENBURG road just south of WYLER. As soon as the vehicle column arrived at the R.V. Phase III (see Op Order att) commenced. Tac Bn HQ moving up to the East side of KRANNENBURG. Within half an hour "A" Coy had reported that the main road bridge over the A/Tk ditch was intact and the opposition very slight. Phases IV, V and VI were put into execution in quick succession and by 1000 hrs the Bn was through the Siegfried Line and had taken NUTTERDEN with Tac HQ at farm 837557. Mopping up continued during the morning bringing the total P.O.W. for the day to 135 which included 30 taken by "D" Coy from one of the Siegfried 'Bunkers'. There was a little spasmodic shelling of the NUTTERDEN area by one enemy gun during the evening and at about 2000 hrs the Comd Post received a direct hit, killing 11 including Major A.W. Parish (Sp Coy) and Lieut T.N. Salter (S.O.) (Died of Wounds) and wounding 5 including Captain J.H. Thompson (I.O.)	
	10		Bn ready to move off at 0930 hrs but the plan was changed and at 1330 hrs coys moved down the NUTTERDEN - DONSBRUGGEN road and took up positions astride the road "A" Coy in advance and "B" & "C" Coys in the wooded area to the South East of the road. Tac HQ at 848561.	
	11		At 0930 hrs the Bn moved off with CLEVE as its objective with special reference to the canal bridge in the centre of the town. By 1100 hrs "A" Coy was beyond DONSBRUGGEN and "B" Coy had passed through while "D" Coy with the help of the Carrier Pl (dismounted) cleared the high wooded area running immediately South of the road, a troop of Left Flank Sqd, 3 Scots Guards going through the woods in support of them. By 1430 hrs Tac HQ was in a large shoe factory on the outskirts of CLEVE (M.R. 889566) with "C" and "A" Coys well into the	

			town making for the canal. At 1530 hrs "C" Coy reported one of the bridges damaged beyond immediate repair but the other was made serviceable with the help of the trackways carried by the R.E. party attached to the Bn. By nightfall "A" & "C" Coys were finally established in their areas astride the canal with "B" Coy in the area of Tac HQ and "D" Coy on the high wooded ground to the rear. Some shelling from a heavy gun was experienced during the afternoon but ground opposition had proved slight with 46 P.O.W. taken. Our own casualties since the start of Op 'VERITABLE' being K.I.A. one officer and four O.Rs. D.O.W. one officer and three O.Rs. W.I.A. one officer and ten O.Rs. Lieut J.A. Rankin joined the Bn as Mortar Officer.	
	12		During the morning a Bn from the 6 Cdn Bde took over from "A" & "C" Coys and the Bn concentrated with "A" Coy in the shoe factory, Tac HQ having moved to a row of houses at 892567, "B" Coy in its original position around the rd junc 893564 and "C" & "D" Coys back along the DONSBRUGGEN road at 883569.	
	13		Bn still in same position with floods in the Tac HQ area gradually rising.	
	14.		The Commanding Officer proceeded on leave to the U.K. and Major R. Henderson took over command. Captain H.C.S. Chilman and Lieut T. Horsnby joined the Bn.	
CLEVE	15		Bn ready move by 1030 hrs the plan being an advance down the CALCAR road but this was cancelled. Captain S.C. Reiss and Lieut A.R. Bruce joined the Bn as I.O. and S.O. respectively. Lieut A.R. Speak also joined the Bn from the London Scottish.	
	16	 1100	Bn still conc area 893564. Slight shelling from heavy gun North of the RHINE 1015 hrs. Bde Comd informed C.O. of projected attack on GOCH.	
	17	0900 1600	Bde 'O' Group. Seizure of GOCH planned. 1400 hrs Bn 'O' Group. 1430 hrs operation cancelled owing to progress of 43 Div, given to 44 Bde. Bde Comd indicated possible new Bde task to make an advance to contact from GOCH to WEEZE. Captain I.C.S. Munro and Lieut D. Smith joined the Bn.	
	18	 1700 2100 2230	Still no move. Bde 'O' Group; the Bde less 10 H.L.I. to 'crash' the woods area 9443. Bn 'O' Group. Coy objectives allocated. Information from Bde of probable further change of plan.	

	19	0930 1000 1245 1400 1700	Bn moved off by march route to assembly area 9147. C.O. met Bde Comd at 504498 and went to recce fwd areas. Bn HQ est at 914475. Bde 'O' Group. The Bde now to receive the support of 2 Glasgow Highlanders and the woods in 9443 were now to be cleared. Bn 'O' Group. Coy Comds given their new objectives. The Bn to receive, apart from an enormous arty programme, the support of a Sqd of the Coldstream Guards and half a sqd of CROCODILES and to be carried in KANGAROOS. "D" Coy right and "C" Coy left to lead the attack followed by "B" & "A" Coys who were to pass through them.	
On the move SCHLOSS CALBECK	20	0930 1230 1400 1445 1600 1630 1930	Bn left assembly area 9147. Heavy drizzle. 2 A & S.H. and 2 Glas H. having captured their objectives, 2 Gordons advance from its F.U.P. 939449 and attacked the woods. Heavy drizzle and rain continued. "D" Coy captured its objective SCHLOSS CALBECK 9442 and took 70 prisoners. "C" Coy on its objective 950426, 20 prisoners. "B" Coy on objective 946425, 15 prisoners. "A" Coy on objective 943424, 8 prisoners. Comd Post est at the SCHLOSS 9442. The enemy infantry which comprised the remnants of the much battered 84 Div gave very half hearted resistance but he responded vehemently with his guns and mortars. The thickness of the woods and the extreme softness of the ground made the going very difficult and it was well after dark before the Bn was properly consolidated. The main tracks were found to be blocked by felled trees and camouflets, but very few mines were encountered. Owing to the heavy shelling it was decided not to bring up other than the most essential sups. Own casualties during this operation were one killed and seven wounded.	
	21	0100	"A" Coy supported by 131 Regt R.A. attacked the wood 941421 with a view to securing a bridgehead over the canal but heavy opposition was encountered from elements of 7 Para Regt and the coy was forced to withdraw to the North of the canal though still retaining command of the approaches to the bridge at 941423. Two prisoners were taken. "A" Coy lost thirteen men including Lieut Paterson wounded, one killed and one missing.	

			During the day enemy shelling continued to be heavy and seemed to arrive not merely from the East but from the South, S.W. and N.E. Own cas were 3 killed, 14 wounded. The greater part of Rear Bn HQ under Comd Major D. Duke remained at 914475 though Major Duke himself moved fwd to 932457 to keep in wireless comn with Tac HQ. 2000 6 R.S.F. passed through the Bn and captured the wood 940420.	
	22	0200	"B" Sqd, 15 Recce Regt passed through "C" Coy to 957424 but subsequently withdrew under pressure to "C" Coy's immediate flank.	
		1400	9 Cams passed through the Bn to area 946416.	
		1415	"C" Coy attacked the buildings 947423. This attack was only partly successful but heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and 15 prisoners taken. In this action Major T.A. Gloster was killed by a shell splinter. One further man was killed and 17 wounded.	
		1630	7 Seaforths passed through moving South.	
		1715	"B" Coy attacked through "C" Coy and captured PLEESENHOF 9442. During the day enemy shelling and mortaring continued to be heavy and about seven vehicles incl coy carriers standing at SCHLOSS CALBECK were set alight. Casualties during the day were 3 killed, 31 wounded. Lieut Harvey ("A" Coy) and Lieut MacFarlane ("D" Coy) were wounded.	
	23	1000	44 Inf Bde passed through the Bn moving South.	
		1100	An incipient enemy counter-attack on "B" & "C" Coys was broken up and heavy casualties inflicted. One of "B" Coy's PIATs knocked out a half track inf gun. 68 enemy dead were counted in this area during the two days fighting. Our losses during the day were 10 killed, 20 wounded incl Lieut Hornsby ("C" Coy), 2 missing.	
		2300	9 Cams captured a fortified house 945422 which it was believed had been directing enemy arty fire.	
SCHLOSS CALBECK	24		Major Campbell R.A. directed our arty with considerable effect against an enemy S.P. gun and infantry which had been troubling "B" & "C" Coys from the East.	
		1600	C.O., 2 R.U.R. (3 Div) visited Comd Post prior to taking over Bn area.	
		2300	- 0145 2 Gordons relieved by 2 R.U.R. and spent the night area 928436. Total casualties during the period 20 Feb to 24 Feb were "A" Coy 1 killed 1 missing 25 wounded "B" Coy 6 do 1 do 9 do.	

			"C" Coy 2 do. 1 do 29 do. "D" Coy 6 do. 13 do. HQ Coy 2 do. 3 do. Sp Coy 1 do. 6 do. P.O.W. captured during the period 20 Feb to 24 Feb were:- "A" Coy - 20, "B" Coy - 25, "C" Coy - 42, "D" Coy - 75. During the period 21 Feb - 24 Feb while other units were passing through, the Bn gave considerable assistance to them in the clearing of cas and P.W. and in marking routes.	
On the move	25	0810 1400	Bn left area 928436 in T.C.Vs. Arrived TILBURG. Bn HQ est 172313. The whole Bn billeted in private houses.	
TILBURG	26		Adm and rehabilitation.	
	27		Lt.-Col R.W.M. de Winton DSO returned from leave and resumed comd of the Bn.	
	28	1100	Bn parade - practice for Div Comd's inspection 1 Mar 45.	

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Month and Year March 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col RWM de Winton D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1	1130	The Bn paraded in pouring rain for inspection by the GOC 15 (S) Division Major General C.M. Barber DSO on the quayside PIUSHAVEN, TILBURG. The General arrived about 1150 hours and after the inspection he thanked the Battalion for their achievements in the recent actions at CLEVE and SCHLOSS CALBECK, and took the march past. The Pipes and Drums of the Battalion accompanied the inspection and march past.	
	2	1430	Trg conference Bn HQ; Coys to practice speeding up of orders and assault river crossings. Sig Officer to give lessons to officers in wireless procedure.	
		2100	C.O. 2IC and 3 officers attended dance in the town given by HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde.	
	3	2000	Bde Comd and Lt Col H.I. Bradshaw (ex C.O. of the Bn) dined at Bn HQ Officers Mess.	
	4	1130	Bn Church Service in Garrison Cinema TILBURG. The address was given by Rev Davidson (A.C.G. Scottish Command).	
		1500	C.O. 4 Offrs and 40 ORs attended Div Church Service at the Garrison Cinema.	
		1600	C.O. and greater part of the Unit listened to the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Div which played in spite of the heavy rain.	
		2130	First news of an early move to 12 Corps area.	
TILBURG	5	0900	Recce parties left for new area. Major G.H. Hutchinson in Comd.	
		1500	Bn embussed left TILBURG.	
EYSDEN.		2045	Arrived EYSDEN K 56 (NW Europe 1/250,000 Sheet 3) a mining village in the Belgian Limbourg. The move was made somewhat awkward (1) by the absence of more than 100 of the Bn, including the 2IC and Adjutant, on Brussels leave (2) the numerous changes in the allocation of TCVs (3) the arrival at EYSDEN in pitch darkness. At EYSDEN the Bn found itself interspersed with elements of HQ 12 Corps.	

			Bn HQ and Bn Officers Mess were est in a vacated chemists shop 570675.	
	6		Bn settled in. Trg Conference in the afternoon.	
	7		C.O. left for 48 hrs in Brussels. Several of the Bn listened to the HLI Band during the afternoon at the Colliery Hall, EYSDEN. 'B' Echelon rejoined the Bn.	
	8		Offrs Wireless Cadre (two days)	
	9		Lieut J.W. Lewis (ex Gunner) and 20 ORs arrived to join the Bn. C.O. returned from Brussels.	
	10		C.O. attended conference at HQ 12 Corps and HQ 227 Bde ref Ex TORCHLIGHT.	
	11		Coys practiced embarking and disembarking of storm boats. Bn team beaten at football by HQ 12 Corps - 7 Nil.	
	12		Maj Grose and Capt Reiss recce assembly area and inf route for Ex TORCHLIGHT.	
EYSDEN	13	pm	The majority of the Officers and about 20 ORs per Coy spent the afternoon and evening at NEERITER with 1st and 5/7th Bns The Gordon Highlanders. The Massed Pipes and Drums of the three Bns played. The Bn team were beaten at football by a combined team of the other two Bns, six goals to two.	
	14		The Bn took part in Ex BUFFALO (daylight). They left EYSDEN at 0730 hrs, crossed the MAAS just South of MAESYCK at approx 1430 hrs and returned to EYSDEN in the early evening. Air Marshall Tedder, Gen Dempsey, Lt Gen Ritchie and the GOC 15 (S) Div all watched the Bn crossing. The exercise took place in excellent weather. Major Hutchinson attached to 34 R.H.U. BOURG LEOPOLD to look after Div interests there.	
	15		Bn took part in Ex BUFFALO (night). The Bn crossed the MAAS at the same place as on the previous day at approx 0700 hrs - there was considerable delay over the crossing owing to the greater part of the storm boats breaking down.	
	16	1000	Bn returned to EYSDEN.	
	17		Further recces for Ex TORCHLIGHT. C.O. briefed Coy Comds.	
	19		C.O. reconnoitred Assembly Area and Inf Route for TORCHLIGHT.	
EYSDEN	20 1700/	 1800 2030	C.O. briefed Coy Comds on model. He and four other officers went down the coal mine at EYSDEN in the afternoon. Pipes and Drums beat Retreat. The Bde Comd spoke to all officers about TORCHLIGHT. Sjt Raymaker replaced Sjt Jacobs as interpreter, the latter having volunteered for service in the Dutch East Indies.	

	21	0930	The C.O. addressed the entire Bn on the subject of the Bn task in the crossing of the RHINE. He later visited the Div Battle School at WATERLOO.	
	22	1730	The Bn left EYSDEN.	
	23	0400	The Bn arrived on the Eastern edge of the HOCHWALD Forest in the Assembly Area for TORCHLIGHT. Bn HQ est SHINKEN HO 059420.	
		1100	Bn 'O' Gp. The Bn took maximum advantage of the wonderful weather and rested during the day.	
		2330	The Bn led by 'A' Coy and TAC HQ began to move forward to the Storm Boat Waiting Area 096456.	
RHINE CROSSING RHINE CROSSING	24	0210	Lieut A.A. Cameron and 16 Platoon 'D' Coy who had been lent to the HLI for the operation landed on the far bank of the RHINE. They were the first to land in this sector. Lieut Cameron was slightly wounded during the crossing. The rest of the Bn, which was reserve Bn for the Op, had expected to cross at about 0400 hrs, but owing to various mishaps, 'A' Coy did not cross until 0615 hrs, and instead of taking over from 'C' Coy HLI as planned they were ordered to assist the Argylls, which involved landing about 1200 yards downstream of the point of embarkation. The Coy came under direct small arms fire from the bund on the far bank which had not yet been cleared. Lieut R.A. Patrick and three ORs were killed and ten ORs wounded. Several of the storm boats failed to reach the far bank and drifted downstream. 'B' Coy were also ordered to cross to assist the Argylls but were mortared while attempting to embark and owing to shortage of storm boats did not cross till late.	
		1000	At 1000 hrs in bright sunshine, the airborne forces passed	
		1030	over the Bn. At 1030 hrs the bund was reported clear and the rest of the Bn crossed also landing however 1200 yards downstream of the point planned in order to move up behind the Argylls. The crossing took place from 104461 to 093474.	
		1120	Tac HQ crossed. The storm boat in which the C.O. travelled ran out of petrol in midstream and the paddles had to be brought out, but eventually the far bank was successfully achieved at 093474. There was virtually no shelling during the crossing. The Bn formed up on the West side of the bund 0948, still in excellent weather. 'A' Coy suffered a few casualties from mortar fire in the F.U.P. Capt GWL Smith, Lieut WIM Ankers, Lieut W McIntyre were wounded.	

RHINE CROSSING		1715	It was not until 1715 hrs that the Bn had been collected together and was in a position to launch an attack through the Argylls to capture HAFFEN 1149. The attack was made from the West by 'B' Coy (left) and 'C' Coy (right); the arty sp had to be called off at the last moment owing to our own tanks being reported as entering the village from the East, but the attack was successful and 71 prisoners were taken. Most of these were identified as belonging to 19 Para Regt. Lieut S.W. Telfer 'B' Coy was wounded. 'D' Coy, which had supported the attack contacted 5/7 Gordons at 095501 during the afternoon. Bn HQ est 096493. Two Secs A/Tk Pl moved up to 'B' and 'C' Coy areas during the night.	
	25		'D' Coy relieved the two fwd coys of the Argylls. This necessitated the ejection of a small enemy post at HOPERHOF 1050; at 1715 hrs therefore 'D' Coy attacked this farm with the support of wasps. The attack was successful and four prisoners taken.	
	26	1000 1630	Information received from Dutch farmer that enemy had withdrawn from the farms North of 'D' Coy. Patrols confirmed this and at 1230 hrs 'A' Coy moved fwd to occupy the farms 106514 and at 1240. 5/7 Gordons are again contacted in this area. Weather had now deteriorated. Bn HQ est WAYERHOF 105498. 14 prisoners drifted in during the day.	
	26/27		Night quiet and uneventful.	
HAFFEN	27	1015 2100	Bde Comd warned CO that the Bn will be required to attack the wood 1352 at 0200 hrs 28 Mar, but at 1545 hrs the attack is postponed. Bde 'O' Gp followed at 2200 hrs by Bn 'O' Gp preparatory to attack on wood 1352.	
	28	1000 1430	Bn left HAFFEN area and assembled area 1450. 'C' Coy (left) and 'D' Coy (right) crossed S.L. 142514. HLI went into the attack simultaneously on the right and two Sqns Recce Regt supported the attack by fire on the left - each of the leading Coys also had one crocodile and one gun tank in support. It was soon discovered however, that the wood had been vacated by the enemy and no opposition was encountered, though progress through the wood was greatly hampered by mines and booby traps, which had been laid both in the roads and in	

			the wood. No casualties were sustained until the clearing of the wood had almost been completed, when Capt J.W. Buchanan, Lieut W. Tasker and four men of 'D' Coy were blown up on a string of 'S' Mines; Lieut Tasker died of wounds. Bn HQ 134517. Thirty Rfts arrived.	
	29		The Bn became non-operational and Coy locations were re-adjusted to provide maximum comfort. 'A' and 'B' Coys were accommodated in the BLAUHAUS 1252. Command Post 127523. Twenty seven Rfts arrived.	
	30/31		Major D.H. Duke returned to unit. Lieuts F.T. Innell, J. Warr. J.H. Pacy and A.L. Nield posted to the Bn w.e.f. 26 Mar 45.	

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Near HALDERN 1252	1		C.O. with Bde Comd attended memorial service to the late Maj Gen Rennie.	Sheet P.1. 1/100000
	2		C.O. and Adjt visited 5/7 GORDONS near ISSELBURG. Lieut J.M. Coltart posted to the Bn.	
	3	1200	R. Gp. (C.O. and Coy Comds) left HALDERN with a view to recceing areas at present held by 155 Bde (52 Div) from which it was expected 227 Bde would take over. At approx 1830 hrs at the x-rds 5692 the G.O.C. 15 Div was informed by the Corps Comd that the Div had been transferred to 8 Corps. The R. Gp. was present at the time, therefore billeted themselves for the night in the area of the x-rds.	
EMSDETTEN	4	0900	The Bn, after several changes of plan, left HALDERN area and arrived EMSDETTEN 8595 at 1620 hrs. Bn HQ est in school 852954.	Sheet P.2. 1/100000
		2100	Bde O Gp - The Bde to sweep the woods in the area TECKLENBURG 0503, LEEDEN 1002 where it was believed a few franc-tireurs had been left behind in the wake of the 11 Armd and 6 Airborne Divs.	Sheet P.2. 1/100000
		2130	Bn O Gp; the bn to sweep a strip of high wooded ground from LENGERICH 0899 to area 1606. Job to be done by Carrier Pl with under comd 1 sec Carriers from 2 A & S.H. with "C" Coy on the right and "D" Coy on the left moving up behind to take on any opposition should this be encountered.	
Near OSNABRUCK	5	0745	Left EMSDETTEN. Coln held up by rd jamming and did not arrive at LENGERICH until 1105 hrs. At LENGERICH an ex French P.O.W. offered to help expose several franc tireurs in LEEDEN. The job of sweeping the woods was completed in roughly six hours in heavy rain. 10 suspects including the Kreisleiter of TECKLENBURG were arrested with the help of the French P.O.W. also 3 R.A.F. personnel and one German medical officer. No firing took place.	

		1740	Bn est at the Mill 168067.	Sheet N.2. 1/100000
	6	1130 1845	Bde O Gp. 1430 hrs Bn O Gp. Bn HQ and Sp moved off; arr WEGHOIM 7520 at 2315 hrs. Bn HQ est 758206 (public house).	Sheet N.2. 1/100000
WEGHOIM	7		The remainder of the bn (back area 1706) picked up 17 Hitler Jugend and several suspects. Left this area at 2100 hrs.	Sheet N.2. 1/100000
	8	0445	Rifle Coys arrived area WEGHOIM 7520 spent rest of the day resting.	
	9		I.O. collected a considerable amount of Hoch and Cherry Brandy from a warehouse at STOLZENAU. Party at Bn HQ Offrs Mess that evening, Offrs Left Flank Sqn 3 Scots Gds participated.	
BLUMENAU	10	1445 2000 2100	Bn left WEGHOIM, arr BLUMENAU 1728 at 1730 hrs. Bn HQ est 168278. Bde O Gp. 2 Gordons to lead the Bde in an advance towards CELLE. Left Flank Sqn 3 (Tk) Scots Gds in sp of the bn. Bn O Gp. "D" Coy mounted on tks to lead the advance followed by "C" Coy also mounted on tks. "B" and "A" to travel on T.C.Vs.	Sheet N.4. 1/100000
FUHRBERG CELLE	11	0700	Bn left BLUMENAU. It was known that the 15 Recce Regt had already reached FUHRBERG 4342 but this village was not reached by the bn until 1100 hrs owing to a br at 263424 collapsing and the difficulty of finding a diversion. At 1145 hrs "D" Coy bumped an enemy post with bazookas covering a br demolition at 4846. It was impossible to find a diversion for tks. By 1500 hrs the enemy post had been wiped out and a scissor br erected. "C" Coy now went into the lead. "D" Coy lost 2 men wounded. It was not until 1810 that a proper br had been erected and the remainder of the bn were able to move on. At 1950 hrs "C" Coy was held up by another enemy post covering a crater at 532478. Again no diversion possible owing to woods and marsh. By 2100 hrs the post had been overcome and "B" Coy with one tp of tks were across. At 2330 hrs the advance is resumed with "D" and "B" Coys in the lead. 15 prisoners were taken during the day.	
	12	0100 0300	Found that the br over the canal at 553482 had not been blown effectively. "D" Coy therefore made a brhd and sent patrol into CELLE. Br at 570496 reported intact. "A" Coy with a tp of tks were therefore sent off to make a brhd here and adv as far as the rly at 577497. Behind them one pl "C" Coy and a tp of Honeys were ordered to go through the town to capture intact, if	

			possible, the br at 622484 while "B" Coy with the remainder of the Sqn in sp were given the job of making a brhd over the River ALLER at the main rd crossing 589506. By 0600 hrs all these objectives had been achieved. 15 pl "C" Coy comd by Lt JEFFERY with the tp of Honeys had two skirmishes en route, one in the middle of the town with the staff of Celle Gas School, and one just outside at 604483. At 0600 hrs they captured the br 622484 intact. The bn suffered 4 cas during this operation. 28 P.Ws were taken.	
		0830	15 pl joined by the remainder of "C" Coy in the brhd.	
		1000	The whole bn conc in the brhd. Bn HQ 617481. Owing to further demolitions along a stream just North of the brhd, it was decided to continue the adv along the main axis, i.e. over the main br at Celle. The bn therefore obliged to move between 2200 hrs and 2400 hrs to NE part of the town 589514 and abandon its brhd which was taken over by an American Bn.	
CELLE	13	1000	Bn (now third bn in the line of march of 227 Bde) left CELLE on the road to UELZEN.	
		1600	Carrier Pl given the job of finding a diversion and were in action against an enemy posn with bazookas at DALLE 7468. They were soon recalled as it was believed this diversion would no longer be required. One P.O.W. was taken.	
UELZEN	14	0200-0600	Bn took part in the dramatic advance on UELZEN led by the 10 H.L.I. At 0700 hrs Bn HQ was attacked by a small party of enemy who had been by-passed during the night advance, at the same time a party of 26 gave themselves up. At 0800 hrs the C.O. who was travelling with Tac Bde HQ called up his O Gp. and gave out provisional orders for the attack on UELZEN. It was later decided, however, that the attack should be carried out during darkness.	
		1200	Bn HQ est 874840.	
		2000	Bn O Gp. Orders for the attack on UELZEN. "D" Coy to lead, followed by "B", "A", and "C". Left Flank Sqn 3 Scots Gds in sp.	
		2200	Bn moved fwd to F.U.P. area 884866.	
	15	0030	H hr, "D" Coy crossed rly line. They advanced to the outskirts of the town but were there fired on both from the front and their left flank, the enemy on their left having evidently let the leading tps go by with the purpose of setting an ambush. The leading tank was destroyed by bazooka fire. Maj Grose (O.C. "D" Coy) then attempted a flanking movement to the left but again came under hy fire from strongly fortified houses	

			and also from an SP and a half track. Owing to the threat of encirclement from behind and the difficulty of control under the circumstances Maj Grose decided to withdraw onto "B" Coy about 300 yds behind and here the two coys remained until the following night when they were relieved by the 9 Cameronians. "D" Coy lost two killed and 8 wounded during this op. 17 prisoners were taken. It was generally agreed that street fighting against a well established enemy during darkness and with tanks in sp was definitely 'not on'. It was found also that the artificial moonlight was no assistance in such circumstances. At 0400 hrs "C" Coy was moved to the area of the level crossing. The H.L.I. was also held up on the left under similar conditions. Intermittent shelling from SPs, 20 mm and mortars.	
BORNE	16	0200- 0400	Bn relieved by 2 Glas H and one coy 9 Cameronians and conc in BORNE 8883. Bn HQ est 887834. Bn rested all day. Capt J.H. Carvill joined the unit. Offrs of Left Flank Sqn 3 Scots Gds invited to drink with Coy Comds at Bn HQ Mess during the evening.	
	18	 1730	Excellent weather. Bde O Gp. The Bde to move through UELZEN and occupy area VASTORF 8714 - GIFKENDORF 8813. No T.C.Vs. Bde had to lift itself on tks, A ech, Fd Regt, etc.	
	19	0600 0950	Bn left BORNE 8883, lifted on Left Flank Sqn, fd bty and sp coy tpt. Arrived Gifkendorf 8814 but almost immediately owing to the progress of 11 Armd Div, the Bde was ordered to move on. During the next two or three hours five different objectives were given to the bn, the final one being the area LUDERSBURG 8928, JURGENSTORF 9129 which was entered at 1730 hrs. Bn HQ est in a large house 894287. Soon after arrival the Brig informed the C.O. that the bn would have to move to area BARUM 7831 - BUTLINGEN 7833 on the following morning.	Sheet L.5. 1/100000
BARUM	20	0900 1200 2100	Carrier Pl followed by R Gp went off to recce area BARUM - BUTLINGEN found br at 780321 blown but encountered no opposition. Rest of bn moved into BARUM - HORBURG - BUTLINGEN. Bn HQ est 783317. -0100 (21 Apr) "D" Coy cleared TESPE 7838 on the bank of the ELBE; took 7 P.O.W. without a shot being fired.	

	21		Evacuation of civs from the area began. Showery weather. "A" Coy took over from "D" Coy and Carrier Pl in TESPE.	
	22-28		Weather improved. 'Fishing' on the Barummer sec. Occasional shelling from the far side of the Elbe which completely overlooked the bn area, but no cas were caused. Int Sec and F.O.O. scrutinized the far bank and picked out a considerable number of enemy posns. The factory at KRUMMEL was still evidently in partial operation, and was occasionally visited by a train which came out of the tunnel in TESPERHUDE 796374. On 26 Apr the train was shelled by 131 Bty and although it was not thought to have been damaged it did not reappear. Lt D.C. Burgess and 2/Lt D.J. Smorthwaite joined the bn on 22 Apr. Lt T. Hornsby joined on 23 Apr.	
	27		Bde O Gp. Crossing of the ELBE put forward owing to the rapidity of the Russian advance. 227 Bde to pass through 44 Bde's brhd and swing WEST with 2 Gordons on the left actually clearing the river bank, A & S.H. centre and H.L.I. on the right.	
BARUM	28	0930	C.O. addressed the entire bn in a hall in BARUM and told them of the coming operation.	
	29	0230 0900- 1000 1000 1115 1400 1720	Bn began to move out of BARUM - BUTLINGEN area breakfasted at BRIETLINGEN 8029, 0430 hrs and moved into assembly area LUDERHAUSEN 8131. The bn was ordered to cross the ELBE in storm boats with essential vehicles (carriers and jeeps) in 'buffaloes'. This operation was completed and the bn concentrated in the bridgehead already taken by 44 Inf Bde. Bn ordered to move off up the main rd and capture the village of TESPERHUDE (MR 3779 Sheet 2528) and clear the wooded area SE of the village along the North bank of the river. Rd blocks at 814374 and 807376 reported. Bn bypassed them to the South leaving a platoon with a R.E. party to clear them. Objectives taken with 6 offrs and 205 O.Rs as P.O.W. Good work was done by "A", "B" and "D" coys in clearing the many snipers and bazooka parties from the woods. Total Casualties - 6 killed and 25 wounded, including Major GORDON CAMPBELL, MC, RA comdg 320 Bty RA. Major Campbell who was wounded in the thigh by a sniper had been bty comd with the bn during the whole campaign since landing in NORMANDY. Following on the capture of TESPERHUDE by "A" Coy and the high ground beyond by "C" Coy, "D" Coy was ordered to pass through and clear the KRUMMEL Factory area as far as 766387 with "C"	

			Coy working along the high ground above the factory as far as 773384.	
TESPERHUDE	30	0400	"D" and "C" Coys reported their tasks completed and on their objectives 794376 and 796377. Total P.O.W. 2 offrs, 116 O.Rs. At 0640 hrs they were relieved by a coy of 2 A. & S.H. and took up posns in GRUNHOF 8038.	
		0700	Carrier Pl despatched to recce HAMWARDE 7843, which they found to be held 30 P.O.W brought back. During the morning "A" Coy captured two 'Frogmen' their task was not discovered.	
HAMWARDE		1600	Bn moved off to HAMWARDE which had now been cleared by 15 Recce Regt and occupied posns in the village during the night with 2 troops, 3 (Tk) Coldm Gds in sp. Bn HQ 786433. Meanwhile the Adv Adm Area 838350 had been heavily shelled during the day and the ration 3 tonner, the Pnr 3 tonner and the med half track were destroyed.	

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Unit 2ND BN. THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

Month and Year MAY 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. RWM de Winton D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HAMWARDE	1	0900	"B" Coy with tp of tanks cleared woods area 77.42 and brought back 43 prisoners.	
			During the afternoon 2 A & S.H. with a unit of 53 Div moved into GEESTHACHT which had been surrendered by the Burgomaster to the Comd, 227 (H) Inf Bde.	
		2000	Bde 'O' Gp. The Bde to adv due EAST with 10 H.L.I. right, 2 A & S.H. left 2 Gordons in reserve.	
		2100	Bn 'O' Gp.	
		2300	News of Hitler's death.	
	2	1000	Bn left HAMWARDE 78.43	
		1030	Bde Comd temporarily handed over Comd of the Bde to Lt.Col R.W.M. de WINTON D.S.O., whilst he conferred with a member of F.M. BUSCH's staff apropos the surrender of the enemy forces in N.W. Germany.	
KROPPELSHAGEN FAHRENDORF		1515	Bn arrived at KROPPELSHAGEN FAHRENDORF 71,46 without incident. Bn HQ 713,464.	Sheet 1/100,000 L.4
		1800	News of the surrender in ITALY.	
	3	0700	Local truce in the HAMBURG Sector came into effect.	
KASSEBURG		P.M.	Bn moved to KASSEBURG 77.55 without incident. Rifle coys marched. Bn HQ 778,557.	
GROS HANSDORF	4		Bn moved to GROS HANSDORF 68,66. C.O. marched with rifle coys. Bn HQ 688,668.	
		2100	Announcement of the surrender of all the German forces in N.W. Europe.	
	6	1100	Church Service at AHRESNBURG in the open air, attended by the entire Bde. Bde Comd addressed the gathering after the service.	
	8		V.E. Day. Excellent weather.	
	9	1200	Div Comd inspected the Bn and outlined its great record since landing in Normandy in 1944. He stated that the Bn had lost altogether 64 officers and 1127 ORs in casualties during the	

			whole campaign. Of those who attended this parade there were 8 officers and 314 ORs who had landed originally with the Bn in JUNE and JULY 1944.	
GROS HANSDORF	10		Weather continued very good and many of the Bn bathed in a local swimming pool.	
	11		The Bn took over several PW Cages from the Mx Regt. "B" Coy took over a cage at BARGTEHEIDE 66,73. "A" Coy cages at BARGTEHEIDE and KREMERBURG 66,69. "D" Coy and A/Tk Pl cages in and near AHRESNBURG and Mortar Pl took over the Div PW Cage. "C" and HQ Coys remained in GROS HANSDORF. P.R.I opened an O.Rs Club - Canteen in GROS HANSDORF. Bde Comd, 227 (H) Inf Bde, CRA 15 (S) Div, C.O. and 2 I.C. 2 A & S.H. invited to dinner at Bn HQ Officers Mess.	
	12		"B" Coys PW Cage moved to BUNNINGSTEDT.	
	14		Recces of REINFELD 8185, where it was believed the Bn would be moving, were carried out, but in the evening the place was changed to LUBECK.	
	15		C.O. left Bn to go on a Hygiene Course at Mytchet Bks, ALDERSHOT, followed by leave. Major Henderson carried out recce of LUBECK.	
GROS HANSDORF	16		Further recces in LUBECK. Bn relieved of responsibility for PW Cages on their being taken over by 8 (German) Para Div. Coys returned to GROS HANSDORF.	
	17	1800	Bn 'O' Gp ref LUBECK, etc.	
	18		Pte SPENCER of the Sigs Pl drowned while bathing in the local swimming pool. Although several arrests have been made the Bn experienced little trouble with the civil population in GROS HANSDORF.	
	19	0800-1145	Bn moved to LUBECK where it took over from 6 SEAFORTHS of 5 Div and became responsible for the guarding of several V.Ps including the DRAGERWERKS, Red Cross Food Dumps, Sugar Barge, Amn Train, the Rly Sta and an Ord Dump. Check points were also est on 3 road and one Rly bridge. Major Hutchinson rejoined the Bn. Coys were located as follows:- "A" - 933,898 "B" - 940,875 "C" - 938,913 "D" - 936,914 Bn HQ in the Labour Exchange 934,904 with Sp Coy opposite.	Movement Order Appx "A" O.O. Appx "B"
LUBECK	21		Funeral of Pte Spencer.	
	25		Bde Comd inspected the Bn informally. Veh check carried out in Bde area.	Appx "C"

			"B" Coy moved to the DRAGERWERKS where it took over from the Mortar Pl.	
	26		Further veh check. Corps Comd visited the Bn.	
	27		Riot between Russians and Poles in one of the many D.P. camps in the Bn area, prevented from becoming serious by a show of strength by the inlying picquet (one Pl "D" Coy and a Carrier Section)	
	28	p.m.	Div Comd carried out an informal inspection of the Bn.	
	29		Check of German Red Cross personnel.	

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Unit 2 A&SH

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.W. Tweedie

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FIELD BRETTEVILLE	1 JUL		First day of reorganisation after Operation "EPSOM". The Comd Offr has written his own account of this battle for Regt Records. Much kit has been lost, some of it unnecessarily. But the chief deficiency was in automatic weapons and instruments. In the very dusty country such as NORMANDY automatic weapons soon become unserviceable unless MOST carefully covered and cleaned when not in use. Everybody felt extreme exhaustion now that the stress of contact with the enemy was past. The Bn was conc in area of a farm la HAUT de BRETTEVILLE - BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE (CALVADOS) MR CAEN 923728. The first job was to get the Unit re-equipped and since the Div had been given a high priority eqpt began to come in from QRD in great speed. RG eqpt and instruments took the longest to arrive. Much thought given to the subject of salvaging some of the unit tpt and eqpt left on battlefd at GAVRUS. But Bde Comd forbade this hitherto as enemy strength and activities in this area had not been sufficiently examined. Rfts continued to come in at a steady rate. Mostly from O&B.L.I and The King's Regt, as well as our own rfts. ~~Bn strength for w/e 5 JUL is shown on att Appx "A".~~	
	2		Visit to Unit by Div Comd, Maj-General G.H.A. MacMillan. He gave a short talk to the troops thanking them for their efforts & explaining the tactical setting to our battles and how 15 (S) Div had drawn, as per plan, most of the enemy armour. The Bde Comd did likewise.	
	3		The Comd Offr addressed the Bn after Church Parade, thanked the troops for their work, but also pointed out some of the most important lessons of the battle. (care of arms & eqpt: sleep when possible: importance of every man looking after himself)	
BRETTEVILLE	6		I.O. rendered a full written report to Bde HQ signed by witnesses, who allege to have seen enemy in BRITISH type steel helmets around our late posn at GAVRUS. Odd shells and rocket	

			bombs arrive in our bn area. One 88 mm shell hit roof of C Coy HQ building to-day. All tps sleep in slit trenches.	
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE	7	2000 2200	Reorg continuing and all <u>essentials</u> now completed. One EA [Me 109F] flew over Bn area at about 2000 but was in great difficulties through our lt AA fire. Every day since 18 JUN has been heavily overcast if not raining and ideal for low flying recce & gd attacks by EA. Large scale air attack by RAF Bomber Comd Lancasters on area CAEN-CARPIQUET-VERSON. Plainly visible to all bn. 350-450 British a/c took part. A great tonic as it is the first time we have seen any friendly a/c in strength.	
	8	2030	Still reorganising. No incidents save 4 rds solid shot from 88 mm guns which landed in bn area. Spent rounds.	
	9	1200	Col H. Clarke (GSO1 Liaison) 15 (S) Inf Div came to HQ and gave two most valuable talks to assembled tps on the wide-view of the campaign. The greatest worry to date has been lack of infm from the situation on other sectors right down to ignorance about posns of other bns of the Div. The appetite of the tps for news is insatiable, but hitherto infm has been greatly neglected.	
BRETTEVILLE	10	 1240 2030 1800	Preparations on foot for another battle. The Bn Order of Battle is as on right →. Major J. Kenneth is att to 10 HLI as 2IC (ex OC A Coy). Bn out on training in area NORREY-en-BESSIN. The Bde Comd arranged this as more practice in fighting in this close country is needed. The junior leaders fight the battles here and the newly promoted NCO's do need practice. One EA flew along line of rly at zero feet and fired on our tps. No casualties. CO and IO to Bde 'O' Gp to discuss Bde move to area VERSON. Forthcoming operations in area BARON - ESQUAY - EVRECY have now reached planning stage. 15 (S) Inf Div now under comd of ~~30~~12 Corps for ops. Bn moved out from buildings at le HAUT de BRETTEVILLE into open fields to make room for HQ 30 Corps.	<u>Coy Comds & Specialists</u> CO Lt-Col J.W. Tweedie 2IC Major DR Morgan ADJ. Capt AM FYFE I.O. Capt JDC Graham Sigs Capt DHE Lyon A Coy Major HC Robertson B Coy Lieut P Salmond C Coy Major RM McKenzie D Coy Major FGS Graham T.O. Capt TH Spenceley QM Capt J Kenny M.O. Lieut JT Anderson RAMC Sp Coy Capt LLE Moreton OC 3 Pl Capt W Sloan OC 4 Pl Capt WR Bruce OC 5 Pl Capt W Muirhead OC 6 Pl Lieut RHC Dunning RSM H Thompson
BRETTEVILLE	11	1445	Seven EA [Me 109F] flew over Bde area at about 1,500'. Two definitely destroyed.	

	12	0700 1710	CO and IO off to area BARON - pt 112 for Bde Recce for prepared night attack. Very bitter fighting all around the area and the recce party had no easy task. Very little could be seen of the future objectives. Many dead and burnt out tanks testify to the enemy resistance here. CO 5 Bn The Wiltshire Regt guided party around OPs but little infm was gained. Two salvoes of 6 shells each in area BRETTEVILLE. 88 mm at extreme range. Shellreps are always submitted without delay and do help our CB org with good results. A similar system is being arranged for counter mortar fire.	
BRETTEVILLE	13	0800 1430	CO & IO to Bde Comds Conference for forthcoming op. This will be known as Operation "GREENLINE". Conference attended by all sp arms - 3 Bns Tks, AVRE, "Crocodiles", SP Bty and all gunner and inf comds. Major Hugh Spens M.C. [A&SH] took up duties as BM 227 (H) Inf Bde vice Major J.A. Lochore [K/A 20 JUN]. 2IC, IO, Coy Comds, OC 5 & 6 Pls and Sqn Comds from 147 R.T.R. to BARON to recce for attack. 147 R.T.R. (Lt-Col C. BROWNE) is in sp 2 A&SH. Unable to see ground to objective owing to enemy vigilance, but routes to FUP recced. Map distribution is good now. The 1/50,000 proves quite inaccurate except for main rds. 1/25,000 is up to date and most reliable. All planning is done by air phs which are issued fairly generously in conjunction with 1/25,000 maps.	
BRETTEVILLE	12/13		During the nights 11/12 - 12/13 JUL recce patrols of one offr and two men have been going out from 2 Gordons & 2 A&SH to recce line of R. GUIGNE which lies between our FUP and final objective, to feature Ferme de Mondeville. But on neither occasion did the patrols succeed owing to enemy vigilance [21 & 22 S.S. PGR hold this ground]; our own arty DF fire holding them up, and enemy mortar fire on HQ 5 Welch Regt with whom patrols have been staying during daylight. Lt W.J.D. SWORD (C Coy) led 2 A&SH patrol on both occasions. This river appears no more than a ditch on air phs, but the banks may well be tk obstacles, and almost certainly will hold up towing Carriers of inf bns.	
BRETTEVILLE	14	0800	CO and IO to Bde Conference. Change of plan. 2 GLAS H will capture ESQUAY with one bn Churchills. 2 Gordons will then adv in conjunction with 44(L) Inf Bde to half way to final objective. 10 HLI with B Sqn 147 RTR will capture & hold EVRECY. 2 A&SH with A & C Sqn 147 RTR will then finally cross R. GUIGNE, attack & hold the feature Ferme de Mondeville. The R. GUIGNE still has not been recced.	

Bretteville		1415 1500 1700 1850 2230	Eight Me 109 F over BRETTEVILLE. Hy flak put up and two seen to crash. CO, IO and Coy Comds to HQ 147 R.T.R. (Cully 911766) for Coy/Sqn Conference. Party returned to HQ 2 Gordons for briefing by Bde Comd. Div Comd gave preliminary address. More EA over bn area assisted by thick & low cloud. Marching part of bn left rest area where we have been since 2 Jul for FAA at BAS de MOUEN (946653). A^1 & A^2 ech of tpt left after M. Pers. Unit shelled fairly heavily all night after reaching conc area. One shell landed less than 5x from RSM THOMPSON H, who was lying in the open. He sustained only a scratched face.	
Bas de Mouen BARON	15	0930 2000 2120 2300	Final "O" Gp for Op "Greenline". Major Charles WILSON R.A. now Comd 495 Fd Bty in sp 2 A&SH vice Major Vyvyan CORNWALL wounded at GAVRUS. Final feeding, recces of tpt FAA and men rested. Whole Unit moved fwd on foot with tpt following to FAA in area BARON. Tps & tpt (F Ech) harboured in small area. Hy enemy shelling of whole bn area commenced and continued until dawn growing heavier and more intense as the light faded. BARON proved later to be a former German Corps HQ and consequently No1 DF task. The arty & mortar fire was the heaviest yet experienced but caused few cas so long as tps remained dug in. B & C Coys (Major H.C. Robertson and Major R.M. McKenzie) started to move fwd through BARON to Start Line behind 2 GORDONS. Objective of their attack was to be the main rd half way to the Ferme de Mondeville feature.	
BARON	16	0130 0500	Hy cas incurred through shelling and mortaring especially in B Coy. Lt P.S. SALMOND badly wounded and died soon after (B Coy). Capt W MUIRHEAD (5 Pl) and Capt Tony Marshall (FOO 495 Fd Bty RA) also badly wounded. Remainder of Bn moved fwd to Start Line. Meanwhile 2 GLAS H. sp by 107 R.T.R. had cleared and held ESQUAY and 2 Gordons had reached their first objective, but were held up on fwd slope by well sighted M.Gs on fixed lines. Not imagining this would be a long delay 2 A&SH moved onto the top of the high ground 400x S.W. of BARON church and waited. Artificial moonlight was laid on by S/Ls of 12 Corps to help tps in direction finding but in fact we were silhouetted. 10 HLI and B Sqn 147 R.T.R. moved into posn just ahead of 2 A&SH (lying down in the open) & just short of the Gordons (unable to adv owing to MG fire). The situation at dawn was therefore 227(H) Inf Bde and three Sqns of 147 R.T.R. bunched in an area about 800x x 300x in the open and with no cover.	

BARON		0545 0530 1000 2300	Dawn. Enemy shelling, mortaring and projector firing recommenced. Hy smoke put down by own guns to hide the appalling target we presented. The Churchill tank bn commenced to withdraw, but negotiation of a badly worked British minefd caused trouble. Brig. R. Mackintosh-Walker M.C. (Seaforths) Comd 227(H) Inf Bde was killed during the battle while at Tac HQ at BARON Calvary. Lt. Col. E.C. COLVILLE (2 Gordons) assumed comd 227(H) Inf Bde in his place. CO & IO to Bde HQ for 'O' Gp leaving Major J. Kenneth (A Coy) in comd of the Bn. Plan for next phase: 2 Glas H to hold ESQUAY - 2 Gordons pt 113 - 2 A&SH area Les VILAINS - TOURMAUVILLE Br originally captured by C Coy in June in Op "EPSOM". Bn withdrew under own 2" mortar smoke and was fully harboured in new area by 1700 hrs. Total casualties during the operation in which 2 A&SH had no contact with the enemy K/A 4, wounded 3 offrs and 48, missing 16. Spasmodic shelling and mortaring all night. 2/Lieut N.A.C. DUNNING, brother of OC 6 Pl, killed in his slit trench by direct hit from arty shell.	
TOURMAUVILLE	17	2100 2330	Spasmodic shelling all day. 2 A&SH relieved by 5 Welch and marched back to rest area (Le Haut du Bosq, SW Cheux). March without incident. In posn by 1200 hrs. Rest area proved to be a gun area and the noise was incessant. About 12 twin engined GA flew over bn area dropping bombs, some very close. Large fire started of RA veh.	C.O. Lt-Col J.W. Tweedie 2IC Major J. Kenneth Adjt A/Capt JDC Graham I.O. Lt A. Pierce OC A Coy Maj HC Robertson B Coy Maj A.M. Fyfe
	18		Refitting in Rest? Area. Capt C.W. TUNIS & Lt C.M. BROWN rejoined unit from RHU (2i/c A Coy and OC 5 Pl respectively). Both CANLOAN offrs.	C Coy Maj LLE Moreton D Coy Maj FGS Graham Sp Coy Capt WR Bruce
	19	1000 2100	C.O.'s Conference. Bn Order of Battle rearranged as above. → First party to 8 Corps Rest Camp at St Aubin s/MER for three days holiday. Major Graham i/c party.	[Major DR Morgan to be Lt-Col Comd 10 HLI.]
Haut du Bosq	20-21		Remained in Rest Area. Occasional shelling and interference by EA. Tps got hold of an unknown drink in a house, which proved later to be brandy. Twenty cases of intoxication resulted.	
	22	 2015	CO out all day with Bde "R" Gp recceing new posns for 15(S) Inf Div in the CAUMONT sector where we will relieve the U.S. Army. 227(H) Inf Bde will take over from 11 Inf Regt. V US Inf Div. 2 Pz.Div opposes. Recce Party of 2IC, one offr per coy and one nco per pl moved down to CAUMONT area to liaise with III Bn / 11 Inf Regt in area	

			la REPAS, one mile east of CAUMONT ⊙ recces had to be done in darkness as movement on fwd slope in daylight is impossible. Bn 'O' Gp in Haut du Bosq 2300 hrs.	
	23	1030 2130	227(H) Inf Bde moved off in TCVs (20 per bn) with A^1 & A^2 Echs following. Order of March: 2 Gordons, Bde HQ, 10 HLI, 2 A&SH, 1 Mx B Coy. Bn arrived conc area la VITARDIERE 7262 by 1630 hrs. Everyone greatly affected by seeing undamaged houses & open green fields. Coy liaison with US Comds prior to take over. 2 A&SH took over from III Bn as under. A Coy (Capt TUNIS) - I Coy (Capt Williams) B Coy (Major A.M. Fyfe) - K Coy (Capt Altman) C Coy (Major Moreton) - A Coy/I Bn (Capt Cooper) D Coy (Major Graham) - L Coy (Capt Williams) Comd III Bn was Major BIRDSONG. Take over of US Coy posns commenced. Guides provided by US Army on scale of 1 per pl.	
la Repas	23	0900	Relief complete. One party of US troops pulling out had a skirmish with an enemy patrol but otherwise everything went smoothly. OP reps in fwd areas remained behind for an additional 24 hrs and all US signal cable was left for us but did not work satisfactorily on D5 phone.	
	24	 2300	Bn org complete by daylight. Fwd tps of B&D Coys cannot move by day & feeding &c has to be done entirely by night. B Coy lost 3 men K/A during mortar bombardment in a.m. B Coy 2 Gordons moved in to close gap between C Coy and 43 Div bdy on our left.	
La Repas	25		Visit to bn by GOC 15(S) Inf Div. Recce Patrol sent out at 2330 hrs by Bn. Lt A.W. HADDOW (Canloan offr to "A" Coy). Task: To take one PW, as 21 Pz Div is thought to be conducting a relief. Patrol did not get very far owing to MG fire and lack of time.	
	26	 1145	Div Counter Mortar policy started, under direction of an ACMO (Major 1 Mx) att Bde HQ. Action on enemy fire being received by arty, MMGs, 4.2" mortars & unit 3" mortars. Visit by BGS 30 Corps to visit RA Ops. More active patrolling to get PW, but without success. The enemy appears to have pulled back quite a long way & his mortar fire is considerably less now as a result of our CM policy.	
	27		Little activity by day. Considerable enemy tk movements across our flank by night.	Appx "C"
La Repas	28		CO and Adjt to 153 Fd Amb for rest and CO had slight operation. Some hostile air activity only.	Major B.A. Pearson, att from 30 Corps HQ, reported for duty. Appx A/21C

	29		2 A&SH relieved by the 4th Dorsets. Relief complete by 2130 hrs except for men in extreme fwd areas. Same system used as for 2 A&SH / US Army relief. Bn pulled back to a farm two miles behind La Repas. Major J. Kenneth OC 2 A&SH. Final 'O' Gps & adjustments for Op "BLUECOAT".	See Appx A&B
Caumont	30	0700	Op "BLUECOAT" began 227(H) Inf Bde with in sp 6 Gds Army TK Bde moved fwd to attack ground SOUTH of CAUMONT. Attack preceded by main attack on enemy posns by several hundred RAF Halifax a/c. Stiff opposition encountered early in attack after 2 A&SH passed through 10 HLI & 2 Gordons, and some cas incl Lt DA McCallum D Coy were caused by enemy mines. Many PW taken (C Coy (Major LLE Moreton) took 79 alone). Bn objective LES LOGES captured and occupied by 1830 hrs. The Churchill tanks of 3 SGs who reached the objective 45 mins before the inf were attacked by Tigers or SP guns and lost 6 tks in 2 mins. Bn arrived and dug in with B & D Coys fwd. Total cas during operation in which we advanced through 3 enemy bn posns were 3 killed, 3 offrs and 18 wounded. The bn was thus exposed about 2 miles fwd of other tps & with open flanks. Counter attacks anticipated but not occurred.	
	31		Lt-Col. J.W. Tweedie rejoined and resumed comd of the bn. Fighting continues around & to our rear on 53 Div front but we were left in peace. British armour attacking hard on our right towards St MARTIN de BESACES.	

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Unit 2 A&SH

Month and Year Aug 44.

Commanding Officer Lt Col D.R. Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LES LOGES	1		All quiet. Contact patrols to units on our left.	
	2		As for yesterday. Warning order to move to LA MARCELLIERE.	
LA MARCELLIERE	3		Bn take up defensive posn near the village as reserve bn to the Bde. The high ground in front of the village is held by the HLI on the left and the GORDONS on the right. A counter attack role on to either of the two fwd bns area is planned. Everything quiet & bn given opportunity for minor reorganisation, issue of NAAFI goods.	
LA MARCELLIERE	4		As for yesterday.	
MONTCHARIVEL MONTCHARIVEL MONTCHARIVEL	5		227(H) Bde left LA MARCELLIERE to attack in company with the SCOTS GUARDS several points to the SOUTH. 2 A&SH and part of 2 GORDONS were to travel on the tanks of the SCOTS GUARDS to a dispersal point at MONTCHARIVEL (745428). The objectives of 2 A&SH were to clear two villages - LA FORTE (37/14 SW 1/25000) MR. 758428 and LE HAUT 768428. In support 1 Sqn SCOTS GUARDS. No enemy were encountered and consolidation was effected at LE HAUT. Later in the afternoon word was received that 2 A&SH was req'd to deny the use of br 754407 on the MONTCHAMP - LA CAVERIE RD. to the enemy, MONTCHAMP being held by one enemy company. The bn pushed on to high ground vicinity L'Eponniere (754409) and as darkness fell took up positions on the fwd slope, commanding the br and road. The whole 24 hrs operation was done without encountering any enemy whatsoever, except for one boshe who gave himself up to Capt W.R. Bruce (sup coy comd) while he was asleep in the Comd post area. Carrier containing several men and Lieut D.R. MURDOCH was blown up by a mine at x-rds in MONTCHARIVEL, after several vehs of ours and of the R.S.F. who had taken the town the night before had been over it. The driver was killed and Lt	

			MURDOCH, carrier pl comd, was wounded. His life was saved only by sandbags which were on the floor of the veh.	
L'EPONNIERE L'EPONNIERE	6		227(H) Bde with S.L. of LA CAVERIE x-rds (768405) moved to attack along with the SCOTS GUARDS the following objectives:- 10 H.L.I. - THIEL (7635); 2 GORDONS - ESTRAY (7437) 2 A&SH CANTELOUP (7835). The Bn F.U.P. was LA CAVERIE x-rds, where considerable armour was established in vicinity for marry-up purposes. This was attacked at long range by two MK IV TIGER TANKS and there was considerable confusion as the 3 bns passed the x-rds - one recce car being demolished in clear view of the troops. A&SH proceeded to S.L. and attack began with VASSY Rd as axis (2 coys left, 2 right). Considerable MG fire was encountered and at one point extremely heavy mortaring which diminished as the troops pressed close to the enemy. Armour was considerably held up by a dug-in TIGER and an S.P. gun. The TIGER was successfully stalked by B Coy and drew off - the S.P however knocked out one CHURCHILL before drawing off. Tanks encountered mines on road and the attack was halted short of PT 208 where the Bn dug in about 350x from German posns.	
VASSY RD. VASSY RD. VASSY RD.	7	1300	On high ground astride LA CAVERIE - VASSY RD north of Point 208 the Bn tried to advance posns approx 100-150 yds. The attack was made with gunner, MMG and mortar sup. The objective was not attained and over a score of casualties were suffered including Maj AM Fyfe OC B Coy killed by MG fire who lay wounded for several hours under fire (died at the R.A.P.) With the object of evacuating the wounded who could not be reached by S.Bs because the area was under MG and mortar fire, Maj L.L.E. Moreton (Law Moreton) advanced alone towards the German lines carrying a red cross flag above his head. He was fired upon once as he approached the place where the wounded lay. A German captain then appeared & shouted at his men to hold their fire. Maj L.L.E. Moreton and the boshe officer shook hands and a truce of half-an-hour was agreed upon to remove all dead and wounded, a demarcation line being drawn and the boshe removing all casualties on their side. Thus several Argylls fell into German hands - the first known to be taken prisoner in the Bn. Firing was renewed after the truce, with the Bn holding its original positions. At 0700 hrs 3 arty privates of the 9th S.S. drove into our lines, apparently in error, in a light recce car, containing hot coffee evidently for an OP position.	

VASSY RD.	8		Held positions as yesterday without incident. Occasional mortaring (MR. T772392 Flers 7F/5 1/50,000) Three deserters of Polish and Jugo Slav nationality were admitted to lines. They were recent reinforcements to the 21 Pz. They said there were many others wishing to come in. This subsequently proved correct. During night Aug 8/9 bn withdraws to posns vacated by Royal SCOTS on LA CAVERIE - ESTRAY RD MR T 765395.	
LA CAVERIE x-rds	9		Positions maintained as before. Patrols sent out to contact neighbouring units. 10 H.L.I. on right and 7 SEAFORTHS on left who were close to LA CAVERIE x-rds. Occasional casualties from mortaring. Much Boshe small arms fire at night mainly on fixed line. Two deserters admitted to lines.	
LA CAVERIE x-rds	10		One deserter. Contact patrolling. Heavy 25 pndr gunner support.	
	11		Twelve deserters - patrolling. Arty as before.	
	12		Patrolling. No deserters. Evidence of Bosche withdrawal: as a lack of SA fire at night. 1 casualty from mortar bomb.	
LA CAVERIE x-rds	13		Quiet day. No mortaring at all. During night 13/14 Bn withdrew on foot to area of LA MARTELLIERE (Ondefontaine 1/50,000 37/14 SW T 505465). This withdrawal was without incident as some 11th Armd Div troops were now occupying frm ahead of Bn front. Bn was relieved by 1st Herefordshire Regt. of 11 Armd Div.	
LA MARTELLIERE LA MARTELLIERE	14		In new position, bn occupied itself in resting and washing until 1400 hrs when it embussed for a return to the CAEN sector, which it had left some weeks ago. During the morning the Bn received news of the loss of its CO - Lt Col J.W. Tweedie who left to assume command of the 91st Bn (anti-tank). The Bn moved without a hitch under the temporary C.O. Maj J. Kenneth and arrived in its new area near MALTOT. These posns were well back from the fwd areas and the Bn rightly looked forward to a well deserved rest.	
MALTOT AREA	15		Bn rested, visited M.B.U. and watched an E.N.S.A. Show.	
nr. Maltot	16	1800	Bn rested today. Maj S.C.D. Fergusson arrived & was posted as O.C. Sup Coy. Pipes and drums played retreat & wore the kilt for the first time since we came to France. The pipes are a great morale booster and the Bn was pleased to see the kilt again.	

nr. Maltot	17	 1800 1800	Bn rested again all day and there was swimming and bathing in the Orne River. Everybody now felt fit and ready once again. Pipes and drums played retreat with Pipe Major Angus Graham playing his new compositions for the first time, "Crossing the River Odon" and "Fifteenth Scottish Division". Lieut W.J.D. Sword became I.O. vice Lieut A.H. Pierce who went to B Coy as Pl Comd. Warning for move tomorrow not before 1100 hrs to 029475 in Barbery Area (40/14 S.W)	
Barbery	18	1650	Bn arrived in new location after a move of no incident.	
Barbery	19	 1830 1900	Bn rested and trained. Coys did route marches and P.T. Warning order for a move in T.C.Vs for contact battle. Bn at 6 hrs notice to move from 0600 hrs tomorrow. Cinema show in Bn area.	
Barbery	20	 2355	Move cancelled. No move for 48 hours. Bn area dive bombed by about 6 enemy bombers for 20 mins. The centre of the attack was the mortar pl area and the R.A.P. Seven men of the mortar pl were killed outright. Three offrs were wounded & seven men. The offrs wounded were Major J. Kenneth, the Commanding Officer; Capt Wm Sloan, mortar officer and Rev G.T. Jameson - Chaplain. The bombs dropped were A.P. except for the bomb which dropped in the mortar area. This was of heavier calibre. All the casualties were out of their slit trenches at the time of the bombing.	
Barbery	21		It rained all day and the Bn rested and kept as dry as possible in farm buildings. Maj S.C.D. Fergusson assumed command of the Battalion vice Maj Kenneth.	
Barbery	22	 2100	Bn rested and dried out after yesterday's rain. Warning order for early move tomorrow.	
Barbery Barbery	23	0640 2000 2000	Bn moved this morning to a concentration area at FRESNE LA MERE 196359 (7F/6) Reinforcements arrived 1 Offr (2/Lieut A.S. Mull) and 17 ORs. Warning order for move towards the SEINE tomorrow morning. We heard that Capt Wm Sloan had died of his wounds. Lieut J.C. McColl took over command of C Coy vice Maj B. Pearson who again became 2i/c.	
Fresne La Mere	24		"H" hour for the move was postponed continually until by the afternoon it was considered that there would be no move that day at all. This was caused by confusion on the roads. Bridge had been blown and there was much battered German transport across the route.	

Fresne La Mere		1530 2000	Order to move at 1740 hrs as far at least that night as TRUN 3129 / 3A&8 1/250,000). Order of march of the Bde 10 H.L.I., 2 Gordons, 2 A&SH. Bn concentrated in area BOURDON 4156 (7F/6) after a successful move without incident. The route was littered as we had been told with German transport. Although we had been warned of mines and booby traps none were encountered	
BOURDON BOURDON	25	0900 1700	Bn moved with the object of taking up a defensive position in the EMANVILLE area 0374 (map sheet 7 250,000). Bn took up position at PETITE LONDE 0072 (8F/4) No enemy were encountered on route and the Bn was feted all the way by the French. The route took the Bn through a road 7 mls long where the most appalling destruction had been caused on enemy transport by the R.A.F. Dead Germans, dead horses and mangled transport were heaped up on the verges of the road. Again no mines or booby traps were encountered.	
PETITE LONDE PETITE LONDE	26	0005 0430 0830 0930 1700 2200	Orders received for a move at 0430 hrs to a concentration area at LOUVIER 2289 (1/100,000 9F) preparatory to a crossing of the SEINE the following night. Bn moved out as arranged to forming up area but was stopped there. Order for a move to a concentration area at LE NEUBOURG (R 0283 [1/250,000 sheet 7]) were issued. Bn concentrated in new location. Bn moved to LOUVIERS. On arrival orders were given for capture of high ground area R 2589. This piece of high ground occupied by the Bn without incident. Members of the maquis guided the Bn to its objective. It was learned that General Von Kluge the night before had used a room in the farm in which our H.Q. was established.	
LOUVIER	27		The Bn rested in the area and made up for lost sleep as much as possible. Liaison was made with maquis about enemy in area. Bn moved at about 1800 hrs to an F.U.P. at R 2787 [1/250,000 sheet 7] for the crossing of the SEINE. The Bn was in reserve and 60 men were used for carrying boats for the initial crossing by 2 GORDONS and 10 H.L.I. The original plan was that 2 A&SH should cross after 2 GORDONS on the right but after the GORDONS had had trouble the Bn was switched to the left to follow on after H.L.I. The move took place about 2200 hrs. The	

Across the SEINE LOUVIER			crossing for us was without incident and went almost like an exercise. One man was killed outright and CAPT TUNIS (Can-loan) was wounded. The enemy were withdrawing from the house area across open ground and several casualties were inflicted on them. 17 Bosche were killed mostly by the only mortar which had by that time crossed the river and by the sniper corporal. 3 Bosche were taken prisoner. The Bn mopped up the area and a further 3 prisoners were taken. The whole advance was done without close support as even the A/TK guns had not yet got over the river. Although there had been no time for even Coy Comds to see the ground, and the speed and change of plan made adequate orders impossible, a defensive position was taken up without interference on the other side.	
Across the SEINE	28		This morning at about 0900 hrs a warning order was received for an advance through thick woods to the high ground at Chateau Buspins. No opposition was met in the woods, though signs of hurried enemy withdrawal were evident. No opposition was met on the objective either. Only when the Bn began to exploit over the crest did we meet the bosche. D Coy exploiting through the House were fired on by a Spandau.	
CHATEAU BUSPIN	29		This morning about 0200 hrs the remainder of the Bn transport arrived. During the day the Bn rested and reorganised.	
	30		The day was spent in resting, refitting and in reorganisation.	
CHATEAU BUSPIN	31		A & D Coys today cleared a wooded area over the SEINE between LERY 2696 and PORTE PINCHE 2993 (Sheet No 155 N.E). This area was reported to us by the maquis as being held in small numbers by the bosche. The maquis chief at LERY gave us the exact layout of the area and his men assisted in the sweep. No enemy were found but later 12 bosche gave themselves up to a carrier standing patrol which acted as a stop and which was left at PORTE PINCHE after the Coys withdrew again for the night.	

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Unit 2nd Bn A&SH

Month and Year September 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Chateau de Buspins	1st Sept		Bn still at Chateau-de-Buspins. All coys are under cover except "C" Coy which was moved today to Daubeuf-pres-Vatteville in order that it may be under cover too. Daubeuf-pres-Vatteville is a little village about one mile north of the Bn position. Bn reorganising and maintaining weapons and vehs. Lt Col Morgan arrived tonight to take over command of the Bn. We were all very glad to have him back with us again.	
"	2nd Sept	 2000	Very quiet day. Most of day spent on maintenance of vehs and weapons. Rain for most of the day and evening. We had a warning order to move. "O" group for move at 2300 hrs.	
Chateau de Buspins	3rd Sept	0130 0630 1330 1500 2000 2000	Bn moved to Long 8873 at 0130. Bn had under command 1 Tp 6 pdr ATK RA (286 ATK BTY) Bn stopped for tea and haversack ration just outside GOURNAY 6515. Bn arrived at BERNAVILLE where it had breakfast. Here there was a change of plan. "O" Group was called for move to area BERNAVILLE 0285 to take over from the North Staffords. Object to prevent any enemy from crossing road BERNAVILLE - GORGE from west and so escaping to Germany. Bn took up position in BERNAVILLE triangle Bn HQ orchard 032848, C Coy orchard 026848, D Coy field 0382 B Coy GORGES 0382. For this operation the Bn was under command 4th Armd Bde. Weather for this operation was dull and cloudy. Bn harbour party was away recceing an area for a 15 mile move which was cancelled and was not available for harbouring the Bn into its area. Harbouring was carried out efficiently off the map.	
BERNAVILLE	4th Sept	0630	Bn stood to for ½ hour.	

BERNAVILLE		0800 0855 0905 1500 2300	2 PWs were brought in from B Coy, one was a C.S.M., both were poor specimens. A mixed lot of prisoners were handed over to us by N Staffords. They included many units, air force, TODT organisation and four Mongols. Bn at 1 hours notice to move after 1000 hrs to ST POL (H/5i3 1/250,000). Move cancelled. No move for 48 hrs. Warning order to move to ST POL. Bn to be in position by 0630 hrs tomorrow.	
ST POL ST POL	5th Sept	0230 0630 1500 1700 1730	Bn moved to ST POL. Bn arrived ST POL where we were told that our duty was to garrison the town and guard rds heading eastward into the town. Bn attached to Bde for this purpose. Visit by Brig Siegmond [Sugden] of 158 Bde. Pipes and drums played in the main street of ST POL. The local population was quite pleased with the performance. Maquis capture dozens of German prisoners whom they handed over to us. March of collaborators (women with their heads shaved) through the town. During the night cable running through the town was cut by saboteurs in several places. There was no trouble in town so far as the Bn was concerned and we spent a quiet night.	
	6th Sept	0300 0900 1130	Warning order to move to COURTRAI. No move before 1500 hrs. Bn came under command 227(H) Bde once again. No move before 2300 hrs. Went through a German barracks on the ARRAS road 2 miles from ST POL. Camouflaging taken to great length as far as building accurate dummy buildings of hessian over workshops etc. Trees were even planted along side slit trenches for concealment. War map in canteen showed situation up to date with nothing concealed.	
ST POL BOSSUIT	7th Sept	1030 1845 2040 2100 2350	Move to COURTRAI 8557 on SKYE route. Stopped just outside COURTRAI at TOURCOING as enemy was reported from the COURTRAI area. Bn moved into hedgehog fmn at ST GENOIS 9248. Crossed the Belgian border at MOUSCRON. Bn moved into hedgehog fmn at BOSSUIT 9547. "O" Group for move at 0730 hrs tomorrow to area Ghent to hold three bridges at 992692, 0172 and 046732. Tremendous ovation given to convoy as it passed through the towns. Everybody was heaped with pears, apples, plums, tomatoes, wine, coffee etc.	

			We were kissed, hugged and squeezed by everyone from 3 year old blondes to 90 year old bewhiskered men. DRs were brought to a standstill by enthusiastic crowds.	
BOSSIUJT	8	0730 0800 1700 1800 1900	Convoy ready to move off. Move postponed. No move before 1030 hrs. Tps under command: 1 Sqn Royals, 1 Pl 20 Fd Coy RE, 181 Fd Regt RA, MG Pl 1 Middlesex, 2 Tps 17 pdrs ATK 346 Bty RA. Bn arrived in location with Bn HQ at MACHELEN. Two GAF gave themselves up. Very stubborn, morale appeared to be high. Four more bosch gave themselves up. Weather cloudy with heavy rain showers. Convoy moved head to tail. GAF did not put in an appearance.	
MACHELEN	9	1800 1900	Pipes and Drums played in front of the war memorial at Machelen. Hundreds of people turned out to listen and cheer. As the playing finished about 20 prisoners were brought in by A Coy. The local population showed their disapproval of the bosche. Pipes and Drums played in DEYNZE. P/M Graham presented with a bouquet of flowers, with speech of welcome enclosed. Flowers were placed on local war memorial. Orders to move at 1200 hrs tomorrow to conc area NE of Brussels. O.C. B Coy Major Moreton was treated as town major and was feted by the populace. A dance was held for the troops and invitations to dinner came to him every minute of the day. He was received by the town dignitaries in the town hall where he was given a speech of welcome and lavished with champagne.	
MACHELEN	10	1000 1400 0200	No move until further orders. Bn on 2 hrs notice. No move before 0900 hrs. Bn on two hrs notice after 0900 hrs. Weather was bright but wind was cold. Another 30 PWs making a total of 56. Most of them were deserters and their morale was very low.	
MACHELEN	11	0900 1445 1700	Bn still on two hours notice. Bn moved to new location. Arrived at ST BRIXIUS RHODE 6067 (Sheet 44 Thermonde) with Bn HQ at Burgomasters farm. On arrival the Bn was told it would be in new area for four days before going into battle near Antwerp. Orders given out for maintenance on weapons and vehicles.	

ST BIXIUS- RHODE	12	1130 1400 1800	Warning order to move tomorrow. 50% of Bn went on recreational tpt to Brussels. Though the stay was short most of the lads enjoyed themselves. Remaining 50% of Bn went to Brussels and all agree that it is a great place.	
" MOLL	13	0830 1800 1930	Moved to new location. Recce move entirely up to area MOLL 1790. Reached the other side of the ALBERT CANAL where C Coy entanked on one sqn SHARPSHOOTERS. Crossed canal on a class 9 Bridge at STEELEN 073843. Objective to capture bridge at DONK 170952. Plan C Coy leading to attack on left A Coy to march and attack on right B & D Coys in depth. Reached objective. Bridge blown, came under fire. Accurate and heavy shell fire on road leading to canal. No casualties, except Capt McHattie 495 Bty who was FOO with C Coy who was slightly wounded. One 88mm gun was located in house over canal sighted to fire on X rds. Bn took up positions astride main axis. Bn HQ situated at ACHTERBOSCHE. Under command 131 Fd Regt, 1 Pl 4.2 Mor, 1 Pl MMG.	
DONK	14	 1300	Patrolling in forenoon. Patrolling later stopped. No enemy seen on opposite side of canal bank. 88mm on the other side of canal however observed. No shelling or mortaring of our forces by the enemy. Thought likely that Bn would cross canal that night. It was never sure whether the crossing might after all be made in daylight. No definite orders all day. Bn at 3 hrs notice. Patrol from B Coy went out.	
DONK	15	 1510 1900	Still no definite news. Enemy 8 men strong fired on by A Coy. One man was either wounded or killed. Shelling of area took place especially C Coy factory area 170950. Gunners report bosche seen wearing equipment. This was confirmed by A Coy. Previous to this, Bosche had been seen with no equipment. At first it was thought that he was pulling out. An attempt to fell the factory chimney by the enemy with AP shot substantiated this. Their gunnery at this target was extremely accurate. Of about 15 rounds only one missed the target. The chimney remained standing. Warning order for BDE crossing of canal early tomorrow morning. Crossing to take place at 1594. Gordons to make
DONK			crossing and remain as firm base. HLI to pass through with objective DESSCHEL 1696 and ourselves to face EAST between DESSCHEL and the canal. Discussion whether we should take	

			place in crossing or not or whether Bde crossing even should take place not to be decided upon until 0200. This was about the 6th plan that had come down to us that day. Other plans included the crossing over at 44 Bde area, another which held up to about 1800 hrs was a diversion made by 20 men of the Bn swimming the river at our own area.	
DONK	16	0230 0610 0900 1030 1700	Orders to move came through. Bn HQ moved to conc area with remainder of Bn in ACHTERBOSCHE 1692. Gordons crossing held up by well dug in MGs. Brig calls off the crossing. Returned to old location. Bn remained in posn and carried on as normal. Orders to move to conc for one days rest preliminary to new op. Move to take place tomorrow morning.	
DONK	17	1030 1230 1400 1515 1930 2000 2330	Bn had moved out. Bn in conc at the gun area near Gheel. Airborne divs pass over our posns. "O" Group for crossing of canal into 44 Bde area. Bn to come under 44 Bde and take over from RSF. Recce party leaves for contact with opposite number in RSF. Recce crosses canal, no difficulties encountered. KOSB & RSF in bridgehead found to be completely intermingled. No differentiation of areas. Recce take over made very difficult by this. Coy and Pl comds had to recce different areas with reps both of RSF and KOSB. Heavy shelling taking place all the time. Enemy counter attack estimated one coy strength comes in while take over is going on. Difficulty in getting back over the canal because the three boats were on the other side, only means of attracting boat mans attention was by shouting. Lack of proper comm between bank and bank. Bn crosses and takes over from RSF. Take over was successfully completed without one casualty although shelling was taking place.	
	18	1630	Typhoons came over and bombed and machine gunned our forward tps. D Coy area was bombed and machine gunned. They appeared to have taken the road running in front of D Coy as the bomb line. Yellow smoke eventually stopped the bombardment. Luckily no one in these coys suffered casualties. One pioneer was killed by machine gunning.	

		1845 2045	Bosche counter-attack put in of Bn strength. Main thrust against C Coy from the north. Enemy as near as 50x from coy posn. Enemy of one Sec strength also penetrated into D Coy posn where they were pushed off by Lt McCall's pl using 2" mor HE. The enemy S.P. that was one of main troubles in the Bridgehead was used considerably apparently along the main axis road between C & D Coys. Counter attack successfully repulsed. Bn ably supported by gunners and 4.2 mortars and MGs wrote off many of the enemy. During the attack the following offrs were wounded. Maj HM Fyfe of C Coy, Lt A Pierce (Canadian) B Coy and 2nd Lt Yockney (D Coy).	
AART	19	AM 1400 1830 2315	Misty, visibility only 50x up to 0900 hrs. No shelling and little mortaring. D Coy who saw enemy movement in slits 150x in front of their posns last night report no movement today. Slight shelling and mortaring in afternoon but not so heavy as yesterday. Maj LE Moreton OC B Coy was killed by shell splinter whilst visiting his platoon posns. 2/Lt A Mull wounded by same shell. Reinforcements arrived 3 offrs + 17 ORs. The offrs were Capt Reid, Lt McDonald (Canadian) and Lt Lawrie who was wounded at Gavrus in the Scottish Corridor advance CAEN sector. No counter attack this evening, the first free night without interference. HLI arrived to take up posns on our left. Major Kempston (Gordon Highlanders) takes over C Coy. Capt Shaw (car pl comd takes over B Coy). 2 offrs and 19 casualties. Lt McCall (D Coy) wounded by shell splinter.	
AART	20	AM 1000 1630 1900 2000 2350	Shelling and mortaring increase Class 9 bridge started had to be abandoned at 1230 owing to shelling. Some transport taken across on raft. Orders for withdrawal over canal of Bde. First coy of H.L.I. move out. Last man leaves other side. Withdrawal a complete success. Enemy never in contact during whole operation. Only one difficult time when spandau opened up on right flank beside B Coys posn firing down the canal. B Coy had by that time withdrawn. Bn HQ with 2 Bren gnrs from C Coy acted as right flank protection.	

AART			Lt Reilly (Middlesex MMG Pl Comd) wounded. Major C Wilson (Bty Comd 495 Fd Bty 131 Fd Regt) wounded. Casualties 1 Killed 5 wounded 8 Killed 53 wounded	
GHEEL	21	0200 1430	Bn in posn in conc area original posn. Move to just south of Gheel. Men bathed, rested and got clean clothes. M.B.U. did good work right up to dark. It was considered that the Bde would be out of the line for about 4 days for a refit, but we had our minds prepared as usual for a move [at] short notice. We were also informed that 227 Bde was now under command 7th Armd Div.	
MEERVELDHOVEN	22	0730 1345 1653 1830 2358	Long reveille played by Pipes and Drums. Move to MEERVELDHOVEN (3814 Sheet 4) South of Eindhoven in Holland. Crossed into Holland north of LOMMEL over a class 40 br on the Escaut Canal. Bn in posn. Order to move north of Eindhoven. 227 Bde to come under direct command 2nd Army.	
MENSVOORT	23	0745 1515 1600	Moved to MENSVOORT 4123 B Coy and Car Pl sent on special job. Intention to protect bridge at ZON (442255 Sheet 4 1/100000) on 30 Corps axis. Airborne divs seen going overhead. Visit by Gen Barber 15(S) Div.	
MENSVOORT	24		Bn spent a quiet day. C of E and RC church parades. Brig orders men to get all rest possible. Very wet day.	
	25	0745 0800 0900 1030 1130 1400	Bn moved to conc area just north of Wilhelmina canal at 390253. Recce party look at ground from OP in boot factory. Ground very flat and open. Heathery with little scrub. Bn in posn NORTH of canal, along south side of wood. Gordons in attack on left flank. Object to clear ground from canal westward and northward to provide left flank protection and firm base for the attack by H.L.I. and ourselves on NAASTEBEST 371274. Two Gordon coys come under heavy and accurate fire from spandaus dug in on railway embankment on the advance forward. The Bn suffered heavy casualties from MGs and hand grenades. This last during close fighting which ensued. Later forward elements withdrawn and bn tries to work round to deal with opposition. Typhoons make one attack on enemy north of Gordon posns.	

N of WILHELMINA CANAL		1600 1830 2000	Gordons have suffered so many casualties and the ground is so open that further attempts to advance will only mean more casualties that Div withdraws them. Bn freezes in present area. 2000 hrs orders to move North tomorrow to F.U.P. on road at 386284 to H at 388284. Object to clear country northwards and wood South of LIEMDE 3632. Plan HLI on right, ourselves on left with Gordons in reserve.	
	26	0730 1030 1200 1330	Bn moved to FUP. Fwd coys A left D right crossed SL. Little opposition, a few snipers on left, nothing on right. Country close and difficult for fwd tps to keep contact. Typhoon raid. Prisoners taken by forward coy. Fwd coys run into extremely difficult country, woods and undergrowth so thick that control becomes about impossible. Visibility cut down to a matter of one or two yards. Spandaus opened up on us. Major Robertson was killed at 6 yards range. Lt Dawson was also killed. Capt Shaw who took over when Major Robertson was killed was himself mortally wounded a few moments later. He died a short time later.	
VLEUT	27	1030 1130 1400 1500	Brig EC Colville paid us a visit. Typhoon raid. Cpl Elliot and two other ranks of D Coy went out on patrol and brought in 43 prisoners. Typhoon raid. Contact patrol with HLI and BDE. Prisoners were mostly German, 2 were Mongols. Reinforcements: Capt J S Hale (A Coy) Capt E M Marling (D Coy) Capt Potter.	
VLEUT	29	1030 1300 1600 2030 0130	Visit by the Brig. Patrol from A Coy to wood in front of B Coy saw 3 Germans. Sgt Woolerton of B Coy with 9 ORs patrolled up main axis track 200x. Were fired on and came back. They were sniped first. Flare went up 200x in front of fwd posns. Enemy opened with spandau and rifle fire. Fire fight started and we brought down DF 25 pdr and 3" Mor. All quiet.	
VLEUT	30	1300 2000 0400	Patrol from car pl found enemy in U shaped wood.) Contact patrols to 2 Gordons and from 10 HLI reported all) clear. Capt Potter posted to 2 Gordons.	

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VLEUT	1.		Everything quiet on our front. Patrol met no enemy. Contact patrols to 2 Gordons and 10 H.L.I. met no opposition. Capt E.S.L. Mason now I.O.	
do	2.		Another quiet day. Little mortar and arty fire on flanks. Car pl sent out patrol which met no opposition.	
do	3.		Bn was relieved by 2 sqns Derbyshire Yeo, Recce to 51st div from 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs. Relief took place without incident. Bn moved to harbour area thence to conc area by T.C.V. Conc at BAKEL 625247.	
BAKEL	4.		"D" day spent in general I.E. and checking of kits and stores. Baths and a film show at DEURNE. Rifle coys prepared to commence training on 5th Oct. Reinforcements - Capt W.B. Dobbs and O.R.s reported.	
do	5		Rifle coys commenced training - battle drill and firing of weapons. Specialist pls spent day on maintenance of vehs and stores. Baths and film show again available at DEURNE.	
do	6		Training continues. 1630 hrs all offrs and NCOs attend lecture on our next operation by Comd 227 Bde. Lt. Toppin reported and posted to D coy. Football result. Argylls 2 153 Fd Amb 2.	
BAKEL	7		Training continues. 1630 all offrs attended lecture by Div Comd in HELMOND. The Massed Pipes and Drums of the Div played in the grounds of HELMOND Castle. Ensa concert at GEMERT, film show at DEURNE. Rev C.F Ross joined Bn as C.F.	
do	8		Church parades for all denominations. Owing to lack of men and leaders, B coy was disbanded. Personnel of the coy were posted [to] rifle coys as reinforcements. 43 of B coy formed into a Battle Group under comd of Capt J.D.C. Graham, who relinquished his appointment of Adjt. Capt D.H. Lyon appointed Adjt. Lt G.C. Willis took over as Sigs offr. Capt Sword posted to C coy. C.Q.M.S. T. Dawson M.M. appointed T.O. vice Capt Spenceley, who took over comd H.Q. coy. Football:- Argylls 11 Bakel 0.	

do	9		Training continues as the operation which was planned is cancelled. Entertainment as usual.	
do	10		Training and entertainment as usual. Ensa conc at Div H.Q.	
do	11		Training. Lt Thompson joined and posted to A coy. Football: Argylls 1 HLI 2.	
BAKEL	12		Training as usual. Football: Gordons 1 Argylls 2	
do	13		The offrs and NCOs of the Bn attended a demonstration of tp carriers (Canadian 'Rams' with turrets removed) C.O. awarded M.C. ~~for GAVRUS.~~ "O" gp at which C.O. explained the general tactical and strategical situation of the present campaign and also discussed the A.T.C.V.	
do	14		Training as usual. Entertainments in the evening.	
do	15		Bn attended church parade. Bde comd also attended. B echelon moved to 606243.	
do	16		Offrs of the Bn saw a demonstration by 46 Bde on the use of armd carriers near GELDROP.	
do	17		Bn assembled at HELMOND to practise use of A.T.C.V.s. O.C. A coy, Maj Bruce took the wrong turning and the Bn arrived half an hour late. In the evening the Pipes and Drums of the 93rd, 91st and the 7th Bn assembled at GELDROP to beat Retreat. Many offrs and O.Rs of the Bn attended. Lt Col Tweedie took the salute. Offrs had tea in the offrs mess (except the M.O. who decided to meditate in his car outside).	
BAKEL	18		Training. C.O. and I.O. visited HQ 51 (H) div at 1445 hours. Later visited St ODENRODE and saw Brig. Sinclair D.S.O. Comd 153 Inf Bde with a view to taking over next day. The afternoon was wasted as both divs had a different version of the take over. Returned to BAKEL 1630 hrs. Football: Argylls 2 HLI 0	
do	19	0900	"O" gp. Recce gp report 1030 hrs. C.O. and I.O. visit 227 Bde and go to HQ 153 Bde with Bde Comd. Bde Comd and C.O. recce the area for the Bn BULT HOEF. The Bn arrived about 1530 hrs. There were no patrols on the night 19/20 by the bn. Bn location is in reserve to Bde gp.	
BULT HOEF	20		Quiet day. Lt W.C. Hulme joined from 1st Bn. 2 recce patrols night 21/22. Maj Ferguson, 2 i/c gives demonstration in comd post on how to play the Organs, mouth, 1, with great gusto!!	
do	22		Church parades. C.O's conference at Bde. Maj S.C.D. Ferguson left for B echelon en route for U.K. At 1400 hrs fighting patrol under Capt Graham. No casualties. Night 22/23 one recce patrol. No cas.	
BULT HOEF	23		Quiet day. C.O. attends Bde O gp in morning and gets detailed plan of future ops. Later attends confirmatory conference at 1730 hrs.	

KLEIN	24		C.O. went to Bde "O" gp 0900 hrs. The Bde plan was changed at very short notice and the Bde attacked without detailed support which had been laid on. The Bn passed its start point at 1230 hrs and reached its final objective at the rly line KLEIN 3628 at 1620 hrs. 2 PWs were taken and we had 3 cas from booby traps and mines.	
do	25		I.O. visits Bde and gets move order and timings. Bn moved to conc area on outskirts BOXTEL, on HEDEL - OIRSCHOT rd at 3126.	
MOERGSTEL	26		Bn moved by rd route to MOERGSTEL 225308 where it took up a defensive posn astride the main TILBURG rd. The C.O. attended O gp for the attack on TILBURG. The Bn was given the possible task of attacking from the East to help 7th Armd Div at LOON - OP - ZOND 1640.	
TILBURG	27		The bn moved South to attack TILBURG from the South by crossing the WILHELMINA CANAL at BIEST 2126, 44 Bde leading. The bn moved in Kangaroos at about 1000 hrs and after various hitches owing to brs not being able to stand the heavy weight of Churchills etc reached the outskirts of the city about 1900 hrs. This bn met no opposition. C Coy took 2 PsW during the night. Bn H.Q. was in a school with the coys in civilian billets.	
do	28		The bn started cleaning the Western edge of the town at approx 1030 hrs. No opposition was encountered. The C.O. on return route called in at Bde and was told that the Bn would stand by for move back to E. Holland. The bn returned to its original location shortly after 1200 hrs. The I.O. collected details of the move back to 8 Corps. The T.C.Vs arrived approx 1700 hrs and the bn moved in the dark to help the 7th U.S. Armd Div in the ASTEN - OMMEL area 619158.	
ASTEN area.	29		The CO and IO attended O gp at Bde and the bn was ordered to be prepared to take up a defensive posn behind the Americans to the East of the town on the ASTEN - LEISEL rd. This the bn did at approx 1300 hrs. 44 Bde moved through during the evening to relieve the Americans. 2 fighting patrols went to the area South of the bn and suffered no cas.	
do BROCK	30		The bn moved roughly to the area which had been covered by last night's patrols to area BROCK 6412 in order to cover the rear area of the wood and to cover the gap between the Gordons and 44 Bde. The bn sent out 2 fighting patrols and one standing patrol. One of the patrols caught 2 PsW asleep in a haystack.	
do	31		The CO attended a conference at Bde. D Coy is put under comd the 10 HLI to guard right flank of the Bde. The bn is regrouped slightly to make up for the loss of D Coy. Battle Gp found one standing patrol.	

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BROCK	1		At approx 0030 hrs the bn had a false alarm, owing to a dog setting off a trip flare. Brig. visited Comd Post 1000 hrs. CO visited Bde 1215 hrs. A and C coys were put at short notice to move at approx 1230 hrs. Maj Pearson (2i/c) was called to Bde and given orders for an attack on the right flank of the Div area with the two coys with under-comd 1 Sqn Scots Guards. O gp 1330. 2 coys move to attack under comd 2 i/c. Objective was high ground 650077. Attack achieved its object, cas being 4 killed and 14 wounded. Lt Hulme was wounded. At 1930 hrs the coys returned.	
do	2		Padre and MO went out to area of battle and found three of the dead. Battle Group under comd 10 HLI. Maj F.G. Graham left D coy to comd the Div club at TILBURG.	
Do BROCK	3		Layout same as previous day only as other Bdes had closed the threat between the Gordons and 44 Bde every effort was made to get the men under cover. At 1015 hrs the Bde Comd visited Comd post and the possibilities of going to India were discussed at great length. Reorganisation of bn took place in the afternoon. C coy Maj J.N. Goodwyn, D coy Maj Dobbs (promotion) Sp coy Maj McElwee, Carrier pl Lt K. Meek promoted to Capt.	
ASTEN	4		CO and IO visited Bde in the morning to see the form. CO then visited B/Gp and D coy. The bn moved out of the line during the afternoon to billets in ASTEN 6113 where it was tucked in by 1600 hrs.	
do	5		Quiet day for bn. Church parades for all denoms. CO went to Brussels for 48 hours.	
do	6		2 ic, I.O. and coy comds went to Bde HQ at 0900 hrs for a recce with Bde Comd for a new area S.W. of MEIJEL where it was found that the picture was somewhat confused. The U.S. army were in the middle of an op and Maj Pearson returned to Bde HQ and explained the posn. The Bde Comd agreed that night relief was impossible, owing to the number of mines. 2 ic and the IO returned in the afternoon for a	

			further recce. Shortly after dark enemy a/c dropped flares and bombs near the village.	
ASTEN	7		The 2ic took IO and coy comds to visit the area where the bn was going to take over from the 23 Armd US inf (7 US Armd Div). The 2ic attended a conference at Div HQ. The bn moved at 1530 hrs and arrived at dusk at OSPEL, where it debussed by the church. Mortar fire was directed on the village as the bn arrived. There were no cas. Bn HQ est at 661041. One RE att D coy injured by mine during take over.	
OSPEL	8		At 0200 hrs a sentry at the mortar pl posn fired on an enemy patrol approaching by way of a ditch at the side of the road. No cas. 2 shells were directed at comd post area but there were no cas. Bde Comd visited comd post at 0950 hrs. B/gp sent out a patrol at 2000 hrs to "sausage" wood on our front. Result was very good as Sjt Skinn followed an enemy patrol to their base. He also found an enemy pillbox which was unoccupied. A patrol sent out by D coy returned at 2330 with one walking wounded, who had stopped a piece of mortar shell. Contact patrols were also laid on from the RSF.	
OSPEL	9		Bde Comd visited comd post at 0950 hrs. A 6 pdr in C coy area fired into a house believed to be used as an OP. The house was set on fire. A coy supplied a fighting patrol to go to "sausage" wood and blow up pillbox. Div Comd visited comd post at 1100 hrs. A further fighting patrol was led by Sjt Skinn of B/Gp. Just on his objective an att RE stepped on a SCHU mine. While putting him on a blanket, another RE and an Argyll stepped on mines. The first cas lost one foot and died in hospital. The other RE lost both feet and the Argyll one foot.	
OSPEL	10		C coy area shelled and the RA OP hit. Capt Cyril Wiggin, RA, and ex-Cambridge blue, was killed. Enemy activity seen on right of the axis of advance.	
OSPEL	11		Lt Laurie took out a patrol in front of C coy where they met an enemy patrol. They exchanged grenades and one of the enemy went up on a mine. Enemy shelled C coy area causing one cas. Bde Maj & IO at comd post 1545 hrs.	
OSPEL	12		Odd shelling on C coy area all day. Sjt Skinn sent out on a recce patrol to "sausage" wood. Nothing to report. Evacuation of civilians from battle area began at 0810 hrs. Lt Oliver took patrol from C coy at 1200 hrs. Encountered mines, did not reach objective, and suffered one cas. Sjt Skinn's patrol came under MG fire and suffered 3 cas.	
do	13		GIII L 15 (S) Div visited the bn. Several shells landed in A and C coy areas. One direct hit on C coy HQ. No cas. The CO and adv party	

			of the Gordons arrived at 1330 hrs to take over. Takeover completed 2215 hrs, and the bn had a very grim and muddy move out, to eventually reach HELMOND at 0200 hrs 14th. Maj Pearson left to comd 6 RSF.	
HELMOND	14		The bn tidies up most of the day, and the Pipes and Drums played in the afternoon. The offrs held a party in the Tilburg Hotel. Guests were Maj Cornwall and Capt Alexander. Maj E. Remington-Hobbs joined as 2ic.	
do	15		Bn placed at 2 hrs notice to move. Corps Comd arrived at 1230 hrs to visit the bn. Pipes and Drums played in Castle grounds, with the Pipes and Drums of the Scots Guards. Film shows for the troops.	
do	16		Bn placed at 4 hours to move. The CO attended O gp at Bde at 1500 hrs. Bn O gp at 1915 hrs. A coy told to be prepared to get astride br SOUTH of MEIJEL at 710040, while rest of bn is prepared to cover the line DONK 710058 to the br.	
DONK	17		Bn moved out of HELMOND led by A coy. Owing to the good adv of 51 div and 53 div it was hoped that the crossing of the double canal would be unnecessary. A coy got astride the br where a class 9 had been erected during the night. A coy heavily shelled during the day but no one was hit. Comd post area shelled and the house across the road was hit. During the night a terrific barrage was heard from the 51 div front, where a night attack was apparently in progress. Comd post was house at trck junc 709053.	
do	18		Bde Comd visited comd post. C coy moved to area KATSBERG 7216 without difficulty. 18 Tellermines were removed from track in C coy area. Fighting patrol sent out under Lt Oliver, and returned with nothing to report. Patrol were almost on objective when area was mortared so patrol returned. 1 pl D coy moved into C coy to fill gap.	
do	19		~~Op instructions 3 Nov arrived.~~ Arty offr from 49 div called to get the local picture. Bde Comd visited comd post and discussed general picture and future ops. Patrol from A coy met only a few mines.	
772094	20		1015 hrs, the bn moved by march route to new location at 772094 and was not committed en route. The weather was foul and roads and tracks almost impassable. Bn O gp 2200 hrs.	
do	21		Quiet night. No move for bn before 1430 hrs. The Gordons made good progress and met no enemy but many mines. Bde Comd visited CO and discussed times for move. Moved at 1430 hrs to 784103. The enemy dropped a few shells over as we arrived and Nebelwerfers were active on our left all evening. One German deserter came in and was sent to Bde.	

do	22		Night patrols had nothing to report. We moved off at 0920 hrs and after a trip through pouring rain and thick mud arrived at 813126. No enemy. Spasmodic shelling. Weather is still our chief enemy and going extremely difficult. Our supply lines are becoming very frayed and only 3 ton, 4-wheeled drive can get through, even jeeps and carriers getting bogged.	
813126 to HORST	23		After a very quiet night the bn moved off to HORST and just walked into the place the enemy having left 24 hrs previously. The IO caused quite a stir by protecting himself from the rain with an umbrella. Riding in the C.O.'s carrier he looked somewhat like an Indian potentate riding in state. Remainder of time in HORST was spent without incident - except for a few shells in the evening. There were no cas to us. A 3 tonner at Bde HQ carrying 4in mortar was hit. Some mines in front of D coy were lifted by the Pioneer offr.	
do	24		Bn expects to remain in present location until a.m. tomorrow. Day spent in getting dry and cleaning up. Message of congratulation from Corps comd on good show put up by div. B/gp sent to guard a br which was being built by REs but owing to RE trucks being bogged down the job had to be scrapped. Many civilians gave useful infn re enemy.	
TIENRAIJ	25		Bn moved at 0930 hrs and met no opposition. Comd post at 855231. Enemy arty and mortar fire very active. Capt Sword and L/Cpl Strang wounded.	
do	26		Slight shelling in the early morning. Enemy reported in a school at BLITTERSWICK, which Recce dealt with. Civilians reported that enemy were in wood 861243.	
do	27		Ferry across MAAS in use by the enemy, but being shelled by our arty. Bde HQ moved to EIKELENBOSCH during the morning. BM 'phoned to say that all vehs had to be out of area before first light, except essential vehs. BROEKHUIZEN was reported to be strongly held by the enemy and the arty stonked it at night. Things quiet in our own area.	
TIENRAIJ ASTEN (6113)	28	0630	Bn started to move to rest area by march route and later by TCVs. Arrived ASTEN 1200 hrs. Rest of day spent "settling in". ENSA shows at HELMOND and DEURNE.	
do	29		Bn spent day on maintenance on weapons and vehs. Entertainment in evening. Pipes and Drums played in the village in the afternoon.	
do	30		Bn on training and maintenance. Entertainment as usual.	

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ASTEN	1		Bn carried out normal trg. Weather good. Many of the local municipal officers went to Comd Post for drinks after listening to Pipes and Drums of the Bn. B/Gp held a dance in the Town Hall which was a great success. Cinema and Ensa shows during the evening. R.S.M. Wilson lectured all Cpls and L/Cpls on their duties as N.C.Os.	(A) (B)
do	2		Bn carried out trg as per programme, assault crossing, etc. Entertainment as usual in the evening.	
do	3		Bn attended church parade, Pres and C of E service being conducted by Rev Ross, C.F., after which the Bn was given the rest of the day free.	
do	4		C.O. went to conference at Bde on future ops. Bn on trg. Weather dull and cold. Entertainments at Deurne and Helmond.	
do	5		Still carrying out normal trg. Weather very bad. Recce party visited new Bn area. Capt Reed lectured junior offrs on loading, laying and firing Atk gun.	
do	6		Bn still on trg. Sigs trg for all offrs on "18" sets. Weather fairly good.	
ASTEN	7		Bn still in rest area, and on normal trg. C.O. and 2ic held a kit inspection during the morning. Entertainments at Deurne in evening.	
HELDEN	8		Bn 'O' gp at 0900 hrs for move to new area at HELDEN (787043). Recce party moved ahead of Bn. Bn moved by T.C.Vs to new area at 1215 hrs and arrived at 1400 hrs. New posns - Bn H.Q. 772038, 'A' coy 773034, 'B/gp' 772037, 'C' coy HELDEN 787043, 'D' coy HUB 763037. The move and taking up posns were carried out without incident.	
do	9		Bn spent the day settling into its new posns. A little reorganisation took place but basically posns remained the same. C.O. and 2ic visited coy locations. Offrs' shop at div was open for all offrs. I.O. and I. sjt visited 10 HLI and were able to see	

			German territory for the first time, the first men in the Bn to do so during the present operation. HLI report posn to be very quiet.	
HELDEN	10		Only R.C. church parade at 1000 hrs, conducted by Father O'Brien. C.O. and I.O. visited 10 HLI to get local picture. HLI posns have been fairly quiet and enemy activity has been limited. Adjt attended a welfare meeting at Bde. Offrs Mess meeting in the afternoon.	(C)
do	11		Large part of Bn was employed on rd maintenance. I.O. and I. sjt visited 2 Gordons and got a report on fwd posns. Weather cold and dull. Training instruction on future trg sent out, trg to commence on Dec 13th. Brigadier visited comd post at about 1600 hrs, and the B.M and Bde I.O. came at about 1700 hrs.	~~(See appendix 1)~~
do	12		Two patrols, Lt Hughes and 20 also 2/Lt Hutton and 20 men went to HLI area on the river MAAS as the previous night they recd some cas from a patrol which followed one of their own contact patrols in. The offrs went on a recce in the afternoon to the HLI area and later went by transport to the HLI to remain until nightfall. Major F.G.S. Graham visited Comd Post as the Red Lion Club had closed down and he was on his way to Div H.Q.	
HELDEN	13		The Bn remained in reserve and cont with trg and road making. The C.O., Major MacElwee and C.S.M. Davies (C coy) went to ZOMERON to receive their medals from the C-in-C. CSM Davies' medal had not been approved by the King so the C-in-C was unable to present it on this occasion. The 2ic went to the speech given by the C-in-C after the presentation. 2ic gave a lecture to all offrs on various aspects of the attack on a pillbox. Bde Comd also attended this discussion. The patrols of the previous night encountered nothing.	(D)
do	14		The CO went to lunch at Bde HQ and to meet the new Corps Comd who had visited the OPs. Two patrols to HLI area, one under Sjt Duffin and one under Lt. Wilson. Junior offrs received instruction on the handling of a 6-pdr.	
do	15		Bn carried on with training. A discussion was held on House and Street fighting. No patrolling in the evening.	(E)
do HELDEN	16		Normal trg. Two patrols from 'C' coy each of one and ten went on a fighting patrol to HLI. One under Lt V.L. MacDonald and one under Sjt Andres. Nothing was reported. I.O. gave lecture on "Int within the Inf Bn". Lt Colonel H.A. Campbell visited bn & stayed the night.	
do	17		Moderator of the Church of Scotland took service in HELDEN Hall and afterwards visited the Bn. Definite increase of enemy aerial activity during the day. In the evening entertainment - piano	

			recital in HELMOND by Pousinoff. Snipers section reconstituted under Sjt Mitchell.	
do	18		Int demonstration held in 'A' coy area at 0930 hrs despite enemy air activity. Two patrols sent to Gordons one under Lt Hutton and the other under Sjt Drummond. Nothing reported. Capt Rosdel, Div I.O. gave lecture on history of German Army since D day.	
do	19		Int. demonstration put off owing to fog. CO and IO visited the HLI area to get latest information. 'O' gp at 1230 hrs. Coy comds visited HLI to get picture for take-over.	
BAARLO (8505) 1/250,000, Sheet 4 602	20		Change-over day with the HLI. Rather foggy, which enabled the move to take place mainly in daylight. One pl of HLI remained with 'C' coy. No patrols during night.	
do	21		Quiet day. One patrol of HLI went to D coy fwd pl as striking force should anything happen. There was only a false alarm. Pte Bradley of 'C' coy was killed by a sentry when he failed to answer a challenge.	
do	22		At approx 0615 hrs just before dawn the enemy must have got across to the Ferry house and set a time fuse to blow the house up. At 0900 hrs the CO attended a conference at Bde on the policy of defending the river Maas. Div Comd and Lt Col Mackenzie visited Comd Post. Landing reported on either side of the Bn front but little was heard on our front. Two ambushes were set by HLI pl, but nothing was netted.	
Do BAARLO	23		During the night 22/23 arty engaged several targets and sirens were sounded by enemy in the village of BELFIELD opposite. Sjt Johnstone of Car pl was accidentally killed while cleaning a Sten gun. Pte Stevens, Sigs pl, was wounded in the hand while playing with a .38 pistol. Weather - thick fog with a slight frost. Bde Comd visited Comd Post.	
do	24	0740	Sjt Paynter, of HLI patrol reported in and recorded movement of vehs, and tracks, spandau fire and sound of explosion. 3in mortars engaged targets in area 875045 and fired 60 rounds. 6pdr fired 15 rounds at water tower 876054. No hits recorded. Gun area reported SOS signal seen in Bn area and after several hectic minutes in which the telephone wires grew hot, the signal proved to be flares dropped from a/c. 'D' coy reported singing behind BELFIELD church. An arty stonk put a stop to it. Arty also engaged a train moving towards TEGELEN.	
do	25		Early morning patrols reported no activity. Expected enemy activity did not materialise and the Bn spent a quiet day. Every man received a parcel from the Commanding Officer.	

BAARLO	26		Another quiet day for the Bn. In the evening we laid on the usual arty fire on enemy posns. Weather fine.	
do	27		Except for spasmodic spandau fire, there was no enemy activity and the standing patrol and ambush patrol had nothing to report.	
do	28		Recce party from the relieving bn (Gordons) visited comd post, and their respective coy areas. In the evening, sounds of enemy activity on the opposite bank received attention from our arty and mortars. Weather still fine.	(F)
do	29		Little activity during the night. Two B/Gp patrols rendered nil report. At 1300 hrs the Bns began change over, a thick mist making this much easier, and there were no incidents. We moved to reserve area at EGCHELHOEK with H.Q. at 771038, B/Gp 775038, 'C' coy at HELDEN 790049, 'A' coy 773035, 'D' coy HUB 763057. After today B/Gp ceases to exist and 'B' coy is being reformed under Major W.L. McElwee, M.C. with Capt J.D.C. Graham 2ic, and CSM Dean.	
EGCHELHOEK	30		Baths and change of clothing for all troops. Day was spent in cleaning up. Entertainment in the evening - film at HELDEN.	(G)
do	31		Bn spent the day in the traditional manner, although festivities were curtailed owing to our role of counter-attack force. Just after midnight the enemy heralded the New Year with M.G. fire and many Verey lights, but he put nothing down on the Bde front.	

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Unit 2nd Bn A. & S.Hrs

Month and Year Jan 45.

Commanding Officer Lt Col D.R. Morgan M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELDEN	1		The Bn was recovering from the effects of Hogmanay, when the offrs heard the New Year in as guests of the Sjts' Mess. The CO visited the coys where the men were feeding. The tinned turkey was good - what there was of it. The CO and IO went on a recce in the afternoon in the KESSEL area where we were going to take over on the following day. Many German fighters and fighter-bombers were over the Bn area and 5 were shot down by Div Ack Ack.	
do KESSEL	2		The 2ic left to comd the 9th Cameronians. The Bn relieved the HLI in the KESSEL area and the takeover was completed without incident. The night was quiet except for spandau fire. Major Goodwyn took over as 2ic and Capt Kempston took over comd of 'C' coy.	
do KESSEL	3		The day was fairly quiet and coys spent a certain amount of time getting used to new posns. During the night one carrier section reported 20 enemy moving towards Bn HQ and all Bn HQ stood to during the night. No further sign was seen of the Germans nor did they contact any of our other posts. It later turned out the 'Germans' were probably some bushes on the skyline.	
do	4		After the scare of the previous night it was decided to thicken up our front and 'D' coy moved from their reserve posn to the river bank two pls filling in the gap between 'B' coy and the carrier pl, the other pl from 'D' coy being used to thicken up 'A' coy. Two pls from reserve bn were used to protect rear areas. 'D' coy moved to new posns after dark and there were no incidents. The scout car caught fire and burned merrily for a couple of hours. The arty half-track towed it away from the house and later the LAD arrived and with their help the fire was put out. The scout car was a total loss.	
do	5		With the Bn in new dispositions no enemy attempt was made to patrol. Our mortars, MMG and 4.2 mortars engaged several targets during the day. 'B' coy had a 'hate' on a house on the opposite bank, PIATs and 2" mortars firing low angle being used. Direct hits	

KESSEL			were scored. Boats and canoes on the opposite bank were engaged by our LMGs and all were damaged and made unserviceable. Capt D.H. Lyon left for a Coy Comds course at Barnard Castle and Capt Marling took over as Adjt.	
do	6		Enemy patrols were reported to be active but no contact was made with our troops. The day was quiet up to about 1500 hrs when an 88mm shelled 'B' Coy. Several shells landed near 12 pl but there were no casualties. Enemy sniper put a shot through the window of the Int sec O.P. but neither of the observers was hurt. 15 reinforcements arrived and in order to get them used to the new conditions they took up posns around Bn HQ doing 15 hr stretches in slit trenches.	
do KESSEL	7		After a fairly quiet night the enemy was quite active during the day. Fwd OPs were sniped and KESSEL received attention from his mortars. There were no cas among our own troops, but one civilian was wounded. The Int. O.P. moved to the roof of the school and had quite a good field of view. Visibility was poor owing to mist most of the day.	
do	8		The enemy was very quiet during the night and only a few bursts of spandau fire broke the silence of the night. The little enemy movement that was seen during the day received attention from our arty, mortars and MMGs. One man of 'A' coy was badly wounded by one of our 3in mortar bombs which fell short.	
do	9		There was little activity on either side during the night and a very quiet day followed. Snow fell and by evening was about 3in deep. The Int. OP reported no movement at all in the fwd enemy areas.	
do	10		The CO spent the whole day at 'A' mess with the Div Comd. Conditions remained very quiet, enemy activity being nil. Weather very cold and the snow made the place very light at night. The batch of reinforcements stood the conditions very well.	
KESSEL	11		A mock crossing was made in 'B' coy area. One sec launched an assault boat from the slipway at Kessel. At the same time a motorcycle engine was started up and the enemy reacted by standing to. He occupied trenches on the river bank and our mortars inflicted cas. The enemy stood down at about 0430 hrs. At daylight many tracks were observed in the snow, showing that the enemy had been quite worried about the whole thing. Apart from this activity the remainder of the day was very quiet.	
HELDEN	12		The bn was relieved by 2 Gordons and the change-over was completed by 2230 hrs without any hitches. We took up the usual reserve posn at Helden and 'C' coy was left in the forward area to thicken up	

			the Gordon and HLI fronts, 2 pls going to the Gordons and 1 pl to HLI. While in reserve the bn supplied one coy each night to the forward bns.	
do	13		The bn spent most of the day on admin. Kit was checked as was the ammunition. Baths were available and entertainment in the evening. Weather still cold and more snow fell.	
do	14		Church services were held for all denominations. Many offrs and men travelled to Eindhoven to a celebrity concert in which Dennis Noble was the star artist. Ensa shows were also given at WEERT.	
do	15		The bn spent the day on admin and training.	
do	16		The bn should have relieved the HLI but owing to change of plan were told not to move.	A
do	17		Still no word of a move and the day was spent in training.	
do	18		There was still no word of future plans. The IO visited the HLI at BAARLO to find out the local picture. The weather was very bad, with a strong wind and heavy rain, which made the roads dangerous.	
Do HELDEN	19		Recce parties visited new area and the 2ic and IO visited the new location. The slight thaw threatened to turn the roads very slushy, but a front later hardened them again.	
BLERWICK	20		The Bn moved to new location north of BLERWICK. Icy roads made the going very bad for the vehicles. The change over with the 6 KOSB took place without any incident and the bn was disposed as follows: Bn HQ at ANNA HOEVE (869134) 'D' coy in area 890142, 'C' coy in wood 893135, 'B' coy 889122 with 'A' coy in reserve in area of Bn HQ. The night was very cold and our listening posts reported no movement from the enemy side. Fwd coys were all living underground, but every effort was made to make the dugouts comfortable.	
BLERWICK	21		Weather still very cold and there was no activity day or night.	
do	22		Little change in conditions. Still no activity.	B
do	23		We heard that 6 A/B div were taking over our posn in a few days time. No activity on either side of the river.	C
do	24		Reps from 6 A/B div visited bn area. Just after midday Spitfires presumably with Boche pilots, shot up Bn HQ and transport, killing Pte F. Duke, Sp coy driver and wounding two A/B arty reps. One jeep was destroyed by fire. Our A.A. did not open fire and a great deal of transport was damaged in the area. The C.O. left for U.K. leave. Major Goodwyn, 2ic took over comd.	D
SEVENUM	25		Change over with 6 A/B took place at about 1300 hrs and continued until after dark. The bn conc for the night at SEVENUM (822145).	E

GOIRLE	26		Bn moved to new area at 0930 hrs. Roads were very bad and all m/cs were carried on 3 tonners. We arrived in GOIRLE (1527) at 1700 hrs. Coys were put in two schools, Bn HQ and Sp coy in houses.	F
GOIRLE	27		Day was spent in admin. Baths were available for the troops and in the evening there was a film show in a local cafe.	
do	28		Day spent as yesterday.	
do	29		Coys were on training, and a range was made available for their use. In the evening the Bn held a dance, with the Div Dance Band in attendance. The Dutch were very impressed by the display of Highland dancing, given by members of our Pipes and Drums.	
do	30		Coys on training, and in the evening there was a show given by the "Tam o' Shanters", the Div concert party.	
do	31		Day spent in training, and in the evening there was a Bde dance with the Div Dance Band who also gave a cabaret show.	

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Month and Year FEB 45

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GOIRLE 148278	1		The acting CO went on a recce for op VERITABLE, In the meantime the bn continued trg with "funnies".	
do	2		All coys except C coy had their photographs taken. The Bde comd addressed all coy comds in the model room at Div HQ and gave the bde outline plan for op "VERITABLE". In the evening the officers held a dance at 120 Wilhelmina Park, Tilburg. The party was upset by getting tied up with a large tank convoy which retarded the collection of the ladies and the officers. Capt T.H. Spenceley, in a moment of highland enthusiasm, ended up on the floor with his kilt about his ears when trying to foxtrot too fast for his "tender years".	
do	3		More planning and trg with funnies. A demonstration was given by the A.V.R.E. to coys.	
do	4		All officers were addressed in the Tilburg cinema by 30 Corps comd, Gen. Horrocks, and given the main outline plan for op VERITABLE. The lecture was given excellently and everyone felt in quite high spirits at the end and one felt that everything possible had been done to ensure the success of the op. Owing to the continuous rain most of the day the bn did little outdoor trg. Capt J.D.C. Graham returned from U.K. leave and took over comd of "D" coy with the rank of Major. "C" coy had their photograph taken.	
do	5		The bn prepared to move to the conc area for op VERITABLE. The bn was put at 3 hours notice to move from 1200 hours. The bn moved to NIJMEGEN 7162, at about 1600 hours. Roads were very full of traffic and the going was very slow. The bn arrived at its billets at about 0200 hours on the Tuesday morning.	
NIJMEGEN	6		Reveille 1100 hours, breakfast 1200 hours. The day was spent in preparation for the coming battle. Everyone was full of expectation and one felt as though it was "D" day all over again. The 2ic and coy comds went on a recce to the forward edge of the woods at 7457 and even further forward to 753568 where all had a good view of the	

			coming battlefield. The Reichswald Forest seemed as though it was very much overlooking the advance of the div but the reason for these impressions was no doubt because we had all been in Holland and had not seen hilly country for so long.	
do	7		Frantic last minute rush to sort out the final details. Admin "O" gp at 1030 hours. The C.O. returned from U.K. leave but remained at Div HQ as the Div comd thought that as the 2ic Major Goodwyn had planned phase 1 he should remain in comd of the bn for this phase of the battle. Final "O" gp at 1800 hours. The security of the op was admirable, except that until the briefing of officers on 4th Feb, the only officers who were allowed to be briefed were the CO and the 2ic. For future ops of this kind it is essential that the IO should be in on it at a very early date in order that the specialist work such as study of photographs etc can be done before the frantic rush and issue of maps and photos is made. The issue of maps for the op was on a very good scale. PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM C IN C.	See APPENDIX J
do	8		Reveille was at 0300 hours and the bn moved off in tanks to FAA at 0500 hours where the troops had breakfast. Remounting their tanks the bn was filmed by Gaumont-British as they moved down to the FUP. The barrage was terrific and the thunder of the guns unbroken. Bofors and MMGs fired "pepperpot" tasks. Leading coys detanked and deployed and negotiated the first obstacle - our own minefield which lay on our side of the start-line. The tanks had some bad luck. The Scots Guards tanks got through alright but the Flails, Crocodiles and AVREs on which so many hopes had been built, were delayed first crossing a stream and then a series of boggy patches, and they were never able to catch up with the battle. What was worse, all the carriers stuck in the narrow gap in the minefield, already churned up by the Churchills, so that when the tanks and infantry moved forward at 0930 hours they went without any of the Sapper or Pioneer stores necessary for gapping the minefield or expected wire obstacles. Until the barrage halted for half-an-hour on the German frontier, all went more or less according to plan. On the right "B" coy was held up for a time by a thickly-sown A.P. minefield and for a short time fell behind the barrage. It was here that Sjt Page lost a foot in a gallant attempt to lead his platoon through and the coy lost in all one killed and six wounded before a gap was found. On the left "A" coy successfully passed the minefield but ran into some heavy enemy DF which killed Lt Hutton and wounded the coy comd, Major Bruce and several others. CSM Green very coolly and gallantly rallied the coy however and brought them	

KRANENBURG			through to the first objective, for which he was awarded an immediate DCM, the ribbon of which Field Marshal Montgomery pinned on to him a fortnight later. Moving on to German soil, "B" coy took the lead and captured some eighty PsW in what was intended to be the strong point of ELSENHOF, suffering only one casualty - a chance splinter from our own barrage. "C" coy mopping up behind then took as many PsW but had a rougher time from the enemy's DF. On the left the HLI went forward to attack and capture KRANENBURG. The tanks were in a bad way due to the mud and only the Squadron Leader's tank went with the HLI through Kranenburg. On the last leg through Kranenburg station and along the railway to the final objectives, enemy resistance stiffened and all coys had to fight their way in, though without heavy casualties. "B" coy were again lucky in being able to slip in close behind the barrage while "D" and "C" coys cleared a number of MG posts on the right. The HLI worked forward through Kranenburg behind them. By about 1700 hours the Cameronians on our right had cleared the high ground and life became more peaceful around Kranenburg. There was no sign of a counter-attack. Instead a steady trickle of Germans with white flags came in to our forward platoons. Towards last light four game tanks got up to "D" coys forward position. The CO who had followed the bn throughout the attack on foot had already come up to the station and taken over comd from Major Goodwyn, and by darkness the bn was securely dug-in for its first night on German soil. <u>Addendum</u> On its way down to the FAA the Bn nearly lost its breakfast as the 3 atk guns towed by Lloyds stuck in the mud and it was only when the bty Comd's half-track (Warspite) saved the situation by towing them out. It seemed fantastic that the operation should have been jeopardised by the lack of foresight in making up the tracks to the FAA.	
KRANENBERG 8056	9		The bn remained at its positions at KRANENBERG 8056. Bn HQ at factory 806557, "A" coy local defence Bn HQ, "B" 813554, "C" 810548, "D" 813550. 44 Bde passed through the bn and breached the Siegfried Line with few cas. Quite a large number of PsW came out from the building in front of our forward coys. For the two days, 8th and 9th the bn took about 250 PsW. The bn was in high spirits as everyone seemed proud that their job had been well and truly done. The Padre went out [and] buried the dead. All known dead were accounted for. Pte of coy was reported missing on the previous day. Today he was found by the REs in a slight hollow in	

			the minefield with a foot off. He was still alive and the doctors said that there was every chance that he would recover which was amazing seeing that the night in question was exceptionally cold.	
MATTERBORN 867548	10		The bn was ordered to take over from 44 Bde on the MATTERBORN feature. This they did in daylight, after a somewhat halty start as 43 Div were on the main axis to CLEEVE. The bn halted temporarily at NUTTERDEN prior to moving through the wood to the Matterborn feature. It was an interesting feature in that there was an enemy gun park in front of our coy posns. The regular pattern of our own arty shells was remarkable and the guns had been left intact with the exception in some places where the breach blocks had been removed. Some of the bn lived in dugouts which were very comfortable. Each had bunks and electric light, a stove and wooden flooring. Our own arty seemed to have forgotten that there is such a thing as crest clearance after being in Holland for so long, as they landed many shells unpleasantly close on the ridge in front of "C" coy.	
DONSBRUGGEN 869573	11		The bn moved to DONSBRUGGEN after having cleared the western edge of the wood STAATSFORST TIERGARTEN, that is the wood West of track junc 872562 to track junc 878572. The op was uneventful. The bn was then billeted in DONSBRUGGEN in what was left of the houses. A2 echelon, which had remained by the station in Kranenberg woke up in the morning to find the river had flooded them out. The vehs were moved on to the platforms, and it took about three days to tow them all out. This was done with the aid of a German tracked veh of a new pattern.	
do	12		The day was spent in cleaning up. The bn remained in the same location.	
do	13		The bn was at 2 hours notice to move to CALCAR 0050. Stand down came at 1700 hours.	
do	14		The bn was at 30 minutes notice to move to capture CALCAR. After standing to most of the day the op was cancelled as the opposition was too great and the flanking troops had not made enough progress. In addition the sector was being taken over by the 2nd Canadian Corps.	
do	15		No move. Coys did P.T.	
do	16		No move. Planning and preparations for attack on the West corner of GOCH 9042.	
DONSBRUGGEN	17		Bn prepared to attack and capture N.W. end of GOCH 9043. The bn was told to stand down as 43 div had made unexpected progress and were on what was to have been our start-line.	

do	18		Church parades were held. Bn was at two hours notice to move from 1300 hours. The op was put off as 44 Bde were making good progress in GOCH. Instead we were due to pass through 5 DCLI (43 Div) in Kangaroos and take BUCHOLT 9543.	
Near CLEVE 929495	19		Reveille 0530 hours. Owing to a last minute change in plan the op was postponed until the following day. The bn moved instead to a conc area 929495. The CO and IO went on a recce to the SCHULE 945453 and on the way back shells were falling about 100 - 200 yards away. A final conference was held at Bde to tie up the Bde plan. The bn did not operate with the Scots Guards as they were still with the Canadians. Instead we had the 5 Coldstream Guards.	
BUCHOLT 9533	20		The bn moved off to pass the start-line at 1030 hours the objective being BUCHOLT 9533 which was captured in the early afternoon and our total bag of PsW was 194. In this attack the bn was mounted on Kangaroos, and proved to be very effective. There were two interesting features of this battle. The first being direction. In spite of the fact that coy comds were given the opportunity to see the ground it was found very difficult to keep direction in the mist and smoke and some cas were caused through the Kangaroos firing wildly as a result. The second point being that it appears that the funnies seemed to be frightened of taking risks of war. They did not appear to realise that they were there to help the infantry and to get them fwd. This seems to be the universal moan of these specialists. They do not realise that there is no such thing as a battle to suit their own book tactics and whatever they do the infantry still have to go on with or without them, cas or no cas.	
do	21		Enemy activity was confined to shelling and mortaring which was exceptionally heavy on the fwd coy areas, particularly A and B coys. There was a marked increase in air activity by German jet propelled planes as they flew right across the battle front on several occasions. During the night while some [of] our bombers were returning from a raid on the Rhine, a bomber dropped a stick of bombs right across the fwd coys, again too close to the unfortunate A coy, luckily causing no cas.	
do	22		Shelling and mortaring by the enemy was again very heavy. A Nb.W was active on our front. A P.W. stated that it was fired mounted on a veh and after firing a few salvoes moved back. A great deal of trouble was taken to evacuate civilians from the area of Bn HQ and the fwd coy areas. C coy lost its ammunition carrier when it received a direct hit.	

do	23		There was still heavy shelling and mortaring which was due to the activity of the rest of our div which was attacking through the forest to our right. News came through that we were to be relieved that night by the Coldstream Guards (the inf of the Guards Armoured Div). Harbour parties were sent to recce a conc for the night at 9244. The relief was due to be carried out about 2230 hours but they arrived very late and it was not completed before the early hours of the morning. "D" coy went under comd of 2nd Gordons to act as counter-attack coy.	
	24		Div would not release the bn for a rest until the evening as the div could not be relieved until it had reached its final objective which was approx 975410 to wood in bend of river at 943395. Two harbour parties were sent off (1) to Louvaine, which was later cancelled and (2) to Tilburg. The bn was not required to help 44 Bde but was doubled-up with the Lincolns (3 British Div) which was relieving the rest of the div.	
TILBURG	25		The bn moved in TCVs to new area in TILBURG. They arrived at approx 1400 hours and were concentrated in the area 177325. Most of the troops were billeted in civilian billets and the people were delighted to meet their liberators once again.	
do	26		Reveille 1100 hours and first meal at 1200 hours. The rest of the day was spent in cleaning up. Entertainments were laid on for the evening.	
	27		Troops received pay, exchange of clothing. Day spent in general admin.	
	28		A rehearsal was held for the General's inspection. Turnout was good. The officers held a dance in the evening. A surplus of ladies made it rather embarrassing for the IO, which was aggravated in no small measure when Capt Brown arrived with half-a-dozen Canadian nurses who had come from TURNHOUT.	

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Unit 2nd Bn A. & S.H.

Month and Year Mar 45.

Commanding Officer Lt/Col D.R. Morgan, M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1	1130	Bn paraded for General's inspection. General Barber inspected the bn and then addressed them. He thanked them for the splendid work they had done in some very fierce battles and passed on messages of congratulations from both Corps and Army comds. After the address the bn marched past and the General took the salute. The weather was very bad and the rain did its best to spoil the occasion. Brussels leave started and 60 men per day were sent for 48 hours leave.	
do	2		The morning was spent in training and the afternoon in sports.	
do	3		Bn on training. Weather very bad, and rain fell all day.	
do	4		Church parades were held for all denominations, the Pipes and Drums playing the Presbyterians to church. Later in the day came the order to move.	
RECKHEIM 5760	5		Harbour party left at 0800 hours, and the bn packed very hastily and prepared to move, which started at 1415 hours and the bn arrived in RECKHEIM (5760) at about 1915 hours.	
RECKHEIM	6		Bn spent day preparing for training, which was to include crossing water obstacles. Trg areas were recced and a 30 yard range was fixed up. Major Goodwyn left to be A/Q Control Commission and Major McElwee took over 2ic.	
do	7		Coys carried out trg and Major A.C.S. Troup joined the bn and took comd of "A" coy. CO and IO returned from Brussels leave.	
	8		Bn continued trg in good weather.	
do	9		Trg went on as usual, and in the evening the bn did exercise "Imagination" (see Appendix) MT drivers attended a rafting demonstration.	(J2)
do	10		Coys continued trg. Weather quite good.	
do	11		Church parades were held and after lunch coys went on with trg. The CO and IO visited Corps HQ to see a model for the next operation.	
do	12		Coys still trg. Weather fine.	

do	13		Coy comds went on a recce for the exercise to be held tomorrow.	
do	14		Div exercise. (see appendix) As far as the bn was concerned the exercise went as planned. The only Buffalo which did not make the far side easily was the Comd's. It took from 1300 - 1600 hours to reach the other side. Bn conference was held at 2030 hours when all points were thrashed out.	
do	15		During the morning the bn prepared for a night exercise - a repeat of the previous day's. The troops left for the conc area at 1600 hours and waited there for H hour which was 0400 hours on the 16th.	
do	16		The exercise went off moderately well as a whole. "C" coy unfortunately took about 1¼ hours to reach their objective. The CO's carrier crossed in twenty minutes this time, but later when it reached the FAA for vehicles it refused to start and had to be towed back. The bn arrived back in RECKHEIM at about 1000 hours.	
do	17		The CO briefed all coy comds at Bn HQ at 1000 hours and later they went to Corps HQ to see the model for the forthcoming op.	
do	18		Quiet day. Church parades for Pres and C of E.	
	19		Pl comds were briefed for forthcoming op and spent a considerable amount of time in the planning room looking at photographs and maps. A model from 21st Army Group of the crossing place was available for the morning and the CO briefed key personnel on it. Coys continued training in good weather. Capt Kempston went to Bde to take part in a deception plan for the forthcoming op.	
	20		Harbour party left for conc area. CO, 2ic, coy comds Sigs Offr and IO went on a recce to conc area and studied the crossing place with the sqdn comd of the Buffaloes. Bn received 4 Weasels for use on ops.	
	21		The 21st Army Gp model was again available and pl sjts were briefed. CO received a Dingo scout car to replace his carrier but was later allowed to retain both.	
056447	22		Bn packed and moved to conc area at 056447. Tracks left early in the morning to travel by a more devious route. Wheels moved at 1630 hrs and arrived at conc area early next day. The move was organised and although there was a huge volume of traffic on the road there was a minimum of delay.	
	23		Bn arrived at conc area at about 0200 hours and was situated in N.E. corner of the HOCHWOLD FOREST 056447. Everyone bedded down and reveille was 1030 hrs. CO held his final O gp. Coys spent day making final arrangements for the RHINE crossing. The plan was so big that one felt that it couldn't go wrong.	

	24		The bn moved to the LVT pre-loading area just after midnight. As usual the Buffalo No 31 which was supposed to carry the CO's carrier refused to work and several anxious minutes were spent while a replacement vehicle was found. The move down to the river was uneventful as far as enemy reaction was concerned. The route was lit and the concentration and pepperpot barrage was terrific. A, B, and D coys were due to cross and land together as far as possible, A coy loading at 092472, B coy at 093470 and D coy going up the creek to 093475. The R.M. Commandos had patrolled the previous night to the mouth of the creek in order to find out what the landing places were like. They reported that there was an obstacle across the entrance. When the time came it was found that the only place for getting ashore was on the west of the creek at 092472 and that there was no obstruction across the creek entrance. One platoon of D coy did in fact land on the east point of the creek at 093473. The third platoon landed with the rest of the bn. On our previous recce from the west side of the river the banks looked perfect but it was found that they were very muddy and very sticky and not at all good for the heavy landing craft. It was only after great effort and towing by individual Buffaloes that vehs were got ashore. The second flights which consisted of the reserve coy, Bn HQ and the essential sp arms vehs was due to enter the river about 20 minutes after the leading coys flights. In the meantime, A and B coys were pushing inland and reached their initial objective without trouble. (A coy 089484 B coy 093483 to 097483). D coy initially were less successful. They had the bad luck to lose, wounded, Major J.D.C. Graham just before landing and one of their pls was put ashore in the wrong place and as a result went astray. Capt Toppin with the remaining two pls quickly found the houses and woods at HUBSCH 0947 were strongly held (approx 50 men) and were too big an objective for his small force. The reserve coy (C coy under Major F.G. Graham) duly landed and like everyone else trekked around the creek and sent its fighting patrol of Lt Davidson's pl up the bund running parallel to the river. The pl went as far as its objectives which was just past the sluice gates at 104466. It met with no opposition but failed to contact the HLI as arranged. On the return journey they received some trouble and suffered cas from the spandau posts which had come to life after the barrage. It rejoined C coy which was concentrated behind the bund at HUBSCH in the area 094475. During the remaining period of darkness both C and D coys reorganised and were joined by their sp arms and by the D coy missing pl. There was some very close and	Appendix "E"

	25		bitter fighting during which there were several cas among which we lost Lt Stewart killed. By first light D coy completed the clearing of HUBSCH. Bn HQ after the initial wait while it collected the rest of its bits and pieces from other craft moved up the west side of the creek and temporarily est itself at 092478 since the original selected comd post was in the centre of the confused fighting at HUBSCH. It now seemed unlikely to the CO that the right hand coy would be able to take their first objectives before first light and he attempted to stop A and B coys from leaving their first objectives so as to keep the bn conc until the situation had cleared up on the right. Before the W/T message got through however A and B coys had already moved towards their final objectives and a 2500 yards gap had opened between the two halves of the bn. To bridge this and to avoid losing W/T contact comd post was moved to the buildings at 093484. First light, however, found the Bn with its HQ somewhat isolated with A and B coys in possession of their final objectives except for HOVERHOF 107503 and with C and D coys consolidated at HUBSCH. D coy on trying to push on to their second objective came under heavy fire both from the farm houses on their objective and from the bund which Lt Davidson's patrol had cleared earlier. Presumably the enemy had returned into the cellars of the houses during the bombardment and had come out and reoccupied their slits before it got light. At about this time C coy of the 2 Gordons arrived; they had suffered hy cas coming down the river in storm boats from the reoccupied German posns in the bund. Major F.G. Graham went up to see the CO at about 0630 hrs and was told that he must clear the LOHR area at all costs as this was a vital prelim to the starting of the ferrying and rafting. He was given, under comd, besides his own coy D coy A&SH, C coy 2 Gordons, one pl MMG and two dets of 3" mortars. A fire plan was arranged for the sp arms. During this attack it was not possible to sp it with arty or smoke because of the A/Borne landing which was due to take place at 1000 hrs. H hr was 0815 hrs. The plan was to send 2nd Lt Drummond's pl to clean the bund if possible as far as the sluice gates 104467. It was from there it was to cover the main attack of D coy into the nearest houses. This pl did the most gallant work and cleared as far as ordered but suffered fairly hy cas and then ran out of amn. Lt Drummond therefore decided to pull back to a posn on the bund from which he could keep the part of the bund cleared, under fire and so prevent the enemy from reoccupying their posns. The rest of D coy under Capt Toppin succeeded in occupying HAGENSHOF farm 103475, but were pinned down by hy fire from the farm immediately	

in front of it, SISWICKHOF 104472. This was cleared by a pl of C coy of the 2 Gordons. Major F.G. Graham sent a further patrol from his own coy along the bund and it was at last reported finally clear at about 1200 hrs. The final objective was cleared at 1300 hrs by which time we had been joined by some DD tanks who, however, arrived too late for the battle. To return to our other coys. When A and B coys first landed they met some SA fire and B coy passed through a Schu minefield. One man lost a foot in it. The opposition was soon dealt with in the beach area and about 10 PsW were taken. The objectives of the first phase of the attack were as follows:
B coy:- AUF DEM GRINDT 0948 - Houses 093483.
A coy:- The bund and a small shack at 093483 - a large grass covered mound at approx 090487. What this mound consisted of was not known but at the worst it was thought to be possibly a big concrete emplacement. Limitations of the speed of the adv were imposed by the arty fire plan, no move being allowed from the startline - the line running due east and west across the northern end of the creek at 090477 - until the arty had lifted. During the attack, opposition was met with in the mound on the left of A coy where the enemy was well dug in, in slit trenches.

SECOND PHASE
Objectives:- B Coy. Houses at 104495, 105495, 104498.
A Coy:- (a) LOCKERHOF 106499, (b) farm at 104500, (c) the group of houses at HOPERHOF 106503.
B coys objective and A coys (a) objective could be attacked at H + 60 (H hr being at 0200 hrs), but it was found that no move forward of these preliminary objectives of A coy was possible until H +90. The plan for A coy was to pass 8 pl through 9 pl and attack LOCKERHOF from the West at the same time as B coy was putting in its attack from the South. 7 pl at H + 90 was to capture the farm at 104500 and on its success 9 pl with 7 pl as reserve was to attack the group of houses at LOVERHOF, coy HQ taking over the occupation and protection of the farm at 104500. Unfortunately it did not plan out quite so easily. 8 pl failed to make its objective and lost touch through the wireless not working. As a result 7 pl was directed on to its final objective and 9 pl was directed on to the objective of 8 pl. At 0500 hrs the missing 8 pl arrived and was ordered to its final objective at HOVERHOF 107503. By this time it was approaching dawn and as they approached, 3 German MG posts upset the plan. One section had been sent round to the right to give covering fire and was caught in the open less than 10 yards

			from the enemy MG post, and instead of rushing it, went to ground with the result that two men were killed and three taken prisoner. The rest of the pl was ordered to withdraw to the farm at 104500 where 7 pl and coy HQ were already established, in order that a new recce could be made. It was then seen when it became light that HOVERHOF was a strongpoint which would require a coy attack together with a full fire plan. It was also decided that the coy would carry out its task of left flank protection equally well from its present posns. It was therefore decided to hold those posns for the rest of the day. A coy comd in searching the buildings near his HQ put 7 men in the bag himself. The day of the 24th was spent in the above mentioned posns. Any movement by own men brought mortar and SA fire. One man was killed by a direct hit of a mortar bomb. Later in the day the Coy comd decided that the layout was too cramped and as soon as it was dark the coy was altered slightly. 8 pl and coy HQ was moved back to WOYERHOF. B coy in the meantime had collected nearly 100 PsW since taking up their final posns, as just before dawn on D day they reported a counter-attack forming up. The area was well and truly stonked by arty and they all came running in, inc 3 offrs. At midday on the 25th of March 12 pl of B coy was relieved by a pl of the 2 Gordons and in the evening, the 2 Gordons put in an attack on HOVERHOF. This attack gained the first farm, but no further progress was made. The coy of the 2 Gordons withdrew at dark and took over the posns occupied by A coy 2 A & SH. This relief was completed by 2230 hrs 25 Mar. It was a wonderful sight to see the two A/B divs going over at approx 1000 hrs on D day the 24th Mar. From the comd post it was possible to see two Dakotas and one Halifax come down in flames. Two wounded pilots from one 'plane were rescued and sent back by the MO. On Sunday 25th, the Bn less A coy moved under comd of 46 Bde. The IO went and recced the route to BERGEN 157470 in the morning. The Bn had their first hot meal at HUBSCH as they came by. They were then lifted by 3 tonners to the RV at rd junc 157470. Capt Toppin collapsed while the Bn was waiting to form up and was evacuated through medical channels. The Bn's task was to pass through the 3 Bde and clear the wood East of the lake LANGE REUNE, with the Glasgow Hrs. The right flank of the Bn was to be screened by smoke. When the Bn reached the rd junc 153478 the word was passed round that the enemy were counter-attacking which stopped the Bn from getting on to its startline. As a result we never really caught up with the barrage. Our task was to clear the right hand part of the wood and clear South to North. The wood was very tough going and we eventually reached the track	

139494			junc 139494 as it was almost dark. D coy had fallen back, C coy and Bn HQ went to the wood at 143497 and B coy went to farms at 139497. D coy arrived eventually and went to the area of 139493. The RA vehs, CO's carrier and MO jeeps eventually came up. There was some very confused and wild firing on both sides while the Bn dug in. B coy had two counter-attacks during the night. One as they moved in. It was stopped at point-blank range. The second one took place just before dawn and the house around which they were est was burnt down. C coy had a small counter-attack as soon as they got into the wood and were digging in, but it did not materialise. The rest of 46 Bde attacked either side of us and came to the North towards HALDERN WOOD to clear the East of the main road to the East of us. It was there that the Bn had a real taste of what it is to be shelled by our own guns. We had about 15 minutes solid. It appeared that our wood had been included in the fire plan and it took some time to stop but not before it had had time to lift and come back again on us. By the grace of God no one was hurt. The Bn then conc in the wood. A coy moved up in the morning as it had been released during the previous night by the 2 Gordons.	
do	26		The Bn remained in the same location as the previous day.	
do	27		There was no enemy activity in front of us as 46 Bde were well est. We returned to the comd of 227 Bde in the morning and were told that we would attack and clear the wood at 1352 having taken over from 9 Cams who were on our left. This was later cancelled as we were told that we were under comd of 46 Bde and would help to clear the woods at 1452. The CO and IO attended an "O" gp at 46 Bde HQ at 1900 hrs. It was very late before they returned to the Bn, and there was no move for the Bn before 0700 hrs the following morning.	
154503	28		The Bn moved at 0745 hrs to a FAA at 154503 preparatory to clearing the woods in the area of 1552. The op was in 3 phases. Phase 1. 7 Seaforths to clear the enemy from wood at 162514 to wood 160515, - DICKHOF 155516 and as far West as CLASENHO 146516, the attack going in from East to West. Phase 2. A two Bn attack Northwards, right 6 HLI (52 Div) and left 2 A. & S. Hrs. Startline for us in area of buildings 152515. Objectives: 1st objective, line of track 158528 - cross tracks at 158527 - West edge of wood 143525. 2nd objective, N.E. corner of wood at 156531 - ring contour 149532 thence line of road as far as road junc 140532. Bdys. dividing line, incl 2 A & S. Hrs - tracks 155514 - cross tracks 152519 - crosstracks 150527 - incl 6 HLI ring contour 149532. Left 2 A. & S. Hrs bdy track junc 149515 - 143525 - 139532.	

			Phase 1 took place and went according to plan. Our Y hr was 1100 hrs. Phase 2 started after a very shaky beginning as the startline was hard to find. No enemy were encountered so after the Bn's first objective had been reached the message came from 46 Bde that the fire plan had been cancelled. The Bn moved up nearly to its final objective and Bn HQ moved up the centre track and had just passed the cross tracks at 148526 when we received a nasty stonk, again from our own arty this time killing one man and wounding 5 ORs, including 1 Royal Corps of Sigs operator and Cpl Monk of our signals pl. The CO did all that was possible to get it stopped. It was most unpleasant and lasted for about 20 minutes. It appeared that from the beginning the arty plan had been made up before the inf plan. In the first place it was decided against having a barrage and there were to be a series of concs up the wood. A major catastrophe was averted by Major Cornwall, our gunner officer, who was given the arty fire plan about an hour before the battle was due to begin. He found that the arty were due to stonk the startline at the time the Bn was there forming up. He reported to the CO that he could not be responsible for the safety of the inf. It was later discovered that when the fire plan was cancelled the 4.2in mortars had not been informed and they were due to stonk the final objectives at the time the fwd coys were arriving there. This was avoided by mere chance. It is probable that the many channels through which the infm had to pass caused a time lag and the inf moved before the Gunners realised it. An inquiry was immediately ordered by the CRA but so far no explanation has been given except that it was the 25 pdrs from the div which did the damage. The Bn's final posns were as follows:- A coy - 144532, B coy - 140533, C coy - 143538, D coy - 144533 Bn HQ - 145528. By this time the battle had moved ahead and we were left in peace.	
145528 140543	29		No move during the morning and it was not until late afternoon that we were given permission to move to a built-up area. The move took place about 1600 hrs and the Bn was disposed as follows:- A coy - 141549, B coy - 142546, C coy - 143544, D coy - 143545, Sp coy - 141543. Bn HQ - 140543.	
do	30		Day was spent cleaning up kit and on maintenance of vehs.	
do	31		No move. Day spent as yesterday. Weather good.	

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Month and Year April 45.

Commanding Officer Lt Col D.R. Morgan, M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ALTENBURG 104543	1		Easter Sunday. Padre held service for C. of E and Pres, while the R.C. had their service in H.Q. coy barn. Remainder of day spent in usual routine.	
do	2		Coys training and resting. Weather very good. No word of move. We are now miles behind the line.	
do	3		No change.	
AUSTUM 886964	4		Move to new conc area at 886964. The move was carried out without any major difficulty. The CO was ill and was taken to hospital by the MO. His face was very swollen the reason for which was not known at the time. In spite of the very busy roads it was not until we were within a few miles of Austum that there was any difficulty owing to traffic jams and double banking that took place. Locations were as follows :- Bn HQ farm 886964, A coy 890965 B coy 883963, C coy 888963, D coy 886962. We expected to move to another conc area West of OSNABRUCK next day. The 2ic and IO went to Bde to a conference. The other two bns of the Bde were to clear the woods due West of OSNABRUCK. We were to lend them our carriers in order to help them complete their task.	
Do GASTE 1507	5		The bn was prepared to move at 1030 hrs but owing to the TCVs being very late we did not move until 1430 hrs. The weather was very bad and it rained most of the way. We eventually arrived at GASTE 1507. Dispositions as follows:- Bn HQ, A and B coys in factory at 153077, Sp coy in farm at 153070, D and C coys in houses at 150069. No move was expected on the following day.	
	6		Bde O gp at 1130 hrs. Sp coy and bn HQ move in the afternoon to a new conc area at BOHNHORST 7228. The rest of the bn was due as soon as the TCVs could pick them up the following day. The Pnr pl was "at home" in the factory as there was vast quantities of wood.	
do	7		Personnel of HQ and Sp coys were organised into search parties to clear the farms North and South of the village. No enemy were encountered, although a few suspected civilians were evacuated	

			through the P.W. cage. A,B,C and D coys arrived about 1600 hours and were billeted in the village.	
do	8		Church parades for all denominations. A quiet day and the Bn had baths and film shows. Some of the men went into the nearby forest to hunt roe deer. The snipers bagged one.	
do	9		The RSM gave a lecture to NCOs of the Bn on non-fraternization. 4 PsW were taken by the carrier pl from MINDEN FOREST. One PW was also taken on the information of a Russian worker who saw the PW throw his uniform away. Information also came through of a move the following day. The Pipes and Drums played in the evening for the first time on German soil in this war.	
do	10		The move was due at 1500 hrs to WUNSDORF near STEINHUDAR MEER 145295, NW of HANOVER. The 2ic and IO went ahead of the bn in order to meet the Bde comd at x-rds 117258 for an O gp. It was here that we crossed the river WESER and passed through the bridgehead made by the 6 A/B div. The intention was that we should pass through them and make for CELLE, 227 Bde leading with 46 Bde on our right, slightly to the rear.	
GARSSEN 6254	11		The bn moved at 0930 hrs to adv to contact towards CELLE. The recce were stopped short of CELLE by some very stubborn resistance and cratering of the road. One br East of NEUSTADT 1736 collapsed and a detour had to be made for the bde. The vehs were sandwiched together and it was only with great difficulty that we harboured the bn in the wood at 4846. We were given the task of clearing the woods either side of the road from 451451 to 481462. We were the rear bn of the bde during this time. It was found that the main br crossing the river ALLER at 589506 had been blown but the 10 HLI had got some men across and had formed an inf bridgehead. The bn further South at 621483 was found to be intact by the Gordons and they formed a small bridgehead. We, with a sqn of tks, were to pass through them and make our own way to GARSSEN 6254. Unfortunately the second br at 621483 collapsed and we had to wait until a class 40 was put across it in order that the tks could get across. The other brs further on were found to be so weak as to make it impossible to get tks across. By the evening the bn was conc in the village of GARSSEN. The 2ic and IO went to bde in the evening for an O gp, Bde HQ having crossed in the town by a class 40 br.	
do	12		The bn passed the bde SP at 0915 hrs en route for UELZEN. The enemy were very clever in the way they had cratered the road and most of the day was spent trying to find a way round. The tks of the HLI found a roundabout route from which eventually they made their way to HOLDENSTADT 8387 during the night 12/13 via HOLXEN 8583. The	

			dawn of 12/13 Apr found the HLI on the outskirts of UELZEN confronted by a LAA unit firing 20mm guns at short range. The CO rejoined us at midday very much refreshed and rested.	
877847	13		The bn took up the following posns: Bn HQ 877847, A coy 893868, B coy 884857, C coy 877844, D coy 888862. The bn role was to guard the right flank of the bde adv until the div could be deployed to either outflank or attack the town frontally.	
HOLDENSTADT 8784	14		At 0030 hrs night 14/15 A and C coys moved across the GERDAU river at 898865. It was held up for a considerable time as the REs failed to recce the route down to the river through the woods and it was only through the efforts of our pnr officer, Lt H. Dunning that the boating was got to the right place; the coys did not get the best sp from the arty as they were very late in crossing and getting on to their final objectives just short of HALLIGDORF 9186. The going was very bad as the ground was marshy. Cpl Miller, of A coy, was killed during this attack. Communication was very bad during the night. The object of the attack was to protect the right flank of the adv into UELZEN and to make 44 bde's adv to the right easier. The bn moved into res in the evening when it was superseded by the adv of 44 Bde on the right.	
do	15		Open-air church parade. The bn was very tired and in need of a good rest under cover.	
do	16		Bn resting. Film shows and baths laid on for troops. There was an increase of enemy air activity and one or two bombs dropped unpleasantly near.	
do	17		Orders for the move through UELZEN and the move North were issued by Bde. The bn was to leave at 0900 hrs on the 18th.	
do	18		The move was postponed until 1200 hrs because UELZEN had not been cleared as 46 Bde had not reached the North end of the town. The next order was to be ready to move at 1530 hrs and later 1800 hrs. Finally no move for the day was ordered.	
HITTBERGEN 9031	19		Reveille 0330 hrs. We crossed the SL (rly br 888871) at 0600 hrs. The start was livened up by the strafing of the col by enemy a/c but there were no cas to men or vehs. Our objective was VOLKSTORF 8816 and we reached it at 0900 hrs. We had just settled in when we [were] ordered to move nearer the river ELBE where the 11th Armoured div were fighting for a br. After a slight change of plan half-way we eventually reached HITTBERGEN 9031 at 1700 hrs. The village was heavily stonked and just before we relieved the KSLI the br was blown completely. The bn was situated as follows: Comd Post nr church 904314, A coy astride br 895315, B coy 2 pls astride rd at 890318 with 1 pl around comd post; C coy 885325, D coy	

			888327, Sp coy 902315. The CO and IO visited C coy in the evening and were heavily stonked as they were going down the main road from B coy to C coy. The enemy were very active with their AA weapons firing in a ground role. D coy had 4 cas as a result.	
do	20		The bn remained very much the same all day. A patrol was sent in the early hours to clear the bund at SOSSENDORF 8932. All civilians were cleared out of the area to South of the NEETZE canal and many days after we were still collecting civilians out of houses and woods in the bn area. Several civilians came across the river either by boat or swimming. In the evening A coy moved to HOHNSTORF 8733 which was found to be nearly deserted.	SEE APPENDIX E1
do	21		There was a recce in the bn area for the suitability of rds and tracks for the usage of various vehs. Throughout the following nights we had many visitors in the form of assault REs, naval commandos etc. Two Dutch Fire-women were passed back through PW channels. They had been found living in the woods near Echen 8630 for several days. Planning started for the forthcoming Elbe crossing.	SEE APPENDIX E2
	22		An Int OP was est at Sassendorf 897327. More civilians were cleared from the Bn area.	
	23		CO and IO visited Bde for an O gp. Maps and photos were issued for the forthcoming op. After dark the Bde comd visited the fwd coys with the CO.	SEE APPENDIX E3 & 4
	24		A quiet day with nothing to report.	SEE APPENDIX E5
Bardowick 7726	25		Very quiet day. B coy changed round with A coy at night. There was a flap while the CO and IO were at an O gp at 44 Bde HQ. The Corps comd had asked if it was possible in view of the Russian adv to cross the Elbe that night which immediately set things in a spin. It was later found that the operation had been adv two days. The adv parties of the 9th Cameronians arrived in the afternoon. The bn moved to a conc area in BARDOWICK 7726, Bn HQ, Sp coy and A coy moving in the afternoon and evening and the rest of the bn shortly after midnight.	SEE APPENDIX E6
do	26		There were frantic last minute preparations for the operation Enterprise.	SEE APPENDIX E7
do	27		Massed Pipes and Drums took place in the Cavalry Barracks at LUNEBERG at 1800 hrs.	SEE APPENDIX E8
BRETLINGEN 8029	28		All pl and coy comds went on a recce to ARTLENBERG 8334 at 0200 hrs in order to have a look at the other bank. They went up into the village in darkness by vehs and walked back in daylight. The bn moved to a forward assembly area in Bretlingen 8029. Shortly after dark the bn moved forward on foot to Artlenberg until such time as	

			we were required to load into our Buffalos. The barrage was terrific and started just before midnight.	
Factory at 790397	29		The rough plan was that 44 Bde should make the initial br hd, with 8 RS on the left and 6 RSF on the right. 2 A & S H would take over the posns as soon as we could be got across on the returning Buffalos. The 6 KOSB were to take Schnakenbek by passing through the 6 RSF and going via rd junc 853349. The change over was to take place coy by coy with the 6 RSF. The coys were at 839351, 841352, 841351 and 842349. Bn HQ in the factory at 839350. At about 0300 hrs the bn started to cross. The first hitch was that the COs carrier got ditched in the dark and it took a good three-quarters of an hour to get it out. The CO in the meantime went over with bn HQ and used the RA net as the comd net to Bde. Just as bn HQ was getting into the quarry the enemy put down a very accurate DF task which caught a lot of people in the open. ~~Nine~~ Eight men were killed including Lt Davidson and three serjeants. 50-60 men wounded. It was most unfortunate that it should have happened at that moment as everyone had just arrived and had not time to dig in. The relief took place uneventfully, B and C coys moved up the main rd with B coy astride it at 842357 and C coy farther East at 845346. A coy then took over the protection of the left flank of the br hd from the 8 RS at approx 837353. Bn HQ in the meantime remained under the protection of the cliff at 839351. Throughout the morning the enemy shelled the bridge from a very long range and very accurately which was very distressing for the men crossing in storm-boats. The shelling impeded the rafting and br building for a considerable time. The 2 Gordons and 10 HLI had crossed, the Gordons making for Tesperhude 7937 and the HLI going for the high ground in the area 813391. We then followed up behind the HLI and conc in the area 827375 until about 1700 hrs when we were moved to a forward assembly area at 815384, preparatory to the attack on Grunhof and exploiting to Grunjager at 783399. We passed the start line which was the fwd edge of the wood at 2200 hrs in pouring rain, the RA putting down a hy stonk. Grunhof was found to be practically deserted. The area NW of Grunhof was found to be a built-up factory area with a metal fence all round. Bn HQ and B coy could not get through the gate at 795389 so had to go back and follow C coy who were going up the main rd to the right. C coy had suffered one fatal cas from the wood on the right which was found to be quite thick. Bn HQ then moved into the factory area at 790397 and collected Sp and B coys round it for defence. A coy reached	

			Grunjager at 783399, C coy remained for the night at the west end of the wood at 791398, D coy in the area 782397.	
783394	30		At dawn B coy sent a pl to relieve a coy of the Gordons in the area of Krumme 778387. This was later stepped up to be the complete coy. C coy then moved round Bn HQ. Bn HQ and C coy later moved into the factory at approx 783394 in which posns we remained all day. The adv parties of a bn of 53 Div arrived in the evening. The night was spent more or less resting. The relief by the Welch bn did not in fact take place owing to the surrender negotiations which were in the process of taking place in the town.	

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Unit 2nd Bn A. & S.H.

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col D.R. Morgan, M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Geesthacht 7540	1		Negotiations were made for the surrender of Geesthacht by Bde H.Q. using as a medium the civilian telephone which was still working. A truce was arranged between 1400 hrs and 1700 hrs. Following behind a Bn of the Welch Div, 2nd Bn A.&S.H. moved into positions in the area 767415 without incident. It was reported that the town contained large quantities explosives for V weapons also large poison gas stores. Every man in the Bn. carried his respirator in view of this fact. The town was full of civilians evacuated from the Hamburg area. Bde 'O' gp was at 2000 hrs and so Bn 'O' Gp was held at a very late hour. In the early hours of the morning a party of Germans came through our lines carrying white flags and were sent back to Bde.	
Bornsen 6945	2		The Bn moved along the main axis from Geesthacht to Hamburg. We moved off at 0900 hrs with Bornsen as our objective. The clearing of this area was very difficult as the road ran along the foot of a cliff and there were many deep gullies. The arty were short of amn and so could not give us the support we had become accustomed to. The main enemy opposition came from 20mm Flak guns firing in a ground role. Throughout the day white flag parties passed through our lines and eventually arrangements were made for Fd Marshall Busch to come through our lines next morning at 0900 hrs. The purpose of this meeting was to arrange the surrender of all the forces under the command of Fd Marshall Busch i.e. all the German forces operating in N.W. Germany. After a few clashes the Bn eventually arrived at Bornsen. During this action Sjt Elliot of D Coy was killed and three carriers were brewed up by bazookas, fortunately there were no more serious casualties.	
Rothensbek 7556	3		The C.O. and the I.O. went onto the main rd to meet the Fd Marshall in order to escort him back to the Div Comd. However a staff officer came to say that the matter had been taken a good deal higher as Admiral Doenitz was on his way to see Fd Marshall Montgomery. Meantime the E-Lancs from 53 Div who should have	

Ahrensburg 6567			relieved us moved towards Bergedorf 6546 for the surrender of which negotiations were being carried on. The Bn moved on all available tpt i.e. guns, S.Ps, tanks etc to Rothensbek. The Bn moved by route march to Ahrensburg and eventually arrived after some elements had travelled by a somewhat devious route. It was here that the news came through that the whole of the forces under the command of Fd Marshall Busch had surrendered unconditionally to Fd Marshall Montgomery. The Bn celebrated 21 Army Group's victory in a way that was fitting to the occasion.	
"	5		After a somewhat late start the Bn started to clean up. Pipes and Drums of the Bn beat retreat outside Comd Post.	
"	6		Bde church parade at 1100 hrs. The whole Bde Gp assembled at Bde H.Q 670662 where the service was conducted by the Padre from the 10 H.L.I. Afterwards the Bde Comd gave a short address congratulating the Bde Group on the very fine performance it had put up during the 11 months it had been in action.	
"	7		Normal day, nothing to report.	
"	8		V.E. Day. The C.O. spoke to the Bn, congratulating them on the fine performance they had put up during the last 11 months of action. He warned the Bn of things to come and the standard of turnout expected of it. The parade was also a rehearsal for the Div Comds inspection and	APPENDIX "J"
"	9		The Div Comd inspected the Bn at 1100 hrs. In his address he gave a short history of the activities of the Div since its arrival on the beaches in Normandy. He also warned the Bn that he expected a very high standard of turnout in the Div. He also pointed out that our C.O. and another one were the only C.O.s to survive the full campaign. Afterwards the Bn marched past with the Pipes and Drums playing. 12 Corps made a free issue of beer to the assault tps who made the original crossing of the Rhine and so the Bn received its share.	
	10		IO visited the 3rd Tk Bn of the Scots Guards. Some coys went swimming and H.Q. had an organised run.	
	11		Normal day. There was a film show in the town at night. IO went to Bde to collect details of move. C.O. and O.C. Sp Coy went to dinner at the 2nd Gordons.	
"	12		Harbour parties departed for both the final and intermediate locations. The harbour party for the final location was turned back shortly after it had started out, as it was found that it was a little previous. The 2I.C remained in Travemunde forming a holding party to ensure that all the best accommodation was not taken over by R.A.F. or Navy. A Coy moved to Bad Oldesloe to take over some	APPENDIX C

			guard duties in the town. The B.M. and one L.O. were accommodated at Bn HQ as Bde HQ had moved the day before.	
Schulenburg 781785	13		The Bn moved at 1045 hrs to the intermediate location, Bn H.Q. 781785, A Bad Oldesloe 7482, B Rethwischdorf 7879, C Politz 7478, D Mettewarde 7883, Sp Westerau 8179. C.O. and I.O. went to Bde 'O' Gp and the Bn was given the task of clearing all members of the German Armed forces out of a certain area. They were also to try and assess the number of Russians in the area so that arrangements could be made to transport them back to Russia. The C.O. addressed all offrs at Bn H.Q. at 2100 hrs. He told them of various mess rules and the standard he expected to be maintained in the Bn. Afterwards he gave orders to the Coy Comds for the clearing up of the area as ordered by Bde.	
	14		Normal day, weather was very hot and shirt sleeves were the order. We were told that the move to final area would be on the 16th.	
	15		'O' Gp at 0930 for the move on the 16th. Just before 'O' Gp started news came through that the move was postponed until the 17th or 18th, this was later altered to the 20th. The C.O. left at 1400 hrs for his course in England at the S.M.E. Ripon.	
	16		Nothing to report.	
	17		Bn will move to final location tomorrow. Most of the day was spent packing up as we were to make an early start next day.	
Travemunde 0601	18		Bn moved off at 0730 hrs and arrived at Travemunde at about 0900 hrs. H.Q. Coy could not take over their new billets as the Cheshires (5 Div) who we were taking over from had not moved out, and it was not until 1400 hrs that H.Q. could take over. The rest of the day was spent getting everything unpacked and organised. This is the first time we have been able to settle down properly since landing in Normandy. Final dispositions as follows: Bn H.Q. 068023, 'A' Coy 917874, 'B' Coy 022924, 'C' Coy 067020, 'D' Coy 083003, 'H.Q.' Coy 068024, 'SP' Coy 007938.	
"	19		Today was spent getting organised and quite a few changes were made.	
	20		Church Parades for Pres, C of E and R.C.	
Travemunde	21		We have 100 German P.Ws. attached to us as a working party. 60 work in H.Q. D & C areas, 30 in Sp Coy and 10 in B Coy areas. The canteen "Stirling Castle" was officially opened this afternoon. We were entertained in the canteen by the famous dance band singer Dorothy Carless and another guest singer. They gave an excellent concert for 75 minutes. Later Miss Carless and her party were entertained to tea in the offrs mess. Today history was made when retreat was delayed in order to enable Miss Carless and her party	

			to hear it played. So far as is known this is the only occasion during the history of the Regt that retreat has been delayed.	
"	22		Nothing of importance to report. The Bn is providing a large number of guards for bridges, dumps, factories etc. Some coys are doing night on and night off.	
"	23		Bn started sending parties to Lubeck for recreation.	
Travemunde	24		Another uneventful day.	
"	25		A very busy day of preparation for the Brigs inspection which takes place tomorrow.	
"	26		The Brigs inspection started later than was expected as there was a conference at Bde which held things up. The inspection started with Bn H.Q. at 1445 hrs, then the remainder of the Bn less 'A' Coy. The Bde Comd was very pleased with the turnout of the Bn. The Transport worked very hard to transform a piece of waste ground into a veh park that would have made Blackpool envious.	
"	27		Normal church parades for Pres, C of E and R.C.	
"	28		Normal working day. A party of offrs and sjts from the Scots Guards were entertained at the offrs and sjts messes.	
"	29		There was nothing of importance to report today.	
"	30		The Bn is well settled down now and things are running smoothly. Guards are still very numerous.	
	31		Nothing to report. We are having glorious weather.	

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Unit 181 Fd Reg

Month and Year June

Commanding Officer Lt Col A.C.E. Devereux

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1-8		Record lost at sea.	
Worthing	9		L.O. to District H.Q. to receive movement orders.	
	10		Regt moves to marshalling area.	
	11		Vehicles sent to dockyard - no loading as ships not available. Regt split into two parties.	
	12		Vehicles loaded on to MT ships. 177 Bty and part of RHQ sailed.	
	13		Remainder of regt aboard. By evening both ships anchored off Southend awaiting convoy.	
At Sea	14		Remained anchored all day; convoy sails at 2100 hrs.	
	15		Convoy steaming down channel with no enemy opposition. French coast sighted late afternoon and anchored off Arromanches by 2200 hrs.	
	16		A certain number of vehicles ashore, but unloading held up by swell and lack of small craft.	
	17		Sea still bad and stevedores experienced difficulty in handling derricks.	
	18		A few more vehicles ashore.	
	19		One ship emptied: part of RHQ and 177 Bty still to land.	
	20		Accident to 'rhino': two guns, Adjt's half track, regt office and several vehicles lost.	
	21		Regt complete, less above vehicles & remainder of one ship in conc area.	
	22		Recce of forward areas and gun positions - amn dumped.	
	23		Preparation of new posns continued: rest of regt arrives.	
	24		Regt moves into action at Bronay.	
	25		7 casualties during move in in early hours from enemy harassing fire. 1 offr wounded: 3 OR killed 3 OR wounded.	
Bronay	26	0730 0831	Operation Epsom commenced 15(S) Div advance under strong barrage Left flank reaches first objective right flank held up by minefield. 6 RSF on left have difficulty in St Mauvieu. Throughout morning fire brought down on numerous Victor targets.	

		1150 1755 1920 2100	Officer sent to recce route to forward gun area. Held up by pockets of enemy on rt flank and advance of guns postponed. Report of enemy forming up for counter attack in Marcelet. This place engaged scale 40 by corps arty and attack did not materialise in any force. Further counter attack expected but did not occur. Report received that B Tp cmdr had been killed during the day - Capt J.C. CORY-WRIGHT.	
	27	 1400	During the night objective taken over by Tps of 43 Div. Regt remains in action during the day with advance parties ready to move. Several M & U tgts fired. Adv parties move to new gun area followed by the whole regt hours later. New area reported to contain snipers, all ground searched.	
Nr Cheux	28		Little of note during first part of day. Infantry pushing forward and mopping up enemy left behind.	
	29		Heavy enemy counter attack expected from S.W. in early morning. 8 RS continue to push forward. Guns firing continuously throughout morning. Numerous enemy thrusts reported and some penetration of our lines believed to have taken place. By early evening situation confused. Enemy reported to have broken through and gun position prepared for local defence. Enemy reach point 1000 yds in front of gun position but later withdraw. Infantry reorganise during the night.	
	30		Numerous enemy thrusts met by infantry and large concs on DF tgts. Guns firing almost continuously from early hours of morning and throughout the day. Situation unchanged at end of day. Further attacks expected to follow.	

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W A R D I A R Y O R I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y.

Unit 181 Field Regt R.A.

Month and Year July

Commanding Officer LT COL. A.C.E. DEVEREUX

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Ref to Appendices.
	1		Threat of enemy break through to gun posn past but counter attacks against inf throughout the day. Most broken up by D.F. fire and ground lost is regained in the evening.	
	2		Regt relieved by 81 Fd Regt and moves to Secqueville en Bessin. Posns previously occupied by Cdns taken over but any firing unlikely.	
	3		Rest and maintenance.	
	4		G.O.C. addresses the regt. Posns prepared at St Mauvieu but no orders to occupy received.	
	5		Rest and maintenance.	
	6		Major Keenlyside posted to regt. Given command of 179 Bty.	
	7		Visit from C.R.A. Heavy bomber attack on Caen area seen during the evening.	
	8		Regt moves into action at St Mauvieu.	
	9		170 R.P.G. dumped in early morning, other 100 R.P.G. brought forward from previous posn. Further 130 R.P.G. dumped mid-day. Numerous dead cows buried. News received that Caen is in our hands.	
	10		Fire plan in support of 43 Div attack on Etterville area. OPs with 9 Cams who are assisting in this operation. Very heavy opposition encountered.	
	11		Counter mortar fire and DF fire brought down throughout the day.	
	12		Enemy mortaring still heavy. Adv parties go forward to Mouen.	
	13		Priority residue arrives. No firing except in an emergency.	
	14		Regt moves into action at Mouen. Shelling during the night. R.A.P. hit but no casualties.	
	15		Op. GREENLINE. Night attack on Bougy, Gavrus and Evrecy supported by Corps Arty.	
	16		Attack according to plan but very heavy enemy shelling and mortaring throughout the day. X2 of 178 Bty shot up. Enemy counter attacks broken by DF fire.	
	17		Enemy mortaring continues. A.O.P. fires on suspected Nebelwerfer. Capt Shaw brings down very effective DF fire on enemy counter attack.	
	18		Counter mortar & DF fire brought down throughout day on enemy posns.	

	19		Numerous V tgts in early morning. Front quieter during the day. Gun area shelled during evening. 1 O.R. killed in 179 Bty.	
	20		44 Bde out of the line & only firing likely is on V and U tgts.	
	21		3 casualties from enemy shelling.	
	22		Warning order to move received. New area is in US sector.	
	23		Shelling in night, no casualties. Regt moves into action N of Caumont. Gun area is in area of US Fd Bn and RHQ in same location as their HQ.	
	24		DF tasks arranged - No operations planned by the div. Final residue arrives.	
	25		Two surveyors sent to operate Four pen recorder.	
	26		Fire plan in support of attack by 2 & 5 US Divs. Wireless silence except in emergency.	
	27		Further fire plan in support US Army. Several H.M. tasks fired. H.F. on 2 Pz Div moving across front to meet US thrust.	
	28		Propaganda shells fired. JU 88 shot down near area.	
	29		R.E.M.E. inspection of vehs. 15 Div put in attack; forward posns recced for occupation when front moves forward. Amn dumped.	
	30		Attack begins supported by airburst barrage. Enemy resistance not heavy and guns move forward to outskirts of Caumont in the afternoon. Enemy posns penetrated to a distance of 8 miles.	
	31		Recce parties leave at first light and regt moves into action S of Caumont. Considerable firing. Armour passing through all day.	

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Lt.Col. A.C.E. DEVEREUX R.A. 1/3

Month and Year AUGUST 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. R.B.W. BETHELL R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SOUTH OF CAUMONT.	1.		Regt in action in gap in German Lines. Throughout the day armour of Gds Armd Div passes south. 11 Armd Div on right reached Beny Bocage. 44 Bde with O.Ps from the regt waiting to continue South.	
	2.		Regt move further South beyond St Martin des Besances. Gds Armd Div held up by enemy pocket.	
	3.		Enemy pocket still not cleared and 44 Bde put u/c Gds Armd Div to clear high ground dominating axis of adv. First phase carried out by 6 RSF supported by two Div Artys. Inf reach obj. Enemy mortaring bring down heavy D.F. on suspected localities.	
	4.		8 R.S. and 6 K.O.S.B. drive wood supported by fire plan. Little opposition. In evening regt advances into action 4 miles south.	
	5.		Regt remains in same location. Inf regroup to form firm base for further advance.	
	6.		Armour still held up. 46 and 227 Bdes attack Estry area, neither completely successful. Lt Col. R. Bethell R.A. assumes command of the regt in place of Lt Col. A.C.E. Devereux R.A.	
	7.		44 Bde attack Estry supported by Div Arty. Opposition strong, troops forced to withdraw. Continual counter mortar fire brought down.	
	8.		Regt prepares to move to area Montchamp.	
	9.		Regt moves to new area, slight enemy harassing fire during the night.	
	10.		Continual harassing fire brought down on enemy escape road from Estry.	
	11.		Enemy shelling and mortaring of O.Ps and inf. This is thought to be a prelude to withdrawal.	
	12.		Enemy activity continues. Shooting restricted due to uncertainty of location of flank formations.	
	13.		Enemy activity decreasing. Warning received that Bde 11 Armd Div will shortly take over front. News received that enemy has withdrawn from Estry.	

	14.		Regt moves to other end of front and harbouring on banks of R. ORNE. South of Caen. Preparations made to take over posn from 53 Div.	
	15.		Regt addressed by new GOC Gen Barber. Day spent in rest. Tps bathed in river.	
	16.		Advance parties prepare fresh areas further south. Regt moves to new harbour area across the R. ORNE near FORET DE CINGLAIS. Heavy regt moves into fresh gun area before preparations completed.	
	17.		Remain in harbour area.	
	18.		Warning received for move next day.	
	19.		Regt moves into action. N.W. of Falaise. No firing from this position as The Gap becomes full of own tps.	
	20		Warning received for advance to contact march. This later postponed for three days.	
	21		Release from firing commitments.	
	22		Warning received for short move next day.	
	23		Moved to harbour area East of Falaise.	
	24.		44 Bde gp incl this regt advances as far MEULLES without opposition and harbours for the night.	
	25.		Advance continued towards LOUVIERS, held up by blown bridges. Regt moves during night. Regt arrives in action.	
	26.		Regt moves into action outside Le NEUBOURG early morning. No opposition, and no firing.	
	27.		Regt moves E of Louviers and prepares to support crossing of R. SEINE. Crossing done during night and is "silent."	
	28.		Little opposition met across Seine and little fire required. Regt moves to cover enlargement of bridgehead to the north.	
	29		Regt crosses R. SEINE and goes into action near NATTEVILLE.	
	30		53 Div passes through bridgehead. No firing.	
	31		Recreation and training.	

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y A N D W A R D I A R Y

Date - FEBRUARY 1945.

181 FIELD REGIMENT R.A.
Offr Commanding Lt Col R.B.W. Bethell

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY	REMARKS
TILBURG	1-6		Regt re-fitting, planning and preparations for operation 'VERITABLE'. Unnecessary stores and MCs left in Div dump. All Offrs address by Cmdr 30 Corps.	
	7		Night move to conc area South East of NIJMEGEN.	
	8		Operation 'VERITABLE' begins. Prolonged CB programme, followed by Corps Arty Barrage, lasting five hours. Late afternoon guns move up and support inf in breaching of SIEGFRIED DEFENCES.	
	9		Infantry advance to outskirts of CLEVE. Bogging on one axis and use by another div of remaining road prevent move fwd of guns.	
	10		Guns out of range. OPs still in action and fire of other regt is used. Rep sent to another Field Regt for quick passage of orders.	
	11		Advance continues beyond CLEVE and guns are able to move up - No OPs deployed.	
	12		Considerable firing in support of other Bdes. Enemy resistance stiffening.	
	13		Fire plan fired in support of 46 Bde several U Tgts otherwise NTR.	
	14		Regt comes into action in CLEVE at first light. A certain amount of enemy air activity with single jet-propelled planes. One bomb causes two casualties.	
	15		Regt move SE to continue support of attack towards Calcar. Still no OPs deployed.	
	16		Continued to fire in support of attacks towards Calcar. 4000 rds fired during day.	
	17		Moved SOUTH to support attack on GOCH. OPs joined Bns.	
	18		Attack on GOCH supported by fire plan. OPs with inf in KANGAROOS. Enemy opposition mainly shelling and mortaring.	
	19		Mopping up in GOCH continues. Enemy shelling of area mainly with SP guns.	
	20		Very heavy shelling of GOCH in early morning. Fire plan fired in support of 227 Bde attack E of GOCH. Fire plan during night to support 51 Div clearing GOCH south of the river.	

	21		Quiet day and weather fine and clear for the first time for several days. Typhoons out in force taking advantage of the weather. ME 262s over in late afternoon bombing. Fire plan in evening in support of 227 Bde pushing SE to SCHLOSS KALBECK. Enemy aircraft bombing in the vicinity in the evening.	
	22		Fire Plan in sp of 46 Bde attacking over rly and est bridgehead 935420-952415-952420. RSFs badly knocked about the previous day and failed to gain their objective which held up the start of 46 Bde attack. H Hr originally fixed for 1100 hrs was finally at 1400 hrs. Objective gained as far south as 415 Northings.	
	23		44 Bde carry on thro 46 Bde. Considerable opposition from mortaring and shelling encountered. All objectives gained and front est on 400 northings.	
	24		53 Div attack South beyond GOCH. Adv very slow and heavily opposed by SA and Mortar fire. Regt firing in sp.	
	25		OPs with 44 Bde relieved by OPs of 76 Fd Regt, 3 Br Div. OP hand over complete by 2200 hrs when inf change. Guns remain in support until 3 Br Div Arty ready the following day.	
	26		Division leaves for rest. Div Arty remains to support attack by Canadians and 11 Armd Div. Attacks go according to plan.	
	27		Fire plan in support of 3 Br Div. Warned of probable move next day to TILBURG. 4 Cdn Armd Bde make big advances. Calcar and Udem taken.	
	28		Fire plan in sp 3 Br Div. Not fired owing to movements of 11 Armd Div in area. Regt preparing to move. Regt moves out for Tilburg at 2030 hrs. T P Keene	

I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y A N D W A R D I A R Y

Date - MARCH 1945.

181 FIELD REGIMENT R.A.
Offr Commanding Lt Col R.B.W. Bethell ~~DSO RA., and~~
Lt.Col. TP Keene RA.

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY	REMARKS
	1-5		Regt returns to TILBURG for rest and re-equipping.	
	6		Lt Col Bethell DSO R.A. posted to staff of SEAC. Regt moves from TILBURG to area of HASSELT.	
	7-19		Training in river assault crossing and ferrying of guns across a river obstacle. Planning for Operation Torchlight. On 11 Mar Lt Col T.P. Keene R.A. assumed command of the regt.	
	20-21		Regt moves to fwd harbour area S.E. of GOCH.	
	21		Preparing for ops.	
	22		Regt moves to gun area near VYNEN arriving in the dark. Guns not put in action.	
	23		Day spent preparing for Rhine crossing. Weather excellent. Occasional enemy shells coming over.	
	24		Regt commenced firing at 0025 hrs in sp of 44 Bde. Crossing made with little opposition. All three battalions established firmly by morning. Airborne tps began arriving at 1000 hrs. By afternoon RS and KOSB have linked up with 6 Airborne Div and 17 US Airborne Div.	
	25		By early morning the 44 Bde and the two Airborne Divs formed one solid bridgehead of considerable depth. The advance was to continue but fire support had to be provided by other units while the regt was crossing the Rhine. Damage to the bridge and trouble with the rafts made this a lengthy process. Recce parties were over in the morning but it was late afternoon before the complete regt was in action. During the interim period our OPs remained with their respective bns and support was given by a SP regt, which had crossed earlier in the day, and Medium guns still West of the Rhine.	
	26		The guns had been put in action well fwd in the bridgehead and were well able to cover the further advance towards the River Issel. Amn supply was difficult and most necessary as there was still only one field regiment across the Rhine.	
	27		A bridgehead was established across the River Issel, a deep salient was thrust into the rear areas of 7 Para Div and throughout the day repeated counter attacks were broken up by concentrations of fire. Very	

			large numbers of Germans were killed while trying to fight their way back from the West.	
	28		Stragglers continued to be roped in but by evening another formation had taken over the advance.	
	29 30		Guns brought out of action. OPs withdrawn and regt concentrates in present gun area. All ranks addressed by the C.R.A. who thanked them for the good work done in the past.	
	31		Remained in concentration area. Large numbers of German Army horses provided the main occupation.	

W A R D I A R Y O R I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y

DATE APRIL 1945.

UNIT : 181 Field Regt R.A.
Comd Offr : Lt Col TP Keene, R.A.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	INFORMATION	REMARKS
	1-4		Rest in gun area close to Rhine continued. The regiment was addressed by the GOC on 2 Apr and congratulated on its good work and smart appearance.	
	5		The battle was well into Germany and a 70 mile move to the area of BORGHORST (14 miles NW of MUNSTER) still left the regiment harbouring many miles away from the fighting.	
	6		A night move on congested roads and again a harbour area in the village of NORDEL NW of MINDEN.	
	7-9		Remain in harbour and again the battle moves well away. During the period numerous German prisoners and stragglers were collected.	
	10		A short move across the R. WESER to clear the bridge and another harbour at NEUENKNICK where some excitement was provided by tales of GESTAPO agents knifing soldiers in the back but nothing more than a NAZI schoolmaster was discovered.	
	11		The Division advances through the 6th Airborne Division in the direction of CELLE. The regiment in support of the reserve brigade harbours at MEITZE until CELLE is captured.	
	13		Still in reserve moved into CELLE, a very pleasant town. Many Slave workers and political prisoners were found dead or dying from starvation and undressed wounds.	
	14		UELZEN was proving difficult to take and the regiment moved into action with the other Div Arty. A fire plan fired in the evening but town still uncaptured.	
	15		Supported 44(L) Bde in an attack to outflank UELZEN on the EAST, which was very successful.	
	16.		Flanking move continued and town effectively isolated from the EAST.	
	17		Fire Plan in support of attack on UELZEN entirely successful and all eastern half of town captured.	
	18		While mopping up continued in Western half of town the brigade pushed further north and east and the regt moved fwd to GROSS LIERDEN (1 mile EAST of UELZEN).	

	19		Bde Group concentrates NE of UELZEN. The regt moves to MOLZEN and guns are put in action as a precautionary measure against roving enemy columns.	
	20		R. ELBE is reached by other formations. Two bdes of the division mop up and take over a section of the bank, the regt and 44 Bde concentrated ready for any future operation. RHQ occupies the palatial Schloss Ludersburg, three miles SOUTH of the ELBE.	
	21-23		Remained in conc area. Planning for future operations begins.	
	24-27		Remained in conc area.	
	26	1400	Regt 'O' Gp and warning order to move at short notice. Outline plan for covering the ELBE as follows: RSF and RS to cross in area ARTLENBURG 8334, followed by A & SH and KOSB. The A & SH take over the initial bridgehead and KOSB push fwd to capture SCHNAKENBEK. Arty support by conc to H hour.	
	27		Regt moves at midnight to gun area around Britlingen where guns were camouflaged before crossing.	
	28		Tac HQ moved up to Bde at ARTLENBURG on river bank, OPs join Bns. Final preparations for the assault.	
	29 30	0200 2100	44 Bde assault R. ELBE as planned. Heavy CB programme and concentration fired in support. Inf firmly est br head by first light. 1 Cdo Bde est br head on 44 Bde right. Steady advances. Regt moved up to Artlenburg at 1530 hrs, and at 2100 hrs prepared to cross river. River crossed during night and regt harboured near KRUKOW going into action in GULZOW at first light. Rapid advances made by 44 Bde. Some aerial activity over gun position caused one casualty. RS and RSF move up to SCHWARZENBEK which was clear of enemy.	

W A R D I A R Y O R I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y

DATE MAY 1945.

UNIT : 181 Field Regt R.A.
Comd Offr : Lt. Col. T.P. Keene R.A.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	INFORMATION	REMARKS
	1.		Regt still in action at GULZOW 8 RS and 6 RSF in area of SCHWARZENBEK, 11 Armd Div pushed through. KOSB move to KOLLOW and then attack BRUNSTORF and take it. Opposition slight. Tac HQ move up with Bde HQ to SCHWARZENBEK. Plans made for clearing of SACHSEN WALD. One Sqn Coldstreams to support operation.	
	2.	0800 hrs	44 Bde start wood clearing. 177 moved to BRUNSTORF. An area at DASSENDORF recced but not occupied - Regt moved into action in evening at HAVEKOST. Little or no opposition in wood which was quickly cleared in a N. Westerly direction. Regt moved to area of HAVEKOST to support final part of operation. Tac HQ moved with Bde HQ to KASSEBURG. Rumours of surrender parleys very strong.	
	3.		160 Bde 53 Div take over from 46 Bde who occupy area TRITTAU taken by 11 Armd, who broke through to LUBECK. 44(L) Bde move NW to take high ground NE of HAMBURG. Regt moved to area of KASSEBURG and later, when infantry had found no opposition in villages, to area of RAUSDORF, HAMBURG and surrounding area surrendered, and at 1225 no firing order received. RS at PAPENDORF, RSF at STELLAU and LANGELOH, KOSB at KRONSHORST.	
	4.		Bde moved to concentration area around BARGTEHEIDE. Regt in area of VORBURG with 178 in action. Announcement of surrender received.	
	5.		Regt in concentration area. 178 out of action.	
	6-19.		Regt remained concentrated in area of BARGTEHEIDE. Numerous PW rounded up but no definite occupation role allotted. During excellent weather a considerable amount of sport was fitted int.	
	20-24.		Allotted occupational role in Northern part of KREIS STORMARN. Task included rounding up of all German P.W. Maintenance of order among the civil population. Management of several DP camps and control of movement of all D.Ps, especially Russians in order to facilitate removal to Russia at short notice. This latter task proved the most difficult as the displaced Russian prefers to remain mobile and a very large number had no desire to return to their homeland. There were however few incidents.	
	25-31.		Area of KREIS LAUENBURG taken over from 5 Div. Tasks similar to those previous area but knowledge that station was likely to be of	

			considerable length enabled a more satisfactory long term policy to be adopted. Numerous German PW continued to be rounded up.	

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Unit 190 Field Regt., R.A.

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer R.J. STREATFIELD Lt-Col., R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LANCING	5		Local defence digging exercises on area 6.	
"	7		Regtl tabloid sports on beach.	
"	8		Night defence scheme on area 6.	
"	9		Adv party left for Marshalling Area.	
"	13		Ordered to move to Marshalling Area.	
"	14		Moved to Marshalling Area.	
Camp S6	17		Moved to Embarkation Area and embarked at TILBURY.	
TILBURY	18		Sailed from TILBURY.	
FRANCE	22		Disembarked at Le HAMEL (Gold Beach) and moved to BRECY area.	
"	25		Moved to Gun Area 8871 (BRONAY).	
"	26		Operation EPSOM started. Regt fired a barrage of 400 rpg. Moved forward to le MESNIL PATRY area to support Operation EPSOM onto line of R. ODON.	
"	27		Battle continues.	
FRANCE	28		Lt.Col. R.J. STREATFIELD R.A. became acting C.R.A. when the C.R.A. became a casualty. Major T.P. KEENE R.A. became acting C.O. of Regt.	RJ Streatfield Lt.Col.R.A. Commanding, 190 Field Regt. R.A.
"	29		Major A.J. TAYLOR R.A. (B.C.529) killed in action by mortar fire. Buried in GRANVILLE SUR ODON Churchyard. Capt. A. FORSTER R.A. (Bty Capt 529) reported missing whilst occupying O.P. in GRANVILLE SUR ODON area.	RJ Streatfield Lt.Col.R.A. Commanding, 190 Field Regt. R.A.

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Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Lt.Col R.J. STREATFIELD R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1st		Lt. Col RJ Streatfield returned to Regt. Brig. Bolton became CRA.	
	2nd		Occupied Gun Area SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN 9173.	
	3rd		Divisional Commander addressed Regt on Operation Epsom.	
	4th		Under command 59 Div to fire barrage in support of 3 Canadian Division's attack on CARPIQUET. C.O. attended Divisional Commander's conference at Div.	
	5th		C.O. attended Divisional Commander's conference on lessons of 1st battle.	
	6th		CRA visited all Batteries. CO attended address by General Montgomery for all COs of Division.	
	8th		Move to new gun area at ST MAUVIEU 9268.	
	10th		Barrage in support of 43 Div for attack on ETTERVILLE and MALTOT.	
	11th		Capt. J. Hichens RA killed in action, also 2 other ranks.	
	13th		Regiment in same position but resting.	
	15th		Regiment support 15 (S) Div in attack on ESQUAY and EVRECY. Lt. PEF Heneage RA slightly wounded whilst acting as OP officer.	
	17th		Gun area shelled. 1 OR killed, 1 slightly wounded, 1 Gun Tractor destroyed. Gun area attacked by enemy aircraft at night. No casualties or damage.	
	22nd		CO went on recce to CAUMONT area.	R Streatfield
	23rd		Regt arrived area CORMOLIN.	
	26th		Regt fired in support of U.S. 2nd Div.	
	27th	)	Quiet. Normal ranging by OPs.	
	28th	)		
	30th		Op BLUECOAT started. 8 Corps attacked on SEPT VENTS and ST MARTIN DES BESACRES.	
	31st		Regt moved to new position at LA VACQUERIE to continue support.	R Streatfield

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Unit 190th. FIELD REGIMENT. R.A.

Month and Year AUG 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col.R.J. STREATFIELD.R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Regiment in action at LA TIENTURIE and OPs on Pt 309. Lt. R. Sellars RA and 6 ORs slightly wounded at the OP.	
	2		Battle for BOIS du HOMME continues. OP's with 46 Bde and 6 Gds Armd Bde active throughout the day.	
	3.		Regt moved to new area SOUTH of ST MARTIN (679475). Regiment fired Propaganda Shoot into area of BENY BOCAGE. 15th Divisional Commander wounded.	
	4.		Regt fired Fire Plan in support of 44 Bde's attack on woods WEST of BENY BOCAGE.	
	5.		CO went on recce with 46 Bde Commander to area Pt 279 (765420).	
	6.		Regt moved by Btys to area of 721439 (LE COUR)	
	7.		Regt supports attacks by 46 Bde on to BOIS de MONTS and LASSY. Stiff opposition towards LASSY.	
	8.		46 Bde withdrew to defensive position in LA CAVERIE area. Regt fired several Immediate Retaliation tasks against mortars throughout the day in response to calls from 46 Bde. OPs with 46 Bde & 6 Gds Armd Bde were active throughout the day.	R Streatfield See Appendix 1.
	9.		Regt continued to engage Immediate Retaliation tasks in addition to normal shooting.	
	10.		Regt again engaged Immediate Retaliation Tasks. Moved to new area of MONTCHAMPS to support 3rd DIV's attack. 531 Bty detailed to provide 1 gun to go forward to-morrow to fire Red Smoke Indicator Targets for air attack.	
	11.		Red Smoke Indicator Tgts fired. Reported to be very successful. Div Comdr and CRA visited all Gun detachments of the Regt and congratulated them on their work.	
	12.		CO with 46 Bde at LA MASURE. Regt engaged many Immediate Retaliation tasks throughout the day with good effect. Red Smoke Indicator Tgts engaged by 1 Gun of 530 Bty.	
	13.		Regt fired a few Immediate Retaliation Tasks but on the whole everything was quiet. Regt of 11 Armd Div took over from this Regt	R Streatfield

			which moved, via VILLERS BOCAGE and VERSON to a harbour area with 46 Bde Group at FEUGUEROLLES SUR ORNE.	
	14.		CO2 & Regtl Recce Parties recced a position South of the FORET de CINGLAIS.	
	15.		CO2 and RSO went to meet the CRA at 53 Div HQ 1 mile South of BOIS HALBOUT.	
	16.		Regt moved to new harbour area in FORET de CINGLAIS. Regtl Recce parties recced a position 5 miles North of FALAIS.	
	17.		CO and Capt Dyas RA went to a Mortar discussion with the CRA to teach the 1st MIDDLESEX Artillery procedure to be used with their 4.2 inch mortars. Instructors sent to 1st MIDDLESEX to implement policy laid down at the discussion.	
	18.		100 Officers and OR's were taken by the CO on a Battlefield tour of ETTERVILLE and Pt 112. CO attended Div Comdrs conference at DIV.	R Streatfield
	19.		46 Bde Group take over from 158 Bde (53 Div). Regt moved into action at NORTON L'ABBAYE but did not fire.	
	20.		Falaise pocket beaten clear. Regt unable to shoot owing to involved position in the pocket. Lt. M. Rogers RA joined the Regt.	
	21.		Warning order from HQRA of move to concentration area. Capt Rostol (Div IO) lectured to all ranks on war situation with particular reference to the German 7th & 15th Armies.	
	22.		BM of 46 Bde recceing area for Regt to move to as present location is becoming Army/Road Head.	
	23.		Regt moved to concentration area at ST PIERRE DU BUS. 46 Bde Gp ordered to commence march towards the SEINE.	
	24.		Commenced Operation "GALLOP" and advanced along MOON route. Regt halted and "curled up" at 299277 (WEST of TRUN)	Appendix 2. Regtl Ops Order No2.
	25.		46 Bde Gp continued along SUN Route to harbour area 894745 in the FORET DE BEAUMONT.	R Streatfield
	26.		46 Bde Gp took up defensive position in the area around EMANVILLE. Regt in area of 985727.	
	27.		Regt went into action between LOUVIERS and the SEINE (261867) to support 15 Div's crossing of the SEINE.	
	28.		Regt supported 15 Div's crossing of the SEINE at HERQUEVILLE and MUIDS. Lt P. HENEAGE RA (wounded at Pt 112 see War Diary July 15th) returned to Regt.	
	29.		Regt crossed the SEINE at 0010 hrs and went into action in area of MUIDS with OP's forward overlooking LES ANDELYS and CUVERVILLE. Inf advanced against little opposition & Regt moved to new area of FRETTEVILLE.	

	30.		15 Div remain in reserve while 53 DIV passed through and continued the advance.	
	31.		Regt remained in same location. Between 2nd and 31st of this month the Regt sustained no casualties.	R Streatfield

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Month and Year SEPT 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col.R.J. STREATFIELD.R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		Regt carried out training Programmes (Small Arms, Mines, Signalling etc) at FRETTEVILLE. Regt entertained local civilians with a social.	
	2.		Training Programmes continued. The Divisional Concert Party entertained the Regt in the afternoon. Harbour parties left to go forward to the area of GOURNAY. Brigade Major of 46 Bde asked for Regtl 3-tonners to lift the infantry of the Bde during move to Gournay area.	
	3.		Regt left FRETTEVILLE and moved 20 miles to a harbour area in the Foret de Lyons (557153) near Les CARREAUX. 3 Prisoners taken in the wood by Recce Parties.	
	4.		Regt moved forward 20 miles to harbour area at FOUILLOY (748425).	
	5.		Regt moved 70 miles to HERLIN LE SEC (158088) (South of ST POL). 15 (S) Div are to advance to a mopping-up area COURTRAI-GHENT, with 44 Bde on left and LYSFORCE on the right. LYSFORCE to include 7 SEAFORTHS, RECCE & Supporting arms. We are to follow LYSFORCE.	
	6.		Regt left HERLIN LE SEC and moved 60 miles on AYR route (LENS SECLIN LILLE COURTRAI). Enemy held Bridges over LYS between GHENT & COURTRAI. Regt crossed into BELGIUM and deployed in area 9055 South of SWEVEGHEM. LYSFORCE are mopping up. Main task of 190 Fd Regt in DF tasks for COURTRAI.	
	7.		OP's with 46 Bde are active. Groups of the Enemy are being cleared up. Regt supports RSF (44 Bde) in their attack on DEERLYKE (915590) with OP's of 530 Bty with RSF. Operation continued through evening and night and was very successful.	
	8.		Regt continue to support 44 Bde who are moving along rd NE from COURTRAI. Regt moved to area N of DEERLYKE (Sq 9161) to continue support. Advance is going well. Regt moved to new area West of WAEREGHEM (956634) to continue to support 44 Bde.	
	9.		Regt resting at WAEREGHEM. Representatives of the Regt attended funeral of members of the BELGIAN WHITE ARMY.	R Streatfield

	10.		Regt moved forward about 50 miles to harbour area at LIPPELOO 571771 (S of ANTWERP). An area was recced S of ALBERT CANAL near LIERRE (790870) but the Regiment did not occupy it.	
	11.		CO met CRA at WESTERLOO 030810 to get orders for the take over of Gun Posns from 124 Field Regt of 50 Div. CO2 and recce parties recced area and spent night at TONGELOO MONASTERY (020823)	
	12.		Regt moved 30 miles to TONGERLOO (via MALINES) and took over from 124 Field Regt. OP's situated N of Albert Canal at GHEEL (080886).	
	13.		GHEEL cleared of enemy and Regt moved forward to position N of GHEEL 083891. Infantry moved forward to ESCAUT CANAL. 529 OP's were with 9 Cams at area 0590. 531 OP's with 7 Seaf at area 0289. Lt. P. Spafford RA attached to 1st Middlesex to assist in training 4.2in Mortar Platoon.	
	14.		Regt fired concentrations in Support of 44 Bde who are crossing the ESCAUT Canal. OP's with 46 Bde active. Gun area shelled by 88 mm guns. Many failed to explode. 530 OP's join 2 GH who are coming under command of 44 Bde.	
	15.		Field Marshall Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY presented medals to 15 (Scottish) Div. CO & a party attended. The following members of the Regt received decorations:- Major. E.K. Monro. RA. MC. Capt. P. McD. Spafford RA. MC. Bdr. Moorin. DCM.	
	16.		Lt. AC SMITH RA and OP party sent to work with OP's of 178 Bty (181 Fd). This party suffered slight casualties during the day. Capt AC Hobson RA & Bdr Stables crawled out in front of own FDL's to engage enemy on canal bank. Bdr. Stables was wounded but shoot successful. Fire Plan fired in spt 44 Bde. OP's on 46 Bde front (on line of ESCAUT CANAL) active.	
	17.		No shooting between 1300 hrs & 1500 hrs to-day. Airborne assault passed over gun area during afternoon. Divisional Concert Party entertained Regt in evening.	
	18.		Regt prepared to fire short Counter Battery Programme in spt of 53 Div. 227 Bde take over Bridgehead from 44 Bde.	R Streatfield
	19.		Regt fire some C.B. shoots on orders from CBO. Regt received Fire Plan in spt HLI from 131 Fd Regt. 2nd Airborne force with many gliders passed over gun area.	
	20.		Regt fired Fire Plan for HLI (Op CRABS). The Objective was reached with little opposition. Regt fired Propaganda Shells. Regt move with 46 Bde Gp at 0800 hrs 21st.	

	21.		Regt moved to new Gun Area NW of EINDHOVEN (383213) 15(S) Div are to act as left flank protection for 30 Corps Axis. OP's active with 46 Bde who are crossing canal in area South half of 3825 (S of BEST).	
	22.		7 Seaf established over the Canal. Enemy in BEST (3726), there is heavy fighting. Capt P. Mangham RA killed in action during fighting for BEST. 1 of his OP Party wounded.	
	23.		Hard fighting in BEST area where 46 Bde are trying to get to line of Rey. Regt fired plan in spt of this operation. Progress by 46 Bde is steady.	
	24.		BEST area is still being cleared. Regt fired fire plan to spt 9 Cams who are attacking the Factory. TYPHOONS attacked factory during last 5 mins of Fire Plan. Regt fired Fire Plan in spt 9 Cams who are attacking level crossing at 371262. This was most effective.	
	25.		Regt has Fire Plan on call for 227 Bde. BEST area is still being cleared. Red Smoke Indicator Tgt on Factory very successful.	
	26.		BEST still being cleared. Indicator Tgts arranged for TYPHOONS who are to spt 46 Bde by attacking factory. Alternative Fire Plan arranged to be fired if TYPHOONS not available. TYPHOONS did not arrive and Alternative Fire Plan was fired. Regt moved to new area near Brick Factory 4024 (S of Canal).	
	27.		Fairly quiet on 46 Bde Front. Regt fired fire plan in spt of 227 & 44 Bdes.	
	28.		Regt still S of Canal. Very little activity.	
	29.		Regt moved through BEST to new area 413297 SW of ST OEDENRODE.	
	30.		Regt in same locn with OP in BEST area.	R Streatfield

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Unit 190 FIELD REGT R.A.

Month and Year OCTOBER 1944

Commanding Officer LT.COL RJ STREATFIELD R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Regt in action at VERNHOUT 413297. Some Command Posts in Gliders, a mass of which are parked on our Gun Positions following the airborne invasion. They help the camouflage. A reconnaissance of a harbour area was carried out East of GEMERT (5730) as a possible rest area.	
	3		Advance parties sent off to BAKEL near GEMERT. Recce parties of 128 Fd Regt, 51 (H) Div arrive to take over our Gun area. 46 Bde relieved by Bde of 51 (H) Div.	
	4.		Regt move to Bakel for brief rest. Gun area occupied by 128 Fd Regt.	
	5.		Regt enjoy first proper rest period since arriving in France on June 22nd. Regtl signalling class started, 30 men under Lt. McNinch. Bty administrative inspections, stores checks and general overhaul. A good proportion of men to EINDHOVEN and HELMOND for cinemas, ENSA concerts and baths.	
	6		Major KEENE (2 i/c) went on reconnaissance of new gun area for possible future operations South of WIERT and 7051.	
	7		Regt indulge in recreational training, which included lecture by Dutch Liaison Officer on The Lot of an occupied country including warnings as to precautions to be taken on entering Germany. Guns and vehicles painted - a few officers and ORs on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS.	
	8		Rest period cut short by reconnaissance of gun area from which to support 3 Divs attack on OVERLOON. Area found at OPLOO 7236.	
	9		Regt move to OPLOO position and 300 rpg dumped on position. Div Arty now working under 8 Corps.	R Streatfield
	10		Regtl Signal Class ends. Regt in action waiting for D Day. Very wet and roads made impassable by Tanks of 6 Gds Armoured Bde.	
	11		Artillery from 3 Div, 11 Armd Div, and 8 AGRA in addition to our own now in area. Very little C.B. by enemy which is fortunate as the landscape is pretty badly congested.	
	12.		3 Div commences Operation CONSTELLATION. Regt assist by firing barrage with the object of getting infantry as far as OVERLOON.	

			Enemy has one of two fwd OPs in VENRAY CHURCH and a Forest fire observation tower. Enemy artillery fairly active chiefly in forward areas.	
	13		Continued to support the operation. Country very open and possible gun areas further fwd obviously in view. They were recced but not occupied.	
	14		Further barrage fired to get 3 Div as far as VENRAY. Enemy resistance strong and going extremely bad. The advance was slow but sure.	
	15		11 Armd Div broke out Eastward from OVERLOON and Regt again in support and later in day move fwd to OVERLOON area. Devastation more like NORMANDY and scale of effort similar - very little C.B. - very wet.	
	16		3 Br Div continue attack on VENRAY with 15 Div Arty still in support.	
	17		15 Scottish Div come under command 12 Corps. Regt comes out of action and withdraw to old harbour area at BAKEL prior to move Westward to support the drive to TILBURG.	
	18-19		Regt in harbour area resting. Recce in area of ZANDRANT (4443) East of S'HERTOGENBOSCH.	
	20		4 Coldstream Gds take over harbour area and Regt moves off into action in previously recced area. OPs of 529 Bty with 9 Cameronians at BEST. Remainder of 46 Bde still at HELMOND resting.	R Streatfield
	21		Capt. Spafford as rep to 53 Div Arty. Fire plan for Op PHEASANT arrives. Large dumping programme.	
	22		Fired timed programme of concentrations for 53 Div and 7 Armd Div advance on S'HERTOGENBOSCH. The tanks made so much noise getting to their F.A.As that a certain amount of hostile arty fire was experienced in the gun areas. One OR was wounded. A few mines encountered.	
	23		Regt fired in support of second stage of attack by 51 (H) Div, a night advance on SCHINDEL and BOXTEL. The night attack, good weather, and tank support appeared to give offensive a good start.	
	24		Regt moved round to the BEST area and harboured the night in the Brick Factory East of BEST (on the canal) from which they had operated a month previously.	
	25		46 Bde with 2 Scots Gds and 190 Field Regt in support carried out the drill book advance to contact battle. 2 GH formed advance Gd Battalion mounted on the Churchill Tanks of the Scots Guards. 530 Bty were placed close up in the order of march behind the vanguard company with the remainder of the Regt in rear of the main guard.	

			Two OPs in Churchill Tanks. All OPs with Tanks and with Infantry were from the Regt and on the same frequency. This worked well and should now be the normal drill. The remaining Bns of the Bde were mounted in KANGAROOS. This pretty considerable force with its supporting arms was pieced together along the canal bank East of BEST and in BEST itself. It was well organised and all units passed the S.P. (0900 hrs) on time with very little delay or fuss. Maj Stephenson ordered his van guard Bty into action on first contact with the enemy half way between OIRSCHOT and MORGESTEL. This was the first rapid action done during the campaign and was carried out with creditable speed. The 2 i/c (Maj KEENE) travelling with the adv gd Bn R Group was quickly on the scene and on the orders of the C.O. (Lt. Col. R.J. STREATFIELD) travelling in the Bde R Gp deployed the remainder of the Regt. The whole Regt being ready to fire within ½ hour of the first deployment order. The road was now clear for the remainder of 2 G.H. who proceeded on their Churchills through the Gun position and decanted close up to the point of contact. The first enemy positions were soon overcome but a blown bridge slowed up the advance. The Scots Guards quickly put down 2 Scissors bridges which just spanned the gap and the leading infantry with carriers and tanks were soon in MOERGESTEL. The KANGAROOS with 7 Seaforths on board dashed through and proceeded on Northwest towards OLSTERWIJK through thick country and under fairly heavy enemy arty fire. They were followed speedily by 9 Cameronians who headed for the N.E. outskirts of TILBURG with a view to capturing the main Rd Bridge across the canal. During this period the Regt has been filtering forward by Tps giving continuous support finally settling for the night 24/25 just east of MOERGESTEL. It was a most satisfactory days work and seemed to go with a swing from start to finish. The Inf/Tank Co-op was particularly good and made the whole difference.	R Streatfield
	26		2 G.H. and 7 Seaforths attacked OISTERWIJK (2434) fairly strongly held and covered by strong enemy mortar and arty fire. Regt supported these attacks and by midday most of the village captured. 9 Cameronians had pushed on to Bridge area subjected to considerable enemy arty fire from the North.	
	27		44 Bde attack TILBURG from South and by afternoon town appeared to be free of Germans. 2 GH and 9 Cams ferried across in boats and Cl. V rafts. Occupation of town commenced. Regt moved fwd into MOERGESTEL area.	
	28		Regt marched into TILBURG and occupied position in Western outskirts to support the continued advance of 7 Armd Div north of the Canal on	

			our right in LOON OP ZAND area. Division had popular reception but all too short stay.	R Streatfield
	29		Early move EAST via EINDHOVEN to ASTEN. Whole Division quickly moved across during day to fill a gap between 11 Armd Div and 7 American Armd Div following enemy advance North from MEIJEL to LIESEL & LOON.	
	30		Regt support 46 Bde drive South from LOON. Some AP Bombs dropped in wagon line area with casualties to the Regtl LAD (WO1 GINGER WO i/c LAD killed).	
	31		46 Bde continue drive to SLOT with 4 Coldstream Gds in support. Boggy country and foggy but attack went well and objectives gained. Tanks definitely very great morale effect to own Infantry and the close support of their guns most efficient and effective.	R Streatfield

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Unit 190 Field Regt. R.A.

Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. RJ STREATFIELD R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		The Regiment was still in action in area of ASTEN and supporting 46 Bde with 6 K.O.S.B. under command in operation to clear area between main road LIESEL to HEITRAK eastwards to Helena Canal. The operation was a success. Very late in afternoon CO2 and recce parties rushed off and in half light recced a new gun area at Rinkveld 6414 which the Regt occupied in dark, the first night occupation since we crossed the Seine.	
	2		46 Bde continued to advance South of Heitrak 6910 encountering heavy mortaring and shelling. Again very late in the afternoon CO2 and recce parties were ordered forward to a new area 6712 which was reported heavily mined. The area was found to be poor and mined as reported and Lt. G.A. Smith was blown up in his Jeep and killed approaching the area from the West. His CPOA was evacuated with severe head injuries. These were the Regts first mine casualties. The new area was pronounced impossible by CO2 and after considerable talk with HQRA it was abandoned.	
	3		The most important event today was the conflagration in 530 Bty Command Post which was in a building shared with the cookhouse of 8 R.S. The CO2 also visited 6411 and neighbouring area in search of a possible new area to support further operation on MEIJEL.	
	4.		In the morning CO2 and recce parties moved to area 6411 and the Regt moved at midday. The gun area was well away from the road and the long tracks were already badly rutted when we occupied. We supplied a shellrep OP of two officers to take flash bearings and pass reports on the shellrep frequency to C.B.O.	
HOLLAND	5		Smoke was the order today. The first screen was fired as part of a normal fire plan in support of 44 Bde and 4 Tank Coldstream Guards who were attacking south of Heitrak. Owing to the extremely boggy country the tanks got stuck very early on and we continued to fire smoke all day whilst recovery went on. We expended some 4000 rounds of smoke altogether.	R Streatfield

	6		We again fired smoke in support of the 7 Seaforths who gained their objectives at NEERKANT 7009 without much opposition. Mines were the chief delay. Dinner time in the evening at RHQ was considerably interrupted by a brief aerial attack with a few bombs which removed half of the roof and subsequently drenched the Assistant Adjutant.	
	7		Things were fairly static and batteries carried out troop shoots on enemy positions with considerable success. We are told that one Bty at a time would be allowed to withdraw to ASTEN area for two days rest. Capt. DYAS of 529 Bty takes over Adjutant whilst Capt BRETT was away at BRUSSELS.	
	8		531 Bty went out of action to rest at ASTEN. Very little happened and a large number of entertainments were given to batteries. The C.O. arranged an Admin Inspection of Batteries during their rest period.	
	9		More entertainments and Baths were allotted to the Regiment and the Divisional Education officer talked to a selected audience on "The Far East".	
	10		529 went out to rest and 531 returned. The area South of ASTEN became restricted and numbers of civilians were passed to POW cage. The RSM took over the responsibility of the roads in the Regimental area and recced a new way-out to a hard road.	
	11		Road maintenance, entertainments, and baths continued and 200 rds per gun were dumped in preparation for further ops.	R Streatfield
HOLLAND	12		530 went out to rest and 529 returned. Troop shoots were continued otherwise things were very quiet.	
	13		Continued rain and entertainment transport rendered the roads in the gun area almost impassable and traffic was cut to a minimum. A bulldozer gave invaluable assistance but things were still very bad. For the first time in the history of the Regiment a battery refused some vacancies for entertainment.	
	14		Today we fired a deception Fire Plan together with a fair amount of infantry small arms and mortar fire as a prelude to the 12 Corps attack on our right. The Boche seemed to swallow the bait though his reactions were not as vigorous as expected. At 1600 hrs we heard in the distance the terrific barrage which announced the 12 Corps attack to BERINGE.	
	15		530 Bty returned from rest and the rest programme was completed. Patrols from 227 Bde pushed down to MEIJEL and beyond finding no opposition but many mines and booby traps. Lieut. C.R. ASHWORTH arrived from 31 R.H.U. and took over duties as Assistant Adjutant.	
	16		Infantry patrols pushed further South. CO2 and recce parties prepared a new area at 6910 Heikant - a good area though 530 Bty's	

			area was a known German DF Task. First proper frost during the night. V2 rockets launched due East were observed from RHQ in the evening as on several other nights.	
	17		A few hostile mortar targets were fired and a rum ration issued. 529/530 had a most successful afternoon dance at HELMOND.	
HOLLAND	18		In the morning the C.R.A. walked around the Gun Positions. We were warned of move to new area probably on 19th. An OP was attached to B Sqn Recce who would be acting as right flank OP. CO2 went to orders at 46 Bde and had an order group on return. Infantry plans formed and cancelled with remarkable rapidity.	R Streatfield
	19		9 Cams crossed double canal at HOOGEBRUG Bridge and patrolled towards Helenaveen. Regt moved in the morning to the area already prepared at Heitrak.	
	20		Cams push on to Helenaveen meeting most difficulties in the shape of mines (Schu and AP) and boggy country. The C.O. gave orders to the effect that the 2 G.H. were to go through to SEVENUM. A suggested new gun area was 7312.	
	21		CO2 visited the suggested area but found it impracticable. He then proceeded to a more Southern area and had to fix 7708 as final area. Recce parties hurried forward but only 530 Bty moved that afternoon. It was obvious that we would have great trouble with the roads in the area which were very bad before we moved in.	
	22		Rest of the regt moved to new area. The infantry pushed on well in very bad conditions and deliberate fire plans were formed and cancelled as their need disappeared.	
	23		H.Q.R.A. wanted us to move forward as we were rapidly getting out of range. C.O.2 set out to recce the route out but found an impassable part. The proposed new gun area 8014 was recced by proxy by Major Ginn OC 531 Bty and pronounced good. Move was however cancelled as alternative routes were found equally impracticable.	
	24		The Regiment was completely mud bound and fired nothing all day being out of range. CO2 and recce parties struggled through and recced new area 8219 near HORST. This area was extensively mined, but nevertheless good gun area.	R Streatfield
HOLLAND	25		The Regt left its mud bound position and took six hours to get to its new area 8219 leaving a few breakdowns on the way.	
	26		Today the Regt shot its first round at Germany. The C.R.A. in person directed an U Tgt and our first rounds landed on German soil at 1200 hrs. Very little opposition was being met by infantry and recce and CO2 recced a new area at 8519 Melderslo in anticipation of a new move. Later in the day full preparation of the new position was	

			carried out. We received a fire plan in support of 9 Cams and 3 Tank Scots Guards against Lottum 9019.	
	27		9 Cams operation carried out with little opposition and the Fire Plan was cancelled. We were warned of move over to present 49 Div area and later this was confirmed. We were to take over complete from 143 Field Regt in area 8408 near Maasbree.	
	28		C.O.2 and recce parties left in morning for new area. We took over Gun Pit for Gun Pit from 143 Field Regt. The area was quite good though RHQ appeared to be quite a likely H.F. Task. The Regt moved in the afternoon and was ready in time for tea. Our infantry also started to move down, 46 Bde taking over from 56 and 146 Bdes of 49 Div.	
	29		A fairly quiet day. In the afternoon an HF fire plan was fired on selected enemy posts in and around Blerick the suburb of Venlo on the West of the Maas. The RAF raided 531 battery with propaganda leaflets but the Gunners unfortunately couldn't read German.	
HOLLAND	30		The Gun position was shelled in the morning and 531 Bty had slight vehicle casualties. More HF was fired in the afternoon and the evening was marked by the arrival of the Regimental Christmas Card (Copy attached as Appx). 8 Corps Comdr Lt.Gen Sir Richard O'Connor came to say Goodbye to all Senior Officers on having to take up his duties in India. Information received that Capt. AC HOBSON Tp Comdr D Tp 530 Bty and Capt. JFB O'SHEA Tp Comdr A Tp 529 Bty have been awarded the M.C. for conspicuous gallantry during the operations on the Dutch/Belgian frontier. This now makes 4 MCs in the Regt. It is food for thought whether we do not move too many Regts of Artillery fwd when the enemy is weak and the ground bad for deployment and full of mines. The fire power of one Regiment instead of three would often have met the case and caused less harm to bad tracks, eased the supply problem and rested the guns and gunners. I feel it is a point that should be noted.	R Streatfield R Streatfield

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Unit 190th Field Regiment. R.A.

Month and Year December 1944.

Commanding Officer R.J. STREATFIELD. Lt.Col.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		Regiment were in action at MAASBREE 8408. There was very little activity on the front where the 2 G.H. patrolled to probe the German defences of BLERICK. Registration was carried out by OP's and a few selected Mike Tgts on prominent points on both sides of the MAAS kept the Huns' interest alive.	
	2.		Preparations for Op "GUILDFORD", the capture of BLERICK which is the suburb of VENLO on the West of the MAAS, started in earnest. The large trace and overprint of the Fire Plan were received. In the afternoon harassing fire was put down on likely points for enemy movement. The enemy retaliated in kind and a few casualties were incurred on the gun positions though no one was killed.	
	3.		Operation "GUILDFORD" was carried out by 44 (L) Inf Bde with 7 SEA under command and supported by 31 Armd Bde, flails and crocodiles and the Artillery of 15 Div, 53 Div, 8 Agra, 3 AGRA and 59 AGRA. The attack was preceded by an intense Counter Battery programme which silenced several troublesome German batteries for a time, though the programme had to have a repeat later in the morning as enemy fire became more intense. The initial bombardment was thickened and considerably enhanced by the Canadian Rocket Projector or Mattress a super Moaning Minnie. The operation was a model one and a great success. At H hr a barrage supported the first attack by 31 Armd Bde with flails in front to clear lanes through the thick minefields. The wide anti tank ditch was soon bridged and the first two battalions 8 RS & 6 RSF riding in Kangaroos entered BLERICK with little opposition. The 6 KOSB & 7 Sea followed up, also in kangaroos and the clearing of the suburb continued all day, and at nightfall BLERICK was entirely in our hands. The co-operation of Infantry and armour was highly successful throughout the day, and the intense Artillery fire did much to prevent casualties among the infantry from enemy DF fire. Over 250 prisoners were taken. 5500 tons of amn were fired by the supporting Artillery. The success of the day was saddened by the	

HOLLAND			death of Maj. S.M. GINN, BC 531 Bty who was killed by a shell splinter whilst sitting in the Seaforth's HQ after the attack was finished.	R Streatfield
	4.		We fired little today. The CO2 went to recce a rest area in and around ASTEN in prospect of the regiment's moving out along with 46 Bde. Later in the day we received definite orders to move out to rest on the 5th. The period of rest was to be approximately 7 days. During the evening RHQ was rudely shelled and suffered a few minor casualties.	
	5.		The regiment moved out to rest and established itself with two Batteries on the Northern and Eastern outskirts of ASTEN respectively and RHQ and one battery at HEUSDEN, one mile south of ASTEN. It appeared that each Bde Group would come out to rest for a week at a time and the Divisional front on the MAAS would be held by 2 Bdes each with two Bns in the line.	
	6.		Btys started the rest period with intensive cleaning up and maintenance, the intention being to complete all the outstanding work in the first few days. In the morning the CO2 attended a conference at HQRA about future plans. RA regiments were to rest one at a time with their brigade and CO2 was to recce a new gun area about 8107 SW of MAASBREE.	
	7.		CO2 & Sur Offr recced the proposed new area and found the tracks deeply rutted and thick with mud whilst the fields were covered in water. They contacted CO2 of 181 Field Regt and looked at other areas. On return the CO2 presented his adverse report to HQRA and was given a free hand to choose his own area. In the evening the CO returned from BRUSSELS bringing Major GMD WINGATE to join regt in place of Maj GINN.	
	8.		CO2 and Sur Offr did a further recce and finally decided on the area 8372 with two btys up and one back, and an harassing fire position in our old gun area at ROOTH. Meanwhile the regiment continued its maintenance and received several allotments for baths and shows.	
	9.		CPO's carried out the detailed recce of the new positions and survey was done.	
HOLLAND	10&11		A large bathing programme was completed and large numbers of men were sent to shows and cinemas at ASTEN, HELMOND, and DEURNE where they were constantly and repeatedly entertained by The Lady in the Dark, and Fanny by Gaslight.	R Streatfield
	12.		531 Battery moved from their mud bound rest area to the area of the Factory in ASTEN where they had more and better accommodation for the men. Entertainments continued as before.	

	13.		Recce parties from 181 arrived to study the regiments layout in the rest area. The present plan was that they would come out to rest on the 16th when 46 Bde relieved 44 Bde in the line. To-day Field Marshall Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY presented decorations to officers and men of 15 (S) Div. The CO & a small party attended. MC's were presented to Capt JFB O'SHEA Tp Comdr of "A" Tp & Capt AC HOBSON Tp Comdr "D" Tp.	
	14.		Today Capt. J.H. BRADLEY late of "C" tp took over the duties of Adjt from Capt The Hon LGB BRETT who retired to the calm of "B" tp. Entertainments contd and included a mobile cinema.	
	15. 16		An uneventful day until after dinner when an LO from 46 Bde brought the news to the CO of the change of plans. 46 Bde is to take over from 158 Bde of 53 (W) Div in the area HANSSUM and BUGGENUM on the MAAS. The CO went on a recce with Brigadier VILLIERS of 46 Bde to the new area and CO2 went to a CRA's Order Gp in the expectation of orders for a recce of a new gun area. No orders were received about this from the CRA. On the CO's return we learned that we were to occupy an area about 7598 next to the area of 83 Field Regt of 53(W) Div. We would use the present 83 Field area as a harassing fire position. Probable move on 17 Dec. CO2, CPO's & Sur Offr carried out the detailed recce of the gun position 7598 and liaised with 83 Field who were still in action. A most important event today was the ballot for leave in the U.K. which is to start on 1st Jan. A sad feature of the day was the despatch of 29 OR's from the regiment to Infantry. All were A1 and under 25. The CO said good bye to them before they left for England and new training.	
HOLLAND	17.		The regiment left its rest area at ASTEN and occupied its new positions just outside ROGGEL. 529 occupied the harassing fire position. Each battery would do this in turn, the remaining two being at rest apart from urgent calls. On occupation RHQ suffered unduly, first being shelled as they entered the new position and then being bombed by 3 Stukas as they were moving to a new RHQ area. Two casualties, one fatal, resulted from the bombing.	R Streatfield
	18.		530 Bty was rudely awakened by a bomb dropped by a British plane at 0530 in the morning. No damage was caused by this accident. In the morning CO2 and Sur Offr recced a possible alternative area in 7398 in case we got shelled excessively in our present position.	
	19.		530 relieved 529 in the harassing fire position. Very little shooting was carried out owing to poor visibility. Firing was chiefly at hostile mortars. The Regiment received a draft of 32 men	

			from 124 Field Regt one of 50 Div's regiments which were returning home as skeleton training units.	
	20.		Little activity on the front. Seventeen men from disbanded regiments in 59 AGRA joined the regiment and also Capt G. THOMPSON late of 185 Field Regt who took over C troop of 530 Battery.	
	21.		During the day 531 bty relieved 530 bty in the harassing fire position. The chief activity continued to be fire against hostile mortars which were fairly active all day.	
	22.		Brigadier BOLTON the CRA today presented Certificates of good service from Field Marshall Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY to members of the regiment. The recipients were :- For Gallantry - Sgt WOOD AI Sigs 530 Bty. Sgt DUNSBURY AI Sigs 531 Bty. For Continued Good Service - Capt. V. BORRELLI. RAMC. Unit MO. RMQS. MOORE.	
HOLLAND	23.		529 Bty returned to the harassing fire position. Today an exercise "SHAMPOO" was carried out in conjunction with the infantry, the chief object being to test the communications by which the infantry could call for fire quickly and control it, if need be, in an emergency. We had our first really hard & white frost.	R Streatfield
	24.		529 bty celebrated their Christmas today. Poor visibility hampered observed shooting, but several hostile mortars were engaged.	
	25.		Christmas day was cold, clear and quiet. A mutual desire to be left alone seemed to exist in the troops on both sides of the MAAS.	
	26.		Frost continued and visibility was very poor, hampering most observed shooting. CO2 & CPO's carried out the detailed recce of a gun area in 7102 which would be used as a rear position if the enemy made an attack in strength over the MAAS.	
	27.		Today was the second anniversary of the formation of the regiment. Circumstances unfortunately prevented any general celebration. Visibility still bad.	
	28.		531 Bty went to the harassing fire position. It was still freezing hard and road surfaces were very dangerous. Transport consequently was kept to a minimum. Shooting was still chiefly against hostile mortars.	
	29.		Another quiet day with very poor visibility. Subsidiary OP's were established in the infantry areas as additional eyes and to be manned by senior NCO's. In the evening as many officers as possible attended a regimental dinner party in celebration of the second anniversary.	

	30.		Another quiet day with little shooting apart from hostile mortar tasks.	
	31.		A wonderful day for visibility, and remarkable for two shoots; firstly a Victor Tgt on some Russian guns and secondly an Uncle Tgt by the CRA. In the latter the regiment distinguished itself by producing the best result on the ground. Today was also distinguished by the fact that we dispatched our first party on home leave.	R Streatfield

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Month and Year Jan 45.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col.R.J.STREATFIELD.RA.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1.		The regiment was still in action near ROGGEL 7598. The New Year was ushered in by harassing fire from the Regt as the clock struck twelve. The more alert outposts on the MAAS stated the noise of Boche carousing ceased abruptly on receipt of this unwelcomed gift. During the day the CCRA, Brig. A.G. Matthews of 8 Corps visited the Div Arty. The CCRA came to the Regt in the afternoon and toured the bty areas, inspecting gun posns and meeting offrs & men, in particular those who had recently come from 50 Div & 59 AGRA. Afterwards he was entertained to tea at RHQ.	
	2.		530 occupied the new Harassing Fire position at 744969. Shooting was still restricted to hostile mortar and battery tasks, with a very few observed tgts. Today the CO visited 31 RHU at Bourg Leopold in search of possible additions to the regt and returned with a new BSM and Maj EDC Campbell late BMRA of 55 Div. It was the CO's policy now that UK leave had started to have a few offrs and NCO's surplus to WE who could fill up the places of personnel on leave.	
	3.		Overnight and during the day a thaw set in which cleared the roads of their icy cover. In the morning the CO had a conference with Sjts who had occupied forward OPs on the MAAS, discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each position and putting right anything that had gone wrong so far. As a rule forward OPs in forward infantry localities should never be occupied unless the observer is accompanied by the relieving infantry section.	
	4.		A quiet day with little shooting. A small party of Offrs & NCO's visited the Mines Museum at Bourg Leopold where there are good facilities for all sorts of mine training.	
	5.		The great work of today was the organising of the "42 CLUB" a regtl rest centre to be established in Heijthuisen 7196 near the CO's Tac HQ where Lt. Herbert the IO could keep watchful eye on it. The interpreter found a suitable place and a small staff was selected. The capacity of the club was 12 and the period of rest 24 hrs to be	

			extended probably to 48 hrs as things settled down. In the evening the CO went to HQRA for a discussion on Fire Plans.	R Streatfield
HOLLAND	6.		The cold returned and snow threatened. The 42 Club was opened in the evening when the first batch from 529 & 531 btys visited it. Its varied amenities include table tennis, darts, a wireless set, a gramophone and a piano.	
	7.		A very quiet day with scarcely any firing. The CRA paid a brief visit prior to his going on leave, to devolve certain responsibilities on the CO during his absence.	
	8.		To-day it snowed heavily. In the morning 529 bty relieved 530 bty in the harassing fire position. Major JHM Stephenson of 530 bty departed on a "Half-track" course to RHYL. Owing to the small number of offrs now left in 530 (2 being on courses, 2 in hospital and one on leave) Maj Campbell took over BC temporarily. In the afternoon the Div I.O. Capt Rosdol gave a talk on the current situation.	
	9.		A very quiet day with only a little hostile mortar shooting. In the evening there was an offrs conference at RHQ. The subjects under discussion were the line communication layout, the local defence scheme and the infantry dispositions and patrols. The first was found to be uncommonly complex and a more simple layout was evolved. Flaws in our own local defence were brought to light and a more comprehensive and foolproof plan was made.	
	10.		During the day RHQ moved from the Brunhold area to Ophoven 754980 where accommodation was better both for vehs and men. Another "Shampoo" exercise practising infantry control of artillery fire was carried out. A further simplification of line layout was made afterwards to avoid repetitions of certain errors which occurred in the passage of orders from infantry to gunners OPs. It was decided that in a fairly static position it is always better to employ an exchange at the main OP of a battery rather than have three or four "tees in".	
	11.		A very quiet day with only a little hostile mortar fire.	
HOLLAND	12.		Another quiet day marked by a short period of thaw in the middle of the day. Capt JFB O'Shea MC, Tp Comdr "A" Tp departed for England on a Photographic Interpretation course. Lt. Herbert started a fortnight's Regt signalling course for beginners and potential signallers.	R Streatfield
	13.		Chief events of the day were the practise of working out and firing Quick Barrage and Oboe smoke screen carried out by the CO. Visibility was poor. The results undoubtedly mystified the Hun.	
	14.		An uneventful day.	

	15.		531 bty occupied the harassing fire position and 529 returned to their old position at Brunhold. In the evening there was an officers' conference at which the regtl procedure in Quick barrage and Mike tgts was reviewed and discussed.	
	16.		In the early hours it was intended that the 9 CAMS would send their first fighting patrol over the MAAS. Everything was carefully practised and a fire plan was laid on in case of accidents. 61 Med Regt were to participate in this as well as ourselves. Unfortunately the assault boat was damaged and the patrol was called off. During the day the CO, CO2 and other offrs attended 2 lectures at Division on the organisation and tactical handling of 79 Armoured Division which is equipped with specialised weapons such as Crocodiles, Kangaroos, Flails and Buffaloes.	
	17.		During the day the CO went to a demonstration of the T97 V.T.fuze at Lommel ranges. This fuze is new to Field Gunnery, having originally been produced for A/A work. It is a "Proximity Fuze" exploding on coming within approximately 30 feet of a solid object. Their action produces a most effective air burst under most conditions though this fuze is liable to explode too soon in bad weather.	
	18.		In the early morning it was hoped to send the patrol from the 9 Cams over the MAAS. A repeat performance of the previous show was arranged, but the attempt was finally given up when the flares of an allied air raid illuminated the scene too much. The day that followed was quiet.	
HOLLAND	19.		An original item in the day's limited shooting was the firing of some propaganda shells over the MAAS. Our OP's were unfortunately unable to observe any reactions. A feature of the day was the show produced by Capt PMC Whitten of 531 Bty in a hall at Roggel. He scoured the regt for talent and two performances of a first rate variety show were given. The latent talent brought to light on this occasion was quite surprisingly good and it is hoped that there will be many more similar efforts.	R Streatfield
	20.		This was a very quiet day. The CO Lt.Col. R.J. Streatfield departed on UK Leave and Major T.P. Keene second-in-command assumed command of the Regt.	
	21.		A recce party consisting of one rep per bty and RHQ with Major Wingate of 531 bty in charge set out to recce a supposed rest area in the vicinity of LIERRE in Belgium. In the evening Maj Wingate returned to the regt to report on the excellence of the area to the CO.	
	22.		Plans for rest area were changed and Major Wingate departed to get new orders at Herenthals and to warn recce party of the change. At	

			the regt there was little happening though visibility was better than normal.	
	23.		Recce party moved from Lierre to Tilburg to receive a new area in the town itself. It was not a good area but it was considered the regt could squeeze in. On the MAAS the infantry of the Division was relieved by the 6th Airborne Div and it was expected that our regiment would be relieved by the 4th RHA. Lt. JJ McNinch of 531 Bty left the regiment to go on an Air OP Course in England.	
	24.		The Division less 190 Field regiment moved to the Tilburg area. The regt sent harbour parties to help the recce party in the new area. It was not expected that the 4th RHA would relieve them until the 27th January.	
	25.		At midday the regiment was suddenly ordered to move and the 13 RHA of 11 Armd Div appeared to take over from it. With great speed everyone packed up and by tea time the whole regiment was on the road. A hazardous journey on very slippery roads was accomplished with only one small accident and the regt was comfortably installed in Tilburg soon after nine o'clock at night.	
HOLLAND	26.		The day was spent chiefly in sorting out the new areas and generally settling down and cleaning up after the move. The troops were delighted to be in civilian billets after so many months in barns and dugouts. It was hoped that everyone would get a substantial rest and clean up.	R Streatfield
	27.&	28.	Two quiet days with nothing outstanding to report. By now everyone was well and comfortably settled in. The people of Tilburg certainly showed their delight at entertaining their liberators.	
	29.		We had our first regimental church parade in a church since we started the campaign.	
	30.		The only feature of the day was an Officers' Dance held in Tilburg. Officers of the regiment competed hard to produce the finest specimens of Dutch beauty.	
	31.		The month ended very quietly. A most remarkable fact is that throughout the month the regt received no casualties from enemy action. <u>CO's opinions</u> Counter Mortar is still in its teething stages. This month gave ample opportunity for testing it. At present it has too many masters and lacks good communications. The Results are slow and uncontrolled. My suggestions are that this most important weapon should be handled on a Div level. The Div CMO should have under his command (call it a Bty) 2 Radar dets, 2 Four Pen Recorders Dets and	

			3 ACMO Detachments with a small line party. There should be two wireless nets, i.e., a Fwd Link and a Rear Link. The object being to speed up Retaliation on active enemy positions, especially the Mobile Nebelwerfer. Good communications are the essence of this problem coupled with unified control of these main means of detection. The past month is still noteworthy for the exceedingly slow procedure of getting personnel back to the Regt who have been wounded, sick, on courses or compassionate leave. The lack of a sense of urgency on the part of RHU staffs is quite deplorable, there is no doubt this laxity hampers the efficiency of the war effort and causes grave discontent.	R Streatfield

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Unit 190 Field Regiment.R.A.

Month and Year February 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col.R.J.STREATFIELD. R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		The regiment was still in its rest area in Tilburg. It was felt that something big was imminent but no one knew what it was or where it was going to take place apart from Major T.P. KEENE acting CO who had already attended conferences at HQRA. To-day the CO - Lt.Col. R.J. Streatfield returned to the Regt from UK leave.	15 Div Int Sum on OP Veritable received Folio 4.
	2.		Major Campbell acting BC of 530 Bty visited the prospective gun area for the forthcoming operation to arrange details for ammunition dumping.	
	3.		The CO attended a conference at Div HQ and the CO2 and CPOs visited the gun area in square 7357, 7457 a little way SE of NIJMEGEN. The greatest care had to be exercised to conceal the division to which they belonged so that the maximum surprise could be effected at the start of operations.	46 Bde O.O. No 18 received Folio 5
	4.		All Officers of the Division attended a briefing conference at the ENSA cinema Tilburg where they were addressed by 30 Corps Commander Lt.Gen Horrocks and the Div Comdr Maj Gen. Barber. The object of Operation Veritable was to clear the area to the west of the Rhine. 1st Canadian Army substantially reinforced by troops from British 2nd Army would draw the bulk of the enemy forces and then the American 9th Army would be unleashed over the ROER River to sweep up and catch the enemy in the rear. 15th Division was one of the divisions taking part in the initial assault. After the conference the CO gave detailed orders in the RHQ Officers Mess. In the afternoon Recce parties departed to prepare the Gun area.	46 Bde O.O. No 19 received Folio 6.
	5.		During the day preparations were completed for the regiment's move. All Div signs were covered up. At nine o'clock at night they left Tilburg and proceeded via s'Hertogenbosch and Grave to the gun area.	15 Div Op Instr No5 received Folio 7
	6.		Early in the morning the regiment arrived near the gun area but did not occupy immediately, they lay up in the woods behind the gun area. After four o'clock in the afternoon digging was started. The	

			gun area was very wet and muddy subsequent to the unexpected thaw and the outlook for future operations was very sticky.	
	7.		Digging continued and in the afternoon the guns moved into position. The CO's tactical headquarters joined 46 Bde who were to make the initial attack on the following day. A rear echelon was established at Goirle near Tilburg to despatch and receive members of the Regt going & returning from UK Leave.	
	8.		Operation Veritable began with an immense Counter battery programme which started 0515 in the morning. The actual attack which was on a five divisional front started at 10 o'clock with a monumental barrage. The leading troops of the division were supported by tanks of the 6 Gds Tank Bde and flail tanks of 79 Armd Div which cleared paths through the minefield. The divisional attack was made North of the Reichswald Forest in the direction of Cleeve. Going was extremely bad in waterlogged country and the tanks and flails had the greatest difficulty in making progress. However the infantry kept well up to the barrage and by the end of the afternoon 46 Bde had occupied Frasselt. In the course of the day, a day which probably contained more firing than any other since we landed, the shooting was remarkably accurate and the CO congratulated all ranks on their efforts. In the afternoon the CO's half-track was unfortunately blown up on a mine whilst Brigade HQ was moving fwd; happily no one was injured though certain members of the party were somewhat upset. Also in the afternoon recce parties set out to prepare a new gun area 7655 to the East of Groesbeek. In the evening 44 Bde passed through 46 Bde in continuation of the advance.	
	9.		Early in the morning fresh orders were received for recce parties who had spent the night in the new area. Then followed a quick succession of changes to plan until finally the CO, was given a fairly free hand. Eventually an area was recced east of the village of Cranenburg in square 8155. The regt moved into the new area early in the afternoon. During the day 46 Bde pushed well on and secured the Materborn feature S.W. of Cleve.	
	10.		Heavy rain was now considerably hampering operations and the gun area was slowly becoming inundated. Several troops were forced to move or to amend their layouts and the RHQ office was completely drowned. During the day 43 Div passed through to capture the northern half of Cleve. Enemy resistance was now becoming considerably stiffer as he recovered from his initial surprise and brought up fresh reserves. Meanwhile arrangements were being made to despatch "Jock" columns from 46 Bde to Emmerich and Calcar. Each	

			column would contain one battalion of infantry, a battery of artillery and a squadron of Churchill tanks.	
	11.		The Jock column due to go to Emmerich was cancelled owing to the increase of opposition. Units of 44 Bde & 227 Bde were occupied in clearing the rest of "Cleve". Meanwhile the regiment was slowly disappearing in the rising floods at Cranenburg.	
	12.		During the morning a new area was recced at Donsbruggen 8656 and the regiment moved to it in the afternoon. It was a joy after the floods, the ground was reasonably high and digging was good. The Calcar column set out; it consisted of the Seaforths and a squadron of the 4th Tank Coldstream Guards. Unluckily Capt. P.MacD. Spafford MC, Troop Comdr of "E" Tp was killed when a shell hit his tank. Progress of the column was not as good as had been hoped.	
	13.		The remainder of 46 Bde were committed in the battle towards Calcar and they advanced as far as Hasselt. The rest of the division was being held as reserve and counter attack forces. In the afternoon a new gun area was recced in the western part of Cleve 8855.	
	14.		Early in the morning the regiment moved to its new area and was greeted by a sharp attack by jet propelled planes who dropped a number of bombs in the Cleve area; no casualties were caused. During the day the 9 Cams and the 2 G.H. had some very stiff fighting in the woods west of Moyland. Several fire plans were fired in support of these operations as well as many incidental mike, uncle and victor targets. Again in the afternoon recce parties went to a new area south of Cleve at Bedburg 9254.	
	15.		Another early move was made to the new area. There was a great deal of firing throughout the day to support some of the heaviest fighting since the operation began. Late at night a large Fire plan was fired in support of the 10 HLI who attacked south of the woods west of Moyland.	
	16.		Heavy fighting continued in the woods west of Moyland. Several counter attacks of about company strength were made, but they made no progress, being broken up by heavy artillery fire. One of the chief factors holding up our troops was the marked increase in enemy gun and mortar fire.	"On Call" Tgt list in support 7 Cdn Inf Bde received. Folio 8.
	17.		Most of the firing today was in support of the Canadians in their attempt to capture the "shoe" wood S.W. of Moyland. Opposition was very heavy and little progress was made. In the afternoon recce parties prepared a new position just north of the State Forest of Cleve 9250. The object of the proposed move was to support a 44 Bde attack on the North of Goch.	46 Bde O.O. No 22 received Folio 9. Fire plan in support 4 Cdn Inf Bde received Folio 10

	18.		The regt moved by btys to the new area, RHQ remaining in its old location. The 44 Bde operation was successful and the Northern part of Goch was occupied. During the evening the Canadians began to relieve 46 Bde west of Moyland.	Fire Plan in support 44 Bde Folio 11
	19.		In the early hours the regiment fired a Fire plan in support of 51 (H) Div who were operating from the west towards Goch. The relief of 46 Bde was completed in the morning and they retired to rest at Cleve. At midday recce parties were ordered forward to the area 9247 near the village of Pfalzdorf. The regiment moved in later in the day.	Fire Plan in support 4 Cdn Inf Bde Folio 12
	20.		Today 227 Bde with 2 GH under command planned to clear the woods east of Goch and North of the railway from Goch to Uden. The operation was highly successful and many prisoners were taken. A fire plan of large size supported the operation, and later in the day we fired a further programme in support of 51(H) Div.	Fire plan in support 227 Folio 13
	21.		Throughout the day we fired a great deal on enemy batteries which were harassing the infantry. Two very probable OPs in the direction of Oden received much attention both from ourselves, 17 pounder A/Tk guns and later aircraft. In the evening the CO gave orders for the biblical 46 Bde operation due on the next day, and during this the gun area was shaken by a few erratic bombs dropped possibly by one of our own planes. In the night we supported a 227 Bde attempt to establish a base south of the railway.	46 Bde O.O. 23 Folio 14
	22.		The large fire plan for the 46 Bde attack was cancelled at the last minute owing to the failure of 227 Bde to establish their base. A complete new plan was evolved and a few more limited operations were arranged and carried out in the afternoon.	Fire plan for 46 Bde Folio 15
	23.		Today we supported 44 Bde who passed through 46 Bde to carry out an operation very similar to that originally planned for 46 Bde the day before. In the evening we received the monumental fire plan prepared for the 53(W) Divs attack down the Weeze on the following day.	Fire Plan for 44 Bde Folio 16
	24.		In the early hours the prebombardment for 53 Div started and this was followed by a counter battery programme and a deception plan. The actual attack did not go very well and throughout the day fire plans of varying size were fired in an attempt to maintain the momentum of the attack. In the evening we received orders to dispatch parties to recce a rest area in the Tilburg district. It was not known when the regiment would move out to rest.	
	25.		Most of our firing was still in support of 53 Div who were pushing on the Weeze. The recce party under the CO2 at Tilburg found that the area allotted to the regiment was the same as that occupied in our previous rest period before Operation Veritable.	

	26.		3(Br) Div completed the take over from 15 Div and the Divisional Artillery was left in a purely AGRA role. In the morning a fire plan was fired in support of the Canadian attack towards Calcar and Udem. A considerable amount of fire was directed against hostile batteries and mortars.	
	27.		The never ceasing inrush of fireplans gave the regiment no chance to think of pulling out and it was not until the evening that we heard we would move on the next day, we were by now out of range and consequently scarcely a useful element in the winning of battles.	
	28.		A quiet day from the regiment's stand point. Eventually they pulled out of their position at 2000 hrs and the end of the month found them approximately at s'Hertogenbosch on their way to a very well deserved rest at Tilburg. Probably the most outstanding feature of the operations we participated in during the month was the gigantic scale of fire support provided for the infantry. Even the Normandy concentrations were out shadowed and our regt fired approximately 7500 rounds per gun in the month. One failing however was the short notice at which many programmes were received from other formations, it did not give Command Posts staffs sufficient time to complete cross checks by H hour - all have certainly earned their rest.	

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Month and Year Mar 45.

Commanding Officer R.J.STREATFIELD. Lt.Col. R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		Very early in the morning the regt arrived at Tilburg where the rest of the division had already been for some days to rest and re-equip after the strenuous battle West of the Rhine. The area occupied was the same as the one we had during our previous rest period in early Feb. Everyone settled in very quickly and comfortably, and the first day was spent chiefly in washing German mud off the guns and vehs.	
	2.		General maintenance continued all day and the drudgery was relieved by the rumour that a large allotment of Brussels leave was impending. We also heard that the Regt had been chosen to produce a guard of honour for the visit of Field Marshall Sir BL Montgomery to the Division on Sunday 4 Mar. The guard would consist of 4 Offrs and 50 men. Maj Wingate of 531 Bty was in charge of the guard and the RSM arranged to drill them. The visit was to coincide with a Divisional Church Parade in Tilburg.	
	3.		Our first large allotment of Brussels leave began. In the following fortnight we had been given sufficient vacancies to send the whole regt. We heard that the Divisional Commander intended to visit the regt on Tuesday 6 Mar. The CO gave notice of a regtl MT inspection during the next week.	
	4.		Preparations for the CO's inspection proceeded apace. The Divisional Church parade took place in a drizzle and we sent a small contingent. The visit of the Field Marshall however was cancelled and all the hard work put in by our chosen guard of honour was wasted. Meanwhile the CO, at Brussels learned that his 2 i/c Maj TP Keene had just been made Lt.Col. The new 2 i/c Maj SG Cole RA late of the War Office was in Brussels and met the CO there. It was hoped that Col Keene would receive the command of 181 Fd Regt one of our brother regts in 15 Division. Lt. W.I. MacDonald RA joined the regt.	
	5.		The CO with Maj Cole rejoined the regt in Tilburg and learned that we had to move to a new area near Bourg-Leopold. The object of the	

			move was to bring the Division into 12 Corps with whom we were to work in the forthcoming operation.	
	6.		The regt moved to the area Corspel - Pael a few miles south west of Bourg Leopold in Belgium. Recce parties were not far ahead of the main body and were a little pressed to get areas sorted out in time. As it was a Battery was rather far flung and the subsequent line communications resembled rather a transatlantic telephone system. The move was carried out with considerable difficulty owing to the large number of people in Brussels, but it was nevertheless accomplished successfully.	
	7.		In the new area Btys settled down quickly to prepare for the CO's inspection of MT which was to take place early in the next week. Today was a perfect spring day and the first of the many we were to get for our next operation. 2/Lt. E.A. Boylan RA joined the Regt.	
	8.		Today the CO learned for the first time about operation Plunder, the crossing of the Rhine, at a conference with the Brig 46 Bde. At the regt the work of maintenance continued and substantial parties went to Brussels.	
	9.		Today the chief work at Btys and RHQ was the construction of mock rafts, on and off which drivers could practice driving. It was expected that if a bridge over the Rhine could not be constructed quick enough we might have to be ferried over the river on rafts.	
	10.		An uneventful day. Lt. PA Whitcombe RA posted to 2 FOU. Lt. RG Forde RA posted to Airborne.	
	11.		There was a Regtl church parade at RHQ in Corspel. We collected Lt.Col. TP Keene on his return from UK leave and delivered him to his new regt 181 Fd.	
	12.		Today the CO started his MT inspection. In the morning he inspected 531 Bty and in the afternoon 530 Bty. He was very pleased with very high standard of maintenance and turnout of vehs.	
	13.		The CO continued his inspection, doing RHQ and 529 Bty. Again he was very satisfied with what he saw.	
	14.		The CO2 and RSO went forward to the gun area for the next operation 0746, just north Xanten, with them went Lt. Rae of 529 Bty who was to act as amn offr in the preliminary dumping. The gun area was very open and very close to the Rhine. On a clear day large stretches of it would be open to view from the other side, and it was very difficult to find six suitable troop posns. After completing the recce, a harbour area for dumping parties was found near the village of Wetten 9931. Also during the day a composite troop from the regt took part in Ex "Buffalo" which was a practice for the Rhine crossing, on the Maas South west of Venlo.	Ref App 1,2,3. Ref App 4,5,6.

	15.		The CO & CO2 went to HQRA to discuss the selected gun area with the CRA. They also discussed the scheme for amn dumping. In the evening the regt was entertained by a Ensa party in the school at Corspel.	
	16.		Dumping parties departed for their harbour area, Capt Taylor of 531 Bty was in charge and each Bty sent one offr. Dumping wasn't to start until the next night. Also small holding parties were sent to establish firm our claim to what buildings there were in the gun areas.	
	17.		Today the CO2, RSO & Bty reps recced a regtl lying up area near the village of Wetten where the dumping parties were already. In the evening there was a Regtl Offr's dinner when Lt.Col. Keene the late CO2 was entertained as chief guest.	
	18.		A quiet day with very little happening at the regt.	
	19.		Advance parties from Btys & RHQ went up to the harbour area at Wetten to prepare the way for the regt. In the afternoon and evening the Div Concert Party the TOS gave shows at Corspel.	
	20.		In the morning the CO went to a cloth model exercise at 46 Bde HQ. During the day we packed up and in the afternoon we left Belgium for our next adventure - the crossing of the Rhine. Our route lay through Venlo where we saw a great deal of damage done during our earlier battle in Dec. We arrived in our harbour area in the late evening.	
	21.		In the morning the CO gave orders to all officers on the forthcoming operation. The Rhine crossing as a whole was known as operation "Plunder" and the actual 15 Div part was known as "Torchlight". The Div was to attack on a 2 Bde front 44 Bde right and 227 Bde left with 46 Bde passing through some hours afterwards. The attack was to be substantially supported by the managerie of 79 Armd Div and the swimming tanks of 4 Armd Bde. There would also be the usual immense artillery preparation and support. There was however no initial barrage.	Ref Apps 7,8,9.
	22.		During the day the survey of the gun posns was completed and lines laid. The Regt moved up during the night but did not come into action. Minimum vehs were left on the position.	
	23.		Preparations for the various fire plans were done during the day, and it was not until the afternoon that batteries were able to start digging gun pits. The guns went into action as soon as it was dark. In the evening the CO with his party joined 46 Bde for the battle. At nine o'clock in the evening we heard the roar of guns as 51 Div attacked on our left, but we ourselves did not fire in their support.	

	24.		At 35 mins past midnight we started firing on the prebombardment plan. At 0200 hrs 44 & 227 Bdes launched their assault across the river and soon est bridgeheads on the East bank. At first the 227 bridgehead was kept restricted but 44 Bde soon expanded theirs and the first battalion of 46 Bde - 7 Seaforths soon followed over. By morning things had eased considerably, at 1000 hrs the airborne forces came in and after this resistance slackened considerably and in the afternoon 44 Bde joined up with the Airborne. Throughout the day there was a great deal of firing on prearranged tasks except during the period of the Airborne Ops when nothing was allowed to fire. Just prior to the landings we fired an Anti flak programme using the VT fuze for the 1st time to give more effective air bursts.	
	25.		Early in the morning the Seaforths were attacked by some determined Germans who succeeded in infiltrating in one company area. Capt Whitton of 531 Bty had a very narrow escape and had to abandon his carrier. Later in the morning when the situation was restored he was fortunate enough to regain everything intact. Throughout the day 46 Bde was chiefly concerned in clearing the wooded areas around the lake in sq 1348. We had to fire many of the prearranged tgts to help them in this work, which was very slow and tedious. In the evening orders came for recce parties to go next day to the area of Overkamp 1247.	
	26.		The recce parties departed early to recce the gun area. It was not expected that the regt would move over the river chiefly because of the amn supply on the far side and the fact that we were required to give continuous support to 46 Bde who were still engaged in wood clearing. The new gun area was quite good though all the accommodation was severely damaged by shelling. During the day the regt fired several small fire plans to support the clearing operations of 46 Bde in 1449 and 1549.	
	27.		The regt expected to move over the river today, but as it was still in range of the area to be cleared by 46 Bde it was considered better to keep it off the roads. However in the afternoon B tp of 529 Bty moved over to fire any smoke tasks which might be required. Considerable difficulty was now being found with communications. We had no line forward and at times interference on the air prevented direct communication with OPs. Consequently an elaborate system of step up sets had to be maintained. Operations during the day were very similar to those of the previous day. Enemy resistance was patchy.	

	28.		Again the Regt stayed west of the Rhine to support the final clearing ops. Several fire plans were fired and a few other tgts engaged. Enemy resistance ceased in the late afternoon and the day ended with the regt out of range. In the evening we heard that we had to send forward harbour parties over the river the next morning. The regt would move sometime during the day.	
	29.		Harbour parties left early and learned at RA that it was the intention to rest the Division for a few days before resuming the chase which was now well on the way. Our harbour area was in sqs 1747, 1748 but on arriving we found nothing except a few houses already occupied, wet woods, ploughed fields, mines and 12 Corps Rear HQ. So, given a comparative free hand by HQRA the CO2 found a far more comfortable area in 1948, 2048 just west of the village of Hamminkeln. The Regt arrived in the area at 8 o'clock in the evening.	
	30.		The day was spent in cleaning and maintenance. Everything badly needed these after the operation which had been one of the most intensive ones we have ever performed. Rarely were the guns quiet for longer than an hour even during the nights and all command post staffs and gun detachments were worn out. Today Maj Wingate of 531 Bty left the regiment to become 2 i/c of 133 Fd Regt of 53 Div. Capt Dyas Bty Capt of 529 Bty took over the Bty.	
	31.		Maintenance continued in the morning. In the afternoon the CRA visited the regt and addressed all ranks. He congratulated them on the fine work they had done during operation Torchlight. His visit was followed by shows by a Mobile Cinema in a barn at RHQ.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		The beginning of the month found the regt at HAMMINKELN still resting after taking part in the assault over the Rhine. We were expecting soon to resume the chase, clearing up behind the 12 Corps spearhead, 7 Armd Division.	
	2.		In the morning Maj Gen Barber GOC the Div visited the regt and addressed all ranks. He spoke some very timely and pertinent words on the subjects of looting and fraternisation. He congratulated everyone on the most successful operation just accomplished and hoped for like success in the difficult tasks still ahead of us.	
	3.		Today we came under command 46 Bde group and moved on our first stage to catch up the ever faster battle. It was a short move of about 25 miles and we harboured the night just south of GR. BURLO in a group of up to date farms 3565.	
	4.		Early in the morning we moved again, this time to an area near the village of BORGHORST 7992, a march of some 55 miles. Provisional orders for the next day were that the Division in Bde Groups would clear up the wooded area just East of the DORTMUND - EMS canal. We learned that the Division now came under Command 8 Corps and we were amused to find that Corps HQ was plumb in the middle of the area we were due to clear.	
	5.		We did not embark on our first plan, the new object for the division was to advance as far as the Weser, clearing all the small side roads on the way.	
	6.		We started off early in the morning and made fine progress until we reached the Dortmund-Ems canal where an incredible traffic jam began. After hours of patient waiting the harbour parties managed to get through and after a wild chase south of OSNABRUCK arrived at the harbour area, which was just NW of Minden in the village of FRIEDEWALDE 7618, with a few minutes of light left to do the recce. This was successfully accomplished and it but remained for the main party to arrive.	

	7.		About 0200 hrs the first elements of the regt arrived and they continued to do so until it became light. The march was quite the worst ever experienced, the 90 miles having taken 16 hours. The rest of the day things were taken rather quietly by most people.	
	8.		A quiet day with nothing unusual to report.	
	9.		Today we learned that our next task as a division would be a long advance to contact battle via CELLE and UELZEN to the Elbe. We were to start next day. In the evening we had a regtl sing song and 46 Bde held a short course in the disposal of wines and spirits.	
	10.		Today was a short move over the Weser to a concentration area prior to the start of our advance to contact battle. The regt harboured in the village of RADERHORST 9220.	
	11.		We set out on our chase with the 4 Tank Coldstream Guards in support of the Bde Gp. All went well until we were a few miles short of Celle when opposition was met at the road and rail crossings in 5638. The regt came into action round the village of Engensen 5036 and fired a little in support of the infantry and tanks.	
	12.		The regt moved up early a few miles to the village of Ramlingen 5338 to support the continuation of the clearing operations. In the morning 227 Bde entered Celle and in the afternoon opposition ceased. 46 Bde moved into the south of the town and harboured the night. Some grim sights were seen in a small concentration camp in the town, which brought home to many people what we were fighting against. An abortive recce was made by the CO2 & RSO of an area over the Aller river west of Celle.	
	13.		Early we started on the next phase, the advance to Uelzen. 46 Bde covered both flanks of the Div axis with the 9 Cams and 2 Glas H on the right and 7 Sea on the left. 531 Bty accompanied the 7 Sea in an independent role. The 2 Glasgow Highlanders were in the van on the right supported by the Coldstream Guards. The advance was hindered by weak bridges and bad tracks and the regt did two quick actions to clear up small pockets. In the evening we went into action round the village of Eidengen 7657. During the day the CO Lt.Col. Streatfield left the regt to go on a CO's Gunnery Course at Larkhill. Major GS Cole took over command of the regt during his absence.	
	14.		Advance continued and in the middle of the morning the regt deployed in sq 8262. There was little trouble however and the advance soon continued. By night the group on the right reached the village of Stadensen 9079. The group less 9 Cams harboured the night here with the guns out of action.	
	15.		At 0330 hrs the guards woke the sleeping regt to the accompaniment of a continuous volley of warlike noises. It was soon apparent that	

			there was enemy very close and reports spoke of tanks at both ends of the village. For two hours things were completely disorganised and individual efforts and initiative were responsible in preventing what might have developed into a very nasty situation. Early in the battle several houses were set alight and soon a large part of the village was aflame. Heaps of German amn were soon exploding and several amn trucks of the infantry added to the din and chaos. Terrific work was done in preventing our vehs catching alight and at 0600 hrs when RHQ was forced to evacuate all its vehs were recovered intact. RHQ withdrew a little to the west of the village and dug itself deep in a field. After some time our calls for fire on both wireless nets were answered by 531 Bty on the left of the division and by 181 Fd Regt. Meanwhile 529 and 530 Btys had both got several guns into action in anti tank roles and had knocked out several enemy vehs. Major Stephenson of 530 Bty in particular showed great courage in knocking out 2 enemy half-tracks with a Piat. By 0900 hrs we had got both btys into action and 530 OPs joined the Glas H and assisted in chasing the Germans to the next village of Nettlekamp. The position was considerably relieved when the Cams arrived and by 1500 hrs the situation was completely restored. The final count revealed that the Group had destroyed 12 enemy SP guns and 15 half-tracks. It appeared that the attacking force was a battle group from the new Panzer Div Clausewitz whose aim was to disrupt 8 Corps axis. Losses in the Regt were 1 man killed 6 injured and 1-3 ton lorry destroyed. Later in the afternoon we learned that the Bde was being relieved by 6A/B Div and that the regt was to move into action at Borne 8883 south of Uelzen. Recce parties went off to prepare the area, which was already occupied by a battalion of infantry and a squadron of tanks. 531 Bty were to rejoin the regt in this area. They had had a most interesting time on the left flank supporting the Seaforths.	
	16.		The Regt arrived very early in the morning. It appeared that 46 Bde was to take over from 227 Bde opposite Uelzen and do a frontal assault in a few days time. There was a little firing on observed tgts in and around Uelzen.	
	17.		During the day we learned that Lt. K. Ohlson of 531 Bty had been awarded the MC for gallantry in the operations West of the Rhine. Gnr Bennington of 530 Bty also received the MM. The day was reasonably quiet and in the evening 46 Bde began to patrol into Uelzen. The situation in the town by night was very fluid with some nasty pockets to crack.	

	18.		Progress into the town continued at first light and after a slow start the operation went well and the whole town was cleared by afternoon; many prisoners were taken. Future plans for the division involved an advance to the Elbe clearing up pockets on the way.	
	19.		In the morning harbour parties left for the village of Kleine Hesebeck about ten miles N of Uelzen. In this area the Bde group was concentrating. The Regt arrived in the area in the afternoon but did not go into action. In the evening there was a brief scare when 2 Hitler Youths were captured and found carrying arms. At first popular report had it that we were to be brewed up again, but further interrogation discovered that the only aim of the two boys was to get home to mother.	
	20.		The Bde formed up in Bevensen and set out on its road to the Elbe. The Cams led and progress was steady until a little opposition was met N of Dahlenburg 0114. A regtl area was quickly recced at Dahlem 0116 and 529 Bty did a quick action. Owing to the opposition it was decided to switch the bulk of the Bde up another route further to the west. After a short time however it was decided to send the Seaforths alone on the right with 531 Bty in support, and 530 Bty would join 529 at Dahlem. No sooner were they established there than recce parties were again rushed off to recce a further area in the village of Rosenthal 9328 a few miles south of the Elbe. This recce complete, orders were changed and once more they dashed back to the village of NEETZE 9322 where 529 & 530 eventually arrived as night drew on having leap frogged their way up. It was rather appropriate that RHQ finally ended the day by being established in a circus with bears, elephants and a monkey complete. 531 Bty spent the night in the Seaforths area further North.	
	21.		Early in the morning the Regt occupied the Rosenthal area where accommodation was good though the ground rather wet. We had OPs out with the Cameronians and the Seaforths; the Glasgow Highlanders were in reserve. The day was spent in clearing the few pockets this side of the river on our front.	
	22.		The thing of greatest interest today was the passage of trains up and down across our front on the far side of the River. The Air OP had several good shots at them. It was considered probable that we would remain in this location for several days prior to our move to the Divisional gun area to support the crossing of the Elbe by our Division.	
	23.		Another fairly quiet day. Recce parties did a provisional recce of the next gun area near the village of Bratlingen 8129. The area was not good being chiefly in view from the other bank of the Elbe.	See Appx 11

	24.		In the morning the final preparation and survey of the new gun area was carried out. Apart from that everything was very quiet and the only shooting was that aimed at deer and hares.	
	25.		A very quiet day. In the evening 531 bty fired propaganda shell at Lauenburg and Boizenburg. There was however an unfortunate number of prematures which did no damage luckily though the pamphlets were wasted.	
	26.		During the day a large drive of the area was organised to clear out any civilians who still remained within the forbidden area south of the Elbe.	
	27.		Preparations were completed for our move to the gun area for the crossing. Now the crossing was to be carried out by 44 Bde on the left and the 1st Commando Bde with 7 Seaforths under command on the right. Not much opposition was expected.	
	28.		At midnight we left Rosenthal and we soon arrived at Brietlingen and settled in for the night. B Echelons had previously moved to an area south of Luneburg. The fire plan and CB plan were received and issued out in the morning. Arty support was divided into 3 Groups and we were under command the 5th Div Gp. Calls for fire from this group were to be controlled first by the CO of the 1st Mountain Regt supporting the Commandos and finally by our CO. At 2350 hrs the CB programme "COSSACK" began.	See Appxs 12 & 13.
	29.		At 0200 hrs the attack over the Elbe was launched supported by 11 Fd, 4 Med and 1 Hy regts. All went well and quicker than plan and the first objectives were soon taken. Soon after first light recce parties left to prepare an advance position on the banks of the Elbe 8533. It was a poor area with little cover and very wet. The regt moved in later in the morning welcomed by a certain amount of straffing from enemy planes. Air activity was greater than we had seen in the whole campaign and throughout the day there were repeated attacks on the bridging sites. In the afternoon we had a warning that the regiment might move across the river that night. More definite orders came later and recce parties left to find a harbour area in the village of KRUKOW 8339. According to our maps this had not yet been cleared and the recce parties arriving there as dusk approached entered the village with all circumspection. All was well however and, recce completed, the arrival of the regt was awaited.	
	30.		After a horrible night march over the river the regt did not arrive until first light. After a few hours sleep and breakfast we moved forward into action in 8240 with RHQ in Piependorf 8140. It was a good gun area, but a poor one for accn. Meanwhile our OPs were still	

			with our infantry on the East of the bridgehead and meeting more opposition than anyone else. And so the month ended. During its 30 days we had covered about 300 miles and come very close to the end of the war in Europe.	

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Unit 190 Field Regiment.R.A.

Month and Year May 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. R.J.Streatfield. R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GERMANY	1.		We were in action in square 8240. The opposition which had to a certain extent hindered the initial operations had now practically ceased and there was very little firing to do. We did fire one small fire plan to help the 6 KOSB of 44 Bde into the village of BRUNSTORF 7847. In the evening Major G.S. Cole, acting CO, gave orders for future Ops. 46 Bde was being relieved that night by a Bde of 5 Division and the next day was to take part in the clearing by 15 Div of the large SACHSENWALD. To support this we were to occupy an area round the village of WORTH 7744. A recce of the area was done that evening. During the day Capt The Hon L.G.B. Brett RA left the regiment to take up a staff appointment at HQ 8 Corps.	
	2.		At 0600 the regiment moved forward to WORTH and were in action when operations started at 0800 hrs. Things progressed very favourably with little opposition apart from small isolated posts and SP guns. Before midday the acting CO2 Capt J.H. Bradley and the RSO recced a new area in the village of DASSENDORF 7547. Recce parties joined them there and during the preparation of the gun areas they were harassed by a most persistent gun. Sgt Summers of F Tp was wounded in the arm. The regiment moved up to the new area at 1700 hrs. The infantry operations continued until dusk when the whole Forest was cleared. Plans for next day were that we should move up to the general area of TRITTAU 7760 with the Bde Group. The move would be semi tactical and the guns would occupy an area 7754 to cope with any trouble en route. 529 Bty would stay behind in the old area in the beginning to support the 9 Cameronians who were staying back as initial flank protection.	
	3.		Recce parties left at 0800 hrs to prepare the new position and the two batteries and RHQ moved up via SCHWARZENBEK 8248 arriving in the area at 1000 hrs. As was anticipated there was no firing to do and about 1100 hrs recce parties went forward to the TRITTAU area. This new area was at first prepared as a gun position, but before the recce was complete we were ordered to go into harbour only. Very	

GERMANY			comfortable billets were obtained and it was hoped that our stay would be of several days duration. We later learned that we were to move again the next day with the Bde group and the regimental area was west of the village of SCHONBERG 7767. In the evening Lt.Col. R.J. Streatfield DSO RA rejoined the regiment, returning from his course at Larkhill.	
	4.		The new area was recced in the morning and the regiment moved in about 1100 hrs. 531 Bty was deployed in action on the west of the area and at about maximum range would have been able to reach Divisional Headquarters. In the evening we heard on the wireless that all German forces in North West Germany had unconditionally surrendered to 21st Army Group. The cease fire was to take effect from 0800 hrs on the 5th May. The news was received almost quietly by most men, but as the evening wore on the wonderful realisation gradually sunk in and the day ended on a note of rather riotous jubilation.	
	5.		At 0800 hrs the cease fire was given and we were ordered that no further advances would be made until further orders. The day was generally treated as a whole holiday. What our future would be no one could envisage.	
	6.		Everyone started a great maintenance drive as we expected to be in the present location for several days. In the afternoon the CO went to an "O" Group at HQRA and heard that it was likely that the regiment would move with 46 Bde to occupy the KIEL area.	
	7.		The CO held an all officers conference to explain the decisions of the "O" Group. Now that hostilities were at an end we were to pay utmost attention to immaculate turnout and endeavour in any way to impress the Germans without fraternising with them. To this end it was proposed to start an officers' marching drill class to refresh our memories.	
	8.		Today was Victory in Europe day; on the whole it was not such a boisterous day as May 4th. An O Group at 46 Bde was held in the afternoon. It was still not certain if we would proceed to KIEL with the Bde group.	
	9.		A rather more disconcerting rumour was heard today; it was suggested by HQRA that the regiment might be required to establish a large camp for SS prisoners. Anyway we would not be going to Kiel with 46 Bde.	
GERMANY	10.		A quiet day. We were still rounding up large numbers of soldiers who were attempting to get to their homes. So far there had been no instances of violence.	

	11.		The LAD started a six-monthly inspection scheme to cover all vehs in the regt. In the large wood factory opposite RHQ the carpenters of the regt started to construct the "UBIQUE" THEATRE, for regtl concerts, film shows and other entertainments.	
	12.		Batteries and RHQ had by now each organised Rest camps in the area of the lakes about 3 miles away from the Regtl area. Boats had appeared as if from nowhere and everyone was taking full advantage of the hot weather to get in as much bathing as possible. In the evening the Divisional Concert Party the TAM O'SHANTERS gave a performance in the Theatre which had been completed that afternoon.	
	13.		A regtl church parade was held in the theatre in the morning.	
	14.		In the morning Brigadier L. Bolton DSO, CRA of the Division made a working inspection of the regiment. The Batteries were engaged in all types of training and maintenance and the CRA was very satisfied with all he saw. In the afternoon the CO2 started his Marching Drill class for Officers and Senior NCO's. This course was to last a week with four hours a day.	
	15.		The regiment was given a new area of responsibility which involved the moving of some of the Batteries. Also we learned that we would have to establish a large camp for the reception of 15,000 SS troops in transit. This would be located somewhere near the Elbe between GEESTACHT and BERGERDORF. Today Major JHM Stephenson BC of 530 was awarded the MC for his gallantry at the Stadensen "affair" of April.	
	16.		530 Bty moved into the village of LUTJENSEE, two miles west of their old area. The CO, with the CRA went to recce a site for the P.O.W. camp, near the village of ALTENGAMME 6940. 531 Bty would be responsible for the establishment of the camp.	
GERMANY	17.		A further recce was done by the CO and Major Dyas of 531 Bty to fix the site and choose an area for the battery.	
	18.		Today a further development was that we were to take over the large Concentration camp and Brickworks 6640, now filled with Russian, Displaced Persons, for our prisoners. The whole regiment would be required to run the camp and the first arrivals were expected about May 26th. The marching drill class ended in the afternoon, the CO coming to the "Passout" Parade. Capt. JFB O'Shea went to HQ 8 Corps on a Staff attachment.	
	19.		CO and CO2 went in the new area to look over the camp and recce an area for RHQ. The Camp consisted of a concentration camp, an SS Barracks and a Brickworks. The Concentration camp and the Brickworks would be used for prisoners and run by 530 and 529 Btys respectively. 531 Bty would be the General Admin Battery. R.H.Qs	

			area was fixed in the village of CURSLACK 6542. It was proposed to move the regiment about 26th of May.	
	20.		Further recces were carried out in the new area.	
	21.		Today we sent a draft of thirty men on a Pickfords posting to S.E.A. Comd. Capt Thompson and Lt. H. Crossman both of C Troop also left the regiment having volunteered to serve in the same Command. 531 Bty moved from the SCHONBERG area to its new area in NEUENGAMME. The object of the move was to complete the takeover of the camps from the Battery of 67 Medium Regt RA who were previously administering them and to prepare them for the reception of the SS. The Camps already had considerable defences in the shape of watch towers, electrified fences and alarm systems, but considerable work was needed to make the system satisfactory and foolproof. The Signal Offr undertook the task of repairing the electric fence and of repairing and improving the lighting arrangements in the camps. Fortunately the electricity supply from Hamburg was reasonably good and it was not necessary to use the emergency generators in the camp.	
GERMANY	22.		In the SCHONBERG area we were responsible for making lists of all foreigners not wishing to be repatriated immediately. Sweeps of the area were carried out by the two batteries remaining and several suspicious characters and numerous German soldiers were secured. Apart from these activities all were preparing for the move to the new area which was to take place on the 25th.	
	23.		We received an intake of 33 OR's as replacements for the Pickfords personnel dispatched 2 days before. We now knew that the regiment would be used for purely occupational duties and that we would have to hand in our Gunner eqpt sometime shortly.	
	24.		Final packing up took place and the general area tidied up in preparation for the move. One troop of 529 moved off in advance and so too did the Q Echelon.	
	25.		The day was chiefly spent in moving to the new area. The move was accomplished without incident and everyone was soon comfortably established again. No time was wasted in starting work on the two camps. Work was however hampered by the fact that a large number of Russians, displaced persons were still on the camps.	
	26.		Final preparations for the intake of the first SS on the 27th were completed and in the evening there was a trial of all the lighting systems in the camps. We had attached to us to act as escorts when the SS were moved away from us, two troops of 15 (S) Recce Regt and "C" Coy of 7 Seaforths.	

	27.		Today we received five train loads of SS from the US Ninth Army area. The first train load which consisted almost entirely of Lithuanian and Latvian SS were sent away immediately under escort to a 2nd Army P.O.W. Cage. They numbered about 2800. The other four trains yielded 8150. Considerable organisation was required to march the prisoners from the station of HOLTENKLINKE 6645 to the camp, a march of 3 to 4 miles. Everyone showed remarkable zeal in policing the route and the whole operation was completed without major incident. The last train load arrived after dark but large numbers of veh headlights were used to illuminate the scene and nothing untoward happened.	
GERMANY	28.		One train arrived today with 2580 SS on board. They were treated in a similar manner as those on the day before. So far there had been no trouble in the Camp. One very unfortunate incident was that Sgt Stone of 530 Bty accidentally touched the electrified fence and was killed by the shock.	
	29.		The Seaforths and Recce escort took away 2500 today to the 2nd Army P.O.W. cage. There was no further intake. In the afternoon the 8 Corps Comd Lt.Gen. E.H. Barker CB, CBE, DSO, MC visited the camps.	
	30.		In the morning the Divisional Commander Maj.Gen. Barber visited the camps. A road party of 540 prisoners arrived in the afternoon and also an unexpected train load of 1500. The total of prisoners now in the camp was 10,460.	
	31.		On the whole a quiet day. Another unexpected party turned up in the afternoon in some 20 of their own trucks. They numbered about 450. The camps were now running well and the prisoners were being used extensively to make them cleaner, particular attention being paid to the drains which had always been badly choked.	

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Unit 131st Fd Regt RA

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.M. HAILEY R A

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
June 1st -	13th.		At ASHINGTON, this period was spent preparing for the attack across the channel. Waterproofing was completed, and final stocks of stores etc are collected and issued. For the last 8 days of the period the Regiment was at 6 hours notice to move. Orders finally came through on the afternoon of the 13th of June.	
Ashington	14th	0830	Regimental Column (Convoy No S.E. 3505) departs en route for Marshalling area.	
Romford Area	15th		In Marshalling area waiting for return of LST.	
Tilbury	17th	2200	First party consisting of half of Regiment (318 all ranks) embarked on USS LST 528. Personnel consisted of one troop 319 Bty, 495 Bty in toto, and RHQ. Comd Lt Col JM Hailey, R.A. Second Party embarked on USS LST 390 (294 all ranks). Personnel consisted of Major Stewart (comd) 320 Bty, and 319 Bty less one troop.	
Courseulles (Juno Beach)	22nd		Personnel on LST 390 disembarked and proceeded to location near St Audrieux.	
	23rd		" " LST 528 " " " " " " " " " "	
Audrieu	24/25	0300	Completion of move to forward area near Bronay. Preparation to support attack on Tourville, Mondrainville, and bombardment of Cheux	
	26th		Bombardment of Cheux. 320 'C' Troop OP reported missing.	
	27th		Move to new location near Cheux. Sgt McDowall killed in battle accident. Capts Clark and Henderson (319 Bty) evacuated with wounds in face	
	28th.		Return of Capt Peppiatt and 320 OP party, having escaped from capture. L/Bdr Malcolm evacuated suffering from Shellshock from British bombardment of Cheux	
	29th	1800-2200	Concentrations of regts and of Divisional Arty to repel counter attacks	

	30th		Stray tanks in front of gun position repelled by own armour. Captain Mundie and 319 OP party killed by mortar fire near Grainville. Maj Cornwell (495) evacuated suffering from shrapnel wounds.	

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Unit 131st Field Regiment, R.A.

Month and Year JULY 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col.J.M.HAILEY, R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CHEUX	2nd	1100	Location taken over by 53 (W) Inf Div. Regt moves to "rest" area, with guns in sp of Canadian attack on CARPIQUET. Location, SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN.	
SECQUEVILLE	8th	1530	Move to sp new attack by Divisional Inf (2 Glas H) S.W. of CAEN. Regt at call of 2 GLAS H. (46 (H) Inf Bde) New location, ST MAUVIEU.	
ST MAUVIEU	9th.		Sporadic shelling, dumping of Amn.	
"	10th	0330- 0630	Barrage to sp a/m attack. Rest of day, heavy shelling in concs and D.F. tasks, on call of OPs.	
"	14th.	1600.	Move to new location at MOUEN farm. Sp of attack on ESQUAY.	
MOUEN.	15th.	2030.	Heavy mortaring, and shelling of gun posn. Several O.R. casualties on 495 gun posn, and in 320 'B' Ech.	
"	16th.	0400 0900 2300	)) Gun posn strafed by enemy planes. Focke-Wulf 190s, and) HENSCHEL 129's recognised. Captain A.I. Marshall, 495 Fd Bty, evacuated to CCS with shrapnel wounds.	
"	17th.	2300	Gun posn heavily bombed by about 40 planes. HEINKELs recognised. Casualties 4 killed, 15 injured, Lieut S.S. Brown, 495 Fd Bty, Missing, presumed dead. Heavy damage to vehicles.	
"	19th.	0930	Regt returns to "rest" near St MAUVIEU. Weather very poor, rain and mist.	
ST MAUVIEU	23rd.	1400	Move to new position at CORMOLAIN, north of CAUMONT. 15 (S) Div commences to take over from 2nd US Div. 131 Fd Regt commences takeover from 46 (US) Arty Bn.	
CORMOLAIN	25th.		Inf takeover completed during the day.	
"	28/29		46 (US) Arty Bn moves out in direction of St LO front.	
"	29th		Attack south of CAUMONT commences. 8th Corps at CAUMONT, 30th Corps on left, US Tps on right.	
CORMOLAIN	30th	1600	Regt moves to CAUMONT to sp adv units of 227 Bde. Posn strafed towards dark by enemy fighter bombers. No casualties.	

CAUMONT	31st.	1130	Move to take up new location at HERVIEUX. Some enemy air activity. Commanding Officer. Lieut Colonel, J.M. HAILEY, R.A. Second in Command. Major H.D. STEWART, T.D. R.A.	

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HERVIEUX	2/8/44	1815	Move to follow Divisional Infantry - New location ST MARTIN DE BESACES	
ST MARTIN	3/8/44		Sp of attack southwards to ST PIERRE TARENTAINE	
ST MARTIN	5/8/44	1100	Move to St Pierre Tarentaine:- Sp given to attack in general directions of VIRE - VASSEY - ESTRY. Zone of fire 60 degrees R and L or Z/L	
St PIERRE	7/8/44		One gun of 'D' Tp under Lieut R.W. DEW, R.A. detached to fire Red smoke on Corps Front in connection with R.A.F. attacks. Sp given to attack on ESTRY and environs.	
ST PIERRE	9/8/44		Unit moves from St Pierre Tarentaine to location near ST CHARLES DE PERCY.	
St Charles.	14/8/44	1015	Move from St Charles de Percy towards CAEN front. Laagered for the night and following days at BULLY arriving 1845 hrs 14.8.44. Route:- Via CAUMONT and CARPIQUET	
BULLY	16/8/44	0930	Left Bully, and harboured for the night in FORET DE CINGLAIS, (Regt Area approx. Sq. 0253)	
CINGLAIS	19/8/44	1420	Move to FALAISE. Harboured for the night and following day at house 127364.	
Falaise	21/8/44		R.H.Q. moved up to Chateau 125369. Weather poor to fair.	
FALAISE	23/8/44	2000	Left Falaise en route for the SEINE. Harboured for night 23/24 at L'Abbaie, arriving 2330 hrs.	
L'ABBAIE	24/8/44	1020	Left L'Abbaie via FOUCHES and CROCY to TRUN. Long halts and delays en route. Laagered BOURDON, Map Ref 7/F/6 408564.	
BOURDON	25/8/44	0800	Headed Northeast from BOURDON. Laagered near AUTHIEUX at farm square 9972. Guns and Btys laagered in Regt position - not in action.	
AUTHIEUX	26/8/44	0500	Left Authieux in easterly direction, along EMANVILLE road. Laagered at La Haye de Compte, near LOUVIERS.	
LOUVIERS	27/8/44	1445	Moved to VIRONVAY, with guns in sp of assault crossing of SEINE at 1800 hrs	
VIRONVAY	28/8/44	2359	Commenced move to cross the SEINE. Actual crossing accomplished at ST PIERRE DE VAVRAY at 0200 hrs 29.8.44. Laagered for rest of night at HERQUEVILLE.	
HERQUEVILLE	29/8/44	1700	Moved to D'Aubert pres Vatteville.	

D'AUBERT	30/8/44		53 (W) Div moved up through 15 (S) Inf Div. Remained at D'Aubert in readiness to move north.	

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D'Aubert Pres Vatteville	1st	1310 1730	Remained at D'Aubert while awaiting an operational role. Finally a move was made at 0915 hrs 3rd Oct, as far as TRONQUAY, where the Regt harboured for the night, and where was held the service for the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, September 3rd, 1944.	
TRONQUAY	5th	1035	Left TRONQUAY en route for GAILLEFONTAINE, arriving at 1315 hrs.	
GAILLEFONTAINE	6th	0930	Left GAILLEFONTAINE at 0930, and harboured for night at ROUGEFRAY arriving (head of coln) 1530 hrs	
ROUGEFRAY	7th	0900	Left ROUGEFRAY and crossed Franco-Belgian border at 2045 hrs. Harboured at KERKHOVE (2300 hrs)	
KERKHOVE	8th	1230	Left KERKHOVE and moved up to LA PINTE (near Ghent) arriving 1700 hrs. Guns now in action. The Regt remained at LA PINTE until 10th Oct, when orders were issued to go to the MOLL area. At WOLVERTHEM, near BRUSSELS, a two day harbouring was spent with guns out of action.	
WOLVERTHEM	12th	1015	Location changed to TONGERLOO, arriving 1500 hrs. Supplies were at this time drawn from the captured dump in BRUSSELS and were issued at a 'Regimental Party' two days later. While at TONGERLOO, on the 13th, a party under Lieut J.M. MacMillan, R.A. crossed the Albert Canal to bring back prisoners, taking 19 in all. One of these had been previously taken by members of Maj. Campbell's (320th Bty) O.P. Party.	
	13th	1700	A quick action on the road near MOLL (see Appx 'A') was the prelude to a harbouring of 4 days.	
MOLL GHEEL	17th	0930	Moved to GHEEL in Regimental Column. Guns were in action from here for the feint attack across the canal made by the 15 (S) Infantry on 18-20th Oct. Finally orders were received to return to Moll under comd Brigade (227 (H) Inf Bde) prior to moving into Holland to rejoin the rest of the Division. At GHEEL a hit on 320 Gun Posn resulted in a small number of cas, incl one killed.	
MOLL	22nd	1330	Commitments taken over by 7 Armd Div. During this and the next few days there was considerable planning to make the Brigade independent. Until finally rejoining the Div on the 27th, the Regiment was always under immediate comd Bde, ready for such a contingency, although still	

			taking part in fire plans for the Div Inf. Regt moved to STIJNSEL and harboured there for the night.	
STIJNSEL	23rd	0900	Commenced move to ACHT, near EINDHOVEN.	
ACHT	27th	1000	Moved to position at VLEUT, with guns in sp of attack on BEST and northeasterly drive to clear pockets of resistance.	
VLEUT	29th	1430	Moved posn to NIJNSEL, 4,000 yards further east. Remained there until relieved by 51 (H) Div in early OCT.	

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Nijnsell	1st		Continued sp was given to the consolidation of the line at BEST. No spectacular results were reported.	
	4th	1500	Commitments and posn taken over by units of 51st (H) Inf Div. Div moved into "rest" area near Gemert, for maintenance and reinforcements. 54 reinforcements were received from R.H.U. on the 5th Oct.	
Gemert	7th		Recce of posns at Cuijk, on the MAAS, was carried out but the position was never occupied. Instead, the RA of the Division was ordered to the Oploo-Overloon area to sp the 3rd Inf Div attack to VENRAIJ. This move was accomplished on the 9th, arriving at the gun posn at approx 1430 hrs. The posns taken over had been evacuated the previous day by units of 11th Armd Div.	
Oploo	9th		The period 9-11th was occupied by local skirmishing and a general "tee-ing up" for Op. Constellation. The attack of 3rd British Div continued with average success over the next few days. In the last days of the ops at OPLOO-OVERLOON several recces were made. A posn was chosen to cover the possible move forward of the guns to range beyond VENRAIJ, and in addition orders were received to recce a posn near WEERT on the American left flank. These posns were never occupied.	(See Appx -original only)
Oploo	17th	1030	The regiment moved back to its previous posns at GEMERT, taking over from a unit of the "Buffs" who had been in occupation. The course of the next few days was spent in maintenance and awaiting ops role.	
Gemert	21st	0815	Location was changed to NISTELRODE (4847) to sp the attack of the 53 (W) Div and its sp armoured Bde (7th) on s'Hertogenbosch. Actual location was at De VENHOF, a small hamlet near LOESBROEK.	
NISTELRODE	22nd	1420	Commencement of move to sp 227 Bde on left flank of 51st (H) Div in the attack forward from Best towards TILBURG. Position was reached about 1730 hrs, ROUTE via:- DINTHER - VEGHEL - ST OEDENRODE	
Nijnsel	25th	0700	Location advanced towards Best. The Regiment was halted at NASTEBEEST and went into firing posns, but the same afternoon (1530 hrs) was pulled out without firing and advanced towards OIRSCHOT. Final positions were at 264275 where the enemy were engaged in the attack on TILBURG.	

OIRSCHOT	26th		Shelling on 495 "B" Ech posn at 0800 hrs resulted in 3 killed and 4 wounded (one slightly)	
	27th	1030	Regiment moved forward to 244305 and laagered at MOESTERGHOUT, with orders to be ready to move at short notice. Move finally took place at 0830 hrs the following morning, and the Regiment proceeded via TILBURG to a position at 1634. At 1500 hrs on the same day, orders were received to proceed to ASTEN area. During the advance, GAF planes bombed HELMOND in advance of the recce columns. No casualties resulted in the Regiment. The new location was finally occupied at 2130 hrs, and sp was given while tps of the 227 (H) Inf Bde, and later the other Bdes of the Division were moving up. An average of 5000 rds per day were expended during the period until the end of the month.	

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November 44 — 131 Fd Regt RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ASTEN	1st		The infantry advance was very slow through the obstacles of carefully prepared minefields. Heavy Amn expenditure supported their attacks on strong points and positions.	See Appx "A"
	2nd		One carrier of 320 was mined with some casualties incl 1 killed.	
	3rd		Until the move to HENSDON area (6409) little of note occurred, save a huge amn expenditure. Later during the month guns were withdrawn to workshops in small quantities with suspect barrels, due largely to the wear and tear of firing large quantities of supercharge over the first half of this month. In turn, too, in the order 319, 495, 320 Fd Btys, sub units were detached for a period of 48 hrs "rest"	
	8th	1000 hrs	Regiment moved to area 6409. 319 drew back into rest area at 633169.	
HENSDON	9th		Civilians were evacuated from Divisional area to avoid espionage and casualties.	
	10th	1200 hrs	319 Fd Bty rejoined Regt from "rest" and 495th Fd Bty pulled out into OMMEL area for 48 hrs. One OP offr was killed by shellburst in the morning (Capt WIGGINS, 495 Fd Bty RA)	
	11th		For the next 8 days the Regt remained near Asten, firing considerable quantities of shells at long ranges. 320th Fd Bty were taken out of action at 1200 hrs 12th Nov, but remained in the Regimental area. 495th Fd Bty returned to action at the same time, from the rest area near OMMEL. Finally recce parties with mineclearing groups went forward to clear a new area on the 18th Nov.	
	18th Nov.		A tp was detached and moved independently to 703072, going into action from there the following morning.	
	19th		Engineers were still clearing possible Bty posns. "B" Tp moved up beside "A" Tp, and remainder of regt prepared to follow in small groups. One casualty was injured at OP of 495 Bty. 320th Bty reported that over 50 Teller and S mines were found in their Bty posn, and some were removed, all this without a single mine casualty.	

HENSDON	20th		Regt moved forward to area near Hof (7007) but 320 Bty was detached and crossed Deurne Canal. After brief harbouring this Bty went on to Beringen.	
HOF ACHTERSTEEG	21st		"B" Ech moved up to old gun position at 7007, while Regt went on to area 7709, arriving at approx 1530 hrs. The tracks were becoming almost impassable. 320th Bty moved forward from Beringen to join remainder of Regiment. For three days weather conditions made transport difficulties worse. Several recces were made of possible new areas, but final move was made to HORST, (NW OF VENLO) for sp of attack on the Blerick bridge seating.	
	24th		Recce parties moved away at 0900 hrs, followed by remainder of Regt at 1300 hrs. Route via BERINGEN - MEYEL - LEISEL - AMERIKA - HORST. Area in 8218. RHQ moved into HORST itself on the following morning, being fully established at 0945 hrs. The village of HORST received desultory shelling from enemy guns. Occasional M targets were fired on barges on the MAAS and on sparse enemy who were being compressed into the MAAS pocket. At 0900 hrs on 25th Nov, 1944, exactly 5 months after the first shot was fired in NORMANDY, the C.O. fired a token round on to GERMAN soil.	
	28th		The CRA fired a token "U" Tgt on German soil at a range of 13000 yds. At 2200 hrs AMERIKA was bombed by a small force of enemy planes. "F" troop 119 LAA, attached 131 Fd Regt, claimed one hit.	
HORST	29th	0900	Recce parties moved forward to new posn approx 2 miles WEST of VENLO (8714). Rest of Regt followed at 1030 hrs over appalling tracks, which after a brief improvement, steadily worsened in the bad weather at the beginning of December. Posn was taken over from 49 Div, and Regt was in action by 1430. Most of the 49 Div targets were later cancelled. Activity from this side was practically nil, though an enormous array of arty was massed. Security probably forbade the revealing of gun posns. Some sporadic shelling, not always inaccurate, was experienced from enemy posns on both sides of the river. No cas were reported.	
OUDE BERKTER	30th		Activity nil. Very quiet.	

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Unit 131st Field Regiment, R.A.

Month and Year December 1944

Commanding Officer Lt. Colonel, J.M. HAILEY, R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
OUDE BERKTER (Map Ref Sq. 8720)	1st		The Regiment remained at this position for several days to support the attack on Blerick and Venlo West. Sporadic enemy shelling of the wooded area around the Regimental Position was experienced, but no veh cas and no damage of any consequence was reported, though some civilian buildings occupied by subunits were hit. The arty concentration in this area was as great as any previously experienced. Much needed intakes were received during the period.	
	2nd 3rd		This day saw plans for Operation "GUILDFORD" worked out. This final attack to clear the western bank of the MAAS commenced as far as we were concerned with the order to fire at approx 0645 hrs. At 0745 hrs began a barrage of 800 yard lifts. As well as the actual fire plan considerable "M" and "U" targets were engaged. Prisoner reports the following day asserted that the barrage was very effective.	
	4th		On the 4th a notable weather factor was a high wind, occasionally reaching a velocity of 60 mph, and giving a met corr of 1000 yds. The day was inactive following the success of yesterdays attacks.	
	5th		Recce parties were held at short notice to move. Little activity was experienced or engaged. Desultory shelling by guns sit across the MAAS was often heard, but no damage was reported.	
MAASBREE	7th		Gun groups, and Tac RHQ moved to a new position south of MAASBREE and went into a defensive role. Line was to be held by two brigades while the third went to Rest near ASTEN. Gun position was wooded, but marshy, fairly widespread, and tracks in a very poor condition.	
	11th		Until this day there had been very little activity of any sort save administrative. Today one of C troops guns was firing over open sights at Belfield Church. In addition to the normal positions for the guns, a "Harassing fire Position" had been recced, and was occupied in turn by each	

			of the batteries. This was in addition to the normal "2 up and 1 reserve" relief system on which the Battalions relieved each other, and which system naturally effected the O.P.s. The Map Ref of this forward position was 822045. A number of German planes were seen over the area on occasion, varying from Jet propelled fighters to medium bombers. Some bombing of the neighbourhood was noted in the days immediately preceding 16th December, and an O.P. line was out of action due to enemy planes on the 16th.	
MAASBREE	21st		Visibility on these days was often limited to 100 yds due to mist and bad weather.	
	24th		Recce parties were ordered to stand by in preparation for a possible move to a posn north east of HELDEN in view of the fact that 25 Field Regt had moved back into sp of the Div Arty, and that reports were received of concentrations of mortars within range of this position. The recce was carried out, and the move was possible on Christmas Day, survey having been completed in the new area by 1600 hrs 24 Dec 44. This move, however, was not necessary, and the Regt remains in the same position as before.	
	25th		Christmas Day was "Very Quiet". All sorts of disturbing rumours failed to materialise, and the Germans observed some at least of the spirit of Peace and Goodwill. The amn expenditure for Xmas day was only 2 R.P.G. from the Regiment. On the 26th two missiles landed in the Regimental Area about 1200 hrs, one being a near miss on 320 Bty Comd Post at the forward position. These were examined and found to be bombs released from a great height. No important damage was reported. Comparative and Standard calibration of all guns was carried out during the month in an attempt to tighten up the standard of gunnery. There had been a drop in the efficiency of "M" and more so, of "U" tgts. Much of this was due to the spread of the Regt over a large area, and the constant detachment of one subunit in the H.F. Position. A great improvement was reported as a result of the calibration and a firing exercise "EXERCISE BOLTON" ********** Comd Offr:- Lieut Colonel J.M. Hailey, D.S.O., R.A. 2 i/c :- Major H.D. Stewart, T.D., R.A.	

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Commanding Officer:- Lt-Col J.M. Hailey, DSO RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAASBREE 8307	Jan 1		Almost at the stroke of midnight, both our own infantry and the enemy proceeded to see the new year in with a storm of mortar bombs, verey lights and fireworks. Later in the day several enemy aircraft, mostly FW 190s, flew over the regt area at zero feet. These were engaged by LAA troop in sp of this unit. A direct hit was observed on the nose of one a/c and several others were also claimed.	
	3		Front continued to be fairly quiet. Enemy mov was observed and engaged by arty. Cyclists and HD tpt were engaged and scattered.	
	6		Hy traffic was heard in the area 8705 and engaged. At 1600 hours one gun (believed LAA) shelled 320 Bty OP with 2 GORDONS; only one rd hit the OP doing no damage and the gun was engaged and stopped.	
	10		Lt-Col JM Hailey relinquished command of the regiment to take up appointment as GSO I 15 (S) Div. Lt-Col HD Stewart TD RA took over comd of the regt, with Major JA Oliver MC RA as 2IC	
	11		Heavy snowfalls and severe frosts have been prevalent. It was necessary several times to fire rounds on known enemy localities in order to warm the guns.	
	12		Satisfactory shoot carried out on hostile guns on the river bank with the aid of SR Tp.	
	13		A few propaganda shells were fired into the regt area, containing leaflets calculated to cause dissent between British and US troops. The leaflets met with derision - troops being more interested in the "pin-up" picture than in the printed blurb on the reverse.	
	15		Lt CE Montague fired on outside his OP, spent bullet passing between his arm and ribs without touching him.	
	16		Slight desultory enemy shelling, incl some airburst over area at about 1930 hours. No damage or cas. Retaliatory fire put down on BELFELD area from fwd bty.	
	23		The harassing fire bty position at 822045 was abandoned, as so many rounds had been fired from the main gun area as to render the fwd position valueless. Throughout the month, until this day, numerous HF,	

			DF, CB CM tasks, observed and unobserved, were fired, but there has been very little activity among the enemy.	
GOIRLE 1428	24		Regt left defensive location at 8307 (MAASBREE area) and went to rest area at GOIRLE, near TILBURG (map ref 148280). All troops accommodated in billets in the village. The regt remained in rest area for the remainder of the month.	
	31 J		T.E.W.T. at Bde HQ attended by CO, 2IC, and Bty Comds. Commanding Officer:- Lt-Col H.D. Stewart, T.D., R.A. Second-in-Command:- Major J.A. Oliver, M.C., R.A.	

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Commanding Officer:- Lt-Col JND Tyler, OBE MC RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GOIRLE Holland 1428	Feb 1		Regiment still in rest area. Flying bombs have been seen for the first time, passing overhead.	See Appx
Nr. NIJMEGEN	5. 6	2200	Regiment left GOIRLE en route for assembly area near NIJMEGEN (7458) for operation VERITABLE. Security was very strict, travelling only by night without lights, and as we were still on the road when dawn broke all Divisional signs had to be painted out, covered up, and Bonnets hidden in the vehicles. The remainder of the day was devoted to preparations for the battle and rest. Vehicles were "frozen" owing to the bad state of the roads which were deplorable, and also to help security.	
	8		The operation began for us with a large-scale counter-battery programme opening at 0515 hours. This was followed at 0915 hours by a barrage from one thousand guns, ours playing their share; this lasted until 1503. First objectives were gained early in the afternoon. The Regiment moved up in order to keep in range, over filthy roads to location near KAMP 768558. Only the consistent drive of the Second-in-Command Major J.A. Oliver, M.C., got the guns into action at all as the whole area was liquid mud, having been "no-man's land" for several months.	
Nr. KAMP 768558	9		The 2 GORDONS started off at 0400 hours, supported by our guns, for their objective - to breach the SIEGFRIED LINE, which was accomplished by about 1000 hours. The weather is abominable, very wet and the roads are little better than rivers of mud.	
	10		This was an easier day from the firing aspect, although in no way easier as regards weather which continued to be very wet. Four members of Major Campbell's crew were killed in the evening when the house in which they were sheltering received a direct hit from a heavy shell.	
NUTTERDEN 850553	11		INTO GERMANY ! We moved forward at 0230 hours through KRANENBURG to a position approximately one mile south-east of NUTTERDEN. 319 Bty's Comd Post occupied a "bunker" of the famous (?) Siegfried Line - a luxurious place of steel and concrete. There was very little firing to-day, but an endless stream of traffic passed by, all going forward into Germany.	

	12		There was little firing to-day until the afternoon when some M targets were engaged.	
	13		Fire-plan in support of 43 Div began shortly after 0900 hours. The range was high and the guns were firing supercharge. There was little activity for the rest of the day.	
CLEVE 896554	14		Moved at 0530 hours to new position in support of attack by 46 Bde which began at 1000 hours. Just before arriving at the gun area, some German Jet-propelled aircraft dropped bombs near the column but no damage was sustained by us. Guns were in action by 1000 hours and targets followed in rapid succession. More German "J-Ps" appeared in the afternoon and bombs fell near part of the Regiment - but no damage.	
	15		A quieter day again from the gunners point of view. The infantry seem to be meeting rather tougher opposition now, but they continue to press forward. An attack was made by 10 HLI at 2300 hours to capture the high ground over-looking CALCAR.	
CLEVE 896554	16	0300	Counter-attack by Germans on H.L.I. front was driven off in an hour. In a second attempt they over-ran a forward company but the position was eventually restored. The guns were busy during the time in question. Opposition seems to be growing stiffer, but prisoners are streaming back. At about 1800 hours a very heavy barrage opened up on our right - we thought this would be 43 Div doing their bit again. Our own guns were limited to HF tasks during the night.	
936492	17		The Divisional Commander came round the gun area this afternoon. There was no firing to-day, and the regiment moved forward at 1800 hours and was in action again by 2100.	
	18	0100	A smoke-screen to be fired in sp of 3 Cdn Div was cancelled, but the gunners had a busy day. The infantry (8th Royal Scots) were in the outskirts of GOCH by about 1500 hours. A German counterattack mounted at 1700 hours was driven off by infantry with some artillery support.	
	19		There was a good deal of enemy mortar activity. Fire-plans and targets were engaged frequently. GOCH was captured by the combined efforts of our own 15th Div and the 51 Div. What a collection of Jocks there must have been in the town !	
	20		Targets were engaged beyond GOCH.	
939464	21		Moved forward at 0930 hours. Shortly after our arrival in this area, shells fell just beyond the area, the nearest being some hundred yards or so from the RHQ Office truck.	
	22		Lt-Col J.N.D. Tyler, OBE, MC RA joined the Regiment as Commanding Officer.	

	23	0700	Germans staged a counter-attack and gained a little ground. Many targets have been fired and three smoke screens produced for the attack by 44 Inf Bde.	
	24	 2000	The opposition is very tough now, and there has been a great deal of firing. Fire-plan fired in support of 53rd (Welsh) Division. Capt HH Goldsborough RA (attached from RHU) was wounded and evacuated, at the OP. The gun area was shelled, damaging one gun and killing a Gunner. Several others were wounded. Bearing on these shells was 135 degrees.	
	25		Another small fireplan engaged in sp of 53 (W) Div. Another fireplan was received at about 1930 hours in support of 3rd Cdn Div.	
	26	0345	CB programme preceding a fireplan in support of 3 Cdn Div whose objectives to-day were towards UDEM. The attack appeared to go well.	
	27	0300	Two barrages worked out in support of 3 (Br) Div. First was abandoned as being unsafe. Apart from this there was little firing to-day.	
	28		No firing. Regiment moved out at 2100 hours for rest in TILBURG, arriving there at 0500 hours 1 March. We have received congratulatory messages from the Div Comd and CRA (see appx) and messages were also received by the Div Comd from the Corps Commander and GOC 1 Cdn Army. They all carried the praise "Well done the Fifteenth Scottish". C.O., Lt-Col J.N.D. Tyler, OBE, MC, RA 2 IC Major H.D. Stewart, T.D., R.A.	

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Commanding Officer:- Lt-Col J.N.D. Tyler, OBE, MC, RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TILBURG HOLLAND E 1834	1 - 3		Regiment remained in TILBURG. Cleaning and maintenance occupied the mornings, but as far as possible troops were free afternoons and evenings.	
	4		A Regimental Church Parade was held. This was well attended but rain spoiled the Ceremonial march-past afterwards. Representatives from the Regiment attended a Special Memorial Service held under Divisional auspices.	
	5		Expected to move to-day, but did not.	
MOLL, BELGIUM K 1791	6		Moved at 1300 hours. Whole Regiment was accommodated together in former German barracks. Place was absolutely filthy and a great deal of cleaning had to be done.	
	7		During the period 1 - 14 March, efforts were successfully made to give every officer and man a 48-hour leave in BRUSSELS - a fact which was greatly pleasing to all concerned.	
	8-10		Cleaning and Maintenance became the order of the day. Efforts were also made to clean the barracks.	
	11		C.O. inspected Regimental Area, also guns and vehicles. A Regimental Church Parade was held at 0915 hours.	
	12-13		Continued maintenance and rest. Football matches were arranged with local teams.	
	14-15		More maintenance and rest. Detachments from the Regiment went on Exercise "BUFFALO" - practising rafting guns and vehicles across the R MAAS, in preparation for forthcoming operations.	
	16		Major HD Stewart, the 2IC, went on a recce to a secret destination. The regiment was entertained by the all-Belgian/Dutch ENSA show "Army Troupers" - an excellent show; we could use many more like it.	
	17		Guns of the Regiment were calibrated against the Theatre standard guns at LOMMEL Ranges.	
	18-19		More rest.	
WINNEKENDONK GERMANY	20 21		Moved at 1630 hours to this location, arriving at about 0300 hours 21 March. Preparations for battle went on.	See Appx

0033	22		Preparations continued all day, and at night the guns and essential Command Post and HQ staffs moved forward to the gun area near VYNEN.	
VYNEN 0747	23		Day passed quietly. Some German shelling could be seen and heard, but nothing came very close. The Germans shelled VYNEN church at regular intervals of about an hour, and with considerable accuracy.	
	24		Our artillery programme opened at 0025 hours. Ops crossed the river RHINE in "BUFFALOs" and storm boats with the assaulting infantry, OC 495 Bty being marooned in mid-stream with "navigational trouble" due to his amphibian breaking down, for an uncomfortably long time. Major J.A. OLIVER, M.C., R.A., OC 319 Fd Bty, was killed, together with three of his OP party, while walking with the infantry. The Regiment has lost a first-class Bty Commander, who was expert at his work and popular with all ranks.	
1847	25-28		For the next four days, the Regiment remained in action at VYNEN, supporting the troops on the far bank of the RHINE.	
Nr. HAMMINKELN GERMANY 1847	29		After a quiet day, the Regiment crossed the RHINE to harbour about two miles west of HAMMINKELN.	
	30		A quiet day. Maintenance and cleaning of vehicles and equipment went on in readiness for the next task.	
	31		The C.R.A., Brigadier L. Bolton, came to address the Regiment, thanking all ranks for their good work during Operation TORCHLIGHT.	

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Nr. HAMMINKELN 181477	1		Rest and maintenance continues.	
	2.		Maj-Gen C.M. Barber, DSO, Commander 15th (Scottish) Infantry Division, visited the Regiment and expressed his thanks and congratulations to all ranks for their part in Operation TORCHLIGHT.	
	3.		Recce parties were ordered away, but the Regiment was now switched from 12 Corps to 8 Corps and they were recalled.	
HEMBERGEN 9194	4		Moved to the area around the village of HEMBERGEN and harboured for the night.	
HORNE 1505	5		Moved on again to HORNE, about 6 Km south-west of OSNABRUCK and harboured.	
BRUNING-HORSTEDT 7825	6		On the march - sixty miles to BRUNING HORSTEDT, near LAVERSLOH. We were impressed by the damage done to OSNABRUCK which we passed through. On arrival in the harbour area, prisoners began to come and a total of fourteen were sent to the cage.	
	7		A further eight prisoners were taken. The Regiment is carrying out a check of all civilians in the area and a search is being made for arms, ammunition and weapons.	
	8-9) 10)		Two days spent on rest and maintenance, in readiness to continue the advance.	
WUNSDORF 1526 CELLE 5949	11		Moved to this location via LATHDE, MUNSCHAGEN, WOLPINGHAUSEN and SACHSENHAGEN. The move took little time for no enemy were met, and we reached WUNSDORF just at dark. A few enemy jets came over and dropped one or two bombs not far away. Moved advance to contact with 227 (H) Inf Bde, via NEUSTADT, OTTERHAGEN, SCHARREL, METEL, ABBENSEN, NEGENBORN, BRELINGEN, MELLENDORF and FUHRBERG to CELLE. Move was very slow with long halts while infantry cleared areas on either side of the road. An exceptionally long halt occurred at FUHRBERG. The guns went into action on the southern suburbs of CELLE. RHQ carried out some house-clearing and "liberated" a small camp of Italian PW consisting of four Officers and fourteen ORs. In the early	

			evening, the Regiment moved on through CELLE crossing the River ALLER by a Cl 40 bridge erected by engineers of 15 (S) Div and 6 Airborne. We harboured for the night on the northern outskirts of the town in a barracks formerly occupied by a German CW School.	
	13		The advance to contact continued, with the Regiment advancing in support of 227 (H) Inf Bde and 3 Tk Bn Scots Guards, in the direction of UELZEN. Progress was desperately slow owing to an enemy party of engineers who kept just ahead of our recce elements and cratered and mined the road as they went. We spent the night on the roadside.	
HOLDENSTEDT	14		The German engineer party who were hindering progress yesterday having been rounded up, we moved off at 0400 hours and advanced rapidly to HOLDENSTEDT, just south-west of UELZEN. 319 Battery who were leading battery of the regiment, and in support of 10 HLI were ambushed as they occupied a quick-action position and were heavily engaged by 20-mm SP guns and MG fire from the woods. One SP was knocked out by a direct hit from 319's guns, and the other withdrew. It was believed to have been severely damaged. Casualties in the battery were heavy - 1 OR killed and fourteen wounded. Two more were taken prisoner and two are missing, believed prisoners. The Battery Commander's half-track OP vehicle was also hit and set on fire, Major Clark himself being wounded. RHQ and the remaining two batteries arrived soon after, while the village was being shelled by enemy guns. The firing ceased very soon after we arrived. A small fire plan was arranged and fired in support of the attack on UELZEN.	
	15		Fire in support of 227 Bde continued. At about 2330 hours, RHQ area received three shells from a mobile SP gun, and there was considerable enemy air activity, jet-propelled aircraft as well as the older ME 109 and FW 190s being seen.	
	16		Continued firing in support of infantry. A sub-unit engaged several red-smoke targets for the Typhoons and after their attack, some propaganda shells were fired inviting the Boche to give in now, or be treated to a further dose of rockets from the Typhoons. The results were not as good as they might have been!	
	17		This was a quieter day. Notification has been received that Captain M.E. PEPPIATT and Bdr A. STEEL have been awarded the Croix de Guerre for services in France.	
	18		Another quiet day.	
892366	19		Advanced on with 227 Inf Bde to a location between LUDERSBURG and SCHARNEBECK, about 6 Km from the R ELBE. UELZEN was badly damaged and many buildings were still burning when we passed through. The great heat could be felt inside the vehicles - quite welcome on a cold morning.	

			There was some good hostile airburst shelling of SCAHRNEBECK as we passed through, but we had no damage or casualties.	
BRIETLINGEN 8029	20		Moved forward a little distance to BRIETLINGEN. Here we uncovered the local representative of N.S.K.K., (the Nazi Transport Corps) and RHQ installed itself very comfortably in his house.	
	21		Fire plan in support of 10 HLI for their attack on ARTLENBURG which was successful.	
	22-26		Remained in this location, with very little firing. OPs were busy however, collecting information from the far bank of the ELBE. There was some slight shelling of OP areas, but we had no damage or casualties. Owing to the control of ammunition for the build-up prior to the ELBE crossing, the OPs were unable to deal with the Boche as they would have liked. Such shooting as we could do was excellent, and we knocked out several cars, including one which rolled down a bank in best Hollywood style. We also engaged a train which was seen, but the engine withdrew hastily, leaving its trucks behind. The enemy was very careless in his movements and a great deal of activity could be seen.	
LUDERSHAUSEN 808319	27		Moved forward to LUDERSHAUSEN to support 227 Bde in Operation ENTERPRISE (See Appendix). Guns area and RHQ was in full view of the far side of the ELBE and every tree and building was utilised to conceal gun positions and vehicle parks.	
	28		Final preparations made for Operation ENTERPRISE. We received details of recognition signals between our own troops and the Russians. Marshal ROKOSSOVSKY reported within 50 miles of us and still advancing.	
LUDERSHAUSEN	29		Battle opened at 0200 hours and went well. Major GTC CAMPBELL, M.C., BC of 320 Fd Bty was badly wounded at the OP and was evacuated. Orders were received in the afternoon to move forward to a position on the bank of the ELBE, but these were subsequently cancelled, as we should be crossing the river at once.	
GULZOW 829419			We crossed the ELBE this morning, after waiting all night for the orders. The Regiment has now completed its "hat-trick" of river crossings, having shared in the assault crossings of the three major rivers - SEINE, RHINE and ELBE. Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel J.N.D. Tyler, OBE, MC RA Second-in-Command Major H.D. Stewart, T.D., R.A.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAMWARDE 788431	1.		Following up ELBE crossing, regiment moved to HAMWARDE.	
HOHENHORN 749458	2.		Further move to HOHENOHORN. 1 Officer and 4 OR PW taken.	
745585	3.		Moved again to location at 745585 (2 Km from TRITTAU).	
AHRENSBURG 65668	4.		Moved to and harboured in village of Ahrensburg.	
	5.		Day spent on maintenance and cleaning.	
	6.		Church parade for 227 Bde Group. At conclusion of service the Brigade Commander, Brig. E.C. COLVILLE paid high tribute to the supporting arms and services especially the gunners. Rain spoiled the parade. 4 PW taken.	
	8.		V.E. Day. C.O. addressed all ranks of the Regiment, thanking them for their good work, and outlined the future activities of the unit.	
	9/14		Administration and maintenance went on. Regt was called upon to supply various guards for VPs and PW cage.	
	15.		Werewolf "scare". Parties from RHQ and 320 Bty carried out raids and numerous German military personnel dressed in civilian clothes were arrested.	
	18.		Regiment took over Military Government commitments in Kreis STORMANN. Batteries were widely dispersed,--- 319 at HOISBUTTEL 609690, 320 at SCHMALENBECK 684644, 495 at WILLINGHAUSEN 638548.	
	19/25		Numerous German military personnel and displaced persons of all nationalities sorted out.	
KASTORF 8877	24.		15 Div Arty becomes responsible for Kreis LAUENBURG less part south of rly SCHANHEIDE 9641- AUMUHLE 7151. Regiment moved to locations as follows:-- RHQ KARSTORF 8776. 319--SANDESNEBEN 8269. 320--BUCKHOLZ 9875. 495--BELENDORF 9370.	
	24/31		Time devoted to organising new area, recreational training etc. Recreation hampered by lack of sports equipment and welfare goods, but efforts are being made to obtain these.	

			C.O. Lieut Col. J.N.D. Tyler. OBE. MC. RA. 2/IC. Major. H.D. Stewart. TD. RA.	

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Unit 279, Field Coy. R.E.

Month and Year JUNE '44.

Commanding Officer Major. P.T. WOOD M.C.R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Storrington.	6	0900	Invasion of EUROPE begins.	
	7	1500	Lt. Bennett and adv party move off to embark.	
	8.	2230	All ranks confined to camp.	
	10.	1500	Visited by Special Cashier No. B/85/0 to exchange Sterling into currency. Rate of Exchange 200 F.	
	11.	2200	Received warning order to move.	
	12.	0230 0530 1030 1810	Received movement order form, Movement Control. Moved off bound for Southampton. Arrived SOUTHAMPTON. Coy embarked on T.L.C. V.64.	
At Sea.	13		Laid off PORTSMOUTH all day.	
" " " " " "	14	 1830 2100	SAILED in CONVOY. Sighted coast of FRANCE. Anchored off coast of FRANCE.	
COURSEULLES SUR MER. BRECY.	16	1330 1700	First landings of Coy took place. Owing to deep mud on the beach, landing delayed, only 16 vehicles landed. Harboured by road side 872790	PT Wood
"	17		Quiet day. Lt. Bennett on Road Recce.	
" "	20	0800 1800	Started construction & marking of Tank Track from St. GABRIEL to TAILLEVILLE. Lt. Bennett off to Recce new harbour area.	
"	21	1000 1200 1400	Lt. Bennett returns from harbour Recce. Tank track completed. Lt. Bennett off to Recce Bde Water Point in new area.	
" " " " BRECY	22	0800 0800 0830 1030	1 Pln off to mark Tank Track from FONTAIN HENRY - TAILLEVILLE. 2 Pln off to construct water point at 919748. 2 Pln off to construct Rd in area 9174. 3 Pln off to mark Tank Track from PIERREPONT to FONTAIN HENRY. O.C. off to Bde "O" Group. O.C. returns.	 PT Wood
	23		Quiet day.	

"	24	0830	Orders received to move to Conc. at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN for Operation Epsom.	44 Bde O.O. No.2 " " Move Order No.1.
"		1100	O.C. and 2 i/c to Briefing Conf. at H.Q.R.E.	R.E. 15(S)Div O.O. No.1.
"		2245	Move to Conc. Area.	279, Fd Coy. Move Order
SECQUEVILLE-			Arrive in Conc. Area 920747.	No.1.
EN-BESSIN	25	0845	O.C. off to 44 Bde. Briefing Conference.	
		1000	O.C. returns.	
		1000	O.C. & 2 i/c off to C.R.E.s conference.	
		1300	O.C. briefs Pln. Comds.	279,Fd.Coy. O.O. No.1.
		1900	O.C. to C.R.E. for final briefing.	
	26	0610	O.C. off to join Brigadier R. Group.	
		0721	BARRAGE begins.	
		0730	Epsom begins.	PT Wood
SECQUEVILLE-		0900	H.Q. moved to BRETTEVILLE.	
EN-BESSIN			2 Pln received baptism of fire, were under heavy shell and mortar fire. Luckily no cas.	
			1 Pln very busy time, sniped at, no cas.	
			3 Pln out all night.	
		2220	Move to 899703 LES SAULLETS.	
LES SAULLETS	27	0600	3 Pln rejoin Coy. Coy in Conc. Area resting.	
		0945	2 Pln off to recce and construct water point.	
		1015	2 Secs 2 Pln. to clear minefield (TELLER) at 906691.	PT Wood
		1700	2 Pln return having lifted minefield containing 240 T.M.1.	
			6 "S" Mines and 6 Bodies which had been killed by "S" mines.	
			All bodies friendly.	
"		2359	End of a quiet day.	
"	28		Still conc. in reserve very quiet.	
	29	2200	Enemy reported to have broken through just South of Coy position.	
			Coy prepared to make stand and stood to.	
		2350	C.R.E. visited unit reported situation restored.	
	30	0010	Coy stood down, but maintained strong picquets to watch for suspicious movement.	
		1200	Moved to 915660. 3 Pln repaired road. 2 Pln established water point.	
			1 Pln Rest.	
		1820	Arrived back at Les Saullets.	PT Wood

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Unit 279, Field Coy. R.E.

Month and Year JULY '44.

Commanding Officer Major.P.T. WOOD M.C.R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Mesnil Patry.	1 Jul		2 Pln established Water Point at CHEUX. 1 Pln maintained Rd at CHEUX under spasmodic shellfire. Very wet day.	
	2 Jul	0500	1 Pln laid defensive minefield of 431 Mk.V mines at 898652.	
		1000	Coy handed over all commitments to 244, Fd. Coy R.E. 53, DIV.	
		1415	Coy moved to rest area in SECQUEVILLE	
		1530	Arrived at SECQUEVILLE.	
SECQUEVILLE		2230	Visited by C.R.E.	
"	3 Jul		Rest period, taken up with general cleaning and checking of	
	7 "		stores, baths etc.	
	8 "	1900	One sec of 1 Pln placed under Comd of 44(L) Inf. Bde.	
	9 "		Still at rest, very quiet. News that CAEN has fallen.	
	10 "	0745	No.3 Pln off to ST AUBIN-SUR-MER 022846 to construct Rest Camp.	
		1700	D.R. reported that L/Sjt Rogers, L/Cpl Knox, and Spr. Robb of 3 Pln had been wounded by an "S" Mine whilst mine clearing at ST AUBIN-SUR-MER.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
SECQUEVILLE		1900	Cas confirmed.	
	11 "	1900	3 Pln relieved of their commitment, rejoin Coy.	
	12 "		Quiet day. Church service.	
	13 "	0600	Priority Residue rejoin Coy.	
		0800	2 Pln out to construct track for tanks from 932632 to 929642.	
		0800	3 Pln out to construct 20' FBE Class 9 Br.	
		0930	Lt. K.W. Bennett off to O Gp at 44 (L) Inf. Bde	
		1330	1 Sec of 1 Pln out to mark minefield in area LES VILAINS 9262.	
	14 "	0800	3 Pln out to improve tank track 932632.	
		0950	Lt. Bennett off to recce Harbour area at ST MAUVIEU.	
		1000	O.C. to 44 (L) Inf. Bde for O Group	
		1200	Lt. Bennett returns.	
		1300	O.C. returns.	PT Wood Major R.E.
		1800	Coy move to harbour area ST MAUVIEU 928682	O.C. 279th Field Company
		1900	Coy arrive at harbour area.	R.E.

ST MAUVIEU	15Jul	1800 1800 2145	Nos. 1 & 3 Plns & recce party under Lt. Scanlon move to Conc Area 934634. Coy in Sp of 44 Bde for Op GREENLINE. OP GREENLINE COMMENCED	44(L)Inf.Bde Op "GREENLINE" order dtd 14 Jul. (1) RE 15(S)Div O.O.No.2 dtd 14 Jul.44 (2)
	16Jul	1015 1720 1940	3 Pln returns. Report 2 cas. Narrative of ops attached. Lt. Scanlon returns from recce, on 3 Pln transport, having been "unhorsed". Spr. Mabon wounded in stomach, but all stores were recovered. Narrative of Lt. Scanlon attached. 2 Pln set out to relieve 1 Pln at 1800 hrs at 934634. 1 Pln return report 5 cas all wounded.	Appx (3) Appx. (4)
	17 "	1145 1820 1920	1 & 3 Pln off to assist 2 Pln in collection of local materials and construction of overhead cover for 44(L) Inf. Bde. 2 Pln return to Coy location, report 1 cas - shell shock. 1 Pln return to Coy location.	
	18 "	0200 1020 1630 1800 2000 2050 2100 2230	Come under Comd C.R.E. 53(W) DIV. Lt. Bennett out to Rd. Recce. Lt. Bennett returns. No.1 Pln relieved No.3 Pln who reported 2 cas wounded. O.C. attends conference at C.R.E.s HQ. Visit by C.R.E. 15(S) Div. No.1 & 2 Pln committed to clearing mines in LES VILAINS area. O.C. returns to Bde HQ. Work commenced on Minefield Serials A8 and A9.	RE 53(W) Div Op No.1. (5) PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	19 "	2400 0025 0215 1145 1300 1400 1430 1700 1730 1800 1910	Minefield serials A.11 and A.12 completed. Serials B.1 and B.2 cannot be located as no distances were given on chart, permission requested from C.R.E. to defer lifting until first light. Permission granted. Serial A.8 and A.9 completed. Serial B2 completed. 15 O.R.s from 3 Pln sent to reinforce 2 Pln. Remainder of 3 Pln sent off to area 9165 to Blow holes to bury dead animals. 2 Pln return. 15 men of 3 Pln return from assisting 2 Pln. 3 Pln return. Revert to Comd C.R.E. 15(S) Div. Move to new harbour area 908687.	 PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
908687.	20Jul	1200 1300 1500	Lt. Haines detained in hospital with slight injuries received on mine clearance. 1 Offr and 3 men off to Corps rest camp. Coy committed to road maint. as in Op Instn. No.2. dated 20.	 RE Op Instn. No.2 (6)

	21 "	0800	No.3 Pln road maint. in CHEUX. Tropical rain all day. Quiet day.	
	22 "	0800	No.1 Pln Road main. in CHEUX. Quiet day.	
MOLANDIN	23 "	0800 0805 0820 1400 1725	Residue arrived. Coy now complete. RE 15(S) Div Op Inst. No.4 and RE 15(S) Div Movement Order No. received. Coy prepare to move to new location. Lt. Bennett off to recce new location. Left harbour and moved to new location. Arrived at new harbour area 864866. Lt. du Vivier and 3 men rejoin unit from Rest Camp.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	24 "	1340	Lt. Haines rejoined unit from 30 Gen Hosp.	
	25 "	1430	1 N.C.O. and 12 O.R.s Reinforcements arrived.	
	26 "	1300	2 Offrs and 10 O.R.s off to the Rest Camp at ST AUBIN-SUR-MER for 48 hrs rest.	
	27 "	1120 1350 1400 1850 2020	O.C. and Lt. Bennett out to recce tank track. 2 secs of 3 Pln under Lt. McNaught out to construct Comd Post for 44(L) Inf. Bde. 1 Pln under Lt. du Vivier off to construct and mark tank track. 1 O.R. reinforcement arrived. Lt. Bennett returns.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	28 "		Very quiet day, weather changeable.	
	29 "	0630 0730 0900 1430 1810 1910 1925 2100 2110 2130	O.C. off to C.R.E.s "O" Gp. No.1 Pln to clear route 6 No.2 Pln " " " 5 No.3 Pln " " " 1,2,3,4. Plns off to carry out tasks. Lt. Haines & Lt. Scanlon return from Rest Camp. No.3 Pln return. No.1 Pln return. No.2 Pln return. Coy O Gp ref 227 (H) Inf Bde Op Instn. Coy. Intention to open & maintain IRON route. Method Lt. Bennett with recce party up with loading transport 9 Cams. 3 Plns move with H.L.I. Tasks. 2 Pln open & maintain route for wheels, 3 Pln open & maintain route for tracks. 1 Pln in reserve. Lt. Bennett off to join 9 Cams. 227(H)Inf.Bde O.O. despatched to CRE	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	30 "	0415 0655 1000 1005	O.C. & 3 Plns off to join up with HLI. OP BLUECOAT begins. Lt. Bennetts Recce car blown up on scattered U.S.A. mines at 699584. No cas. Harbour recce party despatched to find harbour in LA TRINGALE area 7060.	

LA TRINGALE.		1200 1600 1930 1935 2015 2040 2050 2100 2150 2210	Recce party return having found harbour at 706602 Arrived at new harbour area. Visit by CRE. No.1 Pln arrive for food. No.1 Pln off to open bye pass at LE BOURG. No.3 Pln return. No.2 Pln return. Lt. Bennett returns on captured enemy vehicle, complete with S.P gun, having taken 14 prisoners. O.C. returns O.C. off to Bde.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	31Jul	0100 0900 0900 1050 1055 1100 1145 1200 1230 1430 2235 2310 2350	1 Pln return. No.2 Pln off to make diversion for tanks at LE BOURG. No.3 Pln off to make diversion for wheels at LE BOURG. Lt. McNaught O.i/c 3 Pln trod on mine and lost a foot. Lt. Bennett sent out to take over 3 Pln. Lt. Scanlon off to recce water pt at CAUMONT Lt. Scanlon returns. 1 Sec of 1 Pln off to construct water pt at CAUMONT. Remainder off to open Route FLINT for tracks. Visit by C.R.E. Visited by Chester Wilmot of B.B.C. 3 Pln return to harbour. 2 Pln return. 1 Pln return to harbour.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Month and Year AUGUST

Commanding Officer Maj.P.T. WOOD M.C.R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
La TRINGALE	1	0900	No.2 & 3 Plns off to complete their tasks.	
		0930	Change of Comd in Plns affected due to Cas of Lt. McNaught. Subalterns posted as follows:- O.C. 1 Pln - Lt. P. du Vivier. O.C. 2 Pln - Lt. K.W. Bennett. O.C. 3 Pln - Lt. C.E. Scanlon. R.O.1. - Lt. NGW Haines.	
		1900	1 Pln return.	
		1930	2 Pln return.	
		1950	3 Pln return. A day of gruelling tedious work in constructing & marking tank tracks & wheel tracks. Several scattered minefields & booby trapped locns checked & mkd. Day started off very misty but improved into brilliant sunshine towards midday. Several large calibre enemy shells landed in Coy harbour area, one landed within 12 yds of Coy Office. No Cas.	
	2	0900	Plns out to continue improving & marking tracks & rds.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		1700	3 Pln return.	
		1730	2 Pln return.	
		1810	1 Pln return.	
		1930	Coy move to new harbour area.	
HERVIEUX		2100	Coy arrive at new locn 693547. Another tiring day on rds and tracks in broiling sunshine.	
	3	0800	Visited by C.R.E.	
		0900	Plns out on rd Maintenance	
		1700	All Plns back at Coy harbour. Brilliant sunshine all day.	
	4	0810	Visited by C.R.E.	
		1400	Recce party off to find new harbour area in new locality.	
		1700	Recce party return having found Harbour Area at 687467.	
		1800	Plns move off to new area.	
		2350	Lt. BOARDMAN arrived as reinforcement to replace Lt. MacNaught.	
	5	0300	Movement order arrives.	PT Wood Major R.E.
		1100	Coy HQ left harbour.	

LE BRESSI		1240	Arrive new harbour area. Very hot all day.	O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	6	1140 1515 1520 1720 2040	2 pln off to MONTCHARIVEL to improve rd. Lt. Haines off to recce new harbour area in 7044 area. 2 Pln return. 7 Reinforcements arrived. O.C. off to Bde at 776424. 3 pln off to Bde at 776424.	
	7	0715 0750 1000 1400 2215 2235 2240 2350	Lt. Haines off to Bde for Route Recce Lt. Boardman with Stella Pump & Water Supply Equipment off to M.R. 724434 where 3 Pln are to open and maintain Water point. Lt. Boardman returns after delivering Water Supply Equipment to 3 Pln. Lt. Haines returns having completed his job. C.R.E. arrives and gives orders for 1 & 2 Plns to join 3 Pln. Message received from 3 Pln confirming C.R.E.s order 1 & 2 Plns move off to join 3 Pln. 1 & 2 Plns arrive at 3 Pln locn.	44(L) Inf.Bde Op Instn 3 dtd. 7 Aug. (1) PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
LENAUDIERE	8	0645 0700 0740 0805 1030 1100 1145 1220	1 Pln completed their task which was a tank track from S of Montchamp to Estry the last ½ mile being in front of our FDLs. 2 Pln completed tank track from S of Montchamp to Estry experienced heavy mortar fire but no Cas. 1 Pln return. 2 Pln return. Orders received to move remainder of Coy to 3 Pln area. Visit by C.R.E. Move off to new area. Arrive new locn 738429.	
	9		Quiet day. 150 men managed to get to St Martin to see the pictures. Hot sun all day. O.C. returned from Bde at 1230 hrs.	
	10	0500 0505 0830 1500 1520 2100	1 Sec of No.1 Pln off in sp of 8 R.S. Lt. Haines and Recce party off to 8 R.S. O.C. off to Bde. 1 Sec of 1 Pln return. Lt. Haines returns. 3 Reinforcements arrive. Brilliant sunshine all day.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	11	1030 1110 1210 1300 1320	O.C. returns. O.C. to Bde. Orders recd. to despatch Recce party & No.1 Pln to join 8 R.S. at M.R. 735394. Orders recd. to remove remainder of Coy to MONTCHAMP area. Lt. Haines off to marry up with 8 R.S. Lt. Boardman off to recce new harbour	

MONTCHAMP		1400 1430 1510 1600 1830	No.1 Pln off to marry up with 8 R.S. Remainder of Coy moved off. Coy arrived at new locn 713406. Visited by C.R.E. No. 1 Pln & Lt. Haines return from 8 R.S.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	12		Very quiet day. No.2 Pln occupied in burying dead animals in the MONTCHAMP area.	
	13	2245	Movement orders recd.	
LES CRIQUETS	14	0500 0900 0930 1000 1230	No.2 Pln move off to new locn. No.1 Pln moved off to new locn. No.3 Pln " " " " " Coy HQ " " " " " Coy arrive at new locn 963594.	
	15	0800 1000 1030 2200	Lt. Boardman off to recce R ORNE for Bridge site for Cl. 9 F.B.E. Site found at 984577. Gap 200', approaches poor due to site having been heavily bombed and shelled. 1 Pln commence work on East bank approaches. 3 Pln " " " West " " Bridge opened for traffic.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	16.	1705	Visited by Comd. 15(S) Div. Brig. Barber.	
	17.		Very hot day.	
	18	1225 1330	Coy move off to new harbour area Coy arrive at new harbour 990487.	
ESPINS	19	2035	R.E. O.O. No. recd.	R.E. 15(S)Div O.O. No.5 (2)
	20	0600 0900 1340 1800	Coy at 1 hrs notice to move. O.C. to Bde "O" Group No.1 Pln off to marry up with 8 R.S. No. 1 Pln return. Op cancelled.	44(L) Bde No. (3)
GLATIGNY	21	0930 1030 1430	Coy move off to new harbour. Coy arrive at new harbour area 120406. No.2 & 3 Pln out to mark & improve tank track from FALAISE to TRUN.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	22	 2330	Work continued on tank track. Orders recd for Op Gallop.	R.E. 15(S)Div Op.Instn 10. (4)
LA HOGUETTE	23	1500 1630 1915 2130	Coy move off to new locn to marry up with 15 Recce Regt. Arrived new location 174349 O.C. to "O" group at HQ Recce. Coy O Group. 3 Pln placed under Comd C Sqn. Remainder of Coy under Comd A Sqn. Distribution of bridging & stores as per 15(S) Div Op Instn.	

		2140	3 Pln off to marry up with C Sqdn.	
FRESNAY LE SAMSON	24	0725 1800 2220	Move off on Op GALLOP. Bridging Pln left. Rds forward to harbour area choked Coy pulled off road & harboured 494598.	
ROMILLY LA PUTHENAYE	25	0630 1100 1105 1700 1730 2145 2240	Left harbour & moved along MOON in search of A Sqdn Recce. Recd Information that A Sqdn Recce harboured at LES ANTHIEUX 9870. Set off in pursuit. Despatched M.T. truck to BOGLIE to get 500 gals of petrol. Coy arrive at harbour area 982692. M.T. truck arrives. Recd orders to take over Bailey Br at ORVILLE from CANADIANS. 2 Secs of 2 Pln despatched to take over ORVILLE Br.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
SCANDENVILLE	26	0030 0630 0830 0830 0910 1010 1020 1100 1130 1220 1230 1300 1530 1645	Orders recd to open water pt by 0900 hrs. 1 Sec of 1 Pln off to construct water pt at 930764 Water pt est. Lt Haines off to 44 Bde. Lt. du Vivier off to H.Q.R.E. as L.O. Lt. Boardman returns. Orders recd to clear rd block at 010799 2 Secs of 1 Pln under L/Sjt Boyle despatched to clear rd block. Lt. Boardman sent off on harbour recce ref RE Move order attached. 1 Sec 1 Pln under Lt. du Vivier off to dismantle 20' br at BERNAY & replace with culvert. Lt. Boardman returns having found harbour at 983809 L/Sjt Boyle with 2 Secs 1 Pln return Lt. Bennett & 2 Secs 2 Pln return. Coy left harbour and proceeded to new harbour. Arrived new harbour 983809	(5) PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
LE CAMPAGNE LOUVIERS	27	1050 1110 1400 1405 1410 1430 1620 1625 1800 1810 1900	Orders recd to move to new harbour area. Lt. Haines despatched to recce new area. Orders recd over the air to cancel move, and send officer rep to HQRE. Coy to move to Rd. junc 137890. Lt. Boardman off to HQRE. Lt. Haines returned from recce having left guard on new harbour. Coy move off. Intend to pick up harbour guard on route. Arrived at rd. junc 208884, met Lt. Boardman who had orders from C.R.E. as attached. O.C. off to Bde. Orders recd to move immediately to 252926. Coy moved off followed by 2 F.B.E. Secs under comd Coy arrived at harbour.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. (6)

		2000 2010 2145 2345	Coy "O" group, Verbal. No.1 Pln to row 1st wave of Inf across river. Then assist in ferrying. No.2 & 3 Pln build Class 9 Shore loading raft. Then ferry. O.C., Pln Comds, Pln Sgts, Pln L/Sgts & Lt. Haines proceed to R. SEINE to look at site. Plns move off to br site at PORTJOIE No.1 Pln row leading tps of 44 Bde across R. SEINE.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	28	0015 0720 1400 1410 1900 2000 2220 2255 2359	2 & 3 Plns commence building rafts. First Veh of Bde across. Torrential rain with resultant slippery conditions, held up work. 3 O.R.s wounded by M.G. bullets. Rafting taken over by Corps Tps with Close Support Raft. No.2 Pln commenced dismantling F.B.E. Ferry. Recd orders from Bde to be prepared to move forward by 2000 hrs. Dismantling of ferry completed. Recd orders from Bde via Lt. Haines to move forward to 286903 area at 2255 Coy moved off to new area. Coy crossed R. SEINE by Bailey Br. at St. PIERRE DU VAUNRAY 267906	
ANDE	29	0015 0630 0830 1400 2000	Coy arrived in new harbour area 286903 Lt. Boardman out to recce with 8 R.S. No.2 Pln off to set up water point. Water point established at ~~VATTEVILLE~~ DAUBEUF 326941 New allotment of R.E. tasks recd.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. O11 (7)
	30	0800	No.3 Pln take over DUKW crossing at PORTEJOIE. No.1 Pln take over Close sp rafting. No.2 Pln open & maintain rd.	

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Unit 279, Field Coy. R.E.

Month and Year SEPT. 1944

Commanding Officer Maj.P.T. WOOD M.C.R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ANDE	1		Day of orders & counter-orders. Weather showery with bright spells	
		2100	Lt. Haines off to CRE to receive briefing on route recce	
		2300	Lt. Haines returns	
	2	0830	Lt. Haines with 1 Sec of 3 Pln off on Route Recce	
		1230	1 Sec of 1 Pln off to H.Q.R.E. to Recce new harbour for H.Q.R.E.	
		1800	Lt. Haines returns having completed half of task & reported result to C.R.E.	
	3	0530	Lt. Haines with 1 N.C.O. & 6 men from 3 Pln off to do further Rd. Recce.	
		0830	Coy move off to new area under Cmd for move 44(L) Inf. Bde	44(L)Inf.Bde Move order
FEUILLY		1055	Arrived at harbour 482155	10 (1)
		2030	Orders recd to move to new area ~~2100hrs~~	
		2100	Coy move off.	
WANNEL	4	0125	Coy arrive at new harbour.	
		0800	Take over maintenance of Cl.18 br. at LONG.	
	5	0300	Move orders recd from C.R.E.	O5 (2)
		0830	Coy move off to new harbour area	
		0920	Crossed R. SEINE	PT Wood Major R.E.
		0930	1 Pln handed over mce of LONG br. to 70, Fd Coy RE.	O.C. 279th Field Company
LIGNY		1220	Arrived at new locn 099017.	R.E.
		2315	O.C. off to Bde "O" Group	
	6	0250	O.C. returns with Bde Movement order.	44 Bde Move order No. 13
		0840	O.C. off to Bde.	(3)
RONQ		2010	Arrived at temporary harbour 758487	
		2345	O.C. to Bde "O" Group	
	7	0130	O.C. returns, Coy "O" Group. Verbal. Intention 279, Fd.Coy.RE to take up defensive position on R. LYS from br 757541 incl to Rly br 742536. Method No.1 Pln. No.2 Pln. No.3 Pln. All tps to be in position by 0700 hrs.	
		0600	Plns left to take up defensive posn in MENIN	

		0650 0700 1000 2200	O.C. off to see Plns. Lt. Haines off to C.R.E. as L.O. Lt. Haines returns. Plns withdrawn from defensive posn having seen no enemy all day. Verbal orders from 44 Bde to conc at Coy HQ locn for the night & move to BELLEGHEM at 0930 hrs on 8 Sep.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
BELLEGHEM DESSELGHEM	8	0930 0941	Coy move off to new area Crossed frontier into BELGIUM Arrived locn 852514. Moved off to new locn. Arrived at new locn 931610.	
	9		Day of rest. Fine day but rather cold.	
MALINES	10	0010 0815 1010 1610	Move order recd. Lt. Boardman off to recce new harbour Coy left for new area. Coy arrives at harbour 680732	44 Bde Move order No. 14 (4)
	11		Very quiet day, sunshine but a little chilly.	
WESTERLOO	12	0300 1200 1440 1800	Orders recd to move to Albert Canal area Left for new area Arrived at new locn 030800 No.2 Pln off to take over mtce of Cl. 9 F.B.E. br at 071843 from 233, Fd. Coy. R.E. Nos.1 & 3 Plns off to take over protection of br.	H.Q.R.E. 15O/RE (5) PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
GHEEL	13	1345 1610 1650 1720 2300	Orders recd to move forward. Coy moved forward. Crossed ALBERT CANAL. Arrived at harbour area 073868 K Pln F.B.E. arrive under Cmd.	
	14	0600 2000 2220	1 & 2 Plns off to 44 Bde with FBE Pln to assist in forcing crossing over JUNCTION CANAL. FBE raft constructed at 075927. In between concentrated enemy shelling 2 A/Tk guns ferried across Ferrying discontinued as 8 R.S. did not require further vehs across. Day of very tiring & trying work. Under shell & mortar fire the whole time.	
	15	0020 0200	A Pln of 278 under Cmd of Lt. Murray placed under Comd. Following discussion with Brig. 44 Bde, it was decided to increase the ferrying facilities. Pln of 278 was therefore ordered to construct Cl.9 Shore loading raft 10 yds upstream of existing raft. FBE ferries brought down & unloading commenced. Slow progress owing to heavy shellfire	

		0500	No.3 Pln relieved by No.1 Pln.	
		0545	Heavy enemy conc. tank attack penetrated to canal bank. Situation very confused. It was decided to temporarily abandon constn of addition raft as site was swept by MG fire from flanks. Defence posns were taken up covering raft site. Continuous heavy shellfire brought down on site.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		0720	C.O. 6 RSF arrived at site to recce possible means of crossing to reinforce 8 R.S. After discussion with Brig. it was decided to bring up more assault boats to enable 6 RSF to cross canal.	
		0830	Enemy put in counter attack under cover of heavy shellfire from the flanks. Much confused fighting on other side of canal, with interchanges of automatic fire across the canal.	
		0840	Enemy snipers established themselves in a granary on far side of canal & warm time was had by all.	
		1200	Attack put in by 6 RSF supported by 6 K.O.S.B.	
		1400	It was decided to abandon the idea of dual ferry and to attempt to bridge. Meantime additional raft was connected to original raft making raft 120ft long.	
		1800	Ferrying carried out all afternoon.	
		2000	All essential veh across canal.	
		2030	Two additional F.B. units brought down & operations commenced to develop raft into br.	
		2100	1 F.B. unit unloaded and boats put on to waters edge, progress very slow due to spasmodic but extremely accurate shellfire.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		2110	Pln of 278 reverted to Comd own unit.	
		2130	Raft which was now reduced to 100 ft due to 1 raft being hit & boats damaged again hit causing serious damage to far end.	
		2150	1 Sec of 3 Pln arrive to reinforce other 2 Sec of 3 Pln who by now were reduced to 3 N.C.O.s & 10 O.R.s effective.	
		2205	Attempt to turn raft round to repair damage broken up by half hour of concentrated shellfire thought to be 105 mm. Raft recd 4 direct hits in rapid succession badly damaging superstructure and boats, boats also damaged by near misses.	
		2215	Raft completely out of action & message to Bde regulating point to this effect. Salvage ops impracticable 'til daylight. Men withdrawn to cellar of house 20 yds from canal bank leaving 1 look-out at assault boat ferry to communicate if services reqd.	
		2345	O.C. arrived at site with orders to withdraw 3 Pln leaving 1 N.C.O. & 3 men to man the assault boat ferry.	
	16	0015	3 Pln withdrawn.	
		0615	1 Pln off to ferry site to salvage as much eqpt as possible.	

		0815 1700	4 Assault boat ferrys opened & maintained salvage ops not very successful 2 half floaters were disconnected whereupon the remaining 60ft of raft sank in approx. 2½ fathoms. Ferry service operated all afternoon. Handed over responsibility to 278 Fd. Coy. R.E.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	17	0915 1240 1740	O.C. off to O Group to C.R.E. HQ O.C. returns. Church service held in camp. Day of rest & checking of stores.	
	18	1000	O.C. off to Bde.	
	19		Very quiet day of rest.	
	20	1115 1215 1400 1700 1730	1 Pln off to canal site to construct Cl.9 ferry to ferry 44 Bde vehs back Unloading commenced Ferry completed 1 Pln hand over to 2 Pln under Lt. NGW Haines No.2 Pln return having ferried 25 carriers back No.3 Pln off to continue ferry	
    GINDEBUITEN LOMMELSCHEHUT 311989	21	0130 0530 1000 1150 1810 2000 2200	No.3 Pln return having ferried back 11 carriers plus guns. Tps also ferried there being no bridgehead left raft abandoned after salvaging ½ Floating Bay. 44 (L) Inf. Bde Op Inst No.6 recd. Coy moved off Coy arrived at conc area 182920 Moved off. Hold up due to large priority convoys on rd. Whole Bde group delayed for 3 Hrs. Crossed Belgium-Dutch frontier into Holland - very heavy traffic on rds. Advance abandoned due to very heavy traffic on rds. Bde dispersed & Coy harboured at WAALWIJK 348088. A quiet night.	 44 Bde Op Inst No.6 (5) PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
WAALWIJK EINDHOVEN	22	0030 0815 0930 1030 1230 1330 1430 1600 2300	Orders recd from 44 Bde for continuation of advance. K.O.S.B. to lead in advance to contact formation, ready to move 22 1200, Coy to be at 30 mins notice from 22 1200. Orders recd from 44 Bde - advance may commence 22 1100. O.C. departs for O Group at 44 Bde HQ. O.C. returns. Lt. Scanlon & recce pty depart for K.O.S.B. C.S.M. Fahy & harbour recce pty depart for new locn. Capt. Ramsay R.E. leaves for hospital with complaint of back trouble & temperature. Lt. K.W. Bennett assumed duties of 2i/c. Orders recd to move immediately - O.C. departs for Bde. Coy leaves harbour and proceeds to S.P. STEEHSEL 3411 Coy arrives new locn 411199. 44 Bde O.O. No.7 recd.	 PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. O.O. No.7. (7)

	23	0630 1200 1500 2200 2330	C.S.M. Fahy & recce pty depart to join 6 R.S.F. Coy at 30 mins notice to move from 0800 hrs. Take over mtce of Cl. 40 br over canal at 390250. 1 Pln arrives on site. Close imprest account in Belgium currency and exchange for Dutch money. 2 Pln take over mtce of Cl. 40 br. Br area being subjected to spasmodic & inaccurate shelling. C.S.M. Fahy returns. 15(S) Inf.Div Op.Instn. No.28 recd.	15(S)Inf.Div.Op.Instn. No.28 (8)
	24	0400 0900 1100 1600	3 Pln take over mce of Cl. 40 br. Wear deck of Cl. 40 br completed & br handed over to 280 Fd Coy R.E. 3 Pln returns. Lt. P. du Vivier & recce party leave for R.S. Lt. P. du Vivier & pty return - no work to do. Raining heavily. Coy prepares for a very wet night.	
	25	0800 1330	It rained very heavily & approx 60% of Coy soaked. Rum issue authorised at 2330 (reached us 0045 - too late to be of use). O.C. wants to find dry billet for the men. General move commences to billet in Phillips factory building which is just across the rd. Here, at least, we shall be dry. Still having heavy periods of rain.	
	26	0900 1500 1630 2100	Rained heavily last night - management & personnel of Phillips factory have been most kind and co-operative & have spared no pains to help us. Visited by C.R.E. O.C. & 1 Sec of 3 Pln depart to remove a few trees from rd in area of 44 Bde HQ. O.C. & sec of 3 Pln return - no work necessary. Receive orders from C.R.E. to give close protection to Best Cl 40 & Cl.9 Brs. (Letter 159/RE attached).	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. Letter 159/RE (9)
	27	0730 0915 1230	Personnel move out to take on protection of bridges. Method :- 2 Pln rly br - relief by 3 Pln at 6hr intervals. Local protection of Cl.40 & Cl.9 brs by 1 Pln - 2 secs up at a time. Visited by Lt. Work who brought news of slight change of plan. Lt Work left to contact O.C. at Cl.40 Br. 3 Pln depart to take up reserve posns in BATA factory. Plan now becomes 2 Pln close protection of Rly br with posts on NORTH bank of Canal and 3 Pln in reserve, with 1 Pln still giving close protection to Cl.40 B.B & Cl.9 br. The posn on our L flank (Westerly) seems a little vague & there appear to be no tps to the West or S.W. of us.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	28	0800	A quiet night at the br sites. Weather getting much colder at nights & showers & heavy rain frequent. The occasional shell	

			still drops between the Rly br and the Cl. 40 B.B. German Tps can be seen moving about 2000 yards away. The gunners have a go at them and movement is not so obvious.	
		1600	Most of the Coy had a bath today at the MUNICIPAL BATHS EINDHOVEN. Apparently we are the only British Tps between jerry & Div.HQ. I understand Div HQ is a little perturbed	
		1930	O.C. departs to be on site during the night	
	29	0900	Report from 1 Pln to say nothing to report	
		1000	O.C. returns	
		1300	Lt. Boardman departs to recce br over R. DOMMEL at 399321	
		1515	Lt. Boardman returns - 2 assault boats reqd by RSF to ferry supplies	
		1700	Assault boats arrived from 624 Fd Pk Coy & Lt. Boardman takes them to the site.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		1930	O.C. departs for site of defensive posns.	
	30	0800	Report from 1 Pln nothing to report	
		0930	O.C. returns. Lt. Boardman departs to classify br over R. DOMMEL at 408822	
		1100	Lt. Boardman returns. Br Cl.5 15ft span (4 No.) ⊙ Timber beams on pile bents 10ft(w)	
		1945	O.C. departs for defensive posn.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Month and Year Oct 1944.

Commanding Officer Major P.T. WOOD M.C., R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
EINDHOVEN.	1	0630	O.C. returns from site of defensive positions WEST of BEST.	
			Lt. BOARDMAN departs to recce new harbour.	
		1000	O.C. departs to see C.R.E. and 44 Bde.	
		1230	Lt. BOARDMAN returns from recce in area BEEK.	
		1300	O.C. returns.	
		1800	Fairly heavy shelling of br area but no damage done.	
		1930	O.C. departs for Br positions.	
		1130	Very bright moonlight - slight enemy air activity - flares dropped.	
			Today has been fine and cold with occasional slight rain.	
	2	0830	O.C. returns from site of defensive positions.	
			Lt. BOARDMAN again departs to look for new harbour.	
		1030	Receive orders to hand over defence of brs to 278 Field Coy, R.E. w.e.f. 1600 hrs to-day and to move to new area.	Message O.6 of 2 Oct 44 from C.R.E. (1)
		1230	Lt. BOARDMAN returns. Harbour in brickworks in area 5321, Nr. HELMOND.	
		1245	Movement order received from C.R.E.	Message O.9 of 2 Oct 44 from C.R.E. (2)
		1600	Hand over protection of bridges to 278 Field Coy, R.E. completed.	
STIPHOUT (NEAR HELMOND 5321)		1640	Move commenced to new harbour. Wireless silence commences.	
		1745	Arrived new harbour - brickworks at 538221. Weather fine but cold. Accommodation sufficient for 6-700 men in kilns etc.	
	3	1200	Bright moonlight last night and very cold. Showery and wet this morning.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	4	0800	Message 157/RE (Road Maintenance) received.	Letter 157/RE. (3)
		2100	Message received from C.R.E. that G.O.C., 15 (S) Div will visit R.E. on 5 Oct 44.	
	5	1630	A day of training with C/5 Raft and Storm Boats. G.O.C. did not appear. A fine sunny day but cold at night.	
	6	1000	O.C. departs for "O" Group to C.R.E. Receives Op. Order No. 12	Div. R.E. Op. Instr. No. 12. (4)
		1600	All officers attended address by Comdr 15 (S) Div at HELMOND.	

	7	1630	Lt. B.E. FIELD joined from 26 Div. Br. Pl.	
	8	1100	Address to Div R.E. at 279 Coy Location by Comdr 15 (S) Div.	
	9	1100 1730	Lt. B.W. THOMAS joined from 105 C.R.E. Lt. K.W. BENNETT evacuated with Battle Exhaustion. Recce of Cl. 30 Br site 566196, Lt. BOARDMAN and O.C.	
	10	0900 1100 1730	2 Platoon commence work on Cl. 30 Br at HELMOND. Baths at 624 Location. Road Patrol on our section. Old bridge removed; Bank Seats 80% completed. Fair Day.	
	11	0830 1130 1730	8 men to Court Martial at GEMMERT. 18 O.Rs Reinforcements arrived from 33 R.H.U. All but 2 good men. 1 and 3 Platoon on Road Maintenance - 2 Platoon on Cl. 30 Bridge. Mild day.	
	12	0800 0900 1500 1900	Lt. FIELD to C.R.E. for briefing re Recce. 2 Platoon on Cl. 30 Br., 1 and 3 Platoons roads and preparation for Exercise ANTIDOTE. Mild day but not bright. Cl. 30 completed. Ex. ANTIDOTE - O.C., 1 and 3 Platoons.	
	13	0900 0930 1800 2000	Lt. FIELD wounded in stomach and thigh, evacuated 12 Oct (Night) Coy on road maintenance and training - Cl. 5 Raft and Kapok. O.C. to Lt. FIELD - Recce of Canal near WEERT. Lt. HAINES to C.R.E. "O" Group. Lt. THOMAS replaces Lt. FIELD on Recce. O.C. returns and to C.R.E. Mild, cloudy day.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	14	0900 1800	2 O.Rs. for Court Martial at 8 R.S. 2 Platoon on Cl. 5 rafts. Other works - road maintenance. Fair day - some rain, still mild.	
	15	0900 1800	O.C. to C.R.E. with Lt. BOARDMAN - recce road. 2 Platoon on roads. Other work - repairing kapok. O.C. departs to "O" Group C.R.E. Mild day with rain.	
	16	0900 1800	Coy checking kapok and Cl. 5 Raft equipment. O.C. to C.R.E. Weather mild - poor visibility.	
	17	0900 1400 1900	Coy baths and A.B.C.A. O.C. to C.R.E. Gusty day, fresh wind. Lt. THOMAS returns from recce.	
	18	1800	Mild, cloudy day.	
	19	1400	Cl. 30 Bridge surfaced by 2 Platoon. Wet, miserable day.	
	20	1430	Capt. J.P. BLOCKET, 203436, joined from 621 Field Squadron, 7 Armoured Div as 2 i/c.	
	21		All platoons bathed.	
	22		Three blankets per man changed by A.D.O.S.	

	23	1300	Orders from C.R.E. to make up 60 of 12' x 18" fascines and 60 of 6' x 18" from 2" x 4" timber. All platoons out cutting trees; 30% completed by last light. Orders from C.R.E. for 24 Oct, App. 5.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. C.R.E. Orders (5)
EAST of BEST 385267.	24	0900 1030 1100 1315 1330 1500 1530 1600 1830 1845 1915 2030 2115 2240 2300 2330	O.C. with all Platoon Comdrs left to Recce BEST bridges and track. 1 Platoon left for bridges. 2 Platoon left for track. O.C. and 2 i/c to C.R.E. and 44 Bde. Intercepted Op. Order from C.R.E. - App. 6 - and movement order from Bde. Above orders reached Coy H.Q. Lt. THOMAS left to meet Staff Capt. to fix leaguer area. O.C. and 2 i/c back at Coy H.Q. 3 Platoon started to move. H.Q. started to move. "Q" left on ground fitting out truck. 3 Platoon and H.Q. all into new leaguer near BEST 385267. O.C. to C.R.E. O.C. back with orders for bridge, Cl. 40 at 285275. See App. 7. Preliminary Report from Div Recce Regt. 3 Platoon to do job with 1 Platoon if necessary. Equipment going to 1 Platoon Location at 402227 to await collecting. Working light asked for, no moon. Lt. SCANLON off to Recce site. O.C. at Bde "O" Group to fix protection. 1 Platoon warned to stand by. O.C. asks over blower for predetermined lorries. 1 Tp ordered to tee up lorries and then stand down. Lt. HAINES to 1 Platoon to collect lorries and deliver to Lt. SCANLON in OIRSCHOT. O.C. back at Coy H.Q. E.T.C. 0200 sent to C.R.E. Orders for 25 Oct received from C.R.E. - App. 8. O.C. informed of main items over blower.	O/15 C.R.E. Orders (6) Recce Report. (7) R.E. 15 (S) Inf Div. Op. Instr. 14 (8)
EAST of BEST 385267 OIRSCHOT 305255	25	0100 0300 0330 0830 0930 1400	Building started. Lt. HAINES back at Coy H.Q. E.T.C. now 0300 sent to C.R.E. Bridge complete. C.R.E. notified. O.C. and 3 Platoon back at Coy H.Q. Lt. HAINES left to join K.O.S.B. as R.E. Recce. 2 Platoon left to replace Lt. HAINES. Tasks - to advance along NORTH BANK of WILHELMINA CANAL towards TILBURG and to recce at BIEST for Cl. 40 Bridge. 1 Tp took over maintenance of Bridge at 285275 from 3 Platoon. 3 Platoon, followed by H.Q. moved to OIRSCHOT 305255 to site recced by C.S.M.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

		1700	Lt. HAINES in with information re bridge at BIEST. Probably 110 feet Treble Single. 2 Platoon preparing bankseats. E.T.C. last light.	
		1745	1 Platoon joined Coy H.Q.	
		1800	O.C. in. Bridge to be 80 ft. Double Single on existing bank-seats.	
		1815	Lt. HAINES left for 624 Fd Pk Coy to collect lorries and take to site.	
		1820	O.C. to C.R.E.	
	26	0630	Lt. HAINES with bridging R.V. with Lt. du Vivier with 1 Platoon and proceeded to BIEST 206276 where 1 Platoon off-loaded bridging.	
		0730	3 Platoon and bulldozer clearing towpath NORTH of CANAL. Completed midday.	
		1245	80 ft. Double Single with flat approaches opened. (No ramps used)	
		1315	Message from O.C. 80' of 2' ARMCO required 1½ miles SOUTH of Bridge - I have lifted mines - we can tackle job with our bulldozer.	
		1320	C.R.E. ordered 624 to send culverting to Coy H.Q. Guide waiting to take it on.	
		1350	Message from O.C. "I can make a Cl. 9 Diversion with Bailey Spares in 1½ hours." C.R.E. informed. Cl. 9 from stringers and decking.	
		1530	Message from O.C. "Cl. 9 finished, Cl. 40 for tracks by 1800. Permanent job in 2 or 3 hours." 2 Platoon making fascine crossing for Cl. 40.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		1830	Sec of 3 Platoon left to maintain BIEST BAILEY.	
		2030	Message from O.C. "Tracks and wheels now passing over permanent job. Earth bulldozed into culverting."	
		2100	2 Platoon into Company Leaguer.	
		2200	O.C. to Bde "O" Group, then to C.R.E.	
		2345	O.C. back with tomorrow's orders - 2 Platoon to support K.O.S.B. with Lt. BOARDMAN as Recce Officer; Lt. THOMAS Recce Officer with R.S.F. with Sec 1 Platoon on call; Coy to move 0830 to 1827; 20 Field Coy to take over all our bridges at 0800; 6 Assault Sqn R.E. u/cmd 279."	
	27	0700	O.C. at Bde "O" Group.	
		0730	Lt. BOARDMAN at K.O.S.B. "O" Group.	
		0800	3 Platoon to BIEST.	
4 MILES SSE OF TILBURG. 188271.		0830	Coy moved to 188271 (.) 1 and 2 Platoons complete to 182287. Arrived 0945.	
		1030	Bulldozer to 1 Platoon Location.	

		1130	2 Bridgelayers reached 1 Platoon location.	
		1420	Bridge laid 178296 after some preparation of site by Assault Squadron. Started dealing with 30' crater but eventually laid bridge over this also.	
		1600	3rd Bridge laid at 177297 and C.R.E. informed of position. Traffic streaming through.	
		1530	Lt. THOMAS reported back, having led advance into outskirts of TILBURG with Pioneer Platoon of R.S.F. Enthusiastic welcome. Swing Br at 175317 Cl. 40 and R.C. Br at 177318 Cl. 70 both intact and not prepared for demolition. C.R.E. informed. No mines found.	
		1630	Written order from C.R.E. - App. 9. Coy to assist 278 Coy by clearing WEST approaches for their bridge at 178327.	C.R.E. Orders (9)
		1700	Lt. SCANLON left with 2 Secs of 3 Platoon to do this.	
		1620	C.R.E. notified we require 50' Bailey to replace bridgelayers. Lt. HAINES to C.R.E. with details for orders.	
		1800	Lt. HAINES reached Coy Location with 50' Bailey, tippers following. C.R.E. directs that O.C. must contact Brigadier 227 Bde before closing road. Lamps sent forward to do job by.	
		1810	Major GILLINGTON (O.C. 20 Field Coy) visited Coy H.Q. Major Wood also in. Officer of Platoon from 20 Coy to assist us. Not fixed definitely. Brig. 227 reported on bridges personally directing traffic, Major Wood to see him. Estimate of 3 hours to replace bridges by night.	
		1900	O.C. to C.R.E. Lt. JONES, R.E., joined Coy.	
		1930	O.C. in. Bridges to be replaced tonight, 1 Platoon on SOUTH one, 2 Secs 3 Platoon and Sec from Coy H.Q. under Lt. THOMAS to fill centre crater, 2 Platoon to replace NORTH one. Brigadier approves bridges closed at 2000 hrs.	
		2000	Work began. Tanks dragged their bridges away. Tank on NORTH site broke down, being overdue for maintenance. Tank on South side had difficulty owing to bridge having tilted and bedded itself in. Raining steadily and a miserable job on soggy mud. No moon.	
	28	0330	Job complete. C.R.E. informed.	
		0730	Capt. BLOCKLEY to inspect jobs. Soggy crater holding up traffic. First Aid rendered with all available timber by conscripted DUTCHMEN and C.M.P. Sec of 3 Platoon under Lt. HAINES despatched to cope with situation. Light stuff crossing O.K. but tanks breaking it up. The water has seeped in again during night and filling is spongy.	PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		0815	Capt. BLOCKLEY reported to O.C. Plan made for 2 Platoon to lay sandbag mat with corduroy road from dump of cut fir trees on top.	

TILBURG 167305		 0830 1045 1215 1600 1630 1800 1900 2030	Also to pump out hole at side of road and attempt to drain out water from below surface. See sketch at App. 9A for stages of whole job. Lt. SCANLON left to continue preparing approaches for 278 Coy. Ready to move behind 159 A/Tk Bty. Moved to PHILLIPS RADIO FACTORY, TILBURG. Location 167305 (.) Reported 10,000 ft. timber suitable for decking in factory. Manager gave away 150 squeeze torches free. Spr. CLOCK trod on SCHU mine while filling slit trench. Ankle shattered. Sjt. PARSONS, when pulling clear a length of wire, set off R-mine; one eardrum broken. Warning order - probably Bde Gp moving at first light. Order from C.R.E. - prepare to move from midnight. Don R. sent to call in 1 and 3 Platoons, each less one section. E.T.C. for both jobs 30 1200. Order from Bde - App. 10. Lt. HAINES briefed as Leaguer representative. Everyone in bed.	Progress sketches. (9A) Bde Warning Order. (10) PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
DEURNE 645195	29	0430 0830	Reveille - moved MIDDELBEERS - VESSEM - EINDHOVEN - DEURNE collecting sections from 1 & 2 Plns en route. Leaguered 645195. Positions chosen for close defence of DEURNE. Enemy attacking from East being halted about 3 miles away.	
	30		3 Pln bathed. 1 & 2 Plns repairing & draining road DEURNE - ASTEN - LIESEL.	
	31		2 Pln bathed. Road repair continued by 1 & 3 Plns.	 PT Wood Major R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Unit 279, Fd. Coy. R.E

Month and Year NOV. 1944.

Commanding Officer Maj.P.T. Wood D.S.O., M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
DEURNE	1		2 Pln draining rd DEURNE - ASTEN. Recce ordered of prepared rd demolitions in wood area 6512. Lt. Haines & Thomas in scout cars. Lt. Thomas blew up in Humber scout car at 668134. No one hurt. Many tanks had previously passed along the track. 14 TM; 42 lifted, some with track marks over them. Prepared demolitions NOT found. Water point opened 602127 for 44(L) Bde.	
	2	1340 1350 1450 1800	44(L) Bde attack. S.L. LIESEL objective MOOSTDIJK. Lt. Haines with left hand Bn. Lt. du Vivier with Right. Task to open up routes fwd behind leading Bns. Report from du Vivier - scattered mines area 692113, am marking. O.C. orders up 3 secs 1 Pln with minimum transport to R.V. 682128 for verge clearing. Then 2 Pln shortly after. 1450 hrs Sjt. Parr, L/Sjt. Taylor, Dvr. Dixon, all of 2 Pln, killed in accident at LIESEL. They were carrying T.Mi 42s still fuzed from a wall where they had been laid out to a truck. An explosion took place, all the mines going off. No more details are known. Verges of main rd swept 682128-694113. No mines found. The general scattered mines in fields were found during the attack, knocking out some tanks. Notification received - Capt. J.P. Blockley (late 621, Fd Sqdn 7 Armd Div) awarded immediate M.C.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	3		Coy deployed on rd maintenance DEURNE-ASTEN-LIESEL-HEITRAK. Mine clearing at 692113 disclosed odd Teller mines. At 690111 3 rows of Tmi 42 discovered, clearing proceeded. A few were found with no cover caps & Z 43 igniters. Policy now is to pull every mine with signal cable into a central dump and then blow up the lot.	
	4		Maintenance rd SLOT-HEITRAK. Mine clearing as for 3 Nov continued. L/Cpl. Bethell patrolled with K.O.S.B. but unable to reach track to be examined.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	5		44(L) Bde attack - objective MEIJEL - made no headway. Mines & soft going both a hindrance. Verges checked as far as BROEK. Pln 278 Fd Coy RE u/cmd but not employed in operation.	

			3 Pln left for Tilburg to set out in order monastery to be used as Div rest centre. Jobs - hot water system - cooking ranges - Blackouts for 400 windows - rock repairs - bar	
	6		Further mine clearing same area in morning. Afternoon "make and mend" O.C. left on visit to 3 Pln in TILBURG.	
	7		O.C. returned in morning. Mine clearing continued area 69112. Only 3 Tmi found in mornings work. Many reports now coming in of mines, both A/Tk and A/P. In this boggy country they are employed at their best on the comparatively few possible lines of advance. Further maintenance rd LIESEL-MOOSTDIJK.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	8		Sewage drain of house 609142 repaired at request of 44(L) Bde who had smashed it while moving in. Rd ASTEN-LIESEL now our responsibility again. Verges going, making 2 way traffic difficult.	
	9		1157 check. Maintenance rds ASTEN-LIESEL-HEITRAK. O.C. & 2i/c visited 3 Div. SCHU mines demonstration in afternoon. No really satisfactory answer yet. Rain.	
	10		Rd maintenance. Rain, all rds needing draining.	
	11		4 cross routes recced to join rd ASTEN-MIESEL to rd LIESEL-HEITRAK in order to make a circuit and allow rd ASTEN-LIESEL to become one way. All routes unsatisfactory, requiring up to 3 weeks work comprising hard core top dressing or corduroy construction over greater part of length. O.C. again visited 3 Pln at TILBURG. Work in main building complete. Hot water system delivering well.	Appx (1)
	12		Warned to put on SCHU mine demonstration on 15th. Site chosen and dummy figure made. 2 Pln cut and delivered 60 12 ft poles (from young firs) to 20 Fd Coy RE.	
	13		Lt. Thomas with Sec 2 Pln lifted SCHU mines in 3 Div area. 15 complete plus 10 without igniters all located by careful prodding with 4' single prodders. Spr. Hills killed whilst doing something to a dump of R mines. No one knows what. Preparations for demonstration proceeded. 2 strands of Cordtex fired with PIAT bomb travel 60 feet. 4 strands 45 feet.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	14		12 more SCHU mines lifted. One set off by careless prodder who sustained injury to his eye. He had been wearing goggles but had pushed them up onto his forehead. No other injuries. Demonstration area taped out.	
	15		SCHU mine demonstration put on in afternoon. Attended by Div Comd, C.E. and reps from all units in Div. Appx.2 Road & verges cleared down to HOF. 60 Tmi 42 2 Tmi 35 steel, 28 "S" mines lifted. Smashed tanks cleared from rd at 709081. All T mines are now pulled clear & blown up.	Appx. (2)

	16		1 Pln cleared Rd & verges down to 712067 and then to 715067. Teller & S mines. 2 Pln cleared tracks 708074-709075-714072-720071 using prodding & compressor nozzle. T mines & SCHU mines found. All tracks taped off. They are for the fwd Inf. Coys. Cpl. Chisholm & Spr. Picinni on recce patrol at night to canal at 727075. Infm reqd. What is depth of water. Is site suitable for KAPOK. What is slope of bank. What is size of floodbank. Answers 6" water over soft mud. KAPOK would just float. Bank slopes gently. Floodbank abt 5'. The plan is to do an assault crossing by day at this point, supported by fire from tanks and crocodiles against the enemy on the far bank, and then to make a cl. 9 crossing - probably by culverting & bulldozing. Plan NOT yet firm & operation will be very difficult if opposed with determination.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	17		1 Pln maintained rd MOOSTDIJK-MIESEL. 2 Pln further track clearing, 40 SCHU mines, 20 Teller mines found mostly by eye, rest by detector & prodding.	
	18	 0830 1230	Rd drained as far as 713078 by 1 Pln. 2 Pln lifted over 500 SCHU mines in 2½ hrs. Located by eye & prodding between 716076 & 717077. Various tracks in wood cleared & marked. Lane cleared by compressor jet. -1630 O.C. at TILBURG visiting job at RED LION CLUB. Capt. Blockley to C.R.E. conference. Plan now in for 51 (H) Div to come round behind the enemy on canal position and then for Cl. 9 & Cl. 40 to be built at 728065 (MEISEL EAST), Cl. 9 to be job of 279 Fd Coy. Timing uncertain yet. 1 Pln to be u/cmd of 278 for br at HOOGEBRUG. Operation laid on but did not take place on Nov 18.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	19	1130 1515 1930	O.C. returned from C.R.E. O Gp. Operation to begin at once. 2 & 3 Plns & 3 D 7 bulldozers moved out to site and started bulldozing 1400. Capt. Blockley as step up to C.R.E. Capt. Blockley attended Div mine warfare conference. Reporting of mines found was tied up. Crossing opened. See Appx 3A for trace of Div routes.	 Appx (3A)
	20	 1400	MEISEL EAST widened & causeway heightened whole traffic crossed. Rubble cleared from MEISEL village. ~~In refs App. 3a~~ 3 Pln less small party retd from Red Lion Club job in TILBURG & took over on MEISEL EAST.	 Appx. (3A) " 4
	21		O.C. to Brussels for leave. 2 Pln in support of 6 RSF checked track Lateral B 754070 -739001 with 2 secs. 3 Pln continued on MEIJEL EAST. 1 Pln u/cmd 278 Fd Coy on HELENAVEEN br. Lt. Thomas recced North end on lateral B 739001 - 740018. 16' ditch needs filling at 741016. Rain all day again.	 Appx. (5)

	22	 2000 1630	2 Pln moved out to school 749086 complete. 2 Pln worked filling 16' ditch at 741016 dragging away Cl. 5 timber br & bulldozer. Finished by hand as B dozer became bogged. Route opened. 3 Pln continued improving MEIJEL EAST & then went u/cmd 20 Fd Coy laying Summerfeld on SKY route. 1 Pln again u/cmd 278 laying Summerfeld on AYR route. All rds in shocking state thro' days of hy rain & heavy traffic. Leaguer for HQ & 1 Pln found at 739111. HQ moved. Arrived 1800 hrs having had to go round old MEIJEL EAST. Large empty house. 3 Pln joined 2 Pln at 749086 in School.	Appx. (6) PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
HELENAVEEN	23	 1800	1 Pln joined HQ at 739111 & then worked again under 278 Fd Coy. 3 Pln again u/cmd of 20 Fd Coy. 2 Pln improved B lateral which is cracking up on NORTH side. Ditch crossing also finished off. Capt. Blockley to CRE to report. MEIJEL EAST becoming soft. Decision taken to lay corduroy 2 way over crossing. Another foul day.	App (7)
	24	0930	O.C. retd from leave to Brussels. Whole Coy fully committed. 1 Pln still u/cmd 278. 3 Pln still u/cmd 20 on the 2 fwd Div routes. Both Plns laying Summerfeld to make routes passable. 2 Pln laid corduroy over MEIJEL EAST with 2 secs and Inf carrying party. Lt. Haines supervised Inf loading party in ASTEN. 2 secs of 2 Pln checked unloading area beside lateral B for BUFFALOES. HQ Pln put every available man into putting hardcore on lateral B and also maintained the water point at ASTEN. Many Infantry working on rds which were just kept open. The two fwd routes had no foundation and became a sea of mud and impassable except over logs or Summerfeld. More Rain.	App. (8) PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	25		SKYE route maintained also lateral B. 2 Pln continued 2 way corduroy over MEIJEL EAST.	App. (9)
	26		MEIJEL EAST finished. All excellent job. Plns had day for general sort out which was very necessary after the week's hard slogging in the mud.	
	27		Small mtce party on lateral B.	
	28		Ground checked at SLOT for R.E.M.E. to recover tanks. MEIJEL EAST maintained. Water point at ASTEN closed.	
	29		Notification recd Major P.T. Wood M.C.R.E. (O.C.) awarded immediate D.S.O. L/Sjt. O'Shea awarded immediate M.M.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	30		Lateral B maintained. All officers attended cloth model exercise for next operation by 44 Bde.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Unit 279 Field Company, R.E

Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer Major P.T. WOOD, DSO, MC, RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELENAVEEN 739111	1		Preparations for operation GUILDFORD to clear enemy from pocket WEST of MAAS in front of VENLO (.) Assembly area for 6 K.O.S.B. checked for mines (.) Preliminary task:- Build three small bridges at 864096 (.) Not possible by day (.) Unnecessary stores offloaded at Field Park (.) Necessary stores offloaded at site by night (.) Ground soft and some trucks bogged (.) All pulled out eventually (.)	
	2		Tying up for operation to-morrow, see Appendix 1 and 2 for orders (.) At night three 30-ft Baileys built at 864096.	App. 1 and 2.
	3		Operation GUILDFORD (.) Jobs:- 2 Platoon to advance in Kangaroos behind flails and mark right edges of gaps by means of long poles with gap marking signs on top (.) 6 gaps each numbered from right (.) 2 Platoon to remain at A/Tk Ditch and maintain bridges laid by Churchills A.V.R.E. (.) 1 Platoon to go up when 2 Platoon Kangaroos returned and mark left edge of gap (.) 3 Platoon to do any jobs required in BLERICK (.) Recce Officer with each of four Battalions (.) Operation was most successful (.) Some misgivings had been felt as to whether the Bridge Layers and Kangaroos would bog on the soft fields but the operation went almost exactly according to plan (.) 5 of the 6 bridges were eventually laid and there were never less than three routes open at any time (.) 2 Platoon, who had the job of maintaining bridge approaches, had eight casualties from shelling, one serious (.) Of the three little bridges laid the previous night only one was in use at the end of the day, the approaches to the other two having become impassable (.) When this happens there is no method known to us of quickly making them passable again. Corduroy has proved the only method.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

	4		Plan now to open up two permanent routes into BLERICK, yesterday's objective. 3 Platoon worked on OBAN, which is exposed and was shelled at intervals through the day.	
	5		Maintenance of TAY-OBAN routes. See Trace A. A Party of P.O.W. were taken into the minefields, where they cheerfully lifted tellers with alacrity. They had laid them during the two nights preceding our attack. All T.Mi. 35 (uncommon these days) and none booby trapped. 140 from area 883096 and 80 from 882097. Lt. Haines and Sjt. Cooke began eight day course on mines and explosives for new pioneer platoons of 44 (L) Bde at HELMOND.	Trace A.
	6	 1630 1700 1830 2245	O.C. to 2nd Army Mines Conference. Ordered to make Cl. 40 crossing at 889123. O.C. had done preliminary recce previous day. Enemy-observed by day. Probably 70' Double single. Plan: Lt. BOARDMAN bridge Commander. His Platoon (2) to lay out on night 6/7 and build, assisted by 2 sections 3 Platoon night 7/8. 1 Platoon to unload night 6/7. Div Bailey Platoon to be Used Capt. BLOCKLEY and Lt. BOARDMAN on site. No preliminary clearing necessary, old R.C. bridge had been blown clean away and both abutments demolished. Setting out began. 1 Platoon arrived and began unloading. An hour late owing to a breakdown. Unloading finished. Near baseplates and rollers in position. Far bankseat 70% dug out.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
KIRKEN KUILEN 765130	7		Lt. SCANLON with 2 sections 3 Platoon began dismantling our laboriously constructed Red Lion Club at TILBURG, the town having now been taken over by 1 Canadian Army. On reaching the Bridge Site in the evening, it was found that one baseplate had collapsed through the day's heavy rainfall having run down the hill and through a crack in the tarmac and so washed out the bankseat. Building was therefore held up while a transverse drain was dug to prevent this re-occurring and a grillage was put down. Bridge was opened at 0230 hrs. During the day company moved to former Dutch Reformatory at 765132. A hutted camp in good order. Water supply the only problem, no electricity for the pump.	
	9		See Appendix 3 for Div Plan. North road to BLERICK now clear, 12 R-mines lifted 892093. 1 Platoon working to link Corduroy with road as on trace A. Road 889123-893101 cleared of mines and small trees but not possible to open it owing	Appendix 3. Trace A.

			to 18 interlaced trees forming block at 893109 which cannot be moved without mechanical equipment which will provoke shelling. There is also crater at 894107 and 894105 where A/Tk ditch crosses road (.) Route not needed however (.)	
	10		ARMCO crossing at 839081 begun for R.A. 50% completed (.) More work on corduroy road 865094 (.) Many mines previously lifted were blown up.	
	11		ARMCO crossing at 839081 80% (.) Corduroy 20% (.) Lt. Wilkinson joined company.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	12		Crossing finished (.) Corduroy 30% (.) Horse went up on mine on track 843088 - 838087 from which 6 T.Mi. 35 steel were subsequently lifted (.) It is only through some such occurrence as this that minefields off the beaten track can be located (.) It is difficult sometimes to make commanders realise that it is impossible for the R.E. to guarantee an area clear without days or weeks of methodical searching which is not, of course, possible. Track beside railway 838146 - BLERICK made passable.	
	13		C. in C. visited Division and decorated Major Wood, M.C., D.S.O., Capt. Blockley (M.C.), L/Sjt. O'Shea (M.M.). Estimated time of completion for corduroy 18 Dec (.) Draining and hard standings in camp improved (.) It was all mud and with the recent rain was becoming bog (.)	
	14		Work continued on Corduroy and hard standings (.)	
	15		" " " " " " " (.)	
	16		Further work on corduroy and hard standings (.) All pipes in camp lagged (.) Lt. HERBERT joined company (.) Div R.E. home leave ballot (.) Company did well apart from Serjeants, who were unlucky (.)	
	17		By driving the small pump off the back wheel of a motor-bike, enough water was pumped to operate the camp showers for an hour. Corduroy will be opened to-morrow evening (.)	
	18		Corduroy - all logs laid but needs sanding on top (.) Recce done by O.C. and Lt. WATKINSON for A/Tks minefield to be laid by night, area 893082 (.)	
	19		Sanding of corduroy continued (.) Lt. WATKINSON and party from 3 Platoon laid 83 Schu mines and wired them at night 19/20 (.)	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	20		Sanding of Corduroy completed. Hard frost at night.	
	21		R-mines and T-mines collected from MEIJEL area for laying in a practice minefield for 44 (L) Bde. Recce by O.C. and Lt. HERBERT for	

			minefield to be laid area 896129 where enemy are suspected to be crossing MAAS. Night 21/22. 2 short belts of S-mines laid, at end of wood. Another night of frost.	
	22		Maintenance of NORTH route. Sjt. Cooke killed in accident while blowing up damaged R-mines, exact cause unknown. R-mine had been run over by truck with safety nail in place and igniter pin was nearly out.	
	23		Road maintenance. Lt. du Vivier and Haines with 1 Platoon laid perimeter fence in area 8902, night 23/24. No A/Pers mines available except British Shrapnel mines. These mines are NOT considered suitable for laying by night just in front of Jerry's nose.	
	24		No work apart from mines (No. 5 British A/Pers) laid within last night's perimeter wire after dark. Platoon Commander was misled by stupid infantryman and set off 2 trip flares.	
	25		No work. A good Christmas dinner was appreciated by all ranks. Frosty day with bright sun.	
	26		No work. Carol service in morning. Company assembled in afternoon while O.C. read out Christmas message and C.S.M. explained Home Leave Scheme. Another frosty, sunny day. General feeling about Christmas - "We didn't do too badly."	
	27		Day spent cleaning up Christmas mess.	
	28		At 859135 45 T.Mi.35s and T.Mi.35 blown up. Stores check begun. Roads very slippery from 10 days frost.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	29		Track swept 885114 - 888114. Platoons marched to SEVENUM to inspect our defensive positions there in the event of an attack. G.O.C. inspected camp and had tea in Officers' Mess.	
	30		House at 895121 booby-trapped. Superiority of German over British equipment for this job most apparent.	
	31		Showers at SEVENUM improved with screens. Black-outs for Bde. Recreation Room completed. New Year seen in with skirl of bagpipes.	PT Wood ~~Capt.~~ Maj. R.E. ~~For~~ O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Unit 279, Fd.Coy.RE

Month and Year Jan.45

Commanding Officer Maj.PT.Wood.DSO MC RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Sevenum Holland.	1		Coy still in hutted camp in middle of a peat bog, the former reformatory has been made comfortable, brick fireplaces and ovens ensure adequate heating & cooking.	
	2		Lt. P.A. Watkinson & Spr. Cowan injured in eyes when a prodded SCHU mine exploded. Lt. C.E. Scanlon to hospital with jaundice. Lt. Haines in hospital with tonsillitis. Corduroy road to BLERICK sanded, 2 of the 3 40' Bailey Bridges built for the attack on BLERICK dismantled. Transomes had to be jacked up to free them from the frozen ground.	
	4		Party attended training films and VIPER demonstration.	
	5		Lt. Haines returned from hospital. Corduroy road to BLERICK still being sanded.	
	6		Coy checking G.1098 stores overhauling M.T. & generally making use of slack period.	
	7		CofE service well attended by majority of Coy.	
	8		Enemy laid anti-tyre mines near jerrican bridge, sample sent to CRE.	
	9		3 Tonner & snow plough covered our Sects of rd, but snow is mostly frozen and plough will not do much good.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	10		4 nissen huts taken to HELMOND for 46 Bde REME unit.	
	11		Erection of Nissens begins, 20 men from 2 Pln & 3 Pln billeted in HELMOND for this work.	
	13		Two huts complete, remainder of coy to baths.	
	14		Br on road East of SEVENUM dismantled. Culverts are to replace it so making a two way crossing. Permission obtained from parish priest to remove rubble from SEVENUM church for culvert job.	
	15		Hutting at HELMOND complete, party returns.	
	17		SEVENUM culvert job giving trouble as swift stream washes away fill. Decided that 7 culverts in parallel reqd. C.E. visited job and agreed to supply extra ARMCO. Major P.T. Wood acting C.R.E. while Col. Miller on leave.	

	18		SEVENUM culvert - concrete block demolished with explosives, weather - turning to gale.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	19		Thaw precaution - gale with snow. O.C. R.O.1 R.O.2 to site RED LION BRIDGE on recce.	
	20	1000	O.C. Lt. Haines. Lt. Herbert to H.Q.R.E. for instn by Capt. Nicolay R.E. re Cl. 40 br to be built. Weather clear, Sky - our heavies over.	
	21		Lt. Haines off to recce new area near TURNOUT Lt. du Vivier off on U.K. leave.	Appx. (1)
	22		Word received that plan altered and Div to move to TILBURG area. Lt. Haines proceeds to recce new harbour area.	
	23.		SEVENUM culvert job 90% complete, pipes laid and covered with brick rubble. Austin snow plough handed over to 249 Fd Coy RE whose advance party has been with us for 2 days under Capt. Clive. Lt. Herbert and 84 men proceeded under comd of 20 Fd Coy RE to build treble double Bailey for RED LION Bridge.	Appx (2)
	24		O.C. to TILBURG to see new accommodation. Coy billeted in private houses. Tpt in large factory with cookhouses also in factory.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	25	0945	Coy moves out of hutted camp SEVENUM via EINDHOVEN - BEST for TILBURG.	
TILBURG 175315	26		Recce for W.P. at 244343. Start on making blackout for Rear Div.	
	27		W.P. est but frost so severe that STELLA could not be kept going and water froze in S tank.	
	28		W.P. dismantled. Blackouts & glass for Rear Div 70%. Some minor plumbing done for mobile Bath Unit.	
	29		Gas Eqpt checked. Blackouts for Rear Div finished.	
	31		Thaw. 3 dully pillboxes built & trenches dug for K.O.S.B. for use in demonstration of Pillbox assaulting. Sjt. Tapp began short course for 8 R.S. pioneers.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Unit 279 Field Coy. R.E.

Month and Year Feb.45

Commanding Officer Maj. P.T. Wood, D.S.O. M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG 175315	1		Coy still in private billets, with large factory for officers, messing, and vehicles. 6 R.S.F. require maximum numbers instructing on A/Per mines. 4 Instructors taking continuous classes.	
	2		Lt. Haines & C.S.M. recce for new area, assembly area for operation "Veritable". Lt. Haines returned leaving C.S.M. & 2 Sprs to try to improve cramped accommodation. Officers briefed by O.C. for "Veritable". Mines instruction continued.	App. (1)(1A)(1B)
	3		Mines instruction completed. 200 Inf. shown A/Per mines. Party dispatched to assist Assault R.E. assemble bridges.	
	4	 1930	Corps & Div Cmndrs addressed all Div Offrs on op "Veritable". Div signs on vehicles and tunics covered. Began move to NIJMEGEN.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
NIJMEGEN 705628	5	0140	Arrived NIJMEGEN. Very crowded billet. Capt. Blockley with C.R.E. recce routes fwrd. Contacted Assault R.E. Small party to assist them to assemble A.V.R.E. bridges.	App. (2)
	6		Began transporting logs to sledges and loading them. 3 Sherdozers & 1 Kangaroo joined us. N.C.O.s briefed by A/O.C. & Pln Commanders. Party maintaining road BURGEN DAC - GROESBEEK. Some of Coy first set foot in Germany.	
	7	 1000 2300	Loading of sledges completed late evening owing to late arrival of 4 Sledges. Whole Coy briefed by A/OC. 2/Lt. Black joined Coy. Remainder of Kangaroos arrived and loaded. Fourth Sherdozer arrived and put u/cmnd 6 R.S.F. Capt. Blockley to final coordinating conference, Bde HQ. Tried marrying up of Kangaroo crews with Armoured column and movt of 2 Pl in 3 Half Tracks with 1 Sherdozer. 9 Kangaroos and 2 Sherdozers joined Armd Column ready to move off next day. Preparations complete.	 JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	8	0930	O.C., Lt. Black, 2 Pl & 1 sherdozer to Bde HQ to get into Column. Moved off 1100 hrs.	

		1030	1 & 3 Platoons in kangaroos with Armd Col. From now until after midnight this column moved slowly forward and eventually up to start line. 2 sherdozers with it. Lt. HAINES (A/2 i/c) to near GROESBEEK with 3 Armd D. 7 bulldozers to be slipped into tail of Armd Col in passing. During morning 46 & 227 Bde attacks went well though some of their flails bogged. Opposition sporadic, rather overwhelmed by terrific Artillery barrage.	
		1530	C.R.E. on M/c recced routes with O.C. Route for wheels proved as far as forward infantry. 2 Platoon set to fill small holes while held up in convoy.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		1630	A 2 Platoon ½-track blew up on mine. Road had been cleared by preceding Fd Coy. Another 2 trucks also blew up. Without doubt mines very deep and there is no known way of locating these. A favourite German practice in Africa - not met much in N.W. Europe. Trucks at once bulldozed into ditch.	
		1800	O.C. with Lt. BLACK and 2 Platoon get out to recce F.U.P. Bulldozer and 1 ½-track bogged. Remainder went on and had a look at start line. No shooting. 2 Platoon began marking while O.C. went back to send forward bogged trucks. Recce car got squirted accidentally by flame thrower. Stuff did not ignite but not comfortable among blazing houses. Then Recce Car stuck in slit trench. O.C. walked back, sent up 2 bogged vehicles - to collect Lt. BLACK en route.	
		2000	O.C. at Bde. Tank track for Armd Col unpassable. C.R.E. arrived, having found a way round and personally cleared up to start line with bulldozer, pushing trees & R-mines off road.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		2030	Brigadiers orders - O.C. to light approach road for Armd Col and take personal command of columns allotted for lanes 4 & 5 now to be concentrated on opening AYR route. Lanes 1, 2 & 3 as before.	
		2115	O.C. reported to Bde - route lit. Awaiting Armd Col. Called up Lt. BLACK & 2 Platoon and told them new plan. All waited at top of start line.	
	9	0200	Armd Col began to arrive. Only 2 A.V.R.E. bridges and not full complement of flails. All A.V.R.E. officers who had been recceing ahead had vanished. Columns 1, 2 & 3 sent off to starting point with 2 A.V.R.E. bridges. Zero hour now fixed for 0400. Gordons arrived and took 2 Platoon to begin clearing PEARL BLACK. Still no shooting.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		0330	O.C. gave out orders to NORTH force. 2 flails to flail up to ditch along road which was in fact only a track. Sprs in Kangaroos to follow. 2 sherdozers and one Armd D. 7 to be	

819552			prepared to fill in crossing over ditch. 3 flails then to cross and go on to objective followed by sprs.	
		0400	Crossed start line, heralded by brief and highly dangerous fusillade of tracer from our tanks further south. Stopped this. Advance proceeded uneventfully until 6 cowed Germans bobbed up out of a hedge and surrendered.	
		0515	Reached A/Tk ditch. Bulldozers began work on half demolished earth causeway.	
		0545	Flails able to cross and flailed on to objective. No mines had been met at all. No opposition. Meanwhile sprs were laying a mat of logs spiked together over the bulldozed causeway and finishing the marking of the gap	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		0700	Gap declared open. Bde informed over wireless. Began collecting up funnies, some of which had temporarily ditched themselves. As it grew light began moving funnies back out of sight behind houses and - after being told nothing would be coming through for a while - eventually back to start line. Spr party left near crossing until battalion had passed through at about 1130. Everyone collected up then at the top of the start line, we found a fairly undamaged house, and began sorting out.	
			Meanwhile on lanes 1, 2 & 3 further south progress had been as follows:- No. 1 gap was abandoned almost at once as everything got bogged. No. 2 gap was put through almost as planned except that the A.V.R.E. laid his bridge badly and the second A.V.R.E. bridge was called into gap 2 and laid to the left of the first. On gap 3 the approach to the ditch was poor & after a bulldozer had made a crossing the first half of the route was not used. After a while the A.V.R.E. bridge became impassable and traffic came up gap 2, crossed the ditch at gap 3 and returned to gap 2. Routes opened 0720 hrs. Personnel returned to top of start line. 2 Platoon with Lt. BLACK had opened road with Gordons up to their objective.	(Some mortar fire on (these 3 gaps, only (casualty one flail (commander later on. JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E. App. 3A.
	10		Whole Coy on road maintenance. Tasks - AYR route - Pearl Black as far forward as possible - making railway fit for wheels from 818552 to 802558. Method - to fill between north set of rails to cover sleepers with 2 of ballast. Excellent track then.	
			Track 851562 to 857557 cleared of mines. NOT fit for through route.	App. 3
		1700	A/O.C. to C.R.E. conference at NIJMEGEN. C.R.E. back. Major Wood returned to Coy. Tasks for to-morrow - road maintenance. Only PEARL BLACK is good road, it is a struggle to	

			keep all others open. 43 Div passing through 15 (S) with difficulty. Traffic control strict. Road at KRANENBORG becoming flooded by Rhine floods.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	11	0130 1000 1700	Major P.T. Wood, D.S.O., M.C., received immediate posting order to become C.R.E. 2 Army Troops, after commanding the Coy since Spring 1941. Left after breakfast. Capt. J.P. BLOCKLEY, M.C., again A/O.C. Lt. BLACK joined 8 R.S. to get a look at water obstacle in CLEVE as soon as possible. Not possible all day. Road maintenance as yesterday. All other available men on railway. O.C. at Bde. No jobs yet other than roads. Major W.F. INGLIS arrived, new O.C., from 8 Corps. Tasks for tomorrow as at App. 4.	 App. 4
	12	 1900	Road maintenance as App. 4. Tank track marked but expected to be boggy. Everywhere sodden. Deep mud. Angledozer on AYR. Major INGLIS toured jobs with Capt. BLOCKLEY all day. Major INGLIS to hospital for few days with poisoned foot.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	13		Road maintenance continued. All routes still passable for all traffic and can just about be kept open by all the Coy.	
	14		Road maintenance continued. Drying up nicely now.	
	15		Roads mostly O.K. now. Most of Coy bathed in magnificent improvised bath. Road maintenance continued.	
	16		Road maintenance as before plus pot-hole filling on PEARL BLOCK.	
	17	 1430 1830	Recces for Leaguer Area south of CLEVE. Coy moved after lunch into very good billets. O.C. at Bde conference on Op Spider. O group. For Bde Plan see App. 5. Coy Plan:- Recce L/Sjt with each of 2 leading Bns to remove charges from river bridges if captured. 2 & 3 Platoons to move into assembly area - tasks:- 1. Open main road (CARTER) for wheels into GOCH. 2. Mark flailed gaps if necessary. 3. Assist in maintaining ditch crossings made by Assault R.E. U/Cmd.:- 2 sherdozers, 1 Armd D. 7, 1 D. 4, 12 tippers, 3 lorries culverting.	 App. 5. JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	18	1100 1300	O.C. & Lt. BLACK moved up with Bde H.Q. 2 & 3 Pl followed. O.C. & Lt. BLACK forward to look at crossings over PHOENIX made by 43 Div night 17/18. Reported to C.R.E. CARTER crossing undamaged, HIKER next best of the 4 others.	Wireless as at App 6.

		1400	C.R.E. visited. Put him in picture. Opposition apparently slight so 8 R.S. attempting to go straight on. 1 Pl ordered to join us on C.R.E. instructions. 279 may have to build bridge in GOCH.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		1430	8 R.S. up to . Assault R.E. laying bridge. 2 Pl with 1 sherdozer sent up to PHOENIX to be ready to make solid crossing.	
		1500	O.C. at PHOENIX. Heavy small arms fire on Do Do and shelling on PHOENIX. Obviously work impossible for some time so ordered 2 Pln to move back and improve rd behind PHOENIX.	
		1600	AVRE bridge on HIKER unsatisfactory. 2 Sherdozers sent up to bulldoze solid crossing. On arrival however they found br O.K. so returned. Got bogged en route & were stuck 'til morning of 19th. HIKER now impassable and full of bogged tanks.	
		1700	O.C. to Bde. 6 KOSB now on CARTER unable to get over Do Do. Bridge laid but tank unable to disengage and under direct Spandau fire. O.C. to see O.C Assault RE. Nothing can be done till dark & then tank crew will demolish coupling with HE. 8 RS pushing on over HIKER having cut across from CARTER. Bridging of R. NIERS obviously not possible tonight & unlikely tomorrow. 51 Div entering GOCH from SOUTH. Captured br 904441.	
		1815	2 & 3 Plns sent back for night. Plan made with Assault RE to make fascine & bulldozed crossing over do do by side of Br on CARTER. This was being tied up from 2100 till 2330. Armd D7 u/comd 2 AVRE fascine tks for job. Assault R.Es job.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		2200	Everyone to bed except Lt. Black (who was marrying up bulldozer) & O.C.	
		2359	Crossing party moved off.	
	19	0230	O.C. on site. Work just beginning. Sporadic Spandauer but no more shelling.	
		0430	O.C. back & to bed. Bde infd. Bridge O.K. for wheels.	
		0630	Crossing completed. Bde informed. Rd mtce during day. Rd 909448-910433 checked. Several UXB (British). B.D. Sec sent for.	
		1600	Maj. Inglis returned from hospital.	
		1700	Lt. Herbert reported Br 910433 needs 100ft. Bailey. Abutments appear to be in good shape but NOT passable carry out detailed Recce because of snipers. All Officers had had orders to get a look at any bridge across R. NIERS as early as possible. C.R.E. informed. No work tonight. Recce of other bridge arranged for early tomorrow in conjunction with Infantry.	
	20	0900	Reports in about Bridges. 908435 Cl. 40 intact. 907434 needs 60ft. Bailey. 904441 intact apart from 2 big holes in decking.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

		1100 1900	C.R.E. at Coy H.Q. Long and fairly useless discussions to what Cl. bridge at 904441 was, only one officer present having seen it. After further details had been acquired decision taken to make this bridge into a certain cl. 40 by bridging holes on decking with Bailey. To start 1900. Bridge subjected to shelling by observation by day. 1 Pln attempted to fill bomb craters 913439 but shelling too heavy. Crater filled 906442. Bailey began.	
	21	0130	Job complete. One bridge vehicle blew up on mine. Rd mtce. Allotted part of SKYE circuit. Tippers and mud-shovelling.	
	22		Bailey at 904441 slightly damaged by shelling. Damaged parts replaced. Recce attempted of Rly 9442 but impossible to get near enough. Whole Coy together at 931477.	
	23		SKYE route maintained. Bde attack down into woods EAST of R. NIERS. Recce Sjts with 2 fwd Bns. One took the Sjt, the other didn't. No work for them anyhow. 2 Pln standing by all day. Lt. Boardman back from U.K. leave.	Appx (8)
	24		Maj. W.F. Inglis posted to 1 Corps. Rd mtce. All mech eqpt retd to Fd Pk preparatory to Div moving out for a rest.	App. (9)
	25	 1700	3 Pln rd mtce. 1 & 2 Pln checkd & mkd Assembly areas in which Bde Gp intended to form up before moving off. Just completed when area was changed. 278 & 279 Fd Coys ordered to stop on another 48hrs to make good a stretch of rd vital for Corps plan.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	26		Coy deployed on rd. To be cl. 40 one way but for a few days may be used as 2 way. Jobs- shovelling off loose mud. Revetting banks for short stretches & making rubble berms. Surfacing sharp corner with rubble & cutting down tree. Cutting away banks at narrow stretch. All Plns working in morning. Then 3 Pln had afternoon off & worked thro' night.	
	27	 1730	1 & 2 Pln finished rd job. Job complete & good. Coy worked extremely well.	
	28		Moved to s'Hertogenbosh for rest period. Quartered in 3 schools. Maj. W.M. Inglis arrived to take command of Coy.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Unit. 279, Fd. Coy. RE
Comdg. Offr: Maj. W.M. INGLIS, R.E.

Month. & Year: March 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events & Infm	Refs to Appendices
S'Hertogenbosch	1		Coy billeted in 3 schools resting after Siegfried Line battles. Checking stores and issuing replacements. Half Coy bathed.	
	2		Half Coy bathed. Liberty trucks to TILBURG - EINDHOVEN.	
	3		2 60 to BRUSSELS for 48 hrs. Intention to get through whole Div during rest period. This was all but done.	
GEET-BETZ	6		Coy moved with Bde Gp into BELGIUM to GEET-BETZ. First Troops to be quartered there. Most of Coy found private billets with welcoming inhabitants.	
	7-8		Continued sorting out and re-equipping.	
	9		Training started for river crossing operation. Mock up close sp rafts made for Bns.	
	10		Training with stormboat engines.	
	11		Drivers practiced driving onto rafts on R. MAAS. O.C. to bed with tonsillitis. Coy held dance in village.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
GEET-BETZ	12		Capt. BLOCKLEY M.C. to Bde conference. Briefed for Op TORCHLIGHT. Begin planning.	
	13		Planning continued. Pl commanders told Bde plan but not place. Capt. BLOCKLEY M.C. to Bde conference on tomorrow's exercise.	
	14		Exercise BUFFALO on R. Maas. Most of those who will be on operation went down but the R.E. side was only done on skeleton and most of Coy were spectators. See App.2 for first plan. Lt. Du Vivier loaned to 11 AGRE for period of operation.	App (1) App (2)
	15		Conference at Bde to discuss day Exercise. Night exercise at full scale. Went with a swing and was instructive. Slight changes in plans.	
	16		Day off.	
065410	17		Coy moved in independent blocks of 5 vehicles up to marshalling area for operation. All arrived by last light. Mostly sleeping in dugouts and bivouacs. Fine spring weather.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
065410	18		Began working under CRE 52 Div. Job to make up LVT track for right battalion. All Pls deployed on this.	

	19		Completed LVT track.	
	20		1 Pln strengthened small bridge. 2 Pln widened crossroads. 3 Pln day off. Capt. BLOCKLEY M.C. & Lt. BOARDMAN studied far bank of river from excellent O.P. at XANTEN church tower. Impressions very favourable. Weather still dry and warm. Lt. Black posted to 53 DIV. O.C. back and took over again.	
	21		OC & 2ic to fwd O.P. but too much smoke to see much. Final coordinating conference with CRE 15 GHQ Tps who commands us for initial phases of operation. Coy told RE plan in detail.	
	22		Plans crystallised - App. (3). 4 prs. trackways collected.	App.(3)
	23		Final check up. Wireless operators briefed. Drivers briefed. All necessary stores distributed and loaded. All preparations are complete.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
BISLICH 138430	24	0200 0245 0400 0530 0715 0900 1200 1230 1800 2130	H Hour. For Company plan see appendix. First serial of vehicles called to waiting area. Message received 3 Pln married up with rafting Coys. Maj. INGLIS wounded on thigh (our only casualty). Set on far bank opened up. Reception poor. 3 Pln relaying messages. All Plns landed - things quiet now - 2i.c. to be ready to come over at short notice. 2i.c. called across. 2ic. landed. Work had gone as planned. No difficulty over buffalo landing places or over ways over bund. Our 3 preselected routes all o.k. Some hastily laid SCHU & T.M. 35 on Right cleared by 2 Pln. Rafting beginning. All 3 exits open. Lt. HERBERT started bulldozing way down from Bund on east side. D4 worked skilfully on awkward cut. Our work on beaches virtually finished. 3 Pln laid some chesspale at raft landing sites. Laterals marked between all 3 routes out. Pl of 202 Coy took over from us. Our vehicles began to arrive and CSM began concentrating Coy in RE rally area. Moved into houses 138430. 50% vehicles arrived. Conference at Bde. Plan for 44 Bde to move out of bridgehead at first light and capture br over R. ISSEL at 203530. Lt. HAINES & Sec 3 Pl briefed for this. To remove leads from charges and then to prepare Br for demolition by us.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	25		All Pls on rd opening for CRE. 30' crater 17441-8 deviation made. 3 Pl followed 44 Bde improving their axis. Culverting put down 167493. Much information about roads and tracks passed back to CRE mainly by OC. Wireless net worked well and saved a lot of time. We have not hitherto used it as much as we might have done.	App.(4) JP Blockley Maj. R.E.

			6 KOSB leading Bde advance had trouble clearing through woods and the final attack on the bridge failed. During this period Spr. ANGEL in the scout car put up a very fine performance using his Bren to good effect and being largely instrumental in halting the enemy close on the heels of C Coy's withdrawal.	O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	26	0900	OC to meet CRE. Coy to bridge at 203530 when possible. Bridging allotted for this not yet across RHINE. Lt. SCANLON appointed Bridge Commander with orders to get a look at site as soon as situation allowed. 6 RSF made small bridgehead during the day but recce of site not possible. Lt. BOARDMAN to recce new Harbour area, about 1849. 3 Pl to work on new Bde axis.	
		1400	O.C. visits CRE 53 Div whose bridging we were to use. CRE had heard gap was a culvert & bulldozer job. Armd D7 and culvert lorry ordered up.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		1430	Coy moved to 187497.	
		1600	OC met CRE at Div. In view of CRE 53 Div report that bridging would not start to cross RHINE until midnight and that anyhow the gap was small it was decided to allot 279 ½ the Bailey Platoon allotted to 20 Fd Coy who had another bridge to do upstream. 2i/c informed by wireless and lorries collected.	
		1800	O.C. at Bde. Bridge urgently required. O.Cs wireless broke down. Half way up to site car bogged so O.C. proceeded on foot considering that it would be quicker to do recce himself than to get his subalterns onto it.	
		2000	O.C. reached RSF Bn HQ. With 3 sniper guides proceeded across country on to site. All quiet. Bridgehead 400 yards deep. Measured gap with fence wire. 70 foot Bailey needed. All previous reports hopelessly misleading. Lesson - you must have an RE officer to see it himself.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
		2245	OC at Bde. All routes up to bridge impassable except main rd from HAMMINKELN. G3 laying this on while O.C. returned to Coy, having ordered stand by over the air.	
		2315	OC at Coy. All pls to go up and to unload and build as quickly as possible. If not finished by first light smoke to be fixed. Lorries to be back down main road anyhow before first light. Lt. SCANLON to tie up at Bde with KOSB patrol.	
	27	0015	Convoy moved off. Got split immediately through insufficient controlling. Married up eventually after much hard work.	
		0230	KOSB reported to Bde rd clear. Convoy darted through.	

		0245 0545 1000	Work began. Bridge complete. A first class bit of work though not technically perfect. All trucks had left by first light. Coy congratulated by G.O.C. Brig. & C.R.E. Lt. to Bde and then to see if bridge was all right. Unable to get up to bridge as an S.P. was knocking out each truck as it passed up the road. But R.S.F. on the spot reported it was all right.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	28	1000 1630	Lt. Herbert and sec 1 Pl to bridge. Found that 53 (W) Div had taken over maint and were repacking far end. It seemed foolish for 53 Div to take over a bridge in our area as they were advancing, so O.C. asked CRE if we should continue to maintain it. This was approved. Lt. BOARDMAN with Sec 2 Pl to KOSB to lift R and SCHU mines. 20 R mines lifted. One casualty on SCHU mine when a spr was carrying R mines into a field to destroy them. We are still too casual in areas known to be mined.	
	29		Bridge & Road maintenance.	
	30		Capt. BLOCKLEY M.C. & Lt. Du Vivier with small party to BEST where Army Commander formally opened the all weather BAILEY and thanked all RE units involved in the Rhine crossings. Lt. Haines recced 4 sites for waterpoints. Coy on rd maint and salvaging own & enemy equipment.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	31		Water point set up 203529. Rd maint & salvage continued.	JP Blockley Maj. R.E. O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Unit 279 Fd. Coy. R.E.

Month and Year Apr. 45

Commanding Officer Maj. Carver R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Coy living in 3 farms on EAST side of R. IJSSEL. Whole Coy did an hour's drill in preparation for G.O.C. Inspection tomorrow. Maj. Carver arrived as new O.C.	
	2		Div R.E. paraded for G.O.C. Inspection, address, and march past to pipe band. Mtce party on our water point 203530.	
	3		Roads maintained round HAMMINKELN. Timber culvert at 217497 started but abandoned on receiving order to move. Rd blocks removed in HAMMINKELN - DINGDEN.	
	4		Standing by to move all day but didn't.	
735917	5	0530 1145	Moved off in Div Convoy. Arrived. Took over houses and a cafe.	
	6		Short informal visit from C. in C. All ready to move on in evening but move postponed.	
~~878242~~ 646245	7		Moved again. Long halt in middle of day. OC to see RE 11 Armd Div who were attempting to bridge R. WESER at STOLZENAU. Enemy fire too heavy. Coy to be ready to assist 11 Armd Div if required. 11 Armd Div in fact had another attempt by themselves but fire was too heavy and the site was abandoned.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
878242 878242	8		OC & Lt. Du Vivier made recce of new site at SCHLUSSELBERG. Good site good approaches straightforward job. Lt. Du Vivier recced tank track on both sides of river. Coy moved to 878242. Plan made to bridge at 916233. Lt. Boardman bridge commander. Br to be 2 x 110' T.S. landing bays 2 x 40' E.F.B. 2 x 40' F.B. Pln 278 Coy & Pl 20 Coy u/cmd. Pl 278 to build far L.B. Vehicles to go round by bridge 10 miles upstream. Pl 20 Coy to finish slightly damaged EFB at SHOLTENAN and bring it up to new site. Telephone communications - civilian - with far bank destroyed. 11 Armd Div RE suspected civilians of having called down fire on their site by telephone. Work began 1800 and continued till last light 2200.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	9		Work continued from first light. Bridge opened 1705 hrs. No snags.	

	10		Salvage carried out at 11 Armd Div site. 222 Fd Coy put down wearing surface.	
904363	11		Moving all day.	
436431	12		Moved on in morning. Work on main road into CELLE. Strengthening and widening culverts 450450 523472. Level crossing in CELLE improved. 1 Pl assisting 20 Fd Coy with T.S. Bailey in CELLE.	
ESCHEDE	13		1 Pl rejoined. Moved twice during day.	
ESCHEDE	14		Time bombs on main road caused long delay. B.D. eventually arrived but could do no more than blow them up. They exploded at intervals through the day. 1 & 3 Pls working with bulldozers widening diversion through woods. 2 Pl built 60' D.S. 785705. Coy moved again in evening.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
825810	15		3 Pl continued work on track 750697 - 7667150.	
	16		Work on tracks as yesterday. Autopatrol assisted. Practice stand to.	
	17		Pls concentrated for attack on VELZEN. 44 Bde to do right hook. Eng. tasks to recce and work on secondary roads entering town from EAST. Attack went well. KOSB with Lt. Du Vivier rushed and captured main bridge in VELZEN.	
912862	18		1 Pl building cl 5 at 918902 with 10" poles between existing damaged R.S.Js. 2 Pl strengthened culvert 916902 and bridged 8' gap with timbers 915903.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
902955	19		Moved on.	
891209	20		Moved on to WENDHAUSEN. Bde preparing for assault crossing over R. Elbe.	
	21		All officers on recce of approaches to South bank of ELBE for possible LVT tracks. Lt. Haines made a series of thorough reconnaissances down to the banks in very open country. Water point opened 927227.	
	22		Lt. Du Vivier designed Cl 40 timber bridge to be built at 780322 - BARUM.	App A.
	23		Approaches for new bridge cleared. All materials located.	
	24		All wreckage removed from BARUM bridge site, bankseats 100% and 50%. 4 trestle bents built.	
	25		Trestle bents all built. One pier ready for placing.	
	26		Difficulty experienced in placing piers owing to uneven bottom.	
	27		All piers placed.	
	28		Coy moved into marshalling area for ELBE crossing. Plan similar to RHINE crossing so no rehearsing had been done. Coy plan was for Lt. Haines & Lt. Du Vivier to cross with assaulting infantry in	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

			buffaloes each with a section and for the rest of 1 & 2 Plns to be ready to cross for work. 3 Pln reserve and for any work on home bank. Task - to open up beach exits. At ARTLENBERG the point of assault there were two narrow roads leading up steep cuttings in 100 ft cliffs above the ferry site. 3 Pln completed BARUM bridge.	
	29	0200	Assault by 44(L) Bde across R. Elbe. Both beach exits found blocked but cleared by energetic action by Lt. Haines with our own sappers and German prisoners. Fire fairly heavy at times. 3 casualties. During the day 1 & 2 Pls worked on the roads leading up from the beach.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
845358	30	1500 1700	Most of Coy vehicles crossed by Bailey Bridge. Heavy stonk right among 1 & 2 Pl trucks. Two Sprs wounded. 10 trucks burned out. Our biggest loss of the campaign. Coy established in SCHNAKENBECK.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.

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Unit 279 Fd. Coy RE

Month and Year May 45

Commanding Officer Maj. R.O.H. Carver

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHNAKENBEK 845358	1		Coy harbour just across R. Elbe after assault crossings. Road block cleared in GULZOW. Miscellaneous German vehicles collected to offset the 10 which we lost two days ago through shelling.	
818495	2		Road recces carried out forward. Lt. Haines & Lt. du Vivier with leading Bns reporting on bridges etc. Culvert strengthened from cl 9 to cl 40 at 786526. Coy moved up.	
	3		Further work on culvert. Bomb craters at 771559 repaired.	
723682	4		Coy moved. No work.	
OSTENDORF	5		All resistance ceased on 21 Army Group front. Coy parade. Postal voting forms filled up. About two thirds of the Company sufficiently interested. OC and 2i/c to celebrating party at Bde HQ.	JP Blockley Capt. R.E. For O.C. 279th Field Company R.E.
	6 & 7		Nothing doing. Officers & Sgts celebrated on 7th.	
	8		V.E. Day. Gymkana in afternoon. 5 aside football. Beer & liquers, bonfire.	
710790	9		Coy moved into fine house at RUMPEL.	
	10		2 i/c began 18 days P.T. course to train N.C.Os as P.T. instructors. Lt. Boardman began a German course. O.C. addressed Coy on plans for the period of occupation. Brig. the Hon H.C.H. Cumming Bruce D.S.O. of 44 (L) Bde came to bid farewell to 279 Fd. Coy on the occasion of the breaking up of the Bde Group.	
	11-12		Sorting ourselves out.	
	13		Thanksgiving service attended by whole Coy.	
	14-18		D & M course added to those already running. Lt. Scanlon as unit education officer collected data from which to work out the various courses to be run. Most of the Coy are interested, exclusively in trade training. Recce of Kreis Segeberg begun under Lt. Haines. Every type of information about engineer plant stocks and resources required by	JP Blockley Capt.

			C.E. Two water points set up for distant PW and PWX camps. All administration on the civilian side has simply collapsed.	
693975	19		Coy moved to BAD SEGEBERG.	
	20-31		Recces of Kreis continued. Some supervision of PW working on roads. Drill & P.T. periods carried out daily. Numerous liberty trucks to Hamburg & Lubeck. Our own unit club "the fifty club" opened under Sgt. Devereux. Trade Training started.	JP Blockley Capt.

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Unit 278 Field Coy R.E.

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Major J.G. OSLER R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STORRINGTON, Sussex	1		Preparations for move overseas continue - waterproofing of vehs commenced.	NHW
	11		Warning order for move to Marshalling Areas received.	NHW
	12		L.O. at SECO HQ receives movement orders.	NHW
WANSTEAD FLATS STORRINGTON HAYWARDS HEATH	13	0430 1200 1200 1630	Main Veh Party moves off to Marshalling Areas. " " " arrives Camp T7. " Rail & Rd Marching Party moves off to Marshalling Areas " " " " " " arrives Camp J9	NHW
	13-17		Main bodies in Marshalling Areas preparing for Embarkation.	NHW
TILBURY	17	0800	Main Vehicle Party moves to Embarkation area & embarks.	NHW
NEWHAVEN	18	0900	Main Marching Party moves to Embarkation area & embarks.	NHW
COURSEULLES-SUR-MER ST GABRIEL	19	0900	" " " disembarks & moves to Div Conc Area " " " take up location in harbour area.	NHW
	22		One OR Casualty (sick)	NHW
COURSEULLES	23	0800 2200	Disembarkation of Main Veh Party commences. OC with 6 vehs arrives Conc Area.	NHW NHW
ST GABRIEL	24	0830 1000 1200 2135	Three vehs arrive from Disembarkation Area. CRE's O Gp Orders for Ops. Coy ordered to move to F.A.A. in SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN. Remainder of Main Veh Party arrive in Conc Area.	NHW
SECQUEVILLE	25	0330 1630	Coy complete (less Residues) arrive SECQUEVILLE - dig in and off load and de-waterproof stores in preparation for operations. Coy placed in support 46 Bde. Bde Comd & Div Comd Final Briefing Conference.	NHW
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	26	0400	Coy move forward under orders from 46 Bde to F.U.P. area South of PUTOT-EN-BESSIN. OC moves with the Bde Tac HQ. No 1 pl in reserve at BRONAY 895721 with task of maintaining Br over Rly or making diversion if required. No 2 Pl move up with 2nd Glasgow Highlanders with task of opening & maintaining route forward on	

			line of adv. No 3 Pl move up in rear of 7 Seaforths for maintenance of route if required. Recce offr moves up with 9 Cameronians on right flank as observer for RE tasks if any. Coy HQ dug in at 905718.	
		1200	During advance minefield located SOUTH of LE-MESNIL-PATRY, this being breached by "FLAILS" at 905693. Adv continued towards CHEUX.	NHW
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN		1800	½ track vehicle receives direct hit - destroyed by fire. OR casualties: - killed 5, died of wounds 1, wounded 7.	
		1900	Coy HQ move forward on axis of adv.	NHW
CHEUX	27	0025	Coy take up defensive position in area X rds 907680	
		0030	Coy HQ established 907684	
		0230	Route maintenance party commences clearing CHEUX.	NHW
CHEUX	28	0600	Recce of route through CHEUX to South. Route flooded and heavy mortaring of villages causes difficulties of route clearance. 1 Pl moves forward with 7 Seaforths to Area LE VALTRU and take up defensive position at 910626. 2 Pl takes over route maintenance in CHEUX. 3 Pl moves up with 2 GH to area COLLVILLE.	
		2200	Recce offr moves off with own & second recce party to obtain infm of crossings at 915622 over R. ODON. These parties unable to reach river owing to enemy activity. OR Casualties:- 2 killed. 2 wounded	NHW
CHEUX	29	0600	OC moves off to contact 1 Pl & fwd Bn (7 Seaforths). Veh receives direct hit from enemy 88 mm at 899625. OC (Major J.G. Osler) killed.	
		0700	Bulldozer & Br Equipment taken fwd to Area COLLVILLE.	
		0800	2 i/c assumes comd and moves fwd to COLLVILLE	
		1000	Meets CRE & Comd 46 Bde.	
		1400	CRE orders Coy to hand over tasks to 70 A Fd Coy R.E.	
		1600	(approx) Enemy counter attack on Le Valtru area - 1 pl although ordered to withdraw by OC unable to do so.	
CHEUX		1800	No 1 Pl commence to withdraw VIA COLLVILLE	NHW
		2000	Enemy counter attack with armour reported area Haut-du Bosque. Coy take up defensive position under Camp Comd 227 Bde as ordered by CRE.	
		2300	Stand-down ordered. Major J.G. Osler & 5 ORs killed, 8 ORs wounded.	NHW
	30	0800	Route maintenance X roads. 906880 to 910660 taken over from 70 Fd Coy together with one Auto patrol vehicle & ten tipper lorries. 1 Pl return to Coy HQ.	
		1100	Location. 2 & 3 Pls rejoin Coy HQ in harbour area.	NHW W3008s & W3009

			J.N. Harrison Watson Capt RE	

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Unit 278 FIELD COMPANY RE

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Major C.R. NICHOLLS RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CHEUX	1 Jul		Coy moved to Le MESNIL PATRY 9071.	Weekly AFs
LE MESNIL PATRY	- 5 Jul		Employed on mine clearance and rd maintenance.	W3008 & W2009
"	4 Jul		T/Major C.R. Nicholls, RE posted to this unit from HQ 8 Corps - OC unit vice T/Major J.G. Osler RE.	
"	6 Jul		New equipment etc arrived. Coy still engaged on mine clearance and road making.	
"	7 Jul		1 Platoon - Rd repairs; 2 Platoon - Reserve; 3 Platoon - Mine lifting.	
"	8 Jul		Coy comes under comd 46 Bde. 2 m/cs and 1 ½-track veh arrive as replacements.	
"	9 Jul		2 Pl move forward at 2200 hrs.	
"	10 Jul		278 Fd Coy in sp 46 Bde for operation JUPITER. 2 Pl move to MOUEN 7365 and has one sec with each 2 Glas H 7 Seaforths for checking routes. 20 rfts arrived. 1 ½-track arrived.	
LE MESNIL PATRY	11 Jul	1700	OC moves forward to Bde and takes forward 1 Pl. 2 Pl check carriageways and verges from excl X-rds 967656 to level crossing 986665 and from 970653 to ROCRENIL 978657. Rd opened from X-rds 977662 to track junc 978657, fallen trees removed and brs classified. Bde HQ moves to new harbour NE of VERSON 973658. 2 Pl moves with Bde HQ. 1 Pl returns to Coy. Mortaring and shelling during night.	
"	12 Jul		2 Pl returns to Coy. Casualties :- 1 killed, 3 wounded, 3 vehs badly damaged. 2 ½-tracks arrived.	
"	13 Jul		Complete coy resting in harbour area. Priority residue arrived A.M. 1 m/c and 1 winch lorry arrived.	
"	14 Jul	1200	Whole coy moved to St Mauvieu 9470.	
St Mauvieu	15 Jul		Coy in sp 46 Bde with pl 263 Fd Coy under comd for operation GREENLINE. One D4 and one D7 placed under comd.	

			1 & 3 pls move forward to take over crossings on R. ODON. 1 pl responsible for maintenance of routes DUNDEE and QUARRY I. 3 Pl responsible for maint of QUARRY II, CART I and CART II. Pl 263 Fd Coy employed on maint of actual crossings at CART I and CART II.	
"	16 Jul		Maint tasks continued and routes opened up as far as BARRON. 3 tippers and D7 employed under 3 pl filling in craters round GOURNAY 9563.	
"	17 Jul		CART I and CART II handed over to 43 Div. Coy takes over HEREFORD. 3 Pl withdraw into reserve.	
"	18 Jul		1 pl hand over routes and return to coy location. Total casualties for operations. Lt D.D. Murray wounded - returned to duty. 1 OR killed, 3 ORs wounded. 14 rfts arrive.	
ST MAUVIEU	19 Jul		Coy resting. 3 rfts arrive.	
"	20 Jul		2 Pl erecting Water Point at Collville and lifting British minefields.	
"	21 Jul		Non-Priority Residue arrive. Lifting of British Minefields contd.	
"	22 Jul		Infantry Pioneer Mines course commenced. 1 Light Recce car received.	
"	23 Jul		Coy move to new location. 688676. Engaged in route maintenance &	
688676	24 Jul		training. (23 & 24th)	
"	25 Jul		Training contd. Maintaining a Water Point and routes. 17 ORs rfts.	
"	26 Jul		Training & route maintenance.	
"	27 Jul		" " " " . A pl went to RE Bridging School at Bayeux.	
"	28 Jul		As for 27 Jul. A road screening operation was carried out in the evening.	
688676	29 Jul		OC 2 pl with recce party moves to 2 Glas H and recce offr moves to 9 Cam in preparation for operation BLUECOAT.	
"	30 Jul	0600 1300	278 Fd Coy in sp 46 Bde for operation BLUECOAT. OC moved to Bde HQ at 0600 hrs. 3 Pl positioned to move behind Bde HQ Gp ready for immediate tasks. Coy HQ and 1 & 2 pls ready to move in rear. Coy task - to open up routes used on third objective - rd from X-rds 714544 rd junc 707518. Bde HQ moves to 696594 followed by 3 pl. Plan for third phase is changed and 2 Glas H and 7 Seaforths advance on route X-rds 688548 - to LA MORICHESSE LES MARES. OC 2 pl carries out route recce on rds X-rds 688548 - X-rds 715544. Recce offr recces	

		1615	route forward as far as 688540 and is then held up by heavy fighting ahead. Coy HQ move to 705607. In the evening Bde HQ moves forward to 694565. 3 Pl moves to area SEPT VENTS 6957.	
705607	31 Jul		3 Pl checking verges on rd from X-rds 688548 to X-rds 682522, repairing road and erecting notice boards. 1 Pl called forward to assist in route maintenance. Recce made of damage to route in quarry 6951 and deviations made.	C.R. Nicholls Major

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Unit 278 FIELD COY RE

Month and Year AUGUST 1944

Commanding Officer Major C.R. NICHOLLS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
705607	1 Aug		Work on rd maint continues, stepping up as tactical situation permits. Recces carried out for Water Point at 692567. Br at 692567 found to be prepared for demolition and charges rendered safe. Recce carried out to find route to free tanks of main rd CAUMONT - ST MARTIN DES BESACES.	
		1700	Coy HQ move to 697548	
697548	2 Aug		1 & 3 pls start work on construction of the track to run EAST of rd from X-rds 688548. 2 pl open route from rd junc 680518 to rd junc 702513, including the filling in of 6 large craters caused by our own bombing.	
"	3 Aug		Work on tank track continues.	
"	4 Aug		Work on tank tracks completed. Maint continues. 2 Pl open Water point at 675494. All responsibility for tracks behind ST MARTIN DES BESACES handed over to 8 Corps Tps. Maint of main rd and	
697548			tracks from ST MARTIN DES BESACES to LE TOURNEUR taken over from Gds Armd Div and carried out by 2 Pl.	CRN
"	5 Aug		1 Pl take over water point from 2 Pl	
		1900	OC informed operation DUNHILL takes place 0730 hrs, 6 Aug	
		2100	Fwd recce followed by Bde O Gp 2330 hrs to 0200 hrs.	
"	6 Aug	0400	Lt Haig moves to 9 Cams as recce offr with task of recce br at 795421.	
		0500	Det 3 Pl consisting of two half-tracks carrying 12 ft trackway brs and one D4 move to 9 Cams FAA at LE HAMEL 7742.	
		0830	Lt Haig reaches br 795421; reports br partially demolished and two charges failed to fire. Charges removed. Det 3 Pl stands by to repair br.	
		1000	OC 3 Pl goes fwd to carry out detailed recce of br.	
697548			Hy mortaring and shelling makes work impossible. Bde agree work NOT to be carried out until situation improves.	CRN
		1100	Br at 795396 reported demolished. Div RE asked to have Sec Bailey from 624 Fd Pk at immediate readiness.	

		1400	Battle stagnates, no work on br possible and later in the evening 46 Bde pulls back. 3 Pl construct deviation round MONTCHARIVEL 7442 to avoid burning buildings. Buildings demolished by 2 Pl.	
"	7 AUG		2 Pl take over maint of div maint route from CATHEOLES to MONTCHARIVEL. 3 Pl construct rd fwd to 7 Seaforths.	
"	8 AUG		2 Pl working on route maint. 3 Pl working on improvements to tracks in fwd positions.	
"	9 AUG		2 Pl working on route maint.	CRN
697548	10 AUG		Recces carried out for construction of tank tracks forward from MONTCHAMP to LA CAVERIE.	
"	11 AUG		Preparation for operation DUNHILL.	
"	12 AUG		RE party briefed and prepare to go out with inf patrols from 7 Seaforths and destroy three Churchills which had fallen into enemy hands. Patrol cancelled at last minute.	
"	13 AUG		Coy moves to ST MARTIN 903606 Temporary Water Point opened at 011611 Checking of suspected minefields. 4 ORs arrived.	
ST MARTIN	14 AUG		Clearance of mines in area. Belt of 'S' mines found alongside R ORNE running from 008614 to 010610. Water Point opened up and Stellar installed.	
"	15 AUG		Mine clearance continues. 46 Bde moves fwd but 278 Fd Coy reverts from in sp and remains in present location. Det 2 Pl sent fwd to check suspected minefields in new Bde area. Det from 1 Pl check Mob Bath Unit sites for mines.	CRN
ST MARTIN	16 Aug	1800	Coy moved to new location due East of St Laurent de Condel. One sec of No 1 Pl on Water Point maintenance at MR 011611. One sec of No 2 Pl sent forward to clear new harbour area. No 3 pl on Route Maintenance, 3 secs maintaining Div route between MR 990577 and 015573 - 015573 to 986525 on Sheet 7F/3 and 1 sec on mine clearance at MR 0061 Sheet 40/16 SW	
ST Laurent de Condel	17 Aug		Pls employed as follows:- 1 Pl 2 Secs proceeded to MR 953540 to clear site for Mobile Laundry Unit. They came in contact with 'S' Mines. 1 Sec still operating at Water Point MR 011611. 2 Pl 3 Secs under Lt Baron on Rd Maintenance from St Laurent de Condel (986524) to Bois Halbout (013468). Work completed. Cutting out and filling of shell holes to make possible two-way traffic.	

			3 Pl Whole pl on Div Route Maintenance and repair at previous Map Refs.	
"	18 Aug		Pls employed as under:- 1 Pl 2 Secs completed task of clearing 'S' mines and returned to harbour 1300 hrs. 1 Sec returned from duty at Water Point with Water Purification set. 2 Pl Rd Maintenance St Laurent de Condel to Bois Halbout. 3 Pl Still maintaining Div route between previously mentioned MRs.	CRN
St Laurent de Condel	19 Aug		No 2 Pl employed on Rd Maintenance between St Laurent de Condel and Bois Halbout. No 3 Pl Div Route Rd Maintenance between MR 998502 and Fresnay-le-Vieux.	
"	20 Aug		Coy moved to new location north of Bois du Roi MR 117390 by Pls. Coy employed as follows:- No 1 Pl Pl Sjt & 3 ORs clearing mines at MR 953540 and 1 Sec out at Water Point MR 065410. Remainder of Pl in harbour. No 2 Pl Three secs on rd maintenance between St Laurent de Condel and Bois Halbout. No 3 Pl Whole pl employed on Div Route maintenance between MRs 990577- 015573- 986525.	
Bois du Roi.	21 Aug		No 1 Pl Two secs on rd maintenance between MRs 015467-032489 on 7F/3. One sec still maintaining Water Point. No 2 Pl Two secs still employed on route maintenance between St Laurent-de-Condel and Bois Halbout. No 3 Pl On Div Route Maintenance from 998502- 002489- 032489.	
"	22 Aug		No 1 Pl One Sec on Water Point MR 065410. Three secs on rd maintenance from MRs 054443- 015467 on 7F/3. No 2 Pl Two secs on rd maintenance between St Laurent de Condel and Bois Halbout. No 3 Pl Employed on Div Route Maintenance between 998502- 002489- 032489.	CRN
Bois du Roi	23 Aug		No 1 Pl Two secs checked Div HQ harbour for mines at MR 215350. ~~No 2 Pl Two secs still employed on route maintenance between St Laurent-de-Condel and Bois Halbout.~~ No 2 Pl Remained in Harbour Area No 3 Pl Remained in Harbour Area Lt Haig sent to investigate mines with which 2 Glas H had had an accident.	
"	24 Aug		Coy moved to S of Falaise near village MR 170340.	

			No 1 Pl One sec opened Water Point at MR 289570. Two secs attd to Div HQ for all purposes. No 2 Pl One sec employed on rd maint on Star diversion at MR 473635.	
170340   <

ECARDVILLE			No 3 Pl Clearing rds and mines from MR 2785- 313887. Four secs employed on this job.	
2985	28 AUG		No 1 Pl One sec attd to HQRE. Whole pl moved up with Bde at 2330 hrs. On rd and verge clearance (MR 326906). No 2 Pl One sec blowing up Tiger Tank. One sec filling crater. One sec checking verges for 1000 yds from 269872 to 267876. One officer killed (Lt F Baron). 2 ORs wounded. No 3 Pl Pl moved to harbour sq 3289.	
MUIDS	30 AUG	0400	No 1 Pl Left Bde and returned to unit location. Operated two close support rafts on R Seine at MUIDS. No 2 Pl Maintenance of Cl 9 br at MUIDS (MR 315881) No 3 Pl Maintenance of Cl 9 br at MUIDS (MR 315881). One pl 280 Fd Coy placed under comd and employed to assist in rafting and clearance of verges from MUIDS to LES ANDELYS.	
MUIDS	31 AUG		No 1 Pl close ferries and move to LES ANDELYS. 2 & 3 Pls still continue maint of class 9 Br.	Weekly Aps W3008 & W3009 C.R. Nicholls Major

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Unit 278 Field Coy RE

Month and Year SEPT 1944

Commanding Officer Major C.R. NICHOLLS RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MUIDS	1 SEP	0800 1800	1 Pl take over maint of class 40 br at LES ANDELYS and hand it over again to 6 A Tps at 1900 hrs. 2 & 3 Pls hand over maint of Class 9 FBE br to 6 A Tps. Weather:- Fair.	Ref Map Series-FRANCE Scale :- 1 :50,000 Sheet :- 9F/1 Str :- 6 & 241
"	2 SEP		Coy moved to GOURNAY-EN-BRAY. 2 and 3 Pls employed on maint of route from LES ANDELYS to CAMPEAUX 3 Pl double up Bailey br at 577678. Lt Allan carried out rd recce as far as R. Somme. Weather-Fair	Ref Map Series:- FRANCE Scale :- 1:50,000 Sheet :- 9E/6 & 9F/1 Str :- 6 & 242
GOURNAY	3 SEP		Coy takes over rd maint from GOURNAY to POIX. No 1 Pl Mine clearing of verges and rds on BOTTLE route. One sec worked from Campeaux to Fuquieres, one sec from Fuquieres to Bazancourt, one sec from Fuquieres to near Gournay. The remaining sec kept up steady flow of hardcore from Gournay for improving the rd between Gournay and Bazancourt. No 2 Pl Employed on route maint between a/n villages. Weather - Sunny.	Ref Map Series:- FRANCE Scale :- 1:50,000 and 1:250,000 Sheet :- 9E/6, 9E/4, 4 Str :- 6 & 242
GOURNAY	4 Sep	0830	Coy moved to BELLOY-SUR-SOMME, nr PICQUIGNY (MR 983645) - arrived approx. 1400 hrs. 2 Pl moved at 0820 hrs on rd maint task as MR 9059 past Picquigny and harboured temporarily at MOLLIENS VIDAME; moved on to BELLOY-SUR-SOMME and arrived at approx 2000 hrs. Lt Haig's CSM with a sec from 1 Pl took 2 German prisoners in Belloy-sur-Somme. Suspected collaborator taken to HQ FFI at CONDE FOLIE. Weather - Fair. 3 Pl br maint of brs 9964 & 0859	Ref Map Series:- FRANCE Scale :- 1:250,000 Sheet :- 4 Str :- 6 & 242.
BELLOY-SUR-SOMME	5 SEP	0745	Coy moved to LIGNY SUR CONCHES 1001 and arrived at 1500 hrs approx. 3 Pl hand over br maint to 6 Army Tps at 0800 hrs. Weather:- Dull. (9964 and 0859)	Ref Map Series:- FRANCE Scale:- 1:250,000 Sheet:- 2 Str :- 6 & 240

LIGNY SUR CONCHES	6 SEP	1800	Coy moves to BELLENGHEM 8552, nr COURTRAI. Originally move should have been to THIELT but enemy still in occupation. Coy hindered on move by cheering crowds. OC travelled independently. On reaching Bde was told that all brs in COURTRAI were blown but br at BISSEGHEM 830560 was intact. Asked to investigate. Found all brs in COURTRAI blown. On arrival at BISSEGHEM found Royals pulling back last tp over the river followed by enemy. OC asked for protection from Royals to do quick recce of br. Br classified as class 9. Some five minutes later enemy on far bank opened fire and at same time Royals received orders to prepare br for demolition. Only 20 lbs 808 available. OC organises demolitions party from Royals and placed charges under decking at top of first pier. Enemy watch the operation with interest from range of some 500 yds but apart from a burst of fire over the br do not interfere. Orders to fire demolition were <u>not</u> received. Recce parties from 2 Pl & 3 Pl were sent out to get exact dimensional sketches of the demolished brs in COURTRAI.	Ref Map Series:-LILLE-GHENT Scale:- 1:250,000 Sheet:- 2 Str :- 6 & 242
BELLENGHEM (8552)	7 SEP		Large number of recce parties formed to carry out br classification of brs on COURTRAI CANAL. Just before they were due to leave (1000 hrs) CRE arrived and stated that an emergency had arisen and coy must occupy def posn from canal junc 9547 to excl br 9253. Coy took up posns with right 1 Pl from incl br 952477 to incl rly br 945459, Centre 2 Pl from excl rly br to excl br 930510, left 3 Pl from incl br 930510 to excl br 9253 making contact with RSF on left. Coy was in final posn by 1200 hrs. No attack developed. 227 Bde arrived in middle of night at br 952477 but after much discussion did NOT take over def. Weather :- Wet.	Ref Map Series:-LILLE-GHENT Scale:- 1:250,000 Sheet:- 2 Str :- 6 & 241
"	8 SEP		Coy told to stand down from def at 1000 hrs and move to area OUDENARDE at 1230 hrs. Coy arrived at new location (MR 1057) nr Oudenarde at approx 1900 hrs. Weather :- Fair.	Ref Map Series:-LILLE-GHENT Scale:- 1:250,000 Sheet:- 2 Str :- 6 & 241.
OUDENARDE (1057)	9 SEP		No 1 Pl - No 3 Sec left coy harbour during the evening and proceeded to MR 0251 to maintain br at KHERKOVE on River Scheldt. Two recce parties sent off at 1600 hrs on div route recce - protection party in half track provided to go with them. Weather :- Wet.	Ref Map Series:-LILLE-GHENT Scale:- 1:250,000 Sheet:- 2 Str :- 6 & 239

OUDENARDE (1057)	10 SEP	1300 1330 1700 1830	Coy moves to MR 5877 (LIPPELOO) OC meets Bde Comd and is told to produce two RE recce parties to recce line of Albert Canal with infantry escort. OC to meet Bde Comd for recce at LIERRE 7786 OC Carries out recce of canal with Bde Comd. RE recce parties from 1 Pl report to LIERRE and briefed. Sent to BOERCHEM (MR 8092) to see the ground. Weather :- Dull.	Map ref series:- as for 9 Sep. Str :- 6 & 239.
LIPPELOO (5877)	11 SEP	0200 0700 0930 1330 1345	RE Recce parties recce ALBERT CANAL from incl canal junc 8791 to incl lock 7995. RE recce parties return and are questioned by Recce Offr (Lt Allan) OC attends O Gp at 46 Bde HQ and is told of complete change of plan. OC meets Bde Comd at WESTERLOO (MR 0381) and is informed that the coy is reverting to Comd CRE. OC meets CRE in WESTERLOO and visits cl 40 br at 0485 with OC 2 Pl. OC told that coy will take on maint of this br sometime 12 Sep. Weather : Sunny, Warm. No 1 Pl :- One sec sweeping for mines at MECHELIN (6977). Mines reported under paving of road. No mines found. Sec returned to coy harbour in the evening.	Map Ref Series: BRUSSELS -LIEGE Scale: 1:250,000 Sheet: 3 Str :- 6 & 239
LIPPELOO (5877)	12 SEP	1200 2200	Coy moves to WESTERLOO and arrives at new location (0381) at 1700 hrs. Ground very wet. No 1 Pl Nos 1 & 4 Secs left harbour area to take up def posns on br over ALBERT CANAL (0485). No 3 Pl Br maint (cl 40 br) at 0485 and def posns at br. Weather :- Sunny.	Map Ref Series: Brussels -Liege. Scale 1:250,000 Sheet 3. Str : 6 & 239
WESTERLOO (0381)	13 SEP		No 1 Pl Two secs take up defensive posns on br 0485, to relieve Nos 1 & 4 secs who returned to harbour area at 1800 hrs. No 2 Pl Maint cl 9 br over ALBERT CANAL 073842. At dusk enemy aircraft overhead but bombs dropped down river from br. No 3 Pl Cl 40 br maint and def of same at ALBERT CANAL 0485.	Map ref series as for 12th Str : 6 & 239.
WESTERLOO (0381)	14 SEP	 0700 1900	Coy moves at 1800 hrs to MR 113883 nr GHEEL. Arrived approx 1930 hrs. No 1 Pl recce party left harbour to recce Albert Canal for possible br crossing N of VIERLE ~~7786~~0579. Returned 1330 hrs. Pl told to stand by for constr of cl 9 shore loading raft on ESCAUT CANAL (079928) under comd 279 Fd Coy. OC and OC 1 Pl go fwd to do recce of site. One cl 9 raft constr. Second is reqd to assist in ferrying vehs into GHEEL bridgehead.	Ref map series :- As for 12th. Str : 6 & 239

WESTERLOO (0381)		2300	Pl leaves to construct raft. No 2 Pl handed over maint of cl 9 br to 280 Fd Coy. No 3 Pl handed over cl 40 br at 0800 hrs to 280 Fd Coy. Filled crater in rd at MR 108885 and built improvised br at 135892 over crater and demolished br. Weather : Wet.	
GHEEL (113883)	15 SEP	0030 0545 1200	No 1 Pl - constr of raft proceeds. Great noise of firing from far bank and a few indiscriminate shots overhead. Heavy spandau fire from three directions stops work on raft. OC orders pl to take up def posns. Def posn held until BM 44 Bde arrives and states that R Scots will take over. Pl is then withdrawn just as heavy mortar fire is brought down on canal bank. Pl unable to move for 30 mins. 1 Offr and 3 ORs wounded (Lt D.D. MURRAY). Counter attack put in across river by R Scots Fus and 1 Pl then assists 279 to form the two rafts into one larger raft. Pl reverts to comd coy at 1800 hrs. During this time 3 Pl complete improvised br at 2000 hrs, span 25'. Trees cut down and used as bank seats. Tel poles found on GHEEL sta used as rd bearers and local timber used as decking. Filling of crater completed (55 tipper loads of hard core). Weather :- am Warm pm wet.	Ref Map Series - same as for 12th. Str :- 5 & 235
GHEEL (113883)	16 SEP	0700 1000 1100 1600	3 Pl moves to MOLL (017092) and RV with one coy East Lancs Regt who are to give protection for crossing to be made over CANAL d'EMBRANCHEMENT VERS LE CAMP de BEVERLOO at 253947. (50,000 sheet 25 & 35). Inf reach STEVENSON and debus and take up def posn. The br site is overlooked by an enemy strongpoint at 247964 reported by civilians to contain two guns. RE recce carried out. No signs of interference from strong point and bridging starts. Cl 9 FBE 100 ft with trestle on near bank and half floating bay on far bank. Br complete. One sec from 3 Pl left to carry out maint. Coy put under comd of 44 Bde to maintain ferry over ESCAUT CANAL. 1 Pl takes over from pl of 279 Fd Coy at 1800 hrs. 4 Assault boat ferries are maintained and operated throughout the night under heavy enemy fire. Weather : Sunny.	Ref Map Series - as for 12th. Str : 5 & 235
"	17 SEP		2 Pl takes over assault boat ferries at 0800 hrs. At 1100 hrs OC is informed that one class 5 raft and one class 7 raft are to be constructed to allow relief of 44 Bde by 227 Bde. At 1500 hrs cl 5 lorry is moved close to site. Shelling which	Ref Map Series - as for 12th. Str 6 & 234

GHEEL (113883)			has been intermittent for most of the day now becomes very heavy and almost continuous. Bde Comd who is on the site rules that construction of raft is out of the question and states that 5 assault boat ferries is all that is required. These ferries are operated throughout the night. Five are sunk and cables of two are cut but KOSB are ferried across during the night. During the heavy shelling in the afternoon CSM was wounded and Pl Sgt 2 Pl evacuated suffering from blast. Weather: Sunny.	
"	18 SEP		2 Pl relieved by 3 Pl at 0800 hrs. 3 Pl operates for 24 hrs under very trying conditions and considerable shelling. 1 OR wounded. Weather- Wet.	Map ref series - as for 12th. Str 6 & 235.
"	19 SEP		3 Pl hand over ferries to 20 Fd Coy at 0800 hrs. Weather - Wet.	-do-
"	20 SEP		3 Pl on rd maint at GHEEL.	Str 6 & 234.
"	21 SEP	0830	Coy moves to MEERVELDHOVEN (392146). Arr 1600 hrs. Ground very unreliable. No 1 Pl - recce party left harbour at 1700 hrs for EINDHOVEN, where, in cooperation with the 7th Seaforths, they found a suitable site for rafting over WILHELMINA canal. Recce party returned at 2000 hrs. Work on cl 5 raft site started at 2300 hrs. Inf working party did not arrive until 0030. 20 ft steep banks were cut through and raft operating by 0340. Twenty five carriers crossed before FBE br opened. No 3 Pl with under comd two secs 2 Pl went out to build cl 9 FBE across WILHELMINA canal at 390251. Br eqpt arrived 0200 hrs. Br (100 ft FBE with two half floating bays) open at 0915 hrs 22 Sep. Five camouflets have to be blown in banks to enable ramp down to be made. Intermittent sniping during night. Weather - Sunshine.	Map ref series - as for 12th. Str 6 & 234.
MEERVELDHOVEN (392146)	22 SEP		No 1 Pl - secs returned to harbour area without incident. Left harbour at 1800 hrs to assist 280 Fd Coy to construct Double Double Bailey Br. Work was completed by daylight 23rd. No 2 Pl - 1 & 4 secs 2 Pl attd 3 pl returned at 0800 hrs and relieved on maint FBE by 2 & 3 secs. 1 & 4 secs returned to br at 1200 hrs. Remainder of Pl went to Eindhoven and harboured there. One 3 ton truck crashed into ditch on way to EINDHOVEN. 1 OR injured. No 3 Pl - completed cl 9 br at 0915 hrs and returned to harbour area.	Ref Map Series - as for 12th. Str 6 & 234

			Weather - Wet.	
"	23 SEP		No 2 Pl - Maint of FBE. Relieved by 3 Pl at 1700 hrs. Weather - Wet.	-do-
"	24 SEP	0800	No 3 Pl - Handed over br maint of FBE to 279 Fd Coy. No 1 Pl - Opened Water Point at 2723. Weather - Wet.	-do- Str 6 & 233
MEERVELDHOVEN (392146)	25 SEP		No 1 Pl - operating Water Point. Weather - wet.	Ref map series as for 12th. Str 6 & 233
"	26 SEP		Whole coy in harbour. Weather - dry and cold.	-do-
"	27 SEP		Coy moved at 1300 hrs to MR 406235 Nr EINDHOVEN.	-do-
		0900	3 Pl took over maint of cl 40 br and cl 9 br on WILHELMINA Canal at 389250 and rd from br to X rds 378267. 2 Pl took over maintenance of two existing brs and one cl 40 br from 7 Armd Div at ST OEDENRODE 4332 and also some ¼ mile of damaged pave.	Str 6 & 232
		1000	3 Pl told to recce for class 9 Bailey Br over WILHELMINA Canal. Eqpt only available for 130 DS Br to be on WEST of and as close as possible to existing cl 40.	
		1200	Design of br completed. Design was 130 DS supported on DS Bailey piers without special parts. 20 ft SS each end joining piers to bank. CRE asked if extra eqpt could be made available. Meanwhile excavation proceeds.	
		1800	1 Pl told to take over 3 Pl's maint task and have one sec available to help 3 Pl as br is to be done by us.	
		1900	CRE orders br to be constructed. Work on piers started. One sec from 2 Pl and one sec from HQ withdrawn to help 3 Pl unloading br eqpt.	
406235		2100	Br eqpt arrives and unloading starts.	
		2300	Eqpt unloaded. Piers completed except for decking on top. Work stops until first light. Weather - cold and wet.	
"	28 "	0600	Work on piers resumed. Delay caused by finding grillage and preventor lorry did NOT contain 9"x4" timber but old sleepers instead. 9"x9" timber was found and design modified accordingly.	Str 6 & 238.
		1000	Building commenced.	
		1230	Piers complete, nose and 10 bays of br complete. Work held up by shelling.	
		1400	Work resumed and br launched undecked at 1430 hrs.	
		1600	Br decked down. Jacking started.	

		1845	Br complete and maint taken over by 1 Pl. 2 Pl continue with rd repair. Weather - dry and cold.	
"	29 SEP		No 1 Pl - one sec on drains for piers on cl 9 B Br. - two secs still maintaining both cl 9 & 40 B Brs and removing FBE at MR 3925. - one sec still on Water Point at 2723. No 2 Pl - br maint at MR 425318. Rd repairs completed. No 3 Pl - improvements to piers of cl 9 BB. Class 9 & class 40 brs received intermittent shelling. Weather - cold and dry.	-do-
406235	30 SEP		1 Pl completing drainage of piers and sorting FBE. 2 Pl br maint 3 Pl checking and sorting spares for Bailey Br. Cl 9 & Cl 40 brs received intermittent shelling. Weather - showery.	str 6 & 231 Weekly W3008s & W3009s C.R. Nicholls Major RE OC 278 Field Coy RE

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Unit 278 Field Coy RE

Month and Year OCTOBER 1944

Commanding Officer Major C.R. NICHOLLS RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
4225	1 Oct		No 1 Pl- Two secs maintaining cl 9 & cl 40 brs (Bailey) at 3824. Enemy shellfire. One sec in harbour and then proceeded to 551279 as adv party for new coy harbour but were forestalled by 12 Corps & returned to coy location. No 2 Pl- Pl harbour at 425318. One sec maintaining br at 427319. One sec on rd repair. One NCO & 8 men dug eight gullies in the approach to the br & also repaired a section of the roadway in the same place. Light shelling round br - no damage. No 3 Pl- In harbour - 3923.	Map Series:- BRUSSELS-LIEGE Scale: 1: 250,000 Str : 6 & 234
"	2 Oct	0800 1000 1400	No 1 Pl- One sec left as adv party for new coy harbour. Two secs returned from maint of cl 9 & 40 Bailey brs at 3824 after handing over to 51 Div. Pl left harbour to location of cl 9 & 40 Bailey brs to take up def posns previously held by 279 Fd Coy. Changeover completed by 1500 hrs. No 2 Pl- One sec digging gullies on right hand side of approach to br at 427319. One sec building up under timber approaches to br. One sec maintaining br and far bank approaches. Brs handed over to 51 Div at 1030 hrs. Arrived at coy location at 1330 hrs. Pl left harbour at 1430 hrs to take up def posns at 380240 on the Wilhelmina Canal. No 3 Pl- In harbour at 398226. At 1600 hrs took over def posns on Wilhelmina Canal from 279 Fd Coy at 380244. Light shelling.	-do-
4225	3 Oct	 1545	9 Men left harbour area from HQ pl to make 2 Pl up to strength and thereby relieve a sec on the def posn at 380240. Returned to harbour at 1430 hrs as coy was due to move. Coy moved to 5422 arriving at 1815 hrs. Above-mentioned def responsibility handed over to 5 Seaforths (51 Div) at 1400 hrs and all pls returned to coy HQ.	Map ref series - as for 1st Oct

5422	4 Oct		Recces for close support raft trg area. Suitable site found at 5526. Preparation for Pioneer trg carried out. Nos 1,2 & 3 Pls in harbour area.	-do-
"	5 Oct		Trg for rfts in Bailey. Trg in close support raft. Pioneer offrs and men on mine trg. No 1 Pl erected a close support raft for instruction of pl	-do-
"	6 Oct		Pioneer offrs and men on instruction in elementary demolitions. Trg for rfts in Bailey br. No 2 Pl - One sec collected Class 5 raft from MILL MR 6444 and unloaded them at coy site at HELMOND 551266 No 3 Pl - Trg on Close Support Raft. Work by night and day.	Map ref series- BRUSSELS-LIEGE & WALCHEREN-AMSTERDAM. Scale 1:250,000.
" 5422	7 Oct		Pioneer offrs and men completed their course by having instrn on Cl 5 Assault Boat Anti-Tank Raft. Trg for rfts in Bailey Br. No 1 Pl - 3 men from each sec on instrn in the operation of the Storm Boat. No 2 Pl - All secs building Close Support Raft at HELMOND from 0800 hrs to 1630 hrs. Night work on Close Support Raft from 2230 hrs to 0100 hrs. No 3 Pl - Instrn on building and operating Cl 5 F.B.E. Raft, Watermanship and Storm Boats.	-do-
"	8 Oct		Address by Div Commander.	
"	9 Oct		Coy given the task of constructing a class 15 br at 545624 Task given to 1 Pl. Recce carried out. Site was on site of existing demolished drawbridge. Two spans blown, two piers damaged, one span particularly damaged and drawbridge tower particularly damaged & blocking approach to br. Project worked out, submitted to and approved by CRE. Outline plan. (a) Demolish drawbridge tower. (b) Construct two R.S.J. spans each 6 girders 30'x15"x12" (c) Pack up damaged span & re-lay pave. Lt Niven joins Coy and takes comd 2 pl.	
"	10 Oct		1 Pl successfully demolished obstruction on br site at 545624 (Sheet 5 S'HERTOGENBOSCH Scale 1:100,000). Details of work involved :- Amount of Explosives used 40 slabs of Guncotton 16 Guncotton Primers 15 Detonators, Electric 100 yds Plastic Cordtex 1 Reel wire, electric	

			The above was placed in 6 separate charges. Top and bottom of 2 struts supporting main girders and counterweight. Two charges were placed at the bases of the main Girders on the first pier. The charge was blown successfully dropping structure into canal clear of main waterway and not obstructing building of br. No 2 Pl Training in close sp raft.	
"	11 Oct		No 1 Pl Work proceeding on construction of br at 545264. By 2200 hrs grillage and piers complete and first bay girders in position. No 2 Pl 3 NCOs & 16 men went out at 1300 hrs to assist No 1 Pl on work as given above and returned to coy location at 1700 hrs. 18 rfts arrived.	
"	12 Oct		No 1 Pl Work almost completed on construction of br at 545264. Method of construction :- Existing brick piers were built up with timber to make solid seating. One abutment was re-built with timber crib pier. Girders 15"x12" (12 in all) were used. Centre span launched first from existing section of br then girders were launched from abutment to pier. Structure was decked down with 9"x5" timber held down to girders with 12" bolts through the ribands, decking and a plate fixed to underside of top flange of girders. Working party returned to coy harbour at 1800 hrs. Br open to traffic at 1800 hrs - footwalk still to be completed, and wearing surface to be added. No 3 Pl Moved to rafting site at 1330 hrs. Loaded Close Sp Rafting material and Cl 5 rafting material. Returned to harbour at 1915 hrs.	
	13 Oct		Recce party of 1 Sjt and 1 offr left harbour at 1700 hrs and arrived at ELL (6394) at 1830 hrs approx. Object of recce was to find places on WESSEM CANAL for possible assault crossings. Major Wood of 279 Fd Coy RE contacted at ELL and information obtained from him of certain sectors of the canal. No 1 Pl Cl 24 br completed and open to traffic at 545264. Three secs returned to coy harbour at 1200 hrs. One sec completed the laying of wearing surface and returned to Coy harbour at 1500 hrs. Construction of br :- Br is of composite design, e.g. timber decking, steel girders, over existing br site. Two spans, one of 30 ft and one of 35 ft. Width 11 ft with footwalks at each side.	

			No 2 Pl Secs reorganised due to new reinforcements and this pl can now have 4 secs. No 3 Pl Veh maintenance.	
	14 Oct		Recce party in harbour at ELL awaiting information re crossings of WESSEM CANAL. 1700-1930 hrs. Party recced canal bank and passed their information to Div I.O. and then returned to harbour at ELL for further instructions. OC attended CRE's O gp on Op SYRIUS. No 2 Pl with under comd 4 secs from 1 Pl train with 150' Kapok br by day and by night.	
	15 Oct		Recce party still at ELL. OC attends conferences at HQRE and 46 Bde. No 3 Pl moved to Kapok br site at 0900 hrs, and returned to coy harbour at 1300 hrs.	
	16 Oct		Recce party still awaiting further instructions at ELL. OC attends conferences on SIRIUS at HQRE, 46 Bde and 44 Bde. No 2 Pl - At 0930 hrs 3 three ton lorries containing Kapok Assault Equipment arrived. Checked by pls. End laths of footwalks painted white to enable positions of Kapok floats to be seen in dark. No 3 Pl - No 3 Sec moved off at 0830 hrs for secret rehearsal for OP SIRIUS and returned at 1500 hrs.	
	17 Oct		Major Wood of 279 Fd Coy RE informed recce party at ELL that the operation was cancelled and to return to coy harbour. Recce party arrived at coy harbour at 2015 hrs. All preparation for OP SIRIUS cancelled.	
	18 Oct		Training in mines.	
	19 Oct		)	
	20 Oct		) Coy refitting and reorganising.	
	21 Oct		)	
	22 Oct	1400 1700	OC attends cloth model exercise on operation ERIC. OC attends CRE's O Gp.	
	23 Oct		OC visits HQRE and 46 Bde to tie up final details of OP ERIC.	
	24 Oct	 1200 1500	2 Pl carry out training in rd clearance for OP ERIC. 1, 3 Pl & HQ cutting brushwood and making fascines for Op ERIC. OP ERIC in its original form is cancelled. Coy warned to be prepared to move in the afternoon. Coy moves to ACHT (3923) arriving 1900 hrs.	

			OC moves independently and visits HQRE. Coy told to prepare to construct cl 40 br at 286275 on night 24/25 and this is subsequently cancelled.	
		2100	OC attends 46 Bde O Gp.	
	25 Oct	0330	Coy O Gp	Op Instrn No 1
		0600	Lt Niven and recce party move off to join Recce Regt.	
		0745	3 Pl move off to join 2 GH.	
		0815	OC moves to join Bde O Gp	
		0930	Coy moves off	
		1230	3 Pl arrives at demolished br at 233305. One scissors br put down and br eqpt called for.	
		1430	Br eqpt arrives. Div comd states second scissors br to be put down and bailey to be erected later.	
		1900	Scissors br lifted and Cl 40 Bailey br at 234305 commenced. 40' SS completed at 2200 hrs.	
		2100	OC attends Bde O Gp and orders up pl of Bailey. Lt Niven goes fwd to try to get to br at 231339 - unable to do so. Coy harbour for night area 283274.	
283274	26 Oct	0500	1 Pl with under comd one pl Bailey moves fwd to F.A.A. 225323 ready to construct Cl 40 br at 231339. Order to br to be given by OC 7 S.	
		0830	Recce party able to get down to look at br site. Reinforced concrete br demolished leaving tangled mass of concrete and reinforced beam sticking up some three feet above bank seat level. Both abutments blown.	
		0900	OC visits site. Decides to build 50' D.S. obstruction to be reduced to 20" above bankseat level and br to have 20 ft range at each end and baseplates packed up 1 ft above bankseat height. Two trees felled as rd block to be removed. OC reports situation to Bde comd.	
		1000	OC again visits br site. Site under fairly persistent mortaring and shelling. 4 ORs wounded (L/Cpl Mackie dies subsequently). OC orders work on unloading to stop and all available personnel kept under cover except party working on clearing concrete obstruction who are to work during lulls. OC reports situation to Bde comd and Div comd who is visiting Bde. Div comd states undue casualties NOT to be accepted - br is not urgent.	
		1030	Lt Haig despatched to classify SUISE Br 239343 - reported cl 40 and intact. Offr unable to get down to site.	
		1100	Sgt Caulfield despatched to classify ROODE Br 234343. Answer cl 9.	

	(	1200 1000	Bde state that they must have cl 40 br into OISTERWYCK within an hour. CRE present and states impossible to complete Bailey by that time. Suggests Scissors br at ROODE site. Scissors br ordered up and small RE party link up with it. Tks report site unsuitable for br. Bde lose interest in cl 40 br.	
		1330	Lt Haig gets down to SUISE br - classification - certain cl 24 probable cl 30 - and possible cl 40.	
		1630	1 Pl complete clearance of concrete obstruction on br site.	
		~~1700~~	~~9 Cams report brs at 188318.~~ Lt Niven despatched to recce br site 178326. Unable to get right down to br and gets involved in enemy counter attack. Reports br demolished - probable span 90'. Rly br over rd at 184328 demolished and forms serious obstacle.	
		1700	9 Cams report brs at 188318 collapsing. Lt Haig despatched to investigate. Reports br 188318 cl 40 and OK, br at 189320 only capable carrying cl 9.	
		1800	3 Pl relieve 1 Pl on br site.	
		1900	No shelling on site and br vehs brought down and unloading commenced.	
		2140	Br complete.	
MOERGESTEL	27 Oct	1000	OC asks Bde Comd if br ops likely. Bde Comd states NOT today but possibility of cl 40 at TILBURG on 30th.	
		1045	OC despatches Lt Allan to do recce of demolished br at 178326.	
		1030	Bde comd asks for one lorry load assault boats to be sent to each 9 Cam & 7 Seaforths.	
		1100	Bde comd asks for some form of rafting to get jeeps over to 9 Cams & 7 S. OC goes to 9 Cams to see if ATk gun rafts are available with assault boats. None available so two class 5 rafts ordered up and 1 Pl told to stand by to construct and operate them. OC goes fwd to meet Lt Allan and see demolished rly br at 183325. This is a much more serious obstacle than originally reported and is expected to take 2-3 days to clear. CRE is informed at once as it may affect entire br plans. OC 2 Pl warned to stand by with recce party and adv party to br at 177186 and to start work as soon as tactical situation permits.	
		1300	Coy told to take over rd maint from OIRSCHOTT- MORGESTEL-OISTERWYCK and MORGESTEL-BIEK incl 4 brs on the route.	
		1315	Coy told no br eqpt on wheels and will have to load own eqpt.	

		1330	OC speaks to HQRE stating tasks allotted are beyond sources at his disposal and asks for priorities. Priorities given 1) Rafting 2) Rd maint 3) Cl 40 br and clearing obstruction. 3 Pl told to take over rd maint and hold small party in res.	
		1400	Bde very anxious about class 5 rafts and send down priority flags to take them fwd.	
		1500	Bde states rafts of little importance. Cl 40 br priority I.	
		1530	OC meets CRE to try to sort out priorities. CRE agrees to load br eqpt and to take over rd maint responsibilities.	
		1600	Situation clears. 1 Pl to hand over class 5 raft to pioneers and return to coy to assist 2 Pl with cl 40 br. 2 Pl to construct cl 40 br. 3 Pl to clear demolished rly br.	
		1700	OC visits cl 40 br site and agrees with OC 2 Pl br to be DD 120 ft sunk flush. Obstruction on existing pier to be removed. Excavations start at once. Demolished rly br presents a serious problem. Two 200 ft Platt truss rly brs cut and dropped across rd and abutments blown in. Extra equipment asked for: Two D8s with hyster winch One explosive lorry Four oxy acetylene cutters REME rec vehicle.	
		2000	Two Grillage and accessory lorries at cl 40 br site. All excavation completed by 2359 and work stopped short first light. Bde asked to supply working party of 30 to help unloading br eqpt.	
	28 Oct	1000	Grillage near side complete. Work delayed by concrete on far side and by twisted girder on central pier obstructing launching plans. Girder cut by acetylene cutter and winched away.	
		1500	Building commences	
		1730	Nose and D.S. completed by 1 Pl. 3 Pl stand by to double up. During this period 3 Pl have made good progress with clearing obstructions. 6 separate demolitions carried out and considerable amount of acetylene cutting completed. Upper half on NE truss removed and dragged clear and half SE truss removed. Dragging operations delayed by failure of one D7	

			to arrive and cable party on the other one. AVRE rec veh arrived and gave assistance instead.	
		1740	CRE arrives at site and says Div is under orders to move. Coy to be prepared to drop tasks at very short notice. Work on clearance of obstruction to be stopped now. Br to be doubled up and launched as soon as possible.	
		2200	Br doubled up and launched and handed over to 12 Corps Tps for completion. Clearance of obstruction handed over to 12 Corps Tps.	
	29 Oct	1230	Coy moves with Bde to area LEENDE. Plans change en route and Bde moves to take up def posn in area DEURNE which is reached at 1640.	
		1730	OC decides Coy is too far forward and moves it back to area 605210.	
		1900	Air raids in vicinity.	
		2100	Air raids in vicinity. Lt Thomas and Sgt Davidson leave for tour of duty as instructors at Br School.	
605210	30 Oct		1 Pl on rd maint HELMOND - DEURNE. Lt Jones joins coy and takes over comd of 3 Pl.	
"	31 Oct		Sudden call from Bde to clear mines in 9 Cam & 7S area. 2 Pl sent out to deal with 7S and Lt Haig sent to 9 Cam. 2 Pl find that 7S have already lifted the mines in their area. Lt Haig unable to reach 9 Cam. 2 Pl told to send down sec to help 9 Cam. OC visits 9 Cam and finds they have done most of the clearance but marking still required. 2 Pl hand over signs to 9 Cam.	
		1800	OC attends Bde O Gp. Bde Comd wants rd from rd junc 667147 to rd junc 676152 checked by night and rd from rd junc 672143 to 683147 checked as soon as tactical situation permits.	Weekly W3008s & W3009s.
		2130	2 Pl start first of above tasks. Complete by 0100 hrs. No mines found and no casualties. C.R. Nicholls Major RE OC 278 Field Coy RE	

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Unit 278 Field Company RE

Month and Year NOV 44

Commanding Officer Major C.R. NICHOLLS RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
591211	1 Nov		3 Pl - mine clearance behind bns pushing East to DEURNE CANAL, rd and verges checked from 672143 to 685148, no mines found.	
"	2 Nov		Secs stand by to prepare brs over DEURNE canal for demolition-parties not called out. 1 Pl clear road blocks in LIESEL. Coy moved at 1400 hrs to 562215, arriving at 1530 hrs.	
562215	3 Nov		1 & 3 pls employed on mine clearance in proposed gun area around LIESEL. 4 R Mines two T Mi 43 lifted. 2 Pl - maint of rd DEURNE- LIESEL. Coy moved at 1000 hrs and arrived at new location at 1230 hrs, VLIERDEN.	
VLIERDEN	4 Nov		2 Pl Rd maint.	
"	5 Nov		2 Pl Rd maint. 3 Pl Clearance of minefield near HEITRAK - 15 T Mi 42 lifted.	
"	6 Nov		1 Pl Clearance of mines on tracks for 6 RSF. 5 R Mines 12 Tellermines lifted. 2 Pl Rd Maint.	
"	7 Nov		1 Pl Improvements to tracks in area of 668112. 2 Pl Rd maint and checking of verges DEURNE- LIESEL.	
"	8 Nov		1 Pl Rd maint DEURNE - ZOMMEREN. 2 Pl Rd maint DEURNE- rd junc 683128 3 Pl Rd maint ASTEN-MEIJEL rd. Removal of booby traps from knocked out American tanks.	
	9 Nov		1 Pl Rd maint as on 8 Nov. 2 Pl " " " " " and stretches from 3 Pl.	
	10 Nov		1 pl Rd maint 2 pl Rd maint 3 Pl Rd maint.	
	11 Nov		All pls on rd maint. Lt Haig takes party out to destroy bombs and dud shells in area VLIERDEN.	
	12 Nov		All pls on rd maint. Route recces carried out.	

	13 Nov		All pls on rd maint. OC and Lt Allan carry out daylight recce of demolished br at HOOGEBRUG (708123). Crawl 800 yds to house at 707122 but unable to get full view. Report site probably obstructed.	
	14 Nov		All pls on rd maint. 3 Pl send out night recce party with 7 S to recce sites for assault crossing in area HOOGEBRUG. OC visits CRE at 1630 hrs to discuss future ops.	
	15 Nov ~~16 Nov~~		1 Pl put in culvert br at 631123 to get guns into gun area. 2 & 3 pls on rd maint. ~~Route maint handed over to 7~~ OC carries out recce of HOOGEBRUG in Air OP and confirms site obstructed on near bank by wreckage. L/Sgt Heywood goes out on night patrol to obtain details of wreckage.	
	16 Nov		Route maint handed over to 7 Army Tps. 1 & 3 Pls minefield clearance in area MEIJEL. Many R mines Tellermines, S Mines and Schu mines lifted. One veh from 3 Pl blown up on mine. OC attends Bde O Gp 2030 - Op NUTCRACKER Coy O Gp 2230 Operation cancelled 2330.	
	17 Nov		1 & 3 pls continue minefield clearance area MEIJEL. More mines lifted. Cpl Livingstone casualty on Schu mine.	
	18 Nov		1 Pl check landing strip for Air OP at 672094. OC attends CRE O Gp 1230 hrs " " Bde O Gp 1430 hrs Coy O Gp 1700 hrs. Notice received at 1830 that op was cancelled but might take place 1200 hrs 19 Nov. 2 Pl send out night party to clear fallen trees off rd from rd junc 682128 to HOOGEBRUG. 2 GH give protection.	
	19 Nov	0900 0920	Message received to say that 9 Cams have crossed DEURNE canal, all previous plans cancelled and cl 9 & cl 40 brs required as early as possible. 1 Pl leave to construct cl 9 br. 3 Pl " " " cl 40 br. 2 Pl leave to maintain HOOGEBRUG rd. 3 Pl start demolishing wreckage on existing site. 1 Pl select site for cl 9 br immediately south of cl 40 and start checking for mines. Tellermines and R mines found. FBE eqpt arrives on site by 1200 hrs. Intermittent shelling of site.	

		1600 2140 2300	Wreckage from cl 40 site cleared and mines cleared from cl 9 site. FBE complete. 60 ft two trestles. Maint taken over by HQ Pl. Excavation for cl 40 br complete. Building starts at 2300 hrs.	
	20 Nov		Coy moves at 1000 hrs to 708122 and arrive at 1300 hrs. 2 Pl send mine clearance party fwd with 9 Cams. Cl 40 br completed 0900 hrs. 60 D.S. with level 10 ft ramps. HQ pl supervise inf working party on maint of bde axis from rd junc 682128-HOOGEBRUG fwd. Bde O Gp 1600 hrs Coy O Gp 1700 hrs OC visits CRE to ask for assistance. One pl 279 placed under comd. 2 Pl send out night mine clearance party to clear from 730116 fwd to canal.	
708122	21 Nov	 1030 1400	3 Pl to construct cl 9 br at 736116 2 Pl " " cl 40 br " " Pl 279 to deal with cl 9 approach on far bank. 3 Pl arrive on site at 0830. Inf cross at 0900. OC arrives on site at 0845. Existing alignment blocked by wreckage, possible site for cl 9 immediately south. Decided to put up cl 9 Bailey. Div comd arrives on site and says he must have cl 40 br by night as well. Recce fwd to discover alternative site and it is impossible to get wreckage cleared in time. Decided to double up end of cl 9 50 SS without endposts and make it cl 40. Cl 40 br complete. Clearance of wreckage for final cl 40 br in hand. Pl 279 employed on opening up route fwd. 1 Pl dump 16 lorry loads of Sommerfeld track and PBS for work on track at 738115.	
	22 Nov		One pl 279 Fd Coy under comd. 2 Pl and pl 279 work on Sommerfeld track. Heavy rain all day and ground in appalling state. Track laid from 736117 to 743118 (800 yds) 1 Pl do night work on same track and lay further 300 yds.	
	23 Nov		Work on track continues. 900 yds completed in heavy rain. 2 Pl on track laying. 3 Pl on track laying and on arrival of pl from 279 Fd Coy later in the day 3 Pl take over track maint which is already bearing a fairly heavy commitment.	

			Coy HQ and 1 Pl move to 742108	
	24 Nov		Work on track continues. 1 Pl laying One Pl 279 Fd Coy laying 2 Pl & 3 Pl on track maintenance. Work continues until 1830 by which time another 1200 yds have been done. Now making track complete from 736117 to 762125.	
		2030	OC told to report to Bde at once. OC given outline plans for new adv through HORST. OC told to go to CRE.	
		2200	OC sees CRE and is told to construct cl 40 brs tomorrow at 844183 and 843177. Br at 844183 to have first priority. Div br pl to be at DEURNE at 0830 hrs to be picked up on way through. Br eqpt for second br to follow later. OC arranges for local protection of br party by 7 S.	
		2330	OCs O Gp. 1 Pl to construct cl 40 br at 844183. To move DEURNE - AMERIKA - HORST and pick up br eqpt on route. 2 Pl to do adv party work for cl 40 br at 843177 to proceed there by route SKYE. 2 & 3 Pls join Coy HQ at 742108	
794144	25 Nov		Coy moves to 794144.	
		0730	1 Pl leave for cl 40 site at 844183. Get bogged on the way and lose one sec. Then held up by traffic and do not reach br site until 1200 hrs.	
		0900	3 Pl leave for cl 40 site at 843177 and reach site at 1130.	
		1330	Protection party from 7S cross stream. Shelling on br site - Lt Niven and 1 OR wounded.	
		1500	Adv party work starts on both sites.	
		1600	Eqpt arrives at site 844183 and unloading starts.	
		1700	Adv party work completed on both sites. Sec from 2 Pl put under comd 1 Pl to finish unloading.	
		1800	Building starts at site 844183. OC attends Bde O Gp at 1815 hrs	
		1915	OC sees CRE	
		2000	OCs O Gp	
		2030	Br complete. 10' DS with 10 ft ramp at either end. HQ pl takes over br maint.	
		2300	Bailey pl and half FBE pl put under comd for further ops.	
	26 Nov	0730	Lt Haig reports to 2 Glas H to move with them and report on obstruction ahead.	
		0730	2 Pl report to site 843177 and meet covering party from 2 GH.	
		0800	2 GH cross and unloading stores starts.	

827168		0830 0930 1130 1400 1800	3 Pl move fwd with D4, culverting & FBE prepared to open up route fwd. Coy moves to 827168. Lt Haig gives preliminary reports on craters on road ahead. Craters at 855163, 864150 and 886151. CRE asks for 5 tippers. Filling of craters commenced. Rd from BROEK - NIEUWE CALIFORNIE to 886151 now passable to one way traffic.	
	27 Nov		3 pl continues work on craters, making route two way up to 886151. Work on crater at 886151 is not possible owing to heavy shelling. A night patrol was sent out to clear roads at this site which obstructed work. Verges checked for mines from BROEK to 864150. 1 Pl send sec to 9 Cams to clear mines in HOMBERG. 2 Pl send mine clearance parties for Air O.P. Sqn, Div HQ and Pro & put 20 ft ramps on br at 843177. Lt Haig does route recce for 7S.	
	28 Nov		1 Pl send two secs to 7S for mine clearance. 17 R mines lifted between 908199-908196. 2 Pl add wearing surface to brs at 844183 and 843177.	
823090	29 Nov		Coy hands over all responsibility in HORST area to 11 Armd Div and moves to KORTHEIDE 823090. 3 Pl clearing mines in METRIK area. 8 R mines and 4 Schu mines lifted. L/Cpl Bedford injured by Schu mine.	
"	30 Nov		1 Pl mine clearance - track from ROOTH (8408) to 850105. 20 T mi 35 lifted. 2 Pl rd maint SEVENUM-MAASBREE-BERINGE. C.R. Nicholls Major RE OC 278 Field Company RE	Weekly AFS W3008 & W3009

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Month and Year DEC 1944

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823080	1 Dec		1 Pl 3 Secs to 850092 (Tegelen Sht 1:25,000) to continue previous day's job of sweeping and opening route from 46 Bde HQ to 2 GH at 865123. 2 Pl Rd Maint 816137 - 7606. 1800 hrs- fill 15 tipper lorries and return at 2200 hrs. 3 pl 1 Sec on mine clearance at 817088 and 1 sec on mine clearance at 883077, prior to filling in crater at same spot. 3 Pl Night clearance of rd from BOEKEND to X rds 876086. 9 Cams provide protective party. No mines found. 1 Pl fill in crater at 862088 by night. 15 tipper loads put into crater.	
	2 Dec		1 Pl 1 Sec to 848086 at 1600 hrs to pack up under transoms of existing Bailey Br. Returned at 1830 hrs. 2 Pl Rd maint 810137-7606 during morning. p.m. - to 865095 build SS Bailey Br 30 ft span (no ramps reqd). Returned at 2215 hrs. 3 Pl 2 Secs at 835084 clearing mines. 1 OR casualty with Schu mine. 1 Sec rd maint at MAASBREE. 1 Sec filling tippers at HQRE with hardcore. Fill in crater at 862088 by night. This makes the route two way for wheels.	
	3 Dec		1 Pl Att 20 Fd Coy RE. Proceeded to 864093 to lay 350 yds Corduroy Rd. Shellfire all day. Task completed 2100 hrs. 1 Sec at 865095 on br maint. Light shelling and mortar fire. 1 Sec mine clearance at 8709.	
	4 Dec		1 Sec br maint at 865095. 2 Secs rd maint on rd leading to Coy harbour. 1 Sec rd maint at MAASBREE.	
	5 Dec		1 Sec repairing rd at 775048, entrance to ADOS Rear Div. 1 Sec on br maint at 865095. Heavy shelling. 3 secs on rd maint at 834078.	

	6 Dec		Adv party to ASTEN (617138) to hold billets for coy. 2 Secs to 869095 to repair Bailey Br - 1 panel & 1 transom damaged by tank. Job completed by 1300 hrs. Pl rd maint MAASBREE to RUTH in morning. 1 Sec br maint at 847086.	
617138	7 Dec		Coy moved at 1115 hrs to ASTEN and arrived at 1400 hrs. 1 Sec on br maint at 847086 - handed over 1000 hrs.	
	8 Dec		2 Pls checking tools and eqpt.	
	9 Dec		Recce of local resources.	
	10 Dec		" " " "	
	11 Dec		Completion of recce of local resources ~~(attd)~~. Material measured for blackouts in billet area.	
	12 Dec		Completion of black-outs.	
	13 Dec		1 Sec clearing mines for civilians in ZOMEREN. Presentation of MM to L/Sgt HARDCASTLE by Field Marshall Montgomery. Lt Niven returned from hosp.	
	14 Dec		1 pl to 639138 - rd maint. 3 rfts received.	
	15 Dec		1 Sec clearing area of mines along ASTEN-MEIJEL Rd for burial of cows. 2 Pl rd maint as above.	
	16 Dec		1 Pl on rd maint ASTEN - MEIJEL & ASTEN -LIESEL.	
712966 (HEIJTHUIZEN)	17 Dec		Moved at 1015 hrs and arrived at 712966 at 1230 hrs. Vigorous enemy air activity.	
	18 Dec		Nil	
	19 Dec		Pl Offr & HQ Sgt recce for harbour in new area. 1 NCO sent on course to UK. 1 Pl clearing minefield at 712966 (Sheet 27/37). 72 R Mis found.	
	20 Dec		1 sec rd maint 728993. 2 secs completing mine clearance at 712966. 1 sec on rd maint 722045.	
	21 Dec		1 sec mine clearing round wrecked Spitfire off Mollard track at 760988. Pl Offr & HQ Sgt returned.	
	22 Dec		Nil.	
	23 Dec		NCOs recced all tracks, rds, bridges, for mines & condition in area 732974-729992-755014-796989-773964. 1 sec on mine clearance at 738115 - one casualty with Schu mine. 1 Sec on rd maint through HEIJTHUIZEN. 2 NCOs on rd recce in area HEIJTHUIZEN-ROGGEL-MEER HAILEN along rly to 206843. Each pl has section prepared for any eventuality through the night.	
	24 Dec		Def posns in harbour area inspected and improved.	
	25 Dec		1 Pl digging def posns area 713957. 3 Pl " " " " 723954.	

	26 Dec		Mines trg for Bde starts.	
	27 Dec		Pls on trg in AP Mines & obstacles.	
	28 Dec		16 NCOs to Bourg Leopold at mines school.	
	29 Dec		Pls on trg. NCOs giving mines instr to infantry.	
	30 Dec		Pls commenced trg programmes - PIAT teams, Bren Teams, Detector drill.	~~Local Resources~~ ~~ASTEN.~~
	31 Dec		Trg as above. C.R. Nicholls Major RE OC 278 Field Company RE	Weekly Field Returns of Offrs & ORs.

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Unit 278 Field Coy RE

Month and Year JAN 1945

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
713968	1 Jan		NCOs visited HELMOND to see training films. Training on Bren and PIAT. Coy defence positions inspected and alterations made. Weather Frosty.	Map Series France & Belg Scale: 1:25,000 Sheet 37 NE Strength 5 & 240
"	2 Jan		Firing PIAT and Bren. 2 Pl officer on recce for work at Div Battle School 3 Pl disarming and blowing R. mines. NCOs to br MR 744960 Sheet 37 NE to recce for proposed demolitions.	do
"	3 Jan		3 Pl constructing snow plough Training Bde personnel in mines. 1 pl under command 20 Fd Coy. 2 Secs to MR 646947 KELPEN Br N to clear wreckage of demolished bridge prior to erecting Cl.40 Bailey Br. Map Sheet 4 Scale 1:100,000. L Sec 1 Pl to MR 724998 Sheet 37 NE 1:25,000 to clear wrecked br from stream. 1 Sec 1 Pl to MR 675954 Sheet 4 1:100,000 to Blow br out of stream.	do
713968	4 Jan		Two Secs 1 Pl under comd 20 Fd Coy for work on KELPEN Br. Debris still being cleared at MR 646947. Rubble cleared from stream at MR 745985 to give free waterway. 2 Pl to Div Battle School for works. 3 Pl at work on culvert at MR 763014	Map Series France & Belg Scale 1:25,000 Sheet 37 NE Strength 6 & 239 Weather Frosty.
do	5 Jan		3 Pl complete culvert at MR 763014 Cl 40 approaches being improved. 1 Offr to PAD course at EINDHOVEN. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Map Series same as for 4 Jan. Strength 6 & 240 Weather Frosty.
do	6 Jan		3 Pl recce party retaping br at LINGENHOF 760945 and general repair. Mine training for Bde personnel.	do Weather frosty slight thaw late afternoon
do	7 Jan		OC and OC 3 Pl recce blown culvert at MR 796989. Gap found to be 40', depth 11', depth of water 18". Design for repair was to use two 36" culverts and two 18" culverts. Fill with layer of brushwood then earth and finish with layer of flexboards.	Map series same as for 6 Jan Strength 6 & 238

			Demolition is under enemy observation and work will have to be by night or in fog and silent. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Weather Thaw. Frost and snow at night.
do	8 Jan		3 Pl on snow clearing.	do Weather freezing & snow
do	9 Jan		1 Pl at br MR 646947. 2 Pl at Div Battle School. 3 Pl disarmed and marked dump of R. mines and Nbk39 in NEER 779978 Sheet 4 1:100,000. 1 Sec blew dump later. Culverting and flexboard ordered for filling in blown culvert at 796989. 3 Pl cutting brushwood for filling in on top of culverting.	do
do	10 Jan		Two parties out with snow plough. 3 Pl send out party by night to demolition at 796989. Culverting and brushwood successfully put in position. Order received that task must be completed by night of 14 Jan. 2 Pl at Div Battle School 1 Pl at br MR 646947.	do Weather sunny.
do	11 Jan		1 Pl at br MR 646947. 3 Pl send out night party to fill in at culverting site. Ground found to be so hard that no soil could be shovelled in.	Do Weather Slight thaw in afternoon.
do	12 Jan		Alternative route recced to culverting task 796989 unsuccessful. Foggy day made work at culverting site 796989 possible. Petrol was carried down poured over debris and set on fire. This thawed the ground sufficiently for spoil to be filled in. Task 75% complete and passable for Cl 9 vehicles but no surfacing on. Trees obstructing road were cleared. 1 Offr to SME Ripon. 1 Pl at br MR 646947.	Map series same as for 11 Jan. Strength 6 & 239 Weather Freezing.
Do	13 Jan		Intermittent fog and further filling at 796989 possible. 2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do Strength 6 & 240
Do	14 Jan		Task at 796989 completed and trees cleared to make it two way. 1 Pl on Bailey Crib Pier at MR 646947. 2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do Weather Snow & Thaw.
Do	15 Jan		1 Pl on br at MR 646947 2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do Weather Freezing
Do	16 Jan		CSM returned to unit. 2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do Strength 6 & 241
Do	17 Jan		2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do
Do.	18 Jan		2 snow ploughs working. Some enemy explosives 3000 lbs ammonal and dynamite found in area 7798 2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do Strength 6 & 242 Weather Snow
Do	19 Jan		1 Pl on br MR 646947. 2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do

			Destruction of 3000 lbs explosives at 7798 commenced. One primer was placed in each 50 lbs box and fired. Explosives burned harmlessly and did not explode.	Strength 6 & 243 Weather Freezing, thaw late afternoon.
Do	20 Jan		2 Pl at Div Battle School	Do. Strength 6 & 244
Do	21 Jan		2 Pl at Div Battle School. Remains of enemy explosive at 7798 burned.	Do. Weather Rain
Do.	22 Jan		Party left Coy HQ to recce harbour area at TILBURG. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Do Strength 6 & 245
Do.	23 Jan		1 Pl at MR 646947. RED LION Br construction commenced of 290 ft of Bailey Br built in conjunction with 279 & 20 Fd Coys. First 70ft of bridge of double/single constr followed by 150ft of triple/double which was actual work performed by this unit. The last 70ft of br consisted of double/single assembly. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Do Weather Sunny
Do	24 Jan		RED LION br MR 646947 completed 1800 hrs today. Offr returned from TILBURG recce party. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Do Weather Rain
155317	25 Jan		Coy moved at approx 1000 hrs through HELMOND, EINDHOVEN and BEST and arrived at TILBURG at approx 1700 hrs. 2 Pl at Div Battle School	Map Series Holland Scale 1:100,000 Sheet No.5 Strength 6 & 246 Weather WET
Do	26 Jan		Stores checked, Mine detectors examined. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Do Weather Snow
Do	27 Jan		Instr on Bangalore torpedo. Checking of eqpt continues. OC attends CRE's O Gp and Bde O Gp for OPERATION VENERABLE	Do Strength 6 & 249
Do	28 Jan		Water Sterilising tablets, 24 hr packs etc inspected. OC attends Bde O Gp. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Do Strength 6 & 255
Do	29 Jan		G1098 inspected. OC attends CRE's O Gp and Bde O Gp. 2 Pl at Div Battle School.	Do Strength 6 & 249
Do	30 Jan		Stores and eqpt cleaned and checked. 2 PL at Div Battle School	Do. Weather Rain.
Do	31 Jan		Kit to be sorted for inspection. OC visits all COs to tie up details for OP VENERABLE. 2 Pl at Div Battle School C.R. Nicholls	Do.

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Unit 278 Fd Coy RE

Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer Major C.R. NICHOLLS RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
155317	1 Feb		OC at Bde O Gp. Water ster equip & Emerg rations checked. 2 Pl att to 15(S) Div Battle School for works. Div att to 30 Corps for next op.	
"	2 Feb		Inspection of personal kit. Arrangements made for return of 2 Pl. Orders recd for disposal of all surplus kit & stores.	
"	3 Feb		OC at O Gp at HQRE, then on to Bde to tie up points on preliminary moves prior to Op 'VERITABLE'. 2 Pl rejoined unit at 1230 hrs.	
"	4 Feb		Coy moves to NIJMEGEN, arriving there at 2100 hrs.	
NIJMEGEN	5 Feb		Pl offrs O Gp giving rough outline of Op 'VERITABLE' and possible tasks.	
"	6 Feb		2 & 3 Pls on rd maint in & around NIJMEGEN on routes to be used in advance.	
"	7 Feb		Outline of Op 'VERITABLE' given to offrs (copy enclosed). Copy of unit tasks on 'D' day & Arty fire plan given to offrs (copy enclosed). Pls briefed on preliminary tasks of the op. No 3 pl at 624 Fd Pk to load culverting for first possible task. 2 Secs of No 1 and the whole of No 2 Pl moved off in the evening to join 2 GH.	APP 2 APP 3
"	8 Feb	 1230 1545	Two secs of No 1 pl att 9 Cams for initial adv - to keep routes open in fwd area & check for mines. 0630 hrs - 2 secs of 1 Pl & 2 Pl moved off with 2 GH for mine checking and clearance. 2 Pl one cas caused by Schu mi. Coy HQ & 3 Pl moved from Nijmegen to 725586 where they remained on the rd throughout the night. No 3 sec of 3 Pl att 7 Seaforths. No 1 Pl opened AYR route (see op order) 790548- 795548 and clearing commenced. Cleared for tracks but impassable for wheels by 1830 hrs. No 2 Pl cleared GROESBECK lateral rd within Bde boundary by 1745 hrs.	

749560	9 Feb		All secs 1 Pl returned to their harbour area 746569 after 24 hrs work. All secs 2 Pl in harbour area 755552 in the morning. In the afternoon 2 secs of 2 Pl on rd maint in and around Groesbeck, 756553-756556. HQ Pl & 3 Pl moved to harbour area 749560 at 1000 hrs and arrived there at 1230 hrs. Three secs of 3 Pl standing by for att to columns (see 278 Op instr No 2). Sec of 3 Pl att 7 Seaforths rejoined their pl as op cancelled. OC informed to carry on with plans in original Op Order as all objectives had been taken. Alterations in columns recd. 2030 hrs. Sec comdrs briefed on possible tasks and final objective of flying columns.	APP 4
"	10 Feb		Udem column cancelled at 1100 hrs. 2 secs of 3 Pl moved off at 2200 hrs to respective RVs for Calcar & Emmerich columns. No 1 Pl making rly track at 801557 suitable for wheels. Mines in tracks lifted. No 2 Pl to clear rly track up to 772552-792558-796555 and make track suitable for wheels. Returned at 2200 hrs No 1 Pl returned to harbour area at 2330 hrs.	
	11 Feb		No 1 Pl making rly track at 801557 passable for wheels. No 2 Pl making rly track 772552-792558-796555 passable for wheels. No 3 Pl - 2 secs on rd maint in and around GROESBECK and returned to harbour at 1630 hrs. 2 Secs called out at 1800 hrs to fill in rly track from Groesbeck to Kranenburg. Returned to harbour at 2130 hrs. 2 secs of 3 Pl to go with Calcar & Emmerich flying column.	
	12 Feb		No 1 Pl still making track passable for wheels at 801557. No 2 Pl on rd maint at 757553. 2 secs 3 Pl on rd maint in Groesbeck area. 1 sec 3 Pl returned from RV of Emmerich column as op was cancelled. Rly at Kranenburg flooded to 2 ft plus.	
	13 Feb		No 1 pl resting. No 2 Pl resting. 2 secs of 3 Pl on rd maint in Groesbeck. 1 Sec of No 3 Pl returned at 1200 hrs from RV for Calcar flying column. Op cancelled.	

891555	14 Feb	45	Coy left harbour at 0630 hrs & proceeded to Cleve through the Reichswald Forest and arrived Cleve MR 904558 at 1200 hrs. Due to serious flooding and risk of being isolated coy moved again at 1700 hrs to higher ground at MR 891555 arriving at 1830 hrs. Enemy jet planes active in the evening. 1 sec of 2 Pl on br maint at 901557 (sheet 4202) throughout the night.	
	15 Feb		1 Pl on rd maint in Cleve. Very much brick and rubble in rds. Pl returned at 1900 hrs. 2 Pl on rd maint in Cleve. Returned at 1900 hrs. Sec returned from br maint at 901557. 3 Pl on rd maint on Cleve-Goch rd. Returned to harbour at 1800 hrs.	
	16 Feb		1 Pl - rd maint in Cleve. 2 Pl - in harbour cleaning tools. 3 Pl - rd maint in Cleve. 1 Coy of 8 RS att.	
	17 Feb		1 Pl - rd maint in Cleve 2 Pl - rd maint at 890548-894545. 3 Pl - resting.	
	18 Feb		1 Pl - stand by to assist 279 Fd Coy. 2 Pl - rd maint 890548-894545. 1 sec sent to fwd infantry to blow up dump of enemy ammunition. Recalled 1200 hrs and whole pl to stand by to assist 279 Fd Coy RE. 3 Pl - 1 sec of 3 Pl moved off to construct water point at 0900 Hrs. Remainder of pl cleaning tools. Shells dropping in immediate vicinity of coy location.	
	19 Feb		1 & 2 Pls standing by. Water point being maintained by 3 Pl. OC at Bde O Gp. More shelling.	
	20 Feb		Nos 1 & 2 Pls stand down. Water point being maintained by 3 Pl.	
	21 Feb		1 Pl - painting trucks and checking tools. 2 Pl - resting. 3 Pl - Water point being maintained. 1 sec to be att to 7 Seaforths for next op. Pl comds and sec comds given outline of next op and possible tasks - see 278 Fd Coy RE Op Instr No 4. 46 Bde Op Order enclosed.	APP 5 APP 6
	22 Feb		Coy HQ moved off at 1400 hrs to MR 840480 arriving there at 1700 hrs. No 1 Pl moved with coy HQ. 3 secs & Pl Comd of 2 Pl att 3 Pl for rd maint task in GOCH. Remainder of pl in coy convoy.	

			One sec of 3 Pl att 9 Cams for mine clearance. Proceeded on Kangaroos to SP. Op then cancelled. Returned to Coy Harbour area at 1800 hrs. 1 sec still maintaining water pt.	
840480	23 Feb		No 1 Pl left harbour at 0830 hrs and proceeded to MR 934433 - task removing by explosives existing demolished br. Explosive used was General Wade expl charges - very effective. Site was ready for bridging by 1700 hrs. Pl returned to harbour at 1730 hrs. No 2 Pl proceeded to 934433 to build Bailey Br at 1630 hrs. 1 sec of 3 Pl at water point. 3 secs att 2 pl for bridging. 2 Pl returned at 2130 hrs.	
	24 Feb		1 Pl in harbour area. 2 Pl proceed to 934433 to continue br task. 3 Pl comd and recce party proceed to br site at 0500 hrs to fell trees for making br and returned at 1600 hrs. 2 secs returned at 1130 hrs and 1 sec at 1630 hrs. One sec at water point. 2 Pl returned to harbour at 2300 hrs - br completed. Recce party sent to Tilburg. Given billets in s'HERTOGENBOSCH	
	26 Feb		1 Pl left harbour to 934433 to make existing D/S br into T/S Cl 40. This was completed by 1600 hrs. Nos 2 & 3 Pls moved with coy HQ to 921446 (South of GOCH), arriving at 2000 hrs. Pls dug in. Water pt closed.	
921446	26 Feb		1 Pl - rd maint at 936436 2 Pl - " " " 937439 3 Pl - to br site at 934433 at 0800 hrs. Task - making one way rd from tower to br. Returned to harbour at 1800 hrs.	
	27 Feb		1 Pl rd maint 936436 2 Pl rd maint 937439 3 Pl same task as on 26 Feb.	
	28 Feb	0900	hrs. Coy proceeded to s'HERTOGENBOSCH (318462) arriving at 1400 hrs. Whole coy billeted in school. N. Harrison Watson Capt RE for OC 278 Fd Coy RE	

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Unit 278 Field Coy RE

Month and Year MARCH 1945

Commanding Officer Major CR Nicholls RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
S'HERTOGEN	1 Mar	45	Conservancy - kit checking & cleaning	
-BOSCH	2 "		"	
	3 "		" Leave (48 hrs) to Brussels commenced.	
	4 "		" OC at Bde O Gp.	
	5 "		Preparations for move.	
HEUSDEN	6 "		Coy left s'Hertogenbosch at 1140 hrs for HEUSDEN (332754) arriving at 1830 hrs.	
	7 "		Rest period.	
	8 "		Rest period.	
	9 "		Rest period.	
	10 "		Rest period.	
	11 "		Arrangements for rafting exercise. OC receives instrs at Bde.	
	12 "		Dvrs practicing driving off ramps on to rafts.	
	13 "		Route marches	
	14 "		Equipment checking	
	15 "		" "	
	16 "		OC attends Bde O Gp	
	17 "		Lt Murray att 11 AGRE. Preparatory work and trg for RHINE crossing.	
	18 "		Lt Murray still with 11 AGRE as L.O.	
	19 "		CSM goes to new harbour with pl harbour parties. Lt NIVEN of 2 Pl handed over to Lt Whalley.	
	20 "		OC at Bde O Gp - final details for Rhine crossing. Lt Murray still att 11 AGRE. Offrs O Gp. 24 hr packs & WS Outfits made up to scale.	
	21 "		Coy moves at 1930 hrs and arrived new locn at 0300 22 Mar.	
	22 "		Strict camouflage, no fires or unnecessary movement permitted. CSM went to marshalling area night 22/23 Mar i/c RE Reception & Infm Post on East Bank. Lt Allan att fwd Inf Bn 44 Bde for crossing as Coy L.O.	

	23 Mar		Pl marching parties left harbour area for marshalling area arriving there at 0300 hrs (MR 126408). Tpt left behind serially numbered to be called fwd by Bank Control Officer through 46 Bde.	
045440	24 Mar		2 Pls moved fwd to S.B. crossing point, arrived east of the Rhine at 1500 hrs and moved to MR 127475. 1 sec swept rd MEHR to 127475 and then to 142477. 3 secs culverting rd 134494 and returned to 127475 at 2300 hrs. CSM established RE Rally point and stores dump at MR 129488. Serial numbers of tpt gps called fwd during the day. Coy HQ moved to VEH waiting area at 1000 hrs arriving MR 045440 at 1100 hrs. Enemy aircraft active.	
	25 Mar		Pl crossed river during night 24/25th and proceeded to MR 127474. 1 sec moved to MR 142477 and swept for mines up to 139493. 1 sec on mine clearance from Haffen X rds to 130500 - unable to complete task owing to SA fire. 2 secs on mine clearance Haffen-Mehr area and returned at 1600 hrs - moderate enemy shelling. 1 sec on br recce - material not available and returned to harbour at 2350 hrs. 2 secs completed culverting 145494. Coy HQ proceeded to Marshalling Area 127408 and held there for 1 hr. Then proceeded to Rhine bank and crossed river at 2100 hrs. Enemy aircraft active. HQ moved to Coy Harbour area MR 127475. Lt Allan rejoined coy.	
127474	26 Mar		A pl moved to br site at 134493 at 0930 hrs. D7 cleared bank & rd of obstacles and trees. 70 ft SS Bailey Br built. Pl returned to harbour at 1700 hrs. 1 sec on rd maint at 114475. 1 sec maint 098474, 1 sec rd maint at 155475. Rd maint parties returned to harbour area at 1900 hrs. Lt Murray rejoined coy from 11 AGRE.	
	27 Mar		A pl moved off at 0830 hrs to 147495 - filling in craters and moving trees from rd. 2 UXBs blown. Returned to harbour at 1600 hrs. 1 sec Bridge maint at 098474. 3 secs on rd maint 159498 and area - returned at 1900 hrs.	
	28 Mar		Coy warned to prepare to move. Sec on Br maint at 098474, relieved by another unit. 3 secs on rd maint 159498 & area. 1 sec rd maint 121476 to 139494. All coy in harbour area at 1900 hrs. Coy moved off 2200 hrs to new harbour area MR 163487 and arrived there at 2245 hrs.	
163487	29 Mar		2 Pls out on bridging task. Task cancelled and pls returned to harbour area. Recce offrs att to 15 Recce Regt as LOs for future rd maint.	

	30 Mar		3 secs moved off at 0800 hrs to 158498 to surface sunken crater. 2 Platoons resting.	
198562	31 Mar	45	Coy moved off at 0900 hrs to 198562 arriving there at 1400 hrs. N. Harrison Watson Capt RE for OC 278 Fd Coy RE	

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Unit 278 Fd.Coy.R.E.

Month and Year April 45.

Commanding Officer Major C.R. Nicholls R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
198562	1 April.		Weather:-Showery. Strength: - 7 & 247	
"	2 April.		Rest. Weather:-Rain to Fair. Strength:- 7 & 248. 15.00 hrs GOC Division visited Divisional RE.	
7096	3 April.		Weather:-Showery, Strength 7 & 248. 3 Pln. Orders for road maintenance cancelled. Coy moved at 15.00 hrs and arrived at 22.00 hrs at new location.	
829027	4 April.		Weather:-Showery. Strength:-7 & 248. Coy moved at 08.30 hrs to MESUM MR 829027 arriving at 10.45 hrs. One Sec of 3 Pln maintaining bridge from 20.00 hrs.	
"	5 April.		Weather:-Rain. Strength:- 7 & 248. 3 Pln. Recce Party move to bridge site at 960025 at 13.15 hrs No 4 Sec follows at 14.00 hrs. At 15.00 hrs HQ Sec moves to area 971040. Sections returned at 18.30 hrs after cutting timber and removing stone embankment. Remainder of Coy standing by waiting movement orders.	
"	6 April.		3 Pln. Pl Offr & Recce Party move to bridge site at 06.15 hrs Oxy-acetylene cutting plant commenced work on steel embankment D4 & D6 bulldozers arrived 07.00 hrs, Sections at 07.30 hrs. 2 Pln moved at 07.00 hrs in Bde convoy arriving KUTEN 791160 at 07.30 hrs, 7 April.	
829027	7 April.		Company less 2 Pln moved to KUTEN 791160 arriving 15.00 hrs. Major C.R. Nicholls relinquished command company and struck off strength w.e.f. 7 April 45, under WO MS 1/2731 of 3 April.	
791160	8 April.		2 Pln. Pln moved at 18.00 hrs to assist another Coy on bridging site. Work not commenced. Remainder of Coy conservancy.	
"	9 April.		2 Pln moved off to work on bridge at 06.00 hrs, bridge completed 15.00 hrs. 3 Pln. 2 Sections moved at 17.30 hrs for bridge maintenance on F.B.E. br 830180. Remainder of Coy Conservancy.	
"	10 April.		3 Pln. 2 Sections on bridge maintenance.	

		Remainder of Coy Conservancy and rest. Major C.N. Priestley t o s from 289 Fd Pk Coy RE w.e.f. 10 April 45 and assumes command of unit.	
"	11 April.	Coy move off at 06.15 hrs in Div Convoy to Gr. BURGWEDEL, 4435. Sheet N4, arriving 18.30 hrs. Br Maint sections from 3 Pln joined convoy on route. 2 Pln. One Sec on rd maint in vicinity.	
4435.	12 April.	3 Pln moved off on Div Route maintenance 10.30 hrs, recalled 12.30 hrs. 2 Pln. Rd Maint section returned 10.00 hrs. Coy moved in Bde convoy at 14.30 hrs to WESTERCELLE, 588488 arriving 18.00 hrs.	
WESTERCELLE 588488	13 April.	1 Pln moved off in column with 2 Glas H at 08.15 hrs, arrived MR 826422, 22.00 hrs. 3 Pln moved off in column with 7 Seaforths on left flank of main axis at 09.00 hrs, harboured on wood for night. Remainder of Coy moved in Bde convoy on left flank of main axis and bivouacked during night.	
Biv.Rd. Westercelle - Scharnhorst	14 April.	1 Pln. Moved at 09.00 hrs and arrived STADENSEN 900790 at approx 20.30 hrs. 3 Pln. Moved with 7 Seaforths to BANSEN 802839. Two sections build culvert at 808845. 2 Pln. Recce party recce enemy amn dump. Remainder of Coy move with Bde and bivouac for night at SCHARNHORST 715615.	
SCHARNHORST 715615	15 April.	1 Pln. At 04.15 hrs attack developed by enemy battle group supported with tanks and SP guns. Village fired, while leaving the billet burst of m.g. fire fatally wounds one man. Two more men sustained wounds. Platoon withdraw on foot and organised plan of defence. All transport and kit destroyed. Firing ceased 09.00 hrs and Pln regrouped. 2 men believed p.o.w. and six missing. Pln relieved at 14.00 hrs and rejoined Coy at 855745. 3 Pln. Moved off in column at 09.30 hrs-returned to Bde HQ 10.00 hrs and given task of clearing streets in STADENSEN 9079. Returned to harbour MR 878842. 2 Pln. Recce party proceeded on recce of Div route. Remainder of Coy moved to HOLDENSTEDT MR 878842 arriving at 19.30 hrs. Sustained air attack on route at X-roads 855745. 1 OR killed, and two trucks destroyed, other minor casualties.	- All Bn gp tpt lost when village caught fire!
878842	16 April.	2 Pln. One Section on Water Point. Remainder of Coy, Rest and Conservancy.	
"	17 April.	2 Pln. Road Maintenance.	

		Remainder of Coy, Rest and Conservancy.	
"	18 April.	2 Pln. Clearing routes through UELZEN 890890 directed by O.C. Recce Officer recceing routes through UELZEN. Remainder of Coy, Rest and Conservancy.	
878842	19 April	3 Pln. Rd Maint in UELZEN employing civilians. Remainder of Coy moved to ROBBEL 951009 arriving 17.00 hrs. Tactical sit confused and Coy stood to during hours of darkness. 3 Pln rejoined Coy at 18.00 hrs.	
ROBBEL 951009	20 April.	Coy moved to HOLZEN 9120 arriving approx 20.00 hrs.	
HOLZEN 9120	21 April.	Rest and Conservancy.	
"	22 April.	Rest.	
"	23 April.	Rest and Conservancy. 4 Drivers with transport loaned to 8 Corps.	
"	24 April.	Rest and Conservancy.	
"	25 April.	Testing of Weapons. Rest.	
"	26 April.	Coy moved off at 09.30 hrs to MR 805247 ADENDORF. Sheet L5, arriving at approx 11.30 hrs. 3 Pln. Recce Party proceed to br site MR 803285 at 12.00 hrs. Preparatory work begun by one sec, other sections collect timber for packing. 21.30 hrs. Remaining 3 Sections proceed to br site and return 01.00 hrs. 1 Pln. 18 men and 3 NCOs proceed to LUDERSHAUSEN, 814318 to unload Bailey stores for 3 Pln. 2 Pln. Two Sections proceed to task at 21.30 hrs which was culverting as preparatory work to the approaches to the ELBE. Night work as under enemy observation.	
ADENDORF 805247	27 April.	2 Pln. Sections returned 04.30 hrs, slept and continued with task at 21.30 hrs. 1 Pln. Working party returned 01.00 hrs. At 22.30 hrs work commenced on 50 yds corduroy approach to 70' D/S Bailey at 814317. 3 Pln. Work continues on br site. Construction commences 21.30 hrs, completed 03.30 hrs.	
"	28 April.	1 Pln. Working party returns 04.00 hrs. Pln loading fascines on tipper at 18.00 hrs. Recce party of 1 L/Sgt and 2 ORs joins 9 Cameronians for initial crossing of ELBE. 2 Pln. 19.30 hrs 1 NCO and 1 OR proceed to 9 Cameronians to carry out any recce on far bank of ELBE.	

		3 Pln. Two sections in half tracks to ARTLENBURG, 835345 for maintenance of LVT routes on near banks. 2 Bulldozers attached to pln.	
"	29 April.	2 Pln. One section and two half tracks to bank of ELBE to give assistance to recce party with Cameronians if required. Returned 07.30 hrs. 11.30 hrs OC in jeep with wireless crossed ELBE in LVT joining Bde Tac HQ at 861345. Coy moved to assembly area 892268 at 09.30 hrs. 2 Pln. Moved throughout the night waiting for Cl.9.FBE to open.	Weekly AFs W3008 & W3009
On the Move.	30 April.	3 Pln. Crossed river at 04.30 hrs by Cl.9 FBE bridge. Arrived harbour 06.45 hrs 886360 BUCHHORST. Remainder of Coy crossed Cl 9 FBE approx 15.00 hrs and arrived area 886360 BUCHHORST at 18.00 hrs.	CN Priestley Major RE OC 278 Fd Coy RE

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Unit 278 FIELD COMPANY R.E.

Month and Year MAY 1945.

Commanding Officer Major C.N. PRIESTLEY RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BUCHHORST 886360	1 May		2 Pln. Constructing Class 40 S/S bridge over 40ft gap. Work commenced 03.00 hrs. Sections returned 08.15 hrs. 1 Pln. Sections assisting 2 Pl.	
"	2 May		Coy Convoy moved at 0700 hrs to DASSENDORF, MR 753470, halt at GULZOW at 1330 hrs where recce party from 3 Pln recce roads with 9 Cams. Recce party clears road block by using German labour.	
DASSENDORF 753470	3 May		Coy moved in Convoy departing 1000 hrs arriving TRITTAU 770605 at 13.00 hrs.	
TRITTAU 770605	4 May		Coy moved in Coy Convoy to Rly station at MR 760665 arriving at 16.00 hrs. News received through BBC that hostilities would cease in NW Germany, Denmark and Holland at 08.00 hrs 5 May.	
"	5 May		Conservancy on vehicles and equipment.	
"	6 May		Conservancy on vehicles and equipment.	
"	7 May		Company proceeded by Convoy to KIEL MR 559397, sheet J4 to occupy as part of 46 (H) Inf Bde arriving 14.00 hrs. Major C.N. Priestley proceeded on privilege leave. Capt N Harrison-Watson assumes command.	
KIEL 559397	8 May		VE Day. 1 pln removing explosives in Kiel Canal Area. Equipment and equipment brasses cleaned, general conservancy and vehicle maint.	
KIEL 559397	9 May		Painting of M.T.	
"	10 May		Work on M.T. continues. Parties conducted on tours of dock area.	
"	11 May		Vehicle maint and sports.	
"	12 May		Painting of M.T. Conservancy and ABCA discussions.	
"	13 May		Sports and Conservancy.	
"	14 May		3 Pln. 3 Sections supervise German POW on road clearance, relieved by Corps Troops 13.00 hrs. Remainder of Coy, sports and normal duties.	
"	15 May		3 Pln. One Section on Water Point at 632386 for POW Camp. Remainder of Coy, sports and conservancy.	

"	16 May		Normal duties. One Section of 3 Pln on Water Point.	
"	17 May		2 Pln takes over Water Point from 3 Pln. Sports and Normal duties.	
"	18 May		2 Pln at water point. 1 Pln clearing concrete obstructions in dock area.	
"	19 May		2 Pln at water point. 1 Pln continues clearance work in dock area.	
KIEL 559397	20 May		2 Pln Maint water point. 1 Pln continues works in dock area. OC rejoins Coy from privilege leave and resumes command.	
"	21 May		1 Pln. Clearance works in dock area. 2 Pln. Maint water point. 3 Pln. Guarding bullion at site of demolished bank.	
"	22 May		1 Pln clearance works in dock area. 2 Pln maint water point.	
"	23 May		1 Pln clearing concrete in dock area using compressors. 3 Pln, one section relieves 2 Pln at water point.	
"	24 May		1 Pln continues on works. 3 Pln maint of water point.	
"	25 May		1 Pln continues works. 3 pln maint of water point.	
"	26 May		As above. Sports afternoon.	
"	27 May		Sports and Normal duties.	
"	28 May		1 Pln continues concrete clearance in docks. 3 Pln maint of water point.	
"	29 May		As above.	Weekly W3008s & W3009s
"	30 May		As above. Sports in afternoon.	
"	31 May		1 pln continues work in dock area. 3 Pln maint of water point.	CN Priestley Major RE OC 278 Field Coy RE

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Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer Major J.H. GILLINGTON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STORRINGTON	6 June		D day.	JG
"	7 June		Lt K.B. THOMAS and 3 ORs left Unit to form traffic control post in Corps Area.	JG
"	10 June		Visit from Special Cashier B/85/0. Sterling exchanged for French currency and first requisition of currency made.	JG
"	11 June		Lt T.J.F. ROBERTS + 2 ORs left as advance pty for unit.	JG
"	14 June	0700	Road party of company left for marshalling area prior to embarkation in E London.	JG
		0800	Marching party of company left for marshalling camp prior to embarkation at Newhaven.	
"	18 June	1100	Road party with vehicles left VICTORIA DOCKS, LONDON.	JG
		1900	Marching party left NEWHAVEN.	JG
Theatre of		1900	Adv pty of coy arrived NORMANDY.	JG
Operations	19 June	1950	Marching party disembarked NORMANDY.	JG
"	24-25	June	Road party disembarked NORMANDY	JG
Esquay-Sur-Seulles	26	0430	Coy left harbour at Esquay-Sur-Seulles under Cmd 227 Inf Bde (for movement) for Bde Conc Area. Platoons with min transport affiliated to Bns as follows- 1pl- HLI, 3 pl Gordons, 2 pl reserve travelling with Coy HQ.	JG
		0615	Arrived in Bde conc area, Secqueville-en-Bessin.	JG
		0730	Platoons (1 & 3) moving with Bns followed 227 Inf Bde attacking troops.	
		2000 to 2300	3 pl clearing road of debris and checking roads and verges between Cheux and Colleville.	JG
		2000	1 pl could not carry out any work as HLI could not make progress against enemy tanks. 1 pl dug themselves in at Cheux.	JG
		1700	HQ & 2 pl left Secqueville en Bessin conc area moved with Bde to harbour at Le Mesnil Patry.	JG
Cheux		2345	3 pl withdrew to Cheux. During night 26/27, 3 pl suffered eight casualties from GSW.	JG

N of Cheux Cheux	27	0730 0900 1200 1800 1800	2 pl moved to Xrds N of Cheux near Bde tac HQ as Engineer reserve. to 1300. 1 pl made attempts to keep roads in Cheux clear of rubble and debris. Use of bulldozer was resisted because sound of bulldozer working brought down mortar fire. Lt T.J.F. ROBERTS Killed by mortar bomb in Cheux. 3 pl moved fwd to Colleville to maintain route Cheux to Colleville. Harboured at Colleville. Coy HQ moved to harbour halfway between Le Mesnil Patry and Cheux.	JG JG JG JG
	28	 1500	During morning 1 pl cleared routes in CHEUX. 2 pl moved fwd to Colleville and took over route maintenance of route excl CHEUX to Bdge at TOURMAUVILLE. 3 pl moved fwd to TOURMAUVILLE and maintained existing bridge and two class 40 crossings made by assault Sqdn RE and sent 2 detachments each 1 NCO and 4 ORs with patrols of Coy strength from the A&SH to hold the two bridges (existing) W of GAVRUS. 2 pl handed over maintenance from COLLEVILLE fwd to 612 Fd Sqn 11 Arm Div. 1 pl handed over maintenance in CHEUX to 70 Army Fd Coy RE. During evening 1 fascine class 40 crossing was abandoned (being unserviceable), the existing bdge at TOURMAUVILLE widened and strengthened by Assault Sqdn & 3 pl. 5 casualties to Coy during day (GSW)	 JG JG JG JG
   COLLEVILLE	29		During morning whole coy (incl HQ) concentrated in COLLEVILLE. Handed over roads and crossings maintenance to 70 Fd Coy and 11 Arm Div RE. During evening coy "stood to" to repel counter attack which had broken through our lines in the ~~TOURMAUVILLE~~ MONDRAINVILLE area.	 JG JG JG
COLLEVILLE	30	 1430 2100	During morning and up to 1400, Coy suffered 1 OR killed 6 wounded (GSW) in COLLEVILLE harbour by enemy shelling. LT C.R. WHITMORE wounded (GSW) while acting as LO at Bde Tac HQ. Coy ordered to take over maintenance of routes SHIP and TRIANGLE from TOURVILLE and LE VALTRU south as necessary. Recces carried out but no work was necessary. Coy ordered to hand over maintenance SHIP to 43 Div and to move to LE MESNIL PATRY. One sec of 1 pl with one bulldozer was left for maintenance of TRIANGLE. Maintenance detachment withdrawn to coy harbour. W 3008/9 for June.	 JG JG JG JG
LE MESNIL PATRY				

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Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer MAJOR J.H. GILLINGTON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LE MESNIL PATRY	1		Coy in harbour resting checking stores and deficiencies (unit had lost 1 3 tonner & 2 trailers in battle).	JG
"	2	1430	Coy moved further back to Div conc area in SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN. Coy rested with odd jobs until 15 July.	JG
		1800	Cpl & 2 men who had been on patrol with A&SH Bn in GAVRUS area returned.	JG
SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN	3	1000 1800	1 pl erected 60,000 gal per day Water point at SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN. 3 pl cleared road of rubble in village caused by a shell blowing in a high wall.	JG
"	4	1200	2 pl took over maintenance of Water point from 1 pl.	JG
"	5	1130	Men had use of mobile bath (very welcome and necessary)	JG
"	6	0800	3 pl set up water point at BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE capacity 6,000 gals per day max. They maintained this until dismantled by them on 14 July.	JG
SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN	9	2200	OC received orders from CRE that pls would maintain routes in Div area. 2 pl and 1 pl each had 2 sections committed. Little work was entailed.	JG
"	11	0900	2 pl engaged on digging bunkers for vehicles of Div HQ in proposed fwd location. Again has section on same job on 14 July.	JG
"	13		2 pl engaged on digging bunker for proposed fwd Bde HQ.	
"	14		3 pl had 2 sections blowing craters for burying dead cows in gun area.	JG
ST MAUVIEU		1730	Coy complete with all its transport moved to new harbour at ST MAUVIEU to concentrate in Div area for Operation GREEENLINE.	JG
"	15	1600	2 pl in Support 2 GORDONS moved to harbour N of BARON with min transport. Supplied 2 recce parties of 1 NCO and four men to go	JG
ST MAUVIEU			fwd with leading Coys. Balance of pl dug in behind S/L to be called up if rqd to breach a minefield.	JG
		1800	1 pl supplied 4 parties of 4 men to blow in pits for speedy siting of the 4 guns of G troop of 286 ATK Bty.	

		2100	3 pl with one D4 bulldozer moved to harbour N of BARON to maintain and keep the road clear of obstacles behind the leading infantry battalions.	JG
		2145	Battle started.	JG
	16	0200	1 pl had blown holes for 2 of the 4 17 pounder ATK guns. 2 guns were K.O. before they were due to move fwd. 1 pl suffered 2 men killed and 6 injured when this happened. Remaining men returned to coy harbour at 0830.	JG
		0500	3 pl had advanced 1200 yds from start line for their work. Could not get any further fwd for heavy shelling and mortaring. Road fwd clear of obstacles.	JG
		0700	3 pl returned to bridge at TOURMAUVILLE and with D4 and D7 dug positions for 227 Inf Bde HQ near Bridge.	JG
ST MAUVIEU		0830	2 pl (less recce pts) returned to coy harbour having suffered 6 casualties through "shell shock" while subject to very heavy mortar fire in their harbour when waiting to go fwd.	JG
		1300	1 recce pty returned having found no mines. The other recce pty returned at 1100 hrs on 17 having been in a dug in position with the 2 GORDONS the previous day and unable to return. They reported no mines in area where they had dug in.	JG
		1400	2 pl called out again to breach own minefield in area LES VILAINS. They were not required and returned at 0000 hrs.	JG
ST MAUVIEU		1400	3 pl returned after digging "holes" for Bde HQ.	JG
ST MAUVIEU	17		Coy checking stores, resting, vehicle maintenance etc.	JG
"	18	0800	2 pl took over water point S of CHEUX from 53 Div. Set up own water trailer. Water point gave total yield of 55,000 gals in day.	JG
		1000	Coy moved to new div concentration area. Coy harboured 1 mile N.W of LE MESNIL PATRY.	JG
LE MESNIL PATRY	19	1000	1 pl employed on blowing craters for burying dead cows S of CHEUX.	
		1700	Coy had use of M.B. Unit near SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN.	JG
do	20		1 & 3 pls clearing own minefields N of BARON.	
do	21		Collecting salvage in one grid map square in Div area.	JG
do	22		Collecting salvage.	JG
do	23		2 pl handed over water point to 53 Div.	JG
BALLEROY		1400	Coy moved to new harbour in New Div area S of BALLEROY Div came under Comd 30 Corps.	JG
	24		3 pl bulldozing in new Bde harbour for 227 Comd Vehicles. 1 & 2 pls on maintenance of roads in Div area.	JG
	25		1 pl road maintenance, 2 pl filled shell crater, 3 pl widening entrance and exit to coy harbour.	JG

	26		1 pl road maintenance. 2 pl ditto, 3 pl quarrying and loading stone near TILLY. 2 men from 1 pl went out during the night with a patrol from HLI and blew up an enemy half track which was suspected of being an O.P.	JG
	27		Same as for 26. One NCO and three men from 1 pl went out with fighting patrol from HLI and returned safely.	JG
	28		1 pl road maintenance, 2 & 3 constructing tank track PARSLEY, 30 ft wide 9 miles long, 2 L/Cpls from 2 pl went out with recce patrols from HLI and recced for sunken roads and minefields.	JG
BALLEROY	29		1 pl road diversion E. of Caumont; 2 and 3 pl completed PARSLEY and handed over northern four miles of PARSLEY to 101 Corps Field Coy RE for marking and picketing.	JG
		2300	1 pl with escort of one pl from KOSB went out to lift own minefield S.E of CAUMONT. Lifted 500 American mines and blew in 2 sunken roads to provide 3 tank crossings.	
			Evening - All platoons moved into area LA TRINGALE (1 mile N of CAUMONT).	JG
"	30	0001	15 Div came under Cmd 8 Corps for Operation BLUECOAT.	JG
		0600	1 Sec of 2 pl joined 2 GORDONS and went fwd with them and then with the 2 A&SH as far as LUTAIN wood and cleared mines N of the wood.	JG
			Afternoon - 2 & 3 pls carried tank and wheel tracks fwd down the fwd slope of CAUMONT Ridge.	JG
		1700	2 pl less detachments joined the 6 RSF and went fwd with them to ECORIGNY and with a bulldozer drove a wheel and tank track subsequently called 'TIN'.	JG
		1900	Detachment 2 pl went fwd to 2 GORDONS to clear minefields E of LUTAIN wood but were not employed and subsequently returned to coy harbour at LA TRINGALE.	JG
LA TRINGALE		1700	Coy HQ moved fwd and set up again at LA TRINGALE.	JG
"	31	0500	1 pl went out to improve route TIN and drive it forward to ST JEAN DES ESSARTIERS to LE HOMME lateral wood.	JG
		0700	3 pl went out to improve wheel tracks and clear minefields in AREA LUTAIN Wood.	JG
		1600	3 pl diverted to assist 1 pl in opening TIN route now urgently required. This was completed fit for tracks and wheels at about 1830 hrs.	JG
		1830	2 pl established a water point at AUBIGNY for fwd troops.	JG
			Night - 3 pl with 2 sections maintained the roads, 1 pl returned	JG
		1900	Recce Officer with 1 section from 2 pl started bulldozing Bde HQ in new area.	
			Total casualties for day 2 wounded and 2 shell shocked.	JG

	11 25		LT. D.R. GIFFORD RE joined this unit posted from 31 R.H.U. 2/LT JJ COCKLE RE joined this unit posted from 31 R.H.U. Strength of company on 31 July 1944. 7 Officers and 230.	JG JG JG

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Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

Month and Year August 1944

Commanding Officer Major J.H. Gillington

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LA TRINGALE	1	0800	1 pl took over road and track maintenance of TIN from 3 pl and continued to improve route. 2 pl maintaining water point. Sec of 2 pl bulldozing in 227 Bde HQ with recce officer.	JG
"	2	1400 1600	1 pl handed over maintenance of TIN to 279 - renamed SQUARE. 40 men 1 pl loaded stores at Field Pk Coy. 2 pl maintaining water point.	JG JG
"	3	0020	3 pl left coy harbour with all its transport plus 2 half tracks from 624 to join 44 Bde (under cmd) for Op Bluecoat. 2 pl maintaining water point. 1 sec TIN maintenance. 2100-0100hrs 1 pl 2 sections loading Field Pk stores 1800-2000 hrs. 1 sec blowing craters for burying dead cows in Rear Div area.	JG JG JG
HERVIEUX		2000	Coy left harbour LA TRINGALE moved down SQUARE (TIN) route to harbour in Div area 5 miles further South.	JG
"	4	0030	One enemy shell landed in harbour area. 1 DR wounded. 2 pl maintaining water point at AUBIGNY. (This was closed and dismantled at 2200 hrs. Stores returned to Coy). 3 pl under cmd 44 Bde made rough wheeled single traffic road near L'HOTELIERE.	JG JG JG
HERVIEUX		0800 to 0900	2 Secs 1 pl made tank track to enable a squadron of Inf tanks to cross country 1 mile to main tank track.	JG
		1900	1 and 2 pls moved to new harbour area in LE TOURNEUR.	JG
"	5	0600 1000	1 pl placed ~~under cmd~~ in support 227 Bde for op. HQ of Coy moved to new harbour 1 mile W of LE TOURNEUR.	JG JG
LE TOURNEUR			2 and 3 pls with Coy HQ (3 pl's work with 44 Bde having finished)	
"	6		1 Sec divided between 3 Bns of 227 Bde for mine recce in Bn areas. Party with 2 GORDONS lifted 6 mines off a crossroads.	JG
"	7	0900 to 1100	1 Sec 1 pl lifted 24 Tellermines (42 & 43) in rd verges to enable A&SH to go fwd.	JG

		1500	1 pl cleared rd block at ESTRY cross rds - pulled by half track winch. 1 booby trap went off - 2 failed. 1 NCO wounded by shell.	JG
	10	day	1 pl constructed a tank track in 227 Bde's area to be used as a possible counter attack route if the enemy's counter attack had to be driven back.	JG
	12		1 pl still in sup 227 Bde. Dug in loud speaker unit in front line. 2 and 3 pls in reserve.	JG
	13		1 pl returned from role in sup 227 Bde. 2 pl placed under Cmd Recce Regt for purpose of clearing new harbour area of mines. 3 pl under cmd GSO 1 (L) for purpose of proving new harbour area for Div HQ clear of mines.	JG
VIEUX	14	1030	1 pl & HQ moved to new coy harbour area at VIEUX 2 & 3 pls already in new coy area after proving areas clear of mines.	JG
VIEUX	15		2 pl constructed bathing pool on river ORNE for 227 Bde. No mines found on banks.	JG
	16		1 pl resurfaced and maintained existing class 40 masonry bridge at VIEUX. 3 pl searched area for new Div HQ harbour. No mines found.	JG
FRESNEY-LE PUCEUX	17	0800 0830	1 pl opened water point at FRESNEY-LE-PUCEUX. Coy moved to new harbour at FRESNEY-LE PUCEUX	JG JG
	18		3 pl searched a new area for Div HQ and found no mines. 1 pl maintained water point.	
	19		1 pl maintained water point to 2300 hrs and then closed it.	
	20	1030 2359	Coy moved to new location BOIS HALBOUT and concentrated with 227 Bde in preparation for Ex GALLOP. Approx 6 E/A came overhead. Bombs were dropped: The nearest one fell 100 yds from 3 pl. No casualties sustained.	JG JG
BOIS HALBOUT	21&22		Coy in harbour	
BOIS HALBOUT	23	0730	Coy moved to FRESNE LA MERE. 3 pl came under cmd ROYALS (Armd Car Regt). 2 pl in support HLI.	JG
VIMOUTIERS	24	1400 1800 2300	1 pl, 2 pl and Coy HQ moved to new harbour W of VIMOUTIERS. 1 pl started building 50ft D.S. class 40 Bailey bridge over demolished railway bridge abutments E of VIMOUTIERS on LE SAP main road (SUN ROUTE) 2 pl started building 70 ft DS class 40 Bailey bridge over river LATOUGUE using existing abutments.	JG
VIMOUTIERS	25	0100 1300	3 pl started building 50ft DS class 40 Bailey bridge over bomb crater 100 yds E of demolished LATOUGUE bridge. All three bridges completed in order 1 pl, 3 pl & 2 pl. Traffic allowed to pass over road and proceed on SUN ROUTE.	JG

		1600 1815	HQ Coy moved to temporary pl Harbour E of VIMOUTIERS Coy complete moved to new Div concentration area on West end of the Forest of BEAUMONT (30 miles move).	JG
FORET DE BEAUMONT BRAY	26	0630 1200	1 pl with Fd Park Coy Bailey Pl (½ pl) left coy harbour and moved in support 227 Bde to LOUVIERS area. 2 pl, 3 pl & HQ moved to new harbour area BRAY. 2 and 3 pls moved to temporary harbour W of LOUVIERS to assist 1 pl in construction of 130ft DS class 12 Bailey Bridge over river EURE in LOUVIERS. 3 pl assisted. 2 pl held in reserve.	JG JG
QUATREMARE	27	0230 1645 1600	Bridge completed and opened. Coy HQ moved to new harbour QUATREMARE. 2 pl attached to 2 Gordons to provide crews of 5 for 9 assault boats (MK III). 1 & 3 pl attached to HLI to provide 18 crews (5 men each) for assault across river SEINE. 1 & 3 pl crews not used.	 JG
QUATREMARE	28	 2100	2 pl suffered casualties. 4 killed. 13 wounded and 1 missing. LT K.B THOMAS was slightly wounded in chin. 2 pl reorganised into two working sections. 3 pl maintaining class 12 Bailey bridge at LOUVIERS and clearing obstacles in river EURE at bridge site. HQ moved from harbour to temporary harbour with pls at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY to wait for turn to cross by class 40 Bailey Pontoon bridge.	JG JG
ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY	29	0450 1700	HQ and pls crossed Bailey bridge over River SEINE and moved to temporary harbour on E bank of river Coy HQ and pls moved to harbour near ANDE.	 JG
ANDE	30	day 1200 2000	1 pl searched road verges ANDE to MUIDS for mines, none found. Coy responsible for road maintenance ANDE to MUIDS and MUIDS to HERQUEVILLE. No work necessary. 3 pl maintenance class 40 Bailey Pontoon bridge at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY. 1 pl took over from 3 pl	JG JG
ANDE	31	0800 day	3 pl took over from 1 pl. 2 pl road maintenance bridge approaches with 200 attached infantry. Employed digging mud off road. Strength of company on 31 August 1944 6 Officers 221 OR's.	

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Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

Month and Year Sept 44.

Commanding Officer Major J.H. Gillington

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MUIDS	1.	1900	Handed back maintenance of Bailey Bridge (class 40) at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY after maintaining bridge throughout day (Corps tps coy took over).	JG
LA FEUILLE	3	0710 1500	Left harbour MUIDS travelled in support 46 Bde. Harboured night at LA FEUILLE. 3 pl lifted 6 'S' mines and 4 tellermines reported near 46 Bde HQ.	JG
CARROIX	4	0800	Coy moved with 46 Bde to new harbour CARROIX.	JG
	5	1200	Coy moved to BUNEVILLE (near ST POL) still in support 46. Coy then reverted back to 227 Bde.	
BUNEVILLE	6.	1000	1 pl sent party with maquis to look for Germans reported in a wood 1½ mile South of village BUNEVILLE. None found.	JG
ST GENOIS	7.	0800 1200 2330	3 pl came under cmd A&SH Bn (227 Bde) for move. Coy HQ, 2 pl & 1 pl moved to ST GENOIS (S of COURTRAI) in 227 Bde area having crossed the Belgian border. 1 pl carried on in convoy with HLI and came under cmd for ops with Bn.	 JG JG
	8	1800	Coy HQ and 2 pl moved to NAZARETH 3 miles SW of GHENT and joined by 1 and 3 pls in harbour that night.	JG
NAZARETH	9	day	1 pl cleared some trees blown down by the wind on the EEDMULER-HEED Rd.	JG
	10		Remained in harbour, conservancy, checking stores etc in preparation of another move to N of BRUSSELS	JG
	11	1500	Coy moved complete to BEYGHAM, 7 miles N of Brussels with 227 Bde arriving at 2130 hrs.	JG
BRUSSELS	12	1205	Coy under movement order from HQRE moved to WATEREINDE South of the ALBERT CANAL.	JG
WATEREINDE WATEREINDE	13	0800 2100	2 pl established and maintained water point at WESTERLOO 3 pl fitted new decking wearing surface to bridge at ZAMMEL 3 pl with bridging equipment moved to temporary harbour at LILL N of the Albert Canal.	 JG JG

		2000 2130	1 pl moved to temporary harbour 1 mile S of MOLL to be prepared to bridge the ESCAUT JUNCTION MEUSE Canal at DONCK (plan changed, did not bridge). LT COCKLE did recce of locks in ALBERT CANAL N of OOLEN with small party from 3 pl and cover platoon from 2 Gordons. Recce successful - Locks not prepared for demolition. One prisoner taken subsequently shot while attempting to escape. Returned at 0530 on 14 Sept.	JG JG
GREES	14	1400 1700	2 pl closed water point. HQ and 2 pl moved over ALBERT CANAL and harboured between 1 and 3 pls at GREES. 3 pl joined coy at 1900 hrs. Bridging equip to 1. LT. GIFFORD D.R. wounded in MOLL when returning from a bridge recce at DONCK.	 JG JG
GREES	15	1000 1930 NIGHT	2 pl established a water point at 2 miles E of GHEEL. 1 pl built class 9 FBE bridge at 192892 over D'EMBRANCHEMENT VERS HASSELT CANAL. Took 2 hours and 10 minutes to build bridge. 3 pl prepared to assist 2 Gordons in assault crossing of MEUSE ESCAULT CANAL in area S of RETHY. Recce party out with Gordons but opposition such that assault crossing cancelled.	 JG JG
	16	NIGHT	LT COCKLE and recce party with HLI to find suitable crossing places for additional assault crossings east of 44 Bde's Bridgehead (N of GHEEL)	JG
	17	1110	1, 2, 3 pls and HQ moved to new harbour 2 miles NE of GHEEL in 227 Bde's area.	JG
GHEEL	19	0800 2300	1 pl took over ferrying site N of GHEEL from 218 Fd Coy to operate assault boat ferry supplying bridgehead - now 227 Bde's. 1 pl ferried over HLI in assault boats making 3 Bns on bridgehead. 1 Sgt & 1 sapper wounded in operation.	JG JG
	20	1400 2000	3 pl took over ferrying from 1 pl. 1 casualty in morning. 3 pl started ferrying back 227 Bde's three Bns. 279 Coy operated the class 9 raft which ferried back the vehicles. No casualties suffered by 3 pl. All across by 0030 on 21.	JG
S of GHEEL	21	1500	Coy with 3 platoons moved with 227 Bde to a new area around and south of GHEEL.	JG
	22	1500	Coy complete with 227 Bde group (army reserve) moved to temporary conc area VELDHOVEN. Crossed Frontier 1700 hrs.	 JG
VELDHOVEN	23	1100	Coy with 227 Bde group moved to EINDHOVEN and harboured in temporary conc area. LT KB THOMAS rejoined unit after being wounded in SEINE crossing.	JG JG
	25	0800	1 pl left coy harbour and went in support 2 GORDONS for attack on BEST (227 Bde plan). Pl were not required to do any work with Bn.	

EINDHOVEN	26	0730 1200	2 & 3 pls left coy harbour to go in support 227 Bde. Harboured NE of BEST (1 mile). 1 sec 1 pl cleared road block consisting of 10 mines with pull wire attached to enable them to be fired from slit trench 100 yds away. Coy HQ moved to ACHT 3 miles NW of EINDHOVEN. 2 pl responsible for road maintenance "STAR" route BEST to ST OEDENRODE, ½ day's work only necessary.	JG JG
	27		Pls employed in defence of Bde HQ in case of infiltration. No Engineer work reqd except bulldozing in 2 17 pdr ATK guns.	JG
	28		2 pl sec lifted 6 improvised mines made up of a 3 kg charge fitted with a push igniter and a piece of wood above and below as pressure plates.	
	29		Pls employed in defence. LT F.H. ROBINSON RE joined unit. Posted from 31 R.H.U.	
ACHT	30	0900	Coy HQ moved to new harbour area joined pls near STAR ROUTE 2½ miles from BEST (NE). Strength of Coy on 30 7 Officers 244 ORs.	JG

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Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

Month and Year OCTOBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Major J.H. Gillington

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NE BEST	1.		Coy in support 227 Inf Bde acting as imme defence for Bde HQ. No Engineer tasks.	JG
	2	1630	Coy less 2 pl moved to rest harbour at NUNEN N.E. of EINDHOVEN.	JG
NUNEN	3	1800	Coy employed cleaning tasks, vehicles, personnel. Recreational training, etc baths etc. 2 pl joined company in harbour.	
	4+5		Cleaning vehicles, fitting trucks, etc. 3 pl maintaining road GEMERT - VOLKEL. Relaid culvert and replaced road surface at place damaged by tanks.	JG
	6	1645	Same programme. Repairs on road completed. Maintenance continues. All Officers of Div addressed by Div Cmdr at HELMOND.	JG
NUNEN	7.		2 pl training on close support raft and storm boat. 1 pl training inf in Kapok assault bridges. Reinforcements being trained on Bailey bridging with 624 Fd Pk Coy. 3 pl maintaining road GEMERT - VOLKEL.	JG JG
	11+12 +13		1 pl maintaining road GEMERT VOLKEL. Coy employed cleaning tasks, checking stores, fitting racks, bins etc to coy vehicles in rest area.	
NUNEN	20.		1200 hrs 3 pl took over maintenance of BEST Bridges (2 Bailey bridges) from Fd Coy of 51 Div and maintenance of road incl bridges to excl ST OEDENRODE	JG
NUNEN	21+22 +23		3 pl same. 1 pl maintaining earth track road from NIJNSEL to DEULEUT wef 1400 hrs.	
"	24	1200 1230 1600	Bridges & road & track maintenance handed over to 279 Fd Coy Coy HQ, with pls ½ hr earlier left NUNEN for 227 Bde concentration area 2 miles NE of BEST. 3 pl cleared road block on BEST - BOXTEL rd, consisting of 6 large trees across road booby-trapped. afternoon - 2 pl with Sqn Recce Regt checked road BEST - OIRSCHOT for mines and measured gap over stream at site of demolished bridge 285275.	JG JG JG

BEST	25.		3 pl commenced clearing BEST-BOXTEL Rd, prepared and blew up concrete OP at 365290 (covering rd block).	
		0630	2 pl cleared road obstruction from BEST - OIRSCHOT Rd.	JG
			1 Sec 1 pl proved new area for Div HQ clear of mines and 3 Sects proved road BOXTEL OIRSCHOT (227 Bde conc area) clear of mines.	JG
		1245	Coy HQ & 2 pl + 1 pl which joined on route and balance of 3 pl moved to new harbour N of OIRSCHOT. 1 Sec of 3 pl joined coy after completing demolition of conc O.P.	JG
OIRSCHOT	26	1115	Coy moved with 227 Bde to MOERGESTEL.	
MOERGESTEL	27		3 pl 2300 to 0130 hrs (27) unloaded assault bridges for AVRE	JG
			2 pl 0630 - 1230 construct 3 bridges for AVRE to fit on their assault bridge-layer tanks for 16 Assault Sqdn RE	JG
		0630	onwards - 3 pl maintained roads incl bridges OIRSCHOT - MOERGESTEL, BIEST - HILVARENBEEK	JG
HILVARENBEEK		1300	Coy less 3 pl who stayed behind for rd maintenance moved to new conc area for 227 Bde at HILVARENBEEK.	JG
	28	to 1200	2 pl Rd maintenance HILVARENBEEK to BIEST improvised bridge (incl).	JG
		1200	1 & 2 pls maintaining roads and bridges from incl OIRSCHOT-MOERGESTEL incl OISTERWIJK and rd & Bdges MOERGESTEL to excl HILVARENBEEK	JG
		0700	Coy moved to inside TILBURG.	
		2100	1 pl suffered 3 casualties when lifting a very densely laid SCHU-minefield near MOERGESTEL.	JG
TILBURG	29.	1405	Coy (less 1 & 2 pl which joined column at HILVARENBEEK) moved to new Div area at ZOMEREN, 6 miles SE of HELMOND	JG
ZOMEREN	30.		3 pl proved roads clear of mines E of ASTEN (227 Bde) area.	JG
		2000 to 0200	1 and 2 pls began preparing existing bridge abutments at DISK for Bailey bridges. 70 ft and 30 ft respectively. /31	JG
	31.	0700	Construction began on bridges. Completed by 1300 hrs. Wearing Surface laid and bridges opened at 1430 hrs.	JG
		1300	1 Sec 3 pl opened track for jeeps for maintenance of Bn of GORDONS in fwd positions.	JG
			Strength of Company on 31 October 1944.	
			7. Officers.	JG
			250. ORs. (includes 3 Corporals held surplus).	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN	1.		Maintenance bridges. DISK and roads in 227 Bde area (ASTEN)	JG
"	2.		do. 6 SD(1) bombs destroyed in 227 Area (E 567140)	
		PM.	3 pl improvised bridge constructed to take AUSTER aircraft across ditch (E 563118)	JG
	3.	0001	1 pl filled crater at 667096 on axis of 227 to Bn.	JG
		1000	10 mines (teller) lifted at E 684084.	
		1200	2 pl disposed of 11 SC10 bombs and 1 SD1 at 567140.	JG
		All day	3 pl maintaining roads in ASTEN area.	JG
		0800	1 pl lifted 14 tellermines, cleared road and verges to HLI fwd position 097597	JG
		1200	LT. J.J. COCKLE RE wounded in right shoulder and left buttock when carrying out recce of crater fwd of Inf positions with Sqn Recce Regt.	JG
ZOMEREN	4.	0900	3 pl built small bridge to enable an Auster aircraft to cross a ditch to its landing strip near HELMOND. Bridge then dismantled.	JG
			3 pl continued maintenance of ASTEN Rds (227 Bde area).	JG
		1200 to 2100	2 pl started dismantling Northernmost of the two Bailey Bdgs at ZOMEREN crossing. Replaced bridge by 30 ft SS Bailey.	JG
	5 + 6		3 pl continued maintenance roads 227 Bde area.	
	7.		3 pl Road maintenance OSPEL area. 3 pl moved at 1400 hrs to support A&SH.	JG
ZOMEREN		day	2 pl disposed of 15 UXB, SC10s 12K A/P bombs in ASTEN area and 2 U.X. Parachute flares at HQ 227 Bde.	JG
		1000	1 pl cleared fallen trees off road N of ZOMEREN	JG
ZOMEREN	8	1000	1 pl at 1000 hrs took over maintenance of 3 bailey bridges and canal S of ZOMEREN from US Engineers.	
		1400	1 pl handed over same bridge maintenance to 275 Fd Coy (51 Div) but continued to maintain rds E of canal in neighbourhood of NIEUWINNERSTRAAT.	JG
	9.		1 and 3 pls continued work.	JG

		day	2 pl felled trees, hauled and dumped at Coy location 150 - 12ft larch poles for corduroy road.	JG
"	10.	Night 9/10	1 sapper killed and 1 L/Cpl badly wounded when stepping on SCHU mines during a night patrol with Inf (A&SH Bn).	JG
		1200	1 pl handed over maintenance of road at NIEUWINNERSTRAAT to 51 Div.	JG
		day	2 pl cut and dumped 250 more 12' Larch spars at Coy loc.	JG
ZOMEREN	11.		3 pl in sup A&SH. 1 pl road maintenance ASTEN area. 2 pl cut and dumped 300 12ft poles.	JG
	12.	day	2 pl cut 100 12ft poles and dumped in Coy area. 1 pl Road maintenance ASTEN area.	
		1000	2 pl relieved 3 pl in support A&SH. Gordons to relieve A&SH next day.	JG
	13.		1 pl 200 12ft poles. 2 pl in support A&SH. 3 pl resting.	JG
	14		1 pl 150 12ft larch poles. 2 pl road maintenance in support Gordons	JG
ZOMEREN		day	3 pl Offloaded bailey stores for assault bailey bridge for 222 Asslt Sqdn.	JG
	14/15	2030 to 0100	1 pl filled crater on ASTEN-MEIJEL road (proposed) axis of advance of 227 Bde.	JG
	15		2 pl 1 Sec attached Gordons. 3 Secs clearing mines ASTEN - MEIJEL Road (to crater). Suffered casualties when sapper last seen handling mines dumped by section. 1 Cpl & 2 sappers killed & 1 sapper wounded.	JG
ZOMEREN		day	3 pl clearing road ASTEN - MEIJEL East of crater.	JG
	16.		1 & 3 pls clearing roads of mines in MEIJEL area. Many Teller mines, SCHU mines & 'S' mines found.	
ZOMEREN			1 Sec 2 pl in support Gordons	JG
	17.		Same as 16 - mine clearing.	JG
"	18.		Road maintenance ASTEN - MEIJEL Road. Clearing mines MEIJEL area.	JG
ZOMEREN	19.		Cleared road of mines MEIJEL to BERINGEN (via MEIJEL E bridge). Swept area for 131 Fd Regt gun area.	JG
		1400	Coy HQ & pls moved to harbour SE of ASTEN.	JG
	20.		1 pl in support Gordons & A&SH for advance towards SEVENUM.	
		1400	Coy HQ moved to W of MEIJEL.	JG
MEIJEL	21.	all day	2 and 3 pls laid 1000 yds of Sommerfeld track for single way traffic E of BERINGEN in direction of SEVENUM (Bde objective). 1 pl filled in crater and made diversion on track after tank bridge laid.	JG
		1100	Coy HQ moved to NE of BERINGEN.	JG

BERINGEN	22.	all day	3 pls with assistance of pioneers from 2 Bns 44 Bde and in afternoon 2 pl of 279 Coy laid a further 2,100 yds of track (single) on Bde axis. Work very difficult under heavy rain.	JG
BERINGEN	23.	day	Coy laid a further 1000 yds of Sommerfeld track and open up road as single way to MR. 781105. Rain very heavy all day. Vehicles returning alongside track after becoming "mud bound".	JG
"	24		Coy employed maintaining SKYE route tipping rubble into deep ruts formed in track. Pl Officer LT CAMPBELL proceeded on three weeks course at SME RIPON on "Bailey Special uses" commencing 28 Nov.	JG
	25		Coy moved to METERIK. Handed over maintenance road to 279 Coy. 1 Sec 1 Pl attached 227 for supporting leading Bn. Suffered 2 casualties from splinters when 'pulling' teller mines.	JG
	26.		1 Sec with HLI building causeway at 869258 (3 pl). 1 Sec with 2 GORDONS for mine clearance (3 pl). 1 Sec cleared mines R & Schu in 190 Fd Regt gun area. One sapper had leg blown off on Schu mine.	JG
METERIK	26/27	night	1 pl built 60 S/S Bailey class 24 over GROOTE MOLENBEEK at 857247 and cleared demolished church steeple (dropped by enemy) off road in MEERLO.	JG
	27.	night	1 Sec of 3 pl detached to GORDONS 2 pl started building 90 S/S class 9 Bailey over GROOTE MOLENBEEK at 851259. Bridging party shelled and 25% casualties suffered of working party strength. LT Thomas MC and 9 O.Rs. Construction abandoned when ¾ complete by order of GOC.	JG
METERIK	28.	1100	1 Sec with GORDONS. Coy moved to ASTEN for rest and clean up with 227 Bde.	JG
ASTEN	29	day	Coy employed cleaning vehicles, bathing etc.	
"	30.	"	ditto Strength Officers 5 (one on course SME RIPON). on 30 Nov 44. ORs 229	JG

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Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

Month and Year Dec 1944.

Commanding Officer Major J.H. Gillington

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ASTEN	1.		LT. LANE D.S.O. and LT. ODGERS H.G. joined Coy at ASTEN.	JG
		1400-1700	3 pl & 2 pl provided working party of 30 men to load timber at 642 Fd Fd for corduroy road.	JG
ASTEN	2.	1400	Coy moved to new location near VOORST to conc with 44 Bde for assault on BLERICK.	JG
VOORST	3.	0800 to 2110	2 pl with no 2 pl 278 Coy constructed 260 yds of corduroy road thus completing lateral road between TAY and OBAN routes.	JG
		1200	1 pl reconstructed and reset 30' S/S Bailey on TAY route originally laid by 279 Coy and displaced by tank.	JG
		1100 1700	3 pl opened OBAN routes. No mines found on road. Anti tank ditch at 886086 (W of BLERICK) filled in by fascines, and levelled by bulldozing with 2 armd D7s. 1 NCO wounded by shellfire.	JG
VOORST	4	0930	1 pl opened TAY route. Anti tank ditch filled in by hand. Route opened at 1600 hrs, suitable for tanks.	JG
			MAJOR M.D. WILKINSON took over command of Coy succeeding MAJOR J.H. GILLINGTON, who left theatre of ops to attend course at Staff College CAMBERLEY. Date of change over of command backdated to 3 Dec. Authority CE 8 Corps.	JG
VOORST	5	day	2 pl started lifting reported minefield at 8414 NW of BLERICK. Minefield composed of 2 rows of S mines 35 fitted with 2 way adapter joined up with continuous trip wires between mines (15x spacing), 4 rows mixed T. mines, approx 1 in 5 booby trapped. Mines marked and uncovered prior to blowing in situ.	JG
VOORST	6.	day	2 pl blew up 50 of mines in field, as above.	JG
VOORST	7.	day	1 pl blew up a further 50 mines. One special booby-trapped mine found. 3 T. 35 mines on top of each other. The uppermost mine had no explosive filling, but was fitted with a fuse and pull igniter screwed to its underside. A short wire joined the top mine to the ordinary T mine underneath. The third mine was similarly connected to the second mine.	JG JG

VOORST	8.	1400	Coy moved to ONDER in 227 Bde area (conc).	JG
ONDER	9.		Coy maintained 2 miles on ONDER rd (main Bde supply route). Rd single way being developed by coy into 2 way.	JG
ONDER	10.	1400 day	Water point for Bde opened & maintained by 3 pl at 824076. 1 & 2 pls working on ONDER road.	JG
ONDER	11.	 1845 to 2000	3 pl filled crater at rd & track junc 827077 and 12 yds of corduroy road laid south of rd junction. 3 pl fitted substitute windows and blackouts for 153 Fd Amb. Rd (ONDER) and water pt maintained. 1 pl laid a SCHU minefield (260 mines) at 868037, 2 rows and 1 yd between mines and rows laid by 12 men. Area had been swept and taped off the night before by the same party. The minefield was laid to cover the possible enemy approach from the lock gates and weir on the river MAAS. Whole operation done within 200x of the enemy's F.D.L. in complete silence with a little light from artificial moonlight.	JG JG
ONDER	12.		1 + 2 pls reconstructed to double width for traffic 200 yds of ONDER road. 3 pl maintained water point and laid a further 60 yds of corduroy road S of rd junc 827077 and repaired windows and blackouts for 153 Fd Amb.	JG JG
ONDER	13.		Further 200 yds reconstructed on ONDER Rd for double traffic by 1 & 2 pls. Water point maintained by 3 pl. 2 pl removed and destroyed a dump of 57 R mines. LT KB THOMAS received the MC, Sgt L. PATRICK and Sp R. GREEN received the M.M. from C in C at ZOMEREN.	JG JG
ONDER	14		Further 200 yds ONDER road reconstructed for two way traffic. 160 yds corduroy road constructed by 3 pl - water point maintained. Party of 10 RAF NCOs and LACs from 12 AGRE (5022 Sqdn) arrived to receive practical expertise in the handling and lifting of enemy minefields. Attachment 10 days (approx).	JG JG
ONDER	15.		2 pl & 1 pl maintaining ONDER Rd. 200 yds reconstructed for two way traffic. 3 pl maintained water point and laid a further 80 yds of corduroy road for 131 Fd Regt.	JG JG
ONDER	16.	 night	Maintenance & repair ONDER road continued, 1000 yds total now completed from rd junct (1 & 2 pls). 3 pl maintained water point and laid 30 yds corduroy. Sec of 3 pl sent out to mark a suspected minefield near MAASBREE which had caused two casualties to the R.A. nearby. 1 NCO and 2 Sprs injured as a result of two mine explosions. 2 secs of 1 pl laid an A/per minefield to cover a likely crossing place of the river MAAS. The minefield consisted of 2 rows of 45	 JG JG

			mines in each row, total 90, approx density 2 per yd front i.e. 1 yd between mines 1 yd between rows. Type mines laid A/per MK 5 No 1 Br. M.R. 862030 (3½ miles S.W. of VENLO) on W bank of MAAS. Time taken 1¼ hrs in wiring single strand home side.	
ONDER	17	night	2 secs 1 pl laid another A/per minefield to cover another likely crossing point ½ mile N of the minefield laid on 16 Dec. This minefield consisted of 2 rows, 35 mines in first row and 34 in second, total 69 mines laid 1 yd between rows and 1 yd between mines. MK5 no1 Br A/per mines again used. Time taken 3 hours incl laying single strand plain wire on home side. M.R. 867035 (3 miles S.W of VENLO) on W bank of MAAS.	JG
ONDER		day	ONDER Road reconstruction continued (50 yds completed during day). 3 pl completed corduroy road for 131 Fd Regt R.A. (total 300 yds laid). 3 pl maintained water point. 1 sapper of 1 pl killed when standing on an inverted buried S mine.	JG
ONDER	18.		ONDER Road reconstruction continued. Water point maintained.	
ONDER	19		ditto same as for 19	
"	20.		Same as for 18 and 19.	
"	21.		ditto.	
"	22.		ditto.	
"	23.		ONDER Road reconstruction continued, 2000 yds now completed. Water point maintained. RAF personnel attached to this unit returned to their parent squadron. During ten days have been trained in the lifting of SCHU mines, Teller mines, 'S' mines & R mines and have themselves cleared 5 enemy minefields previously reported and taped. These minefields consisted of Tellers; Tellers and Schu; 'R' and Schu; 'R', 'S' and Schu. No injuries sustained by RAF personnel.	JG
ONDER			Training of 10 civilians commenced in the detection and removal of mines. Were given lectures in the morning and course postponed for Christmas. Course not likely to continue until ground "thaws-out".	JG
ONDER	24.		Onder road reconstruction continued. Water point maintained.	
ONDER	25		Christmas day. Skeleton crew on water point. No work done on ONDER road.	JG
ONDER	25/26	0300	LT PACKER and NCO carried out a night patrol with infantry to determine if caves near lock gates were occupied by enemy. Returned at 0730 hrs to report that nothing was found. Did similar patrol on the night of 26/27 Dec and discovered a concrete air raid shelter capable of accommodating 15 to 20 men near lock gate opposite BELFELD on river MAAS.	JG
ONDER	26		ONDER road reconstruction continued. Water point maintained.	JG

	27.		ditto also. Preliminary recce carried out for construction of a permanent class 40 Bailey bridge at KELPEN. K.647948.	JG
ONDER	28.		Water point and ONDER road maintained. RAF personnel (1 Officer & 10 ORs) from 5023 Airfield Construction Squadron commenced training on enemy mines. Little could be done apart from lectures because of frozen ground.	JG
ONDER	29.		ONDER Rd reconstruction completed 2 miles (as far as required). Potholing and patching commenced. Water Point maintained. Training RAF personnel continued.	JG
ONDER	30		2 pl began removal of demolished bridge at KELPEN 647947. Bridge very thoroughly demolished by enemy. Estimated 3 weeks preparation on site before new bridge can be started. ONDER Road maintenance continued. Water Point maintained. RAF training programme postponed - ground too hard.	JG JG
ONDER ONDER	31. 15		RAF personnel returned to unit. ONDER rd maintenance continued. Water point maintained. Work on KELPEN Bridge continued. LT. D.J.O. LANE RE admitted to hospital on 19 Dec with anxiety neurosis. Capt E.F. NICOLAY RE attached to this unit from 40 R.H.U. (authority C.E. 8 Corps) for experience in a Field Unit. Strength on 31 Dec Officers - 6 (incl LT CAMPBELL on course at SME) ORs 238.	

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Unit 20 Field Coy RE

Month and Year Jan 1945

Commanding Officer Major M.D. WILKINSON

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ONDER	1.		Road maintenance ONDER rd continued. Water point maintained. Removal of debris from demolished bridge at KELPEN continued.	JG
"	2.		do.	
"	1/2.	night	LT PARKER and 1 Sgt mined (A/per) and booby trapped an air raid shelter on W. bank of MAAS. 2 'R' mines fitted with 2 pull igniters each and trip wires were laid in front of each of the two entrances. The bottom step in one entrance and the next to bottom in the second entrance was covered by 6 schu mines. 3 separate schu mines were laid under the straw in the lobby of the shelter. Work done under cover of fighting patrol of infantry.	JG
"	3,4,5 & 6.		Road maintenance ONDER road continued. Water point maintained. Work on KELPEN bridge site continued.	JG
ONDER	7.		1 pl relieved 2 pl on KELPEN bridge site. Work continuing there. All stores available for concreting foundation for Bailey crib pier. Water point closed in Bde area because the dyke from which the supply was drawn was gradually drying up. ONDER Road maintenance continued, but work could not be done because the ground was frozen to a depth of approx 18 ins.	JG Freezing hard
ONDER	8.		LT H.G. ODGERS promoted to A/Capt and posted to 8 GHQ tps ENGRS wef 8 Jan, authority C.E. 21 A. Gp. message Ref No RE 20 dated 3 Jan 45. ONDER Road maintenance continued. Removal of debris from KELPEN Bridge continued. ditto for 9, 10, 11, 12 Jan.	JG Snow fell on 8 and 9. 10 coldest day yet experienced.
ONDER	11		2 Secs of 3 pl moved to BEERG on river MEUSE to prepare site for training crews from the 3 Bns of 227 Bde in watermanship, particularly rowing and paddling MK 2 and MK 3 assault boats in a fast flowing river. Duration of course for inf expected to be 7 days.	JG JG

		am.	LT M.J.A. CAMPBELL RE rejoined unit after completing course at Ripon.	JG
ONDER	13.		2/LT G.M. HUNTER (331693) joined unit on being posted from HQRE 7 GHQ tps Engineers wef 9 Jan 45. 2 pl started erection of 3 (plus) NISSEN huts for 227 Bde in reserve Bn area. Work on KELPEN Bridge continued (anticipated construction will start in 7 days time on foundations for Bailey Piers of new proposed bridge). ONDER road maintenance continued	JG Warmer weather Ground thawing at midday
ONDER	14.		Onder Road maintenance completed. Sanding roads in Bde area as necessary. Work on Nissen huts for 227 Bde continued, also work on buildings for 153 Fd Amb and ADOS (15) (S) Div. Same for 15, 16, 17 Jan	JG
ONDER	17		Started concreting for foundation W side of KELPEN Bridge. Half concreted. Completed on morning of 18 Jan.	JG
	18		Same as for previous days. Lt Hunter attended 1 days P.A.D. course	JG
	19		ditto	
	20.		Started concreting for foundation E side for Bailey pier. The pier on the W side (Bailey) ¾ completed. 3 pl returned to Coy harbour on completion of first course for infantry in watermanship. 2 pl went to same site (S of Roermond) to prepare for second inf course due to start on 22 Jan.	JG Thaw precautions in force wef JG 0600 hrs on 20.
ONDER SWARTBROEK	21.	1330	Coy handed over RE tasks in Div area to 6 A/B Div RE and moved to SWARTBROEK (4 miles E of WEERT on ROERMOND Rd) to concentrate company to build superstructure of bridge to be called RED LION BRIDGE. Concreting of E foundation completed, also pier on W side completed.	JG
"	22.		All available men in coy prepared site for launching bridge. Pier on E side constructed.	
" SWARTBROEK	23. 24.		45 Bridging vehicles arrived at 1200 hrs. Offloading began at 1230 hrs by 1 pl followed at 1300 by all company. By 1700 hrs all vehicles had been offloaded and construction on bridge began. At 2100 40ft DS launching nose & 70ft DS & T.S. span had been completed. A composite coy from 278 and 279 Fd Coys made up of 65 men from each coy took over construction for 150 T.D. main span. This was completed at 0500 hrs on 24. By 0800 hrs 70 DS, TS span had been added and the whole bridge was launched by both composite coy and 20 Coy by 0900 hrs. It took a further 24 hrs to jack up, remove the rollers and jack down after breaking the spans.	Very cold day. 15 degrees frost Bright moon at night. JG

	25.		By 1500 hrs the bridge was decked down, wearing surface added and the ends of the ramps made good with tarmac surfacing. The bridge was then opened to traffic. Length 294 ft with 2 ten ft ramps.	JG
SWARTBROEK	26.	1000	Coy moved to new location at POPPEL. 12 KM S of TILBURG (in Belgium) to div rest area. Came under 30 Corps in 1st Canadian Army. Most of the units in the div had arrived one or two days previously.	JG Snow fell to depth of 3 inches during convoy run.
POPPEL	27		Capt NICHOLAY F.E. ceased to be attached to this unit from 40 RHU on posting to 7 GHQ tps (84 Coy). Company engaged on maintaining vehicles and conservancy.	JG
POPPEL	28		Lt HUNTER finished his course with 24 sappers engaged in training infantry in watermanship and handed over all the stores to 6 A/B sappers. He returned with party to unit on 29th.	JG
POPPEL	29,30 & 31		Cleaning and maintaining vehicles and G1098 stores. Strength on 31 Jan 1945. 6 Officers 235 ORs. Nil Off 3 Sgts & 46 ORs granted and proceeded on Priv leave during month.	Thaw set in on 30th. JG

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Month and Year Feb 1945

Commanding Officer Major M.D. WILKINSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
POPPEL	1.2.3.	4.	Pls training respective Bns in assault demolitions, pushing and firing of bangalores, fixing and firing of General Wade charges and beehives.	JG
	4		Pls loaded transport in preparation for Op VERITABLE. Pl Officers briefed for operation.	JG
	Feb 5	1630	Coy moved in 227 Bde column to NIJMEGEN arriving at 0200 on 6 Feb.	
	Feb 6	day	Reloading stores and getting all special stores for Op VERITABLE.	
	7.	1700	1 pl joined parent Bn (HLI). 2 pl joined GORDONS and 3 pl (2 secs) joined ASH, all of 227 Bde. evening - 3 pl maintained SKYE route which was to be the principal axis for the Bde advance. 26 tipper loads of hardcore were dumped during the night. LT M.J.A. CAMPBELL awarded M.C.	
NIJMEGEN	8	0500 1030 0800 1700	All 3 platoons moved forward to conc area with Bn. 3 pl marked gaps in minefield made by flails and breached a mixed Schu and 'S' minefield by hand. 3 casualties sustained. ½ 1 pl in supp HLI. Opened PEARL BLACK by clearing rd blocks in KRANENBURG. 2 pl maintained SKYE, aided by other ½ of one pl. Cooks trucks and stores lorries of platoons sent to a fwd dump behind Bde HQ. Coy HQ moved to new harbour at West end of PEARL BLACK route.	JG JG
NIJMEGEN	9	 0900	1 pl engaged in maintaining and improving lateral road AYRE as far as KRANENBURG. 2 pl maintained and improved PEARL BLACK from HOCHSTRASSE to KRANENBURG and removed 2 250 S.C. bombs from manholes in K'burg bridge. 3 pl marked and recorded enemy minefields in KRANENBURG area and swept railways to prove for mines from 800559 to 819552 and adjoining road to GAZGENSTEEG Coy HQ moved to KRANENBURG crossing Dutch German frontier at 1130 hrs.	JG JG

KRANENBURG	10.	0730 pm pm pm pm	3 pls and Tac HQ on road ready to join Bn for assault on CLEVE. This was postponed and pls returned 3 hrs later to Coy HQ. 2 pl piled rubble on railway track making it fit for wheels from KRANENBURG Station in the direction of GROOESBEEK. 3 pl clearing debris off road to make it double way traffic E of K'burg. 1 pl tidying up K'burg, removing wire and wood obstacles. 2 pl constructed a dam 60 yds long in K'burg 3ft high to hold back flood water from main street.	JG Flood water rises 4ft in 24 hours. JG JG JG
	11.	day day	1 and 2 pls in support HLI and GORDONS for advance on CLEEVE 3 pl worked on railway line and filled in antitank ditch V shaped 26ft across top at 829537. Rly line opened for wheels at 2100, closed 2 days later	Floods from JG Rhine still rising approx 1 in per hour
KRANENBURG	12.	 0700 1030 0930	1 pl provided 6 teams of 6 men each to travel in a KANGAROO to go on an armd Recce with Inf Bn and regt of tanks from CLEEVE in direction of CALCAR. Held up 2 miles SE of CLEEVE. Sappers started filling craters left by bombing on night 7/8 2 and 3 pls built 70ft class 40 D.S. Bailey at 901557 and 2 pl improvised a single way class 9 bridge from damaged existing bridge at 901559. These continue to be maintained. HQ moved to NUTTERDEN W of CLEEVE	JG JG JG
NUTTERDEN	13		PEARL Black maintained in CLEEVE and outskirts and two large craters filled on it.	JG
"	14		1 pl returned to company after completion of task with 46 Bde armd recce patrol. 2 & 3 pls maintained roads in CLEEVE and div axis fwd.	 JG
NUTTERDEN	15,16, 17,18		Coy resting, received orders for 2 ops but both cancelled.	JG
NUTTERDEN "	19.	 1200	Pls in support 227 Bde for attack E of GOCH. 1 pl with HLI, 3 pl with A.SH, 2 pl in reserve with GORDONS. Each pl provided 1 sec to travel in KANGAROOS with leading inf. Coy HQ moved to HAU S of CLEEVE.	JG JG
HAU	20.		227 op started at 1100 hrs, completed at 1200 after seizing BUCHOLT, SCHL. KALBECK and SCHL. CALBECK. 1 pl clearing tracks through woods.	 JG
HAU	21	AM.	LT KB THOMAS M.C. wounded in leg by bullet when carrying out recce of bridge crossings of R. NIERS in GOCH. Pls maintained routes in 227 Bde area & lifted the odd scattered mine on earth tracks.	JG JG
	22.		Road block removed consisting of trees, steel rails, conc etc on 227 Bdes axis S.E of GOCH. Pls maintained roads in 227 Bde's area.	JG
	23.	am.	Coy HQ moved to Xrds 4 miles N of GOCH.	

GOCH			Maintained roads in Bde area South of GOCH-CALCAR rd area. Pls started work opening rd GOCH-CALCAR. 3 mile stretch E of GOCH. Obstacles consisted of felled trees, bomb and shell craters, steel rails, Atk ditch, scattered unburied 'R' mines. Located and marked enemy minefield E of GOCH. Coy worked all night and opened rd for 2 way traffic at 0900 hrs on 24.	JG JG JG
GOCH	24.		Rd maintenance 227 Bde area continued.	
GOCH	25.	0745	Coy moved from battle area to S'HERTOGENBOSCH for a rest with 227 Bde.	JG
S'HERTOGEN-BOSCH	26,27, 28.		Coy resting, conservancy, checking tools, stores etc, cleaning vehicles. Coy strength on 28 Feb. 6 + 1 attached officers 243 ORs.	
			W/Sgt. THOMPSON A.C. granted emerg. combat commission as 2/LT in RE. Assumed duties 21 Feb. Auth A ECHEXFOR Rear message ref. A 10064 of 181915. 2/LT THOMPSON posted to 624 Fd Pk Coy on 22 Feb. Auth CRE LT. LODGE RGE posted to this unit from 624 Fd Coy wef 22 Feb. Auth CRE 15 (S) Div. LT THOMAS KB MC wounded on 21 Feb. S.O.S. on evacuation. LT BOYD HWK attached to this unit from 40 RHU wef 19 Feb 45 (X attachment). Auth 21 A Gp Serial No O/40/RE/ATT/1592 dated 7 Feb 45	 JG JG JG

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Month and Year MARCH 1945

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
S'Hertogen-bosch	1	))		
	2	)	Coy resting, cleaning stores and equipment. Vehicle maintenance.	JG
	3	)	Large numbers of vacancies for Brussels 48 hours leave granted.	
	4	)		
S'HERTOGEN-BOSCH	5	1600	Coy moved to new area (227 Bde) in RECHUM, 6 miles N of MAASTRICHT (Belgium)	JG
RECHUM	6-13		Vehicle painting and maintenance, conservancy, resting, recreational training.	JG
	14,15 and 16		Pls engaged in amphibious training with Infantry. Called Ex BUFFALO in preparation for a wide river crossing.	
RECHUM	17.	0400	Coy moved to conc area in wood 1 mile N of SONSBECK, arrived at 0930. Swept area for mines, but none were found.	
SONSBECK	18. 18 and 19.		1 pl employed constructing a tank track for buffaloes from forming up area to Flood bank. Under cmd 52 Div RE pending being taken under cmd 4 GHQ tps Engrs for Op Torchlight. Work involved culverting streams, bulldozing ditches and banks, felling trees, etc.	JG
	20.		Work completed on Buffalo track.	
	21 & 22-23		No work done except 3 pl & 2 pl on night 22/23 blew up W flood bank to R Rhine.	
	23.	1600	1 pl joined HLI, 2 pl 2 GORDONS, 3 pl - A.SH (Bns of 227 Inf Bde for Op Torchlight). Tac HQ joined & GHQ tps at 2300 hrs and main HQ moved to area near 4 GHQ tps WARDT	
WARDT WARDT	24	0200 0600	3 pl and 1 pl went over in buffaloes with respective Bns and blew up E flood banks with prepared charges to allow buffaloes to land. Then started proving area clear of mines on E bank of Rhine. 2 pl landed with 2 Gordons in storm boats, were held up by M.G. fire but eventually blew up their flood bank at 0900 hrs and	JG

			started constructing site for class 9 ferry landing. 1 NCO wounded (bullet) in thigh.	
		0800	LT WATKINSON S. wounded in back when trying to carry out a recce of E bank of Rhine in a storm boat before inf had cleared area.	JG
		1300	OC crossed river and set up Tac HQ on E bank near storm boat ferry site.	JG
			Pls after completing blowing flood banks proved area to 1 mile inland clear of mines. Then improved L.V.T. ferry sites and Class 9 ferry landing sites.	JG
	25	0200	Coy HQ and all pl vehicles (less 2 wireless jeeps with pls in assault) moved to Vehicle Waiting area prior to crossing river.	
WARDT		2200	Coy crossed river and harboured in REE at Div RE Rally point. Pls had lived on 24 hour packs for 2 days.	JG
REE (E of Rhine)	26	1200	Coy moved to HAMMINKELN taking 1 Bailey platoon (½ immediately handed over to 279 Coy).	
		2350	Bridging equipment arrived on site at 218498 over R. ISSEL to build class 40 bridge.	
HAMMINKELN	27	0445	Bridge built and completed by 1 and 2 pls.	
	28.	1000	Coy moved to 227 Bde area and harboured in wood E of HAFFEN.	
		1300	Pls engaged in clearing main road from xrd 147495 in NW direction past lakes for 3 miles. Trees had been felled on road and scattered 'R' mines encountered on main road. Schu mines found in verges and in woods. Armd D6 blown up on 'R' mine.	
HAFFEN	29.		Pls engaged in clearing and marking mines in verges and woods in 227 Bde area.	JG
"	30.		2 pl and 3 pl engaged in road repairs in Div area.	JG
"	31.	1200	Coy moved to RE rest area N.W of DINGDEN.	JG
		1200	A pl sgt came off his m/bike and broke his leg.	
			Coy strength on 31 March. Officers 6 + 1 attached from 40 RHU. ORs. 239 + 3 sigs attached.	

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HAFFEN Nr DINGDEN	1.		1 pl established and maintained water point in Div Main area.	JG
	2.	1400	Coy paraded for GOC 15 Div inspection of 15 Div RE in 624 Fd Pks location. 2/LT J.J. McGUCKIN joined Coy from 40 RHU.	JG
	3.		Coy resting and training (elementary). Water point closed at 1800 hrs.	JG JG
EMSDETTEN	4.	0700	Moved Coy to EMSDETTEN W of OSNABRUCK. Distance 30 miles, moved in Bde group.	JG
	5.		Pls maintained 4 Bailey bridges over DORTMUND EMS Canal and Square route from COESFELD to OSNABRUCK.	JG
	6.		ditto	
" KELLEN	7.	1300	Coy moved under orders CRE to KELLEN (W of MINDEN) arrived at 1900 hours, 65 miles journey.	JG
KELLEN	8.	1300	Opened Div water point on EMS WESER Canal for Div tps Pls maintained Square route up and down from excl OSNABRUCK to incl KELLEN. Pl officer and Recce officer carried out route recces in Div area for condition of road.	JG
"		1600	O.C. granted 14 compassionate leave in UK. Capt S. GORDON RE assumed command in his absence.	JG
		1900	1 pl joined 279 Coy and came under command for building a class 40 Bailey over the WESER at SCHLUSSELBURG.	
KELLEN	9.	2000	1 pl returned after completion of bridge construction Maintenance Square Route continued. Maintenance of Water point continued.	JG
"	10	1300	Water point closed. Maintenance Square route cont.	
WUNSTORF			Coy moved to conc area with 227 Bde S of STEINHUIDER MUIR for op with Bde Coy HQ located WUNSTORF. 1 pl joined HLI, 2 pl GORDONS, 3 pl in reserve with Coy HQ.	JG
WUNSTORF	11.	0330	Recce officer joined 15 (S) Div Recce Regt.	JG
"		0700	Coy moved off in Bde column	JG

		1400	2 pl in sup Gordons filled in a crater on main axis 2 miles NE of FUHRBERG. Work bulldozed and stone dumped by tippers. 3 hours work.	JG
		1000	D6 Bulldozer on transporter put out of action by direct hit with light mortar bomb.	JG
		2300	1 pl in support HLI filled crater 3 miles further along main axis. 2 hours work.	JG
	12.	0600	3 pl in sup HLI removed charges from 2 bridges in CELLE.	JG
		1300	3 pl built 40 SS Bailey without end posts over subsidiary stream near ALTENCELLE.	JG
CELLE		1400 to 2000	2 pl, 1 pl and one platoon from 279 Fd Coy built a class 40 90ft T.S. Bailey and a 30ft SS Bailey over ALLER river in the centre of CELLE	JG JG
	13.	1100	3 pl built 60 DS Bailey bridge over 2 large craters 10 miles NE of CELLE. 2½ hours work.	
		1400	1 pl in supp HLI patched up and maintained partially demolished culvert at ESCHEDE	
		1500	2 pl filled by hand 2 large craters on main axis where road was on an embankment. Bulldozers could not work on site because of running sand. Craters took 5 hours to fill.	
		1800	1 pl started to bridge 2 large craters on axis with 40ft SS Bailey. ½ hour after commencement of work a time bomb went up on site. 5 men were wounded and 8 were evacuated suffering from shock and blast. Work was stopped on bridge on GOC's orders. 4 bridging lorries lost on site. Later recce proved that the enemy had laid 14 parachute mines (1000 KG) with delay action fuses spaced evenly in the verges at 30 yd intervals. Bde found a diversion which 3 pl maintained while Bde passed over it.	JG
	14.	0100	Coy divided up between Bns of 227 Bde galloped through the woods to ULZEN outskirts. 1 pl leading with HLI. 1 pl came under fire from 4 barrelled AA guns (20 mm). 2 vehicles and 1 motor cycle burnt out. No casualties to personnel.	JG
ULZEN		1200	1 sec 3 pl demolished steel & wooden bridge 30ft wide over River GERDAU 1½ miles S of ULZEN.	JG
	15	0300	3 pl ferried ASH Bn across the R ILMENAU SE of ULZEN.	JG
		1100	3 pl built footbridge over R. ILMENAU near the site of the assault crossing.	JG
ULZEN		1900	3 pl built class 40 50ft SS Bailey without end posts at NIENDORF. Time taken 2 hours. 3 pl maintained bridge after completion.	
		2100	Recce officer returned from Recce. His driver had been wounded during a strong enemy attack on NETTLEKAMP.	JG
ULZEN	16.		Coy resting, no work done. Maintenance bridge.	JG

	17&18		do.	
LUDERSBURG	19.	2100 to 0230	Coy moved in support 227 Bde in gallop to river ELBE, no sapper work entailed on route. Coy harboured 3½ miles S of river at 891268 near LUDERSBURG. 1 pl built 60 DS class 40 Bailey over NEETZE KANAL and this was maintained by 2 pl.	JG JG
LUDERSBURG	20.		3 pl standing by at 2100 hrs to build another bridge over NEETZE KANAL S of ALTENBURG. This was built by 11 Armd Div RE instead.	
LUDERSBURG	21.		Coy responsible for maintenance of all rds fwd of NEETZE KANAL.	JG
"	23.		Coy employed on night work filling 3 large 60ft craters blown by enemy close to river ELBE on main routes. Each pl responsible for one. These were filled by hand with the aid of large fascines prepared by pls during the day time. All craters finished on 26 April. Lt Thomas returned on 25~~5~~7 from 40 RHU.	JG
	26.		1 pl widened existing timber decked bridge from 6'9" to 9'9" by re-laying wider decking. Recce officer during night 26/27 carried out and with 2 secs 3 pl opened a LVT route to river.	JG
LUDERSBURG	27.	night	Plan changed. New route recced at night and opened a new LVT route for Op ENTERPRISE	JG
BRIETLINGEN	28	1600 2359	Coy moved less 1 pl to BRIETLINGEN 1 pl blew 3 prepared charges each 80 lbs which had been laid by them on previous night and with 2 armd D7 made two 24ft wide holes in flood bank for Commando's LVT's to enter water. Work finished at 0155 hrs, ie 5 minutes before zero hour. Area shelled during work - no casualties.	JG JG
	29.	0600 1600	2, 3 & 1 pls crossed river carrying stores by hand in LVT ferry in sup 227 Bde for Op ENTERPRISE. 1 pl shelled. 2 casualties (physical), 8 men evacuated through battle exhaustion. 2 pl removed 2 timber road block on SCHNAKENBEK - GRUNHOF rd in supp 2 Gordons.	 JG
GRUNHOF	30.		Pls harboured at SCHNAKENBEK, moved at 1930 hrs to N of GRUNHOF. Major M.D. Wilkinson returned 1800 hrs 29 April. Strengths 8 officers + 1 attached 227 ORs.	JG JG

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Unit 20 Fd Coy RE

Month and Year May

Commanding Officer Major M.D. WILKINSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GRUNHOF	1.		3 pl in sup 2 Gordons (227) Bde removed rd block on GRUNHOF - GEESTHACHT road. 2 pl in support Bde of 53 Div cleared 5 TMI mines from two road block & anti tank ditches at GEESTHACHT on roads leading from river ELBE	JG
		1900	Coy HQ moved over river with pls transport and joined Coy and moved to WORTH 812404.	JG
WORTH	2.		Coy moved to ESCHBURG in support 227 Bde and harboured on road between GEESTHACHT and HAMBURG	JG
ESCHBURG WITZHAVE	3.		Coy move to WITZHAVE in support 227 Bde. Removed road block and repaired bridge at GRANDE.	
	4.		Moved to AHRENSBURG in support 227. No work done	JG
AHRENSBURG	6		Removed 2 earth road blocks on autobahn between AHRENSBURG and HAMMOOR	
	7.		Celebrated VE night.	JG
AHRENSBURG	13.		Moved coy HQ to new house 300x yds from old location.	JG
"	14 & 15		In support 227 Bde moved road block check points and gathered in straggling German troops.	JG
	20.	1200	2 pl took over maintenance class 40 floating Bailey bridge at GEESTHACHT and 3 pl took over maintenance class 40 Bailey (floating) at ARTLENBURG. 1 pl moved to DUMMERSDORF and prepared it for the eventual permanent location of company. 1 pl responsible to Field engineering in 227 Bde area.	
	14-26		Recces carried out in Div area for engineer, tool, plant resources: KREIS, STORMAN, LAUENBURG, LUBECK & SEGEBURG.	
	23.		2 pl in addition to maintenance of bridge took over erection of wire fence for SS P.W camp at NEUENGAMME.	
AHRESNBURG	(May)		Coy engaged on conservancy, painting, cleaning tools etc in spare time	JG

	27.		LT RGE LODGE RE released under INDUSTRIAL release scheme and sent to 105 CRC for transporting to England. HQ 21 AG letter /3927/2/4/ (demob) 23 May	JG
AHRENSBURG	28 to 31.		Pls engaged in bridge maintenance on river ELBE.	JG
	2 May		Lt P.D. BARRON RE posted from 3 Para Sqdn to 15 Div Auth. Main 2 Army RE 376 of 031200 31 May. Strength Officers 8 and 1 attached. ORs. 252	JG

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Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer MAJOR J.C. SUMMERFIELD

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GORING	05	2145	Received Code Word 'ADORATION'	JCS
BY SEA	08	-	300574 W/LT CHANDLER P.D. S.O.S. this unit and posted to 51 R.H.U. BORDON.	JCS AUTHORITY GHQ 2ND ECH 21 ARMY GROUP.
"	10	2000	Orders received to move to Marshalling Area WOODFORD	JCS
" WEST HAM	11	0600 1400	First Party 6 Officers 200 O.R.s. 74 vehicles move to Marshalling Area. 1st Party arrived Staging Camp, T.4. WEST HAM STADIUM	JCS
	12	0800	Party subdivided as follows A. 5 Officers 168 ORs 64 vehs. B. 1 Officer 32 ORs 10 vehs for embarkation	JCS
	14	0800 2000	1st Party moves to LONDON DOCKS BLOCK J T/3062554 DVR FERNIE F AWOL at embarkation T/1796203 DVR PRICE W pt.	JCS
WEST HAM STADIUM	15	2000	Loading and embarkation complete Party A aboard SS/OCEANVISTA Party B aboard S/69	JCS
-	16	0600 2000	2nd Party, 2 officers 77 O.Rs. 49 vehicles move to Marshalling Area GOSPORT 1st Party arrived off beaches NORMANDY.	JCS
	17	0800	Disembarkation continued and move to ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES	JCS MAP 1/50,000 7/E/5 834797
	18	1600	T/144077 DVR. FITZPATRICK wounded accidentally while on duty by gunshot in leg and evacuated to 35 CCS.	JCS
	19	2000	Disembarkation completed. Unit located in farm and orchards.	JCS
	20	2130 0600	45 vehs 3 Ton dump 25 Pdr amn BRONAY Dumping completed.	MAP 1/50000 7/F/1 8872 JCS
ESQUAY SUR SEULLES	22	2130 0300	45 vehicles 3 TON dump 25 Pdr amn BRONAY JCS Dumping completed.	MAP 1/50,000 8872 7F/1

BRECY	23	0900 0930	Unit moves to new location - situated in orchards Move completed.	JCS	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1 883783
	25	0800	2nd party embark GOSPORT A.P.s established at 893733 (25 Pdr only) and 887715 (Mixed)	JCS	Sheet 7/F/1
	27	1200	2nd Party arrive beaches and disembark and move to unit location.	JCS	
	28	0202	AP MIXED type moves to 906680	JCS	Sheet 7/F/1

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRECY	01 "	1230 2000	SUP.P closed. TYPE 'E' PACKS ISSUED. NO OF RATIONS 5949 BOTH A.P.S CLOSED. UNITS ISSUED DIRECT FROM LOCATION.	MAP 1/50,000 7/F/1 884784
	02 " " " "	1130	SUP.P. OPENED OWN LOCATION. TYPE 'A' PACKS ISSUED. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5616. CLOSED 16.30 HRS PETROL ISSUES - 364 GALLONS. AMMUNITION - LOADS RE-ARRANGED TO SECOND LINE HOLDING - 9 LOADS HELD SURPLUS PENDING DISPOSAL.	
	03 " " "	1630	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. TYPE 'A' PACKS ISSUED. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5733. PETROL ISSUES 3766 GALLONS. AMMUNITION NO CHANGE. PETROL REPLENISHED FROM 21 PET. DEPOT.	
BRECY	04 " " " " " "	1300 1500 1700 1700 2200	28 3 TON STANDING BY FOR TRANSPORT DETAIL. VEHS AS ABOVE DETAILED TO COLLECT ORD. STORES RENDEZVOUS 803776 RENDEZVOUS INCORRECT. STORES COLLECTED FROM ORD DUMP NO 2 ARMY ROADHEAD 803822 STORES DELIVERED TO ADOS 15(S)DIV DUMP 891788 SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. TYPE C PACKS ISSUED NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5509 PETROL ISSUES 1372½ GALLONS. PETROL REPLENISHED FROM 131 PET. DEPOT. AMMUNITION NO CHANGE.	 MAP 1/50,000 7/F/1 MAP 1/50,000 7E/5 MAP 1/50,000 7F/1
	05	1300 1400 1600	75 MEN TO CINEMA SHOW CULLY 9176 - NO FILM ARRIVED SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. TYPE D PACKS ISSUED NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5533. PETROL ISSUES 1381 GALLONS. PETROL REPLENISHED FROM 21 PET. DEPOT. AMMUNITION NO CHANGE. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY RECEIVED FROM LT. GENERAL O'CONNOR AND MAJOR GENERAL McMILLAN INCLUDING EXTRACTS FROM GEN. MONTGOMERY AND LT GEN DEMPSEY.	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1
BRECY	06	1800	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5375 PETROL ISSUES 558 GALLONS. 9 LOADS SURPLUS	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1 884784

			AMMUNITION RETURNED TO CORPS DUMP.	
	07	1700	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5375 PETROL ISSUES 1831 GALLONS. SMALL AMN ISSUES EX OWN LOCATION.	
	08	1700	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5515 PETROL ISSUES 2088 GALLONS. SMALL QUANTITY S.A.A. ISSUED EX OWN LOCATION. 12 VEHS 3 TON LOADED 25 P.D.R. EX CORPS DUMP AND DUMPED 0300 HRS AT	
	09	1700	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5474 PETROL ISSUES 769 GALLONS. SMALL QUANTITY SAA ISSUED EX OWN LOCATION.	
BRECY	10	1500	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5478 PETROL ISSUES 1665 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL.	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1 884784
	11	1600	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5434 PETROL ISSUES 2155 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL.	
	12	1530	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5953 PETROL ISSUES 2020 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES TO R.S.F. 181, 25, FLD REG. RA & 279 FLD COY. RE.	
SECQUEVILLE AREA	13	1130 2000	NEW LOCATION 904744. SUP.P. CLOSED 1300 HRS. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 6133. PETROL ISSUES 1057 GALS. SMALL AMN ISSUES TO 6 K.O.S.B.	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1 904744
SECQUEVILLE AREA	14	1300 0200 1140 1235 2330	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5729 PETROL ISSUES 1948 GALLONS. 3" & 4" MOR ISSUES TO 283 COY & 399 COYS RASC. A/T MINES ISSUED TO 284 COY RASC SMALL AMN ISSUES TO 6 RSF. 36 SETS WASP FUEL EQUIPMENT COLLECTED FROM 17 AOD AND DELIVERED TO 44, 46, 227 BDE W/S	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1 904744
	15	1520 1530	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 6448 PETROL ISSUES 1575 GALLONS. SMALL AMN ISSUES. 2200 HRS A.P. TYPE 'A' ESTABLISHED	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1
	16	1300 2000	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 6064 PETROL ISSUES 2196 GALLONS. NEW LOCATION 897745	MAP 1/50,000 7F/1 897745
	17	1530	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 7018 PETROL ISSUES 1588 GALLONS.	
	18	1600	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 6068 PETROL ISSUES 1600 GALLONS.	
	19	1530	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5950 PETROL ISSUES 1399 GALLONS.	
SECQUEVILLE AREA	20	1400	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5782 PETROL ISSUES 1745 GALLONS. SMALL AMN. ISSUES	

		1900	RESIDUE EXCEPT FOR 2 VEHS ARRIVES.	
	21	1500 0900	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5228 AMN ISSUES TO 399 COY RASC. A.P. TYPE 'A' CLOSED PETROL ISSUES 1906 GALLONS.	
	22	1500 1815	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5294 PETROL ISSUES 1615 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES TO 2 GORDON HIGH.	
LA VALLEE DOISNE	23	1100 1600 1830	NEW LOCATION 710712 SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5494 PETROL ISSUES 324 AMN ISSUES TO CRASC 15(S) DIV AND 2 GORDON HIGH.	MAP 1/50,000 6F/2 710712
	24	1300	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5677 PETROL ISSUES 4486 GALLONS.	
	25	1400	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5716 PETROL ISSUES 5089 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES TO 278 & 279 FD PK COY.	
LA VALLEE DOISNE	26	1400 1215	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5562 PETROL ISSUES 2376 AMN ISSUES TO 283 & 399 COYS RASC.	
	27	1330 1900	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5585 PETROL ISSUES 2187 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES TO 283 COY RASC & 159 A/T REGT RA.	
	28	1400 1700	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5669 PETROL ISSUES 1773 GALLONS. 24 VEHS ON DIV ARTY. DUMPING PROGRAMME. AMN ISSUES TO 6 RSF AND 62 COY RASC AP 'A'	
	29	0745 1330	NEW LOCATION 713711 SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5744 PETROL ISSUES 2205 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES TO AP TYPE 'A'	MAP 1/50,000 6F/2 713711
	30	0500 1400	12 VEHS COLLECT 25 PDR EX 15 B.A.D. SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5778 PETROL ISSUES 2034 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES TO A.P. TYPE 'A'.	
	31	1400	DIV CONCERT PARTY ATTACHED LOCATION. SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. NO OF RATIONS ISSUED 5762. PETROL ISSUES 3523 GALLONS. AP TYPE 'A' CLOSED AND RETURNS TO LOCATION.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LA QUEVEMIERIE	1.	1000	SUP.P closed. TYPE 'E' PACKS ISSUED. 10.00 HRS RATIONS ISSUED PETROL ISSUES GALLONS. AMN HELD SURPLUS TO 2ND LINE HOLDING RETURNED TO 15 B.A.D.	
	2.	1300	SUP.P. CLOSED 1300 OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 6101. PETROL ISSUES 1741. AMN HELD SURPLUS TO 2ND LINE HOLDING RETURNED TO 15 B.A.D.	
	3	0800 1530 1700 1815	12 VEHS LOADED 200 RDS 25 PDR H.E. PROCEED TO GUNSITES TO DUMP SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5988 PETROL ISSUES 2020 GALLONS. 6 PDR SABOT ISSUED TO UNITS OF 44 BDE. 6 PDR APCBC HELD SURPLUS RETURNED TO 53 FMC 12 VEHS ON DUMPING RETURNED TO LOCATION.	MAP 6F/4 1/50,000 674505
LA QUEVEMIERIE HERVIEUX	4	0100 0630 0800 0900 1700 1830	12 VEHS TO 15 BAD TO COLLECT 25 PDR HE AMN 25 PDR DUMPED AT GUNSITES VEHS RETURNED LOCATION. SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5932. PETROL ISSUES 1971 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL. UNIT MOVES TO NEW LOCATION 693547. MOVE COMPLETED.	MAP 6F/4 1/50,000 674505 MAP 1/50,000 6F/4
	5.	0830	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5995. PETROL ISSUES 2016 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL.	
	6.	1415 1530	SUNDRY AMN ISSUES TO 399 COY RASC (INF BDE) SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 6013. PETROL ISSUES 3564 GALLONS.	
	7.	1530 2300	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5937. PETROL ISSUES 2065 GALLONS. 6 VEHS PROCEED TO 53 F.M.C. BALLEROY TO COLLECT 25 PDR ON DUMPING PROGRAMME.	
	8	1530	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5878. PETROL ISSUES 1791 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL	
HERVIEUX	9.	1530	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5902.	MAP 1/50,000

			PETROL ISSUES 2340 GALLONS.	6/F/4 693547
		1900	MIXED LOAD 2" & 3" MORTAR TO TYPE 'A' A.P.	
		2100	1 LOAD EACH 3" MORTAR H.E. & 303 MK VIIIZ TO AP TYPE 'A'	
	10	1110	SMALL ISSUE EXPLOSIVES TO 20 FD COY. R.E.	
		1300	100 37MM HE TO AP TYPE 'A'	
		1440	50% 40MM RETURNED TO 15 B.A.D. ON REDUCTION OF 2ND LINE ENTITLEMENT.	
		1700	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5902.	
			PETROL ISSUES 1120 GALLONS.	
			15 VEHS ON DETAIL ALL DAY CONVEYING AMN FROM 52 FMC TO 53 FMC.	
	11	0915	ALL 20MM RETURNED TO 15 B.A.D. ON REDUCTION OF 2ND LINE ENTITLEMENT TO NIL.	
		1230	SMALL AMN ISSUES TO 399 COY RASC (INF. BDE)	
			[Page missing in original]	
HERVIEUX	14	0800	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5719.	
			PETROL ISSUES 2425 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL.	
EVRECY		1300	UNIT MOVES TO 934586	MAP 1/50,000
		1600	MOVE COMPLETED	7F/3 943586
	15.	1300	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5334	
			PETROL ISSUES 7258 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL.	
	16	1330	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5614.	
			PETROL ISSUES 2632 GALLONS.	
		1415	6 PD AP 72. GRENS 36 120 ISSUED TO 6KOSB.	
		1430	EXPLOSIVES ISSUED TO 20 FD COY RE.	
	17	0200	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5621.	
			PETROL ISSUES 1644 GALLONS. AMN ISSUES NIL.	
LE HOTRAY	18	1200	UNIT MOVES TO LE HOTRAY 005544.	MAP 1/50,000
		1330	MOVE COMPLETED	7F/5 005544
		1500	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5632.	
		1500	PETROL ISSUES 1152 GALLONS.	
		2010	4.2 MOR HE 52 RDS TO 1ST MIDDLESEX.	
	19	1100	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5512.	
			PETROL ISSUES 3744 GALLONS.	
	20	1100	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5620.	MAP 1/50,000
			PETROL ISSUES 2173 GALLONS. FTF & BOTTLES TO 102 FMC.	7F/4 080425
		1205	UNIT MOVES TO USSY 080425.	
USSY		1400	MOVE COMPLETED.	
	21.	0830	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5716.	
			PETROL ISSUES 2974 GALLONS. SMALL AMN ISSUES.	
	22	0900	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5782.	
			PETROL ISSUES 3145 GALLONS.	
	23	0700	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5759	

			PETROL ISSUES 2583 GALLONS. 2ND AMN RE-SCALED SURPLUS RETURNED	
		1100	174 RDS 6PDR APCBC ISSUED TO 283 COY RASC	
USSY	24	0900	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5785.	
			PETROL ISSUES 5188 GALLONS. AMN NIL.	
		1300	UNIT ON NOTICE TO MOVE TO LA ROUSSIERE	
		1600	MOVE CANCELLED UNTIL 25	
	25	0800	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5672.	
			PETROL ISSUES 1394 GALLONS	
LA ROUSSIERE		1000	UNIT MOVES TO LA ROUSSIERE 525636	MAP 8F/5 1/50,000
		1600	MOVE COMPLETED	525636
	26	0930	UNIT MOVES TO AREA GRANDCHAIN 818726	MAP 8F/1 1/50,000
GRANDCHAIN		1400	MOVE COMPLETED	818726
		1800	UNIT MOVES TO BARC 955747	MAP 9F/3 1/50,000
BARC		2345	MOVE COMPLETED	955747
	27	0930	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 5751.	
			PETROL ISSUES 9000 GALLONS. AMN NIL.	
	28	0800	SUP.P. CLOSED OWN LOCATION. RATIONS ISSUED 6042.	
BARC			PETROL ISSUES 8262 GALLONS.	
		1515	36000 MKVIIIZ 303 TO AP TYPE 'A'	
		1930	36000 MKVIIIZ 303 TO 1ST MX.	
		1700	AP TYPE 'A' MOVES TO FORM RESERVE DUMP AT LA HAYE DU COMTE 206876.	MAP 9F/1 1/50,000
			1000 PACKS (14 MEN) AND 9000 GALLONS PETROL DUMPED AT SAME SITE.	206876
	29	0930	UNIT MOVES TO LA HAYE DU COMTE 208875	'DO'
		1200	MOVE COMPLETED	208875

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Month and Year SEPT 1944

Commanding Officer MAJOR J.C. SUMMERFIELD

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MUIDS	1	1100	MOVED TO AREA MUIDS AMN PET AND SUPPLIES DUMPED.	
"	2.		ALL UNIT VEHS OUT ON DETAIL COLLECTING SUPPLIES FROM LES ANDELYS.	
"	3		ALL VEHS OUT ON DETAIL COLLECTING SUPS.	
"	4		REPLENISHMENT OF SUPS AND PET FOR THIS COY BY 399 & 283 COYS RASC	
FORTEL	5		MOVED TO FORTEL. MOVE ABOUT 45 MILES. SITUATION RATHER VAGUE COMPOSITE PL. MOVED UP BUT NO INDICATION OF LOCATION	
"	6		MOVED TO AREA ROUBAIX PET AND SUP POINTS ESTABLISHED 1700 HRS	
HERVIEUX	7		MOVED TO HERVIEUX VIA TOURCOURING	
"	8		REPLENISHMENT OF PET AND SUP FROM FREVENT 80 MILES TO THE REAR	
"	9		NORMAL MAINTENANCE.	
WOLVERTHAM	10		MOVED TO AREA WOLVERTHAM.	
	14		OC UNIT (MAJOR JC SUMMERFIELD) ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL. CAPT. R de L R KENYON ASSUMES COMMAND OF UNIT	
ZITTAART	15		MOVED TO ZITTAART AND CROSSED ALBERT CANAL	
"	16.		HEAVY TRANS DETAILS - AMN.	
VELDHOVEN	22		MOVED TO LOCATION VELDHOVEN (HOLLAND)	

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Unit 62 Coy. R.A.S.C. (Inf. Bde.)

Month and Year OCT/1944

Commanding Officer MAJOR. D R LANG

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
VELDHOVEN	3.	1200	COY MOVED TO HELMOND. ALL VEHS RETURNED TO VELDHOVEN TO HUMP SUPPLIES AND AMN.	
"	4		NORMAL BDE MAINTENANCE.	
"	8		INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM CRASC 15(S) DIV OF REORGANISATION OF RASC. THIS COY REORGANISED AS A SMALL ARMS AMN COY	
"	9		10 ORs SUPPLY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO 283 COY RASC FOR SUPPLY DUTIES. SUPPLY EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED TO 283 COY.	
"	10		NORMAL DIV MAINTENANCE OF SMALL ARMS AMN FROM LOCATION. 30 VEHS PROCEEDED ON DETAIL TO NO8 ARMY RD HEAD.	
HELMOND	11	1400	T/CAPT GARNETT POSTED TO THIS UNIT AS SUP. O. 30 X 3 TON VEHS TO 8 CORPS R.C. TO LIFT AMN.	
"	13		CONFERENCE FOR ALL 15 DIV RASC COMMANDERS AT CRASC 15(S) DIV	
"	15		ENERGETIC STEPS TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE ALL PERSONNEL TO COMPLETE 2626 PARLIAMENTARY REGISTRATION.	
"	16		MAJOR DR LANG RASC POSTED TO THIS UNIT AS OC	
"	19		30 VEHS DETAILED FOR 25 PDR DUMPING PROGRAMME	
"	20		30 VEHS SENT TO 284 COY RASC FOR DUMPING OF 25 PDR TO DIV FD REGT RA.	
"	24		RECCE PARTY SENT OUT TO RECCE NEW LOCATION.	
HELMOND AALST	25	1200 1600	MOVED TO AALST MOVE TO EINDHOVEN	
EINDHOVEN	26	1400	3 OR SENT ON TYRE REPAIR COURSE TO 810 ARMY TPs W/SHOPs EINDHOVEN.	
"	27	1100	CONFERENCE FOR ALL COY COMMANDERS AT CRASC 15(S) DIV SMALL AP OF 4 VEHS TO FORWARD POINT WITH 227 BDE	
"	28		CHECK MADE OF ALL VEHS FOR SKID CHAINS.	
"	29		ALL 3" GUN AMN RETURNED TO 110 FMC. NORMAL BDE MAINTENANCE OF AMN FROM LOCATION 3 TON EXPLOSIVE LOAD SENT FORWARD TO 278 FD COY RE.	

			RECCE PARTY MOVED OUT TO RECCE COY LOCATION AT STIPHOUT.	
STIPHOUT	30	1000	UNIT MOVED TO STIPHOUT.	
"	31		REMAINING LOADS OF AMN HUMPED TO NEW LOCATION.	

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Unit 62 COY RASC (INF BDE)

Month and Year NOV/44

Commanding Officer MAJOR DR LANG RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STIPHOUT	1		1 CPL BUTCHER PROMOTED TO SGT AND POSTED TO 399 COY RASC	
"	2		ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR TRADE TESTING SUPPLY PERSONNEL FOR UPGRADING	
"	3		NEW NOMINAL ROLL OF NEXT OF KIN OF THIS UNIT SUBMITTED TO 15(S) DIV	
"	4	1100	AP TYPE C OPEN AT MR 624121	
"	5		8 VEHS SENT WITH AMN TO AP TYPE C AS REPLENISHMENT	
"	6		DIV ORDER RECEIVED ON RELATIONS WITH INHABITANTS OF GERMANY	
"	7		30 VEHS REPORTED TO 8 CORP DUMP AT HAMONT FOR AMN LIFT	
"	8		CONFERENCE OF ALL DIV RASC COY CMDS AT CRASC 15 DIV	
"	9		30 VEHS REPORTED TO HAMONT FOR CORPS LIFT OF AMN	
"	10		30 VEHS " " " " " " " "	
"	11		A.P TYPE A CLOSED. ALL VEHS AND PERSONNEL REPORTED IN TO LOCATION	
"	12		CROSS POSTING WITH 284 COY RASC OF 1 CPL VEH MECH.	
"	13		30 VEHS REPORTED TO HAMONT FOR 8 CORPS LIFT OF AMN	
"	14		30 " " " " " " " " "	
"	15		30 " " " " " " " " "	
" STIPHOUT	16	 0600	3 ORs SENT ON 3 DAY COURSE AS TYRE REPAIRERS TO 813 (11) ARMD TPS W/S. 5 X 3 TON VEHS FOR TROOP CARRYING DETAIL OF 2 A&SH TO MR 521228 FORWARD	
"	18	1400	2 X 3 TON LORRIES TO MR 698085 TO RETURN CIVILIANS FROM FORWARD AREA	
"	19		ORDER RECEIVED FROM 15 DIV FELLING OF TREES PROHIBITED.	
" LIEROP	20	0600 1100 1430 1515	5 X 3 TON VEHS PROVIDED TO LIFT 2 BN GORDONS FORWARD AREA RECCE PARTY TO NEW AREA LIEROP (572153). HQ OF COY MOVED TO LIEROP 572153. 1 DVR (DVR BENSON) OF THIS UNIT KILLED IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT AT EINDHOVEN	
"	21	0800	REMAINDER OF COY MOVED FROM STIPHOUT TO LIEROP WITH AMN.	
"	22		ALL SURPLUS FTF IN EXCESS OF 900 GALL RETURNED TO 56 FMC.	

"	23		CONFERENCE FOR DIV RASC COY CMDERS BY CRASC AT 15(S) DIV	
"	24		AP 'A' MOVED TO MR 698092	
"	25		NORMAL BDE MAINTENANCE	
"	26		ALL VEHS COMPLETELY TREATED WITH ANTI-FREEZE	
"	27	1600	20 VEHS TO MR XRDS 819227 TO LIFT 10 HLI FORWARD.	
"	28		310 MEN OF THE 15 DIV REPORTED THIS UNIT FOR CONVEYANCE TO BRUSSELS FOR 48 HRS LEAVE	
"	29	0900	30 X 3 TON VEHS PROVIDED FOR CORPS LIFT OF PET. TO LA COLONIES MR 361975	
"	30	1100	30 X 3 TON LORRIES TO LA COLONIE AT MR 361975 FOR CORP LIFT.	

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Unit 62 COY RASC (INF BDE)

Month and Year DEC/44

Commanding Officer MAJOR DR LANG RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LIEROP MR 572153	01		30 X 3 TON VEHS PROVIDED TO LIFT EMPTY JERRICANS TO 8 ARMY RD HEAD AT LA COLONIE AND TRANSPORT AMN TO 56 FMC AT NUNEN	
"	02	0700 0700	11 VEHS LOADED WITH 3200 RDS 4.2" MOR PROCEEDED TO MR 825144 FOR 1 BN MIDDLESEX AT MORTAR POSITIONS AND DUMPED THEN REPLENSIHED FROM 56 FMC NUNEN WITH 3200 RDS 4.2 MOR AND RETURNED TO COY LOCATION HEAVY REPLENISHMENT OF AMN TO AP TYPE A AT MR 793143	
"	03	0800 0930	AMN P. NO 2 OPENED AT MR 812067 WITH 14 X 3 TON VEHS AND LEFT LOADED ON VEHS. AMN EXAMINER ARRIVED AT THIS LOCATION TO EXAMINE 15 LOADS OF AMN RECEIVED FROM 97 A/TK REGT RA WHO IS BEING DISBANDED.	
" LIEROP	04	0710 0700	30 X 3 TON VEHS DETAILED TO RETURN EMPTY JERRICANS TO 8 ARMY RD HEAD AND HUMP AMN TO 56 FMC AT NUNEN. ORDER RECEIVED FROM CRASC THAT TYPE A AP NO 2 RETURN LOCATION 0800 5/12/44 30 X 3 TON VEHS OF THIS UNIT PROCEEDED TO 8 CORPS REPORT CENTRE AT LA COLONIE FOR CORPS LIFT OF AMN TO 56 FMC AT NUNEN	
"	05	0800 1200	AMN P. NO 2 CLOSED AT MEIJEL 714066 AND RETURNED TO COY LOCATION 15 X 3 TON VEHS REPORTED TO TILBURG TO MOVE THE DIV CLUB WHICH HAS CLOSED.	
"	06	1700	19 X 3 TON VEHS REPORTED TO CIVIL AFFAIRS DETACHMENT AT MR 846086 FOR REMOVING REFUGEES TO REAR AREAS	
"	07	0500	10 X 3 TON VEHS PROCEEDED TO TILBURG TO REMOVE REMAINDER OF FURNITURE OF DIV CLUB TO ADOS DUMP AT PANNINGEN.	
"	08	0700	30 X 3 TON VEHS DETAILED TO REPORT TO 624 FD PARK COY RE AT MR 750065 FOR DUTIES.	
"	09		LIST FORWARDED TO CRASC 15(S) DIV OF NO OF PERSONNEL DUE FOR LEAVE ON 1/JAN/44. NUMBER FOR THIS UNIT 25/0Rs 9 OFFRS	
" LIEROP	10	1300	20 X 3 TON VEHS DETAILED WITH 10 VEHS FROM 399 COY RASC TO LIFT SALVAGE FROM 56 FMC TO 284 COY RASC LOCATION AT ZOMEREN	
"	11		INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM CRASC ALL BATTERY GUIDES TO RA RETURN	

		1300	DETAIL OF 20 X 3 TON VEHS TO AREA BLERICK TO BACKLOAD REFUGEES	
"	12	1300 1000	DETAIL OF 20 X 3 TON VEHS " AREA BLERICK TO BACKLOAD REFUGEES 3 X 3 TON BLANKET LORRIES TO BE RETURNED FROM INF BNS.	
"	13		PARADE OF PERSONNEL AT ZOMEREN FOR C IN C'S VISIT 1 DVR CPL ADMITTED TO FDS INJURIES RECEIVED ON DEMOLITION	
	14	0100	NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM CRASC 15 DIV TO SELECT DVR PERSONNEL FOR TRANSFER TO INFANTRY AND REDUCTION OF 1 RDI PLATOON AND C & D SECTIONS OF COMPOSITE PLATOON	
	15	1200	4 DVRS POSTED TO 284 COY DIV TROOPS RASC	
	16		ORDER RECEIVED TO TRANSFER DRIVERS TO INFANTRY	
LIEROP MR 572153	17	1030	ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVERHEAD. 40 MM AA SHELL EXPLODED IN COY LOCATION INJURING 5 ORS. ALL TAKEN TO CCS 2 SERIOUSLY HURT 3 RETURNED TO COY LOCATION	
"	18		NOTIFICATION THAT 16 DRIVERS ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO INFANTRY VIA 51 RHU	
"	19		NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM CRASC 15(S) DIV OF CHANGE OF WAR ESTABLISHMENT IMPENDING	
"	20	0800	15 DRIVER PERSONNEL SOS TO X IV LIST TO 51 RHU ROULIERS FOR TRANSFER TO INFANTRY.	
"	21	0800	12 X 3 TON VEHS TO 56 FMC TO PIONEER CORPS FOR INTENDED MOVE OF FMC.	
	22		1 ACC COOK SURPLUS TO WE POSTED TO 174 COY RASC	
	24		1 AP TYPE A TAKEN TO SEVERNEN AND DUMPED	
LIEROP MR 572153	25	1400	15 X 3 TON VEHS PROCEEDED TO PICK UP INDEPENDENT DUTCH INFANTRY BDE AND TRANSPORT TO HQ 44 (L) INF BDE FOR DUTY.	
"	26		1 PTE CARPENTER POSTED TO THIS UNIT FROM 703 COY RASC (CORPS TPT)	
"	27		1 DVR UNFIT FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THIS UNIT POSTED TO 37 RHU LT BAIRD OF THIS UNIT PROMOTED A/CAPT UNDER ACI/1495/01 & GRO/66/44	
"	28		1 SURPLUS CSM SOS AND POSTED TO 2 TECH PET STORES DEPOT 30 X 3 TON VEHS PROVIDED FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS TO COLLECT COAL FROM ZITTAART AND DELIVER TO WEERT.	
"	29		30 X 3 TON VEHS PROVIDED TO CA TO COLLECT COAL FROM MINE AT ZITTAART AND DELIVER TO WEERT.	
"	30		SAME TRANSPORT DETAIL AS FOR 28/12 & 29/12. ROADS IN AN ICY AND DANGEROUS CONDITION. 1 SGT AND 1 CPL SURPLUS TO WE POSTED FROM THIS COY TO 90 COY RASC & 5 COY RASC RESPECTIVELY.	
"	31		30 X 3 TON VEHS FOR CA TO COLLECT COAL FROM MINE AT ZITTAART 1 OR SENT ON PRIV LEAVE TO UK.	

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Unit 62 COY RASC (INF BDE)

Month and Year JAN/45

Commanding Officer Major DR Lang RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LIEROP MR 572153	1	0700	20 X 3 TON VEHS PROCEEDED TO ZITTAART TO COLLECT COAL AND DELIVER TO CIVIL AFFAIRS AT WEERT.	
"	2	0630	30 x 3 TON VEHS PROCEEDED TO PETROL DEPOT 56 FMC TO COLLECT PETROL AND HUMP TO 57 FMC AT WEERT.	
"	3		IMT COMPLETED INSPECTION OF UNIT VEHICLES. CSM & L/SGT OF THIS UNIT PRESENTED WITH CINCs CERTIFICATE (GOOD CONDUCT) BY CRASC 15(S) INF DIV AT ZOMEREN.	
"	4		NOTIFICATION RECEIVED OF RE-ORGANISATION OF RASC INF BDE UNITS UNDER 21 AGP Letter AGP/3762/4/19 (ORG)(2) d/d 20/Dec/44. THIS UNIT TO DISPOSE OF C & D SECTIONS OF COMPOSITE PL AND 1 RDI PLN. 3 M/C'S & 1 X 3 TON VEH.	
"	5		NORMAL MAINTENANCE.	
"	6		LT R FISH POSTED TO THIS UNIT FROM HQ RASC 15(S) INF DIV	
"	7		3 OR's OF C & D SECTIONS OF COMP. PL POSTED TO 284 COY RASC TO make up deficiencies in that Coy.	
LIEROP	8		6 ORs departed Unit to Transit Camp Bourg-Leopold to Priv Leave to UK 1 OR proceed to UK on Compassionate Leave.	
"	9		5 x 3 Ton Vehs to Civil Affairs at WEERT for collection and distribution of evacuees and 30 x 3 Ton Vehs to 56 FMC for Corps Lift.	
"	10		EXTREME FROST WARNING received. All vehs started up every 4 hours.	
"	11		1 Pte (Carpenter) posted to this Unit 1659 Arty Pln RASC 1 OR despatched on Compassionate Leave to UK.	
"	12		Instruction received personnel proceeding to Brussels on Leave need not carry arms.	
"	13		20 x 3 Ton Vehs for Corps Lift from 56 FMC to 57 FMC.	
"	14		Instruction received from CRASC 15(S) Inf Div to Post Surplus personnel to 31 RHU on revised WE	
"	15		2 Sgts 1 Cpl and 5 Pte posted to 31 RHU all Tradesmen.	

LIEROP			Lt Robinson of this unit posted to Holding Bn Leeds for employment of in SEA Command.	
"	16		AUDIT BOARD assembled for Audit of Regtl Accounts on Auth of CRASC 15 (S) Inf Div.	
"	17		15 x 3 Ton Lorries detail to Veghel to collect Salt.	
"	18		24 x 3 Ton Lorries detail to Helmond Station to convey Troops to Asten	
"	19		Extreme Frost Precautions Warning received. Vehicles started up every 3 hours.	
"	20	1015 PM 1230 1400 1600	22 x 3 Ton Vehs lifting 6 Cdo from Asten forward. 20 x 3 Ton Vehs lifting 2 Gordons from Helden to Blerick 20 x 3 Ton Vehs lifting 2 A&SH from Helden to area NE of Sevenum 6 x 3 Ton Vehs lifting Stores for 44 Bde to Grammont. 6 x 3 Ton conveying personnel of 44 Bde to new area to help out TCVs.	
"	21		2 ORs returned from Course of Instruction on W/T at H.Q. RASC	
"	22		Advance party left location to recce new location	
" LIEROP	23		Vehicles employed on ferrying ammunition to new location. Major D.R. Lang proceeding on Priv Leave to U.K. - Captain A.L.J. Meckiff assumes command during his absence.	
ALPHEN	24		Coy moved to new location - Alphen, Holland.	
ALPHEN	25		10 Vehs conveying Ord Stores to ADOS Dump, Goirle.	
"	26		30 O.Rs. collected for 15(S) Inf Div from 23 FDS Helmond.	
"	27		Capt K.G.C. Rowcroft posted to this Unit from 702 Coy RASC (AT)	
"	28		1 OR returned from Compassionate Leave to U.K.	
"	29		30 Vehs on detail collecting amn from 166 F.M.C.	
"	30		No incident.	
"	31		2 O.Rs. returned from 79 and 84 Gen Hospitals. 1 O.R. admitted to 88 Gen Hospital. 1 O.R. returned from Compassionate Leave U.K.	

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Month and Year Feb/45

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ALPHEN	1		NORMAL MAINTENANCE	
"	2		" "	
ALPHEN	3		" "	
MR ZEELAND	4	1100	LEFT THIS LOCATION IN 15 DIV CONVOY TO ZEELAND. UNIT HQ located at ZEELAND	
MR	5		Collecting Reserve of 2nd Line Army in preparation for Operation Veritable	
"	6		Collection of Amn and Maintenance of Forward AP	
	7		Collection of Amn and Maintenance of Forward AP	
ZEELAND	8		Fwd AP moved from NIJMEGEN to GROESBEEK 756552.	
	9	0830	Fwd AP of 17 Vehs moved from GROESBEEK 756552 with 227 Bde to Area KRANENBURG, GERMANY MR 806560.	
	10		20 x 3 Ton Vehs humping Amn from NIJMEGEN to 166 FMC at GEMERT.	
	11		NORMAL MAINTENANCE OF SMALL ARMS AMN FOR DIV	
	12		FWD AP AT KRANENBURG CUT OFF OWING TO FLOODS COULD NOT CONTACT. 120 ORs inoculated with annual Typhus.	
	13		50 ORs inoculated with annual Typhus.	
	14		NORMAL MAINTENANCE.	
	15		NORMAL MAINTENANCE.	
	16		Order received from CRASC 15 Div for the Unit to move to Area NIJMEGEN on 17 Feb.	
ZEELAND	17	1000	UNIT HQ move to MR 715253 (NIJMEGEN) REMAINDER OF VEHS HUMPING AMN FROM ZEELAND TO NIJMEGEN	
NIJMEGEN 715253	18		FWD AMN DUMP ESTABLISHED AT KRANENBURG 819552 AP TYPE 'A' MOVED TO MR 921528 DUKWs EMPLOYED ON FERRYING AMN FROM COY LOCATION TO FWD DUMP.	
"	19	1500	16 Vehs proceeded to 166 FMC at VEGHEL with CONVOY OF 60 VEHS FROM DIV RASC AND PROCEEDED WITH 25 PDR AMN TO FWD DUMP.	
"	20	1500	26 Vehs to 166 FMC to load 25 PDR AMN and then in Convoy of 66 vehs to FWD Dump.	

"	21		6 DUKWs LOADED WITH SMALL ARMS AMN at Coy location for FWD AMN DUMP.	
NIJMEGEN	22.		All Vehs available engaged on humping 25 PDR Amn from 166 FMC at VEGHEL to 25 PDR GUNSITE FORWARD.	
"	23		Every avail Veh engaged on DUMPING Programme of 25 Pdr Amn to Gun Sites Fwd.	
"	24		Orders issued from CRASC 15 (S) Div for all amn to be reduced to normal 2nd Line by 1800 hrs.	
" " GOIRLE MR 146283	25		Fwd Amn Dump and AP handed over to 1 BR. DIV. Orders received for Coy move to TILBURG Area. Coy HQ moved to Area ALPEN near TURNHOUT. This location filled by a Unit of 11 Armd Div. Coy HQ then moved to GOIRLE MR 146283.	
GOIRLE	26		Remainder of Coy with Amn moved into new Area.	
"	27		Normal Veh Maintenance.	
"	28		Allocations received for Brussels Leave of 19 ORs for day.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GOIRLE MR 146283	01		Normal maintenance and Recreational Training	
"	02		Recreation and Brussels Leave during Div Rest Period	
	03		do do	
"	04		do do	
	05	1100	Recce Party ordered by CRASC 15 (S) Div to proceed to Area LOMMEL (BELGIUM) TO RECCE NEW LOCATION.	
"	06		12 x 3 TON Vehs proceeded to HQ 44 Bde at TURNHOUT TO LIFT PERSONNEL TO NEW AREA.	
"	07		Coy moved to LOMMEL BELGIUM. MR 309950.	
LOMMEL MR 309950	08		Normal Maintenance	
"	09		2 OR attended Trade Test Board convened by CRASC 15 Div and upgraded from CLIII to CLII. 1 Blacksmith 1 Coachpainter.	
	10.		Normal Maintenance.	
"	11		2 DRs posted in from 31 RHU. 5 Offrs medically examined with a view to transfer to Infantry.	
"	12		45 x 3 Ton Vehs to Stand by for Troop carrying detail of 44 & 227 Inf Bdes.	
" LOMMEL	13		1 complete PL of 30 vehs from this Coy and 15 plus 15 from 284 Coy RASC proceed on Troop Carrying Detail for 44 & 227 Inf Bde for Exercise.	
"	14		9 x 3 Ton Vehs with 8 x 3 Ton Vehs of 46 Bde proceeded to ANTWERP to collect WASP equipment and lie up in Coy location.	
"	15		17 x 3 Ton Vehs with WASP equipment proceeded to TILBURG (ADOS) with WASP equipment.	
"	16		Recce Party of 1 offr & 3 OR proceeded to LULLINGER, GERMANY MR 965277 to recce location for Coy.	
"	17		30 Vehs proceeded to SONSBECK for AMN HUMPING. 12 Vehs to LULLINGER for AMN HUMPING.	

LOMMEL	18		Instructions received from CRASC 15 Div to move to location of SONSBECK, GERMANY.	
"	19		UNIT MOVED TO SONSBECK with amn Rear Party of 1 offr & 5 ORs left.	
SONSBECK	20		30 x 3 Ton Vehs proceeded to 10 Army Rd Head for Amn Lift fwd.	
"	21		20 x 3 Ton Vehs proceed to hump Amn from 10 Army Rd Head at Geldrop to DUKW Dump at VEEN	
"	22		20 x 3 Ton Vehs proceed on Troop Carrying to lift 227 Bde from Belgium to Fwd Area.	
"	23		Issued with 3 Mark IV Polish Mine Detectors.	
SONSBECK	24		1 x 3 Ton Veh att to 15(S) Div Recce Regt 20 x 3 Ton Vehs attached to 624 Fd Pk Coy RE	
"	25		All available vehs used for ferrying amn from DUKW Dump at VEEN to R. RHINE for loading of 'BUFFALOES'.	
"	26		All available vehs ferry supplies over R. Rhine to dump on East Bank.	
"	27		OC UNIT PROCEEDED ON 14 DAYS COMPASS LEAVE TO UK. Capt. Hawkins J. POSTED TO THIS UNIT FROM 399 Coy RASC as 2i/c.	
SONSBECK	28		Recce Party sent fwd to EAST Bank of R. Rhine to recce new location for Unit.	
"	29		Capt. TGE COOPER ATTACHED TO THIS UNIT TO TAKE OVER COMMAND IN THE ABSENCE OF MAJ DR LANG ON COMPASS LEAVE. 1 PL of 33 vehs with Amn moved to new location on East Bank of RHINE.	
"	30		Coy moved to new location on East Bank of R. Rhine at MR 185478.	
MR 185478	31		Completed move of Amn to new location.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MR 185478 HAMMINKELN	01		Intensive Maintenance of all Vehicles.	
"	02		10 x 3 Ton Vehs provided to collect Rfts for 15 (S) Div from 106 CRC TWISTENDEN and deliver to Bdes and Units.	
	03	1200	36 x 3 Ton Vehs detailed by CRASC 15(S) Div for Troop Carrying detail of 44(L) Bde.	
"	04	1200	Coy moved to LAER MR 475125 (Near MUNSTER) and HUMPING 2nd Line Amn to new location.	
LAER MR 475125	05		Collecting remainder of 2nd Line Amn from last location at HAMMINKELN.	
"	06	1200	Instructed by CRASC to move to location Nr MINDEN. Recce Party of 1 Offr and 5 ORs.	
LAER MR 475125	07	1200	Coy moved to new location - LINTOFF NEAR MINDEN	
LINTOFF NR MINDEN	08		Coy move completed with 2nd Line Amn.	
"	09	1300	Coy moved with Amn and Personnel to WESTERFELD MR 819260, move completed by 1800 hrs.	
WESTERFELD MR 819260	10		AP Type A loaded. 30 x 3 Ton Vehs provided for humping supplies from 61 FMC to 62 FMC	
WESTERFELD MR 819260	11		AP Type A of 21 x 3 Ton Vehs sent fwd with Bns. Coy moved to WINSLAER 5849.	
WINSLAER 5849	12		Coy received Instruction from CRASC 15 (S) Div to move to Area FUHRBERG MR 4442 AP Type 'A' move to Area ULZEN.	
" FUHRBERG	13	0645	Coy moved less AP to FUHRBERG MR 4442 less AP. Type A AP move to Area CELLE MR 5849 This Unit established Report Centre at CELLE 5849	
"	15	1500	Court of Inquiry held on the accidental death of L/Cpl Ludlow of the Unit killed by accidental discharge of Sten Gun.	
FUHRBERG	16	0900	Coy moved to HOFER MR 704566	

4442 HOFER MR 704566			Remainder of Amn ferried to new location. Type A AP recalled to Coy location.	
"	17	1100	Audit Board convened by CRASC 15 (S) Div to audit Coys Regtl Accounts.	
"	18		30 x 3 Ton Vehs on Corps Hump from Army Rd Head to 64 FMC.	
"	19	 0700	" " " " Instructions received from CRASC 15 (S) Div for Coy to move AM 20/Apr forward. Recce Party of 1 Offr & 5 ORs sent to Recce new area, MOLZEN	
HOFER MR 704566	20		Coy moved to MOLZEN 9693	
HAGEN MR 9219	21		All amn ferried from old location to Area HAGEN 9219 MR Coy moved to HORNDORF MR 908172	
HORNDORF 908172	22		1 L/CPL (DVR) POSTED TO 194 (BR) Fd Amb.	
	23		Normal Maintenance of Amn	
	24		Small Arms nature in	
	25		preparation for build up	
	26		of crossing R. Elbe by	
	27		15 (S) Inf Div	
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Unit 62 Coy RASC (Inf Bde)

Month and Year May/45

Commanding Officer Major DR LANG RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HORNDORF 908172	1		Coy moved over R. Elbe to new location at KRUZEN. MR 769716.	
KRUZEN 769716	2		All Vehs on humping amn from West to East Bank of R. Elbe.	
"	3		30 x 3 Ton Vehs lifted 1 Cdo Bde forward.	
" TRITTAU 769616	4		Complete Coy moved to village of TRITTAU MR 769616. Humping remainder of 2nd Line Amn to new location.	
"	5		Instructions received from CRASC to be prepared to hand in all 2nd Line Amn to 66 FMC at LUBECK	
TRITTAU 769616	6.		All available Vehs on returning 2nd Line Amn to 66 FMC.	
"	7		24 x 3 Ton Vehs to lift 46 Bde to KIEL (OPERATION ECLIPSE). Remainder of Vehs returning remaining 2nd Line Amn to 66 FMC.	
"	8		Introduction of Work Tickets for vehs.	
"	9		Repainting commenced of Unit vehicles	
"	10.		30 PWs obtained daily from Div POW Cage for veh maintenance.	
	11		Instructions received from CRASC 15 (S) Div for reversion from Amn Coy to Composite Coy.	
TRITTAU 769616	12		All available personnel received Typhus inoculations.	
"	13		25 x 3 Ton Vehs engaged in Tps lift of 6 KOSB to Area Bad Segeburg.	
"	14		1,500 PWs lifted from GROS GLADEBRUGGE to 15 (S) Div PW Cage.	
"	15		All Comp Pl Personnel att to 283 Coy returned to Coy location	
"	16		Coy working as a Composite Pl supplying 44 (L) Bde.	
TRITTAU 769616	17		Comp Pl of this Coy opened German Supply Depot at SEIMS Nr LUBECK to supply POWs in area.	
"	18		4 Dvrs awarded 28 days FP for being in possession of Rations.	
"	19		Normal Bde Maintenance.	
"	20		1 OR on Compass Leave UK posted to Home Establishment.	

"	21		Instructions received from CRASC for this Unit to proceed on Operation 'Barleycorn' ie disposal of PWs for land work.	
	22		Instructions received from 15(S) Div to return all captured enemy vehs (one veh of this Unit returned)	
TRITTAU 769616	23		1 Dvr Batman detached to HQ RASC 15 (S) Div for duty.	
"	26		30 x 3 Ton vehs transporting personnel of 46 Bde to KIEL.	
"	27		1 S/Sgt S/Clerk posted to the unit from 283 Coy RASC	
	28		2 T/Clerks attended Trade Test with view to remustering as S/Clerks. 1 passed.	
	29		1 Pte Issuer posted to this Coy from 399 Coy RASC	
	30		1 Cpl Veh Mech posted to this Coy from 284 Coy RASC	
	31		Preparation for move on OP. "BARLEYCORN"	

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Unit 399 Coy RASC (Inf Bde).

Month and Year JUNE 44.

Commanding Officer MAJOR H.E. DODGE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOVE	1		The whole Unit is accommodated in requisitioned buildings in HOVE and the HQ is situated at 51 Denmark Villas HOVE. The strength of the Coy on this day is 9 Officers and 298 O.Rs.	
	13	0600 1030	The unit less residue party consisting of 27 O.Rs proceeded to MARSHALLING AREA at WOODFORD. Arrived MARSHALLING AREA.	
WOODFORD	15	0930 1530	Move to Hards (Victoria Dock) Commenced loading of vehicles (31 Motor Cycles, 51 Vehicles) on S 80 MTS (MARWARRI)	
Victoria Dock	16	1500 1700 1800 1830 2030	Loading of Unit vehicles on S 80 MTS completed Unit personnel (177 All ranks) embarked on S 80 O i/c Troops Major H.E. DODGE, RASC. Remainder of personnel (100 All ranks) embarked on S 88 LST vehicle loading (40) being completed. O.i/c Tps Capt JPC Lobjoit RASC of this company. S 80 MTS moved from quay. S 88 L.S.T. moved from quay.	
S 88	22	1700 2000	Commenced Disembarkation. Established in Coy location at Esquay-sur-Seulles. M.R. 8479.	
S 80	23	1030	Commenced Disembarkation on Gold Beach.	
Esquay-sur-Seulles	24	 1700	Disembarkation completed and Unit established at Esquay-sur-Seulles. 8479. Combined Sups and Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
St Gabriel	25	1100 1700	Coy moved to location at (St Gabriel - Brecy Road. M.R. 887787). Combined Sups and Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	26	1700	Combined Sups and Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	27	1700	Combined Sups and Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	28	1130	Combined Sups and Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	29	1130 1732 2200	Combined Sups and Petrol Point opened in Coy location. Enemy Tanks broke through in region of Granville Sur Odon 9164 All 3" Mortar sent forward to A.P. at BRONAY 8872.	

		2345	Amn sent to 284 Coy RASC for Type 'A' Amn Pt to be established in region of Bronay.	
St Gabriel	30	0600 1130	Type 'A' Amn Point established under Command of this Coy at 903686 near Cheux. Combined Sups and Petrol Point opened in Coy location. H.E. Dodge Major OC 399 Coy RASC	

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Unit 399 Coy RASC (Inf. Bde).

Month and Year JULY 44

Commanding Officer MAJOR H.E. DODGE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
The Field.	1		Strength of Unit on this day is 9 Officers and 266 O.Rs plus 6 Attached.	
		1800	T/59680 Dvr Jones admitted to 81 Gen. Hosp.	
		0730	AMMUNITION:- 5 x 3 ton vehs delivered 25 pdr to (ARTY Point (BRONAY 892732)	
			88 rds 17 pdr SABOT issued to A/Tk Regt 43 Div.	
			Issues heavy on 3" MOR and 36 GRENS.	
		1300	-1330. Enemy shelled field east of A.P. (Cheux 905682).	
			SUPPLIES:- 390 x 14 men Compo packs issued to Bde Units.	
The Field.	2		Strength of Unit on this day is 9 Offrs and 265 ORs plus 6 Attached.	
			AMMUNITION:- Issued 100 rds 6 pdr SABOT to 53 Div A/Tk.	
			A.P. at CHEUX (9068) taken over by 53 Div.	
			All vehicles returned to Coy location. No casualties.	
			TRANSPORT:- 2 vehs and Drivers returned from Detachment to 674 Fd Pk Coy.	
			SUPPLIES:- 377 x 14 Compo Packs issued to Bde Units.	
			Cpl. Clapham of this Unit recommended by Major H.E. Dodge RASC O.C. for award or mention for devotion to duty in delivering Amn to A & S.H. on 30 June while under Shell Fire (Statement attached).	I.
	3		T/59680 Dvr Jones A.T. returned to Unit from 81 Gen. Hosp.	
			AMMUNITION:- Issued to 2 Glas High. GRENS H.E. - 144, GRENS 36 - 374, 2" MOR GREEN - 18 rds, 2" MOR MSW - 54 rds, 3" MOR H.E. - 66 rds, 3" MOR SMOKE - 48 rds. All 2nd line deficiencies collected from 17 BAD except .38 Rev and G.F.S.	
			SUPPLIES:- 392 x 14 Men Compo packs issued to Bde Units.	
	4		Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 266 O.Rs plus 6 Attached.	
			SUPPLIES: 390 X 14 Men Compo packs issued to Bde Units.	
			ENTERTAINMENT: 72 O.Rs of this Unit attended performance given by 53 Div concert party.	

	5	1000	AMMUNITION: 9 Cams replenished 1st Line. Delay in replenishment due largely to Bn being split up in battle. SUPPLIES: 375 X 14 Men Compo packs issued to Bde Units. Div MO visited Unit and carried out Health Inspection.	
	6		SUPPLIES: 372 X 14 Men Compo packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION: All surplus handed over to CRASC 8 Corps Tps 1st Line deficiencies issued to 9 Cams after collection from 17 BAD.	
	7		AMMUNITION: 880 Mines, a/Tk Mk V collected from 17 BAD SUPPLIES: 337 X 14 Man Compo packs issued to Bde Units. ENTERTAINMENT: 66 O.Rs attended picture show at CHEUX, and 30 O.Rs attended performance given by 53 Div concert party	
	8		SUPPLIES: 364 X 14 Men Compo packs were issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION: Amn to make up 1st Line issued to 9 Cams. Est of 80 Smoke Grens 120 Rds now held.	
	9		AMMUNITION: 270 rds 6 pdr SABOT collected from 17 BAD & issued to units as follows:- 161/97 A/Tk Reg 30 - 159/97 A/Tk Reg 48 - 15 Recce Reg 30 - 286/97 A/Tk Reg 48 - 346/97 A/Tk Reg 30 - 2nd Line 66. 2nd Line 4.2 Mor HE - 244 rds collected from 17 BAD. SUPPLIES: 583 X 14 Men Compo packs issued to Bde Units.	
	10	1330	SUPPLIES: 147 X 14 Men Compo packs issued to Bde Units. TRANSPORT: 16 vehs proceeded to Div ARTY under command 284 Coy, RASC	
	11	1000 1830	MO visited unit to inspect Latrines & cook-houses. SUPPLIES: 371 X 14 men Compo packs issued to Bde Units. TRANSPORT: 34 vehs proceeded to CHEUX to lift 46 Bde to rear.	
	12		SUPPLIES: 377 X 14 men Compo packs issued to Bde Units.	
	13		MOVES: Coy moved to new location at MR 896743 St CROIX GRANDE TONNE. AMMUNITION: 9 Cams, 2GH, & 7 Seaforths made up to scale 1st Line amn - 2nd Line deficiencies collected from 15 BAD. SUPPLIES: 357 X 14 men Compo packs issued to Bde Units.	
	14		MO inspected Unit. One case of CRABS already under treatment. SUPPLIES: 560 X 14 men Compo packs issued to Bde Units.	
	15		Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs & 265 O.Rs plus 6 attached. SUPPLIES: 407 X 14 men Compo packs issued to Bde Units. MOVES: Coy moved to new loc at MR 912735.	
The Field.	16.		SUPPLIES:- 395 x 14 man Comp Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- Delivered to No.1 A.P. 1 - J, 1 - D and 79 Bxs 303 Mk Viii. Replenished from 12 Corps Dump.	

	17		SUPPLIES:- 385 x 14 man Comp Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- To No. 1 A.P. 75 Grens - 504 rds, 40 MM No.11 - 792, 2" MOR HE - 162, 3" MOR. HE - 300, 4.2 HE - 300, 119 L.A.A. Regt. 40 MM No.11 - 288. Replenishment from 12 Corps Dump:- 40 MM No. 11 - 1008 rds, 2" MOR H.E. - 162, 3" MOR HE - 300, 4.2 MOR HE - 500, 303 Mk V111 Z - 39500 rds.	
	18.		SUPPLIES:- 386 x 14 Man Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- Issues to A.P.:- 3" MOR Smk - 408, PIAT HE - 186. Replenished from 12 Corps Dump:- 40 mm No. 11 - 1008 rds, 3" MOR. Smk - 408.	
The Field.	19.		SUPPLIES:- 386 x 14 Man packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- To A.P. 1 - M Type, Grens 80 - 120, 40 mm No 11 - 360 4.2 Mor HE - 300, 303 Mk viii z - 39500. Replenished from 12 Corps Dump:- Grens 80 - 120, 3" MOR HE - 438, 7.92 Besa - 450, 2" MOR HE - 36, 40 mm No 11 - 144, 4.2 MOR HE - 492. Amn Recovered:- 2" MOR HE. - 162, 2" MOR Smk - 360, PIAT - 120, 303 Tracer - 6240, 303 Bdr - 15000.	
	20.		Residue Party joined Unit from England. Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 291 O.Rs plus 6 attached. SUPPLIES:- 334 x 14 man Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- Issued to 97 A/Tk Regt, 17 pdr - 16 rds - 17 pr APC - 140 rds.	
	21.		SUPPLIES:- 287 x 14 Man Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- Type 'M' returned from A.P. Replenished 17 pr HE - 16 rds, 17 Pr APC - 140 rds.	
	22.		SUPPLIES:- 457 x 14 Man Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- H.Q. 1 Mx Regt. 692 rds 4.2 MOR. HE.	
The Field.	23.		SUPPLIES:- Bread Point opened 1900 hrs closed 2100 hrs 1814 lbs bread issued. Coy moved to new location at AUNAY 703707.	
	24.		Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 292 O.Rs plus 6 attached. SUPPLIES:- 774 x 14 Man Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- 1st Line deficiencies issued to 7 Seaforths.	
	25.		SUPPLIES:- 5549 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- 2nd Line Deficiencies collected from 30 Corps Dump.	
	26.		Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 293 O.Rs plus 6 attached. SUPPLIES:- 5634 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- 20 mm HE/IT 2460 rds received.	
	27.		SUPPLIES:- 404 x 14 men Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- Issued to 46 Bde. "B" Ech. F.T.F. Heavy 1000 Gals.	
	28.		SUPPLIES:- 5634 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units.	

			AMMUNITION:- Collected ex 221 PD. 1000 Gals F.T.F. Heavy, collected at 62 Coy RASC 200 Gals. F.T.F. Heavy. Issued to 9 Cams, 3" MOR H.E. 258 rds. Issued to 15 BAD 20 MM HE/Inc 6426 rds, 20 MM HE/IT 1836 rds.	
The Field	29		SUPPLIES:- 417 x 14 man Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- 4.2 MOR H.E. - 600 rds to A.P. "A" Type. 4.2 MOR HE - 300 rds to 62 Coy RASC. 303 Mk v111 Z - 79 bxs to 62 Coy RASC.	
	30.	1800	Strength of Unit on this day is 9 Offrs and 294 O.Rs plus 6 attached. SUPPLIES:- 5936 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- Opened A.P. Type "A" GREENLINE Scale. MOVE:- Coy moved to new location at FOULOGNES 705646.	
	31.		SUPPLIES:- 428 x 14 Man Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. AMMUNITION:- To A.P. 1 "N" Type, 2 'J' Type, 40 mm No 11 - 264 rds, 40 mm No. 14 - 48 rds. Collected ex 15 BAD 6 pdr SABOT - 402 rds. H.E. Dodge Major O.C. 399 INF BDE Coy. R.A.S.C.	

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Unit 399 Coy RASC (INF. BDE.)

Month and Year Aug. 44

Commanding Officer MAJOR H.E. DODGE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
THE FIELD	1	0600 - - -	Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 294 O.Rs. Supply Issues:- 447 x 14 Man Packs issued to Bde Units. Amn. Issues:- To 62 Coy R.A.S.C. 6 pr Sabot - 200 rds, To 283 Coy R.A.S.C. 6 pr SABOT - 202 rds., To A.P. 1 'N' TYPE and 1 'J' TYPE. 3" MOR H.E. - 1002 AMN RECEIPTS:- From 15 B.A.D. 3" MOR H.E. - 3300 rds, 80 GRENS - 192 rds. 2" MOR H.E. - 162 rds. 4.2 MOR H.E. 480 rds. 6 Pdr SABOT - 400 rds. From 52 F.M.C.:- 3" MOR HE - 900.	
	2	0600 - -	Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 293 O.Rs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 879 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN RECEIPTS:- From 3 'N' TYPES and 2 'J' TYPES.	
	3	-	SUPPLY ISSUES:- 443 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN RECEIPTS:- From 62 COY RASC. 118,500 303 Mk VIII Z. AMN ISSUES:- To AP Small amounts S.A.A.	
The Field	4	0600 -	Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 292 O.Rs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 441 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN ISSUES:- To A.P. 2 'J' TYPES.	
	5	-	SUPPLY ISSUES:- 436 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN:- Physical check taken of amn in location. All amounts correct as per stats. Small amounts to A.P.	
	6	-	SUPPLY ISSUES:- 465 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN:- Various small amounts to A.P.	
	7	-	Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 296 O.Rs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 446 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN:- To A.P. 75 GRENS - 300, PIAT - 180.	
	8	-	SUPPLY ISSUES:- 478 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN:- To A.P. 2 'N' Types, 1 'J' Type plus 348 rds 2" MOR. H.E. 36 GRENS - 480, 6 pr H.E. 36, 40 MM No 14 - 600, 2" MOR Smoke 270, 2" MOR ILL - 144, 2" MOR RED - 36. 2" MOR GREEN - 36.	
The Field	9		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 1984 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- RECEIPTS 2" MOR H.E. - 720 rds, 4.2 MOR - 900.	

			ISSUED To A.P. 4.2 MOR - 300 rds.	
	10.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5792 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- To A.P. 2 'N' Type.	
	11.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5668 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- ISSUES To F.M.C. 20 MM SD - 21260 rds. To A.P. 3" MOR H.E. - 888 rds, 303 Mk VIII Z - 5000 rds, 303 Bdr - 25,000 rds. Receipts: - 4.2 MOR H.E. - 400 rds.	
	12.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5649 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- Receipts 3" MOR HE. - 1800 rds, 4.2 MOR HE. - 600 rds, 303 Mk VIII Z - 100,000 rds, 303 Bdr - 25000 rds. Issues. To A.P. 4.2 MOR HE. - 700 rds.	
The Field.	13.		MOVE:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 9962 (N. of Esquay). CHANGE OF COMMAND:- Division came under Command 12 Corps. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 1973 Pack and 4244 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- A. TYPE A.P. returned to Coy location.	
	14.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5307 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. BURIALS:- This unit Buried 25 British and 26 German dead found on Hill 112 Nr Esquay.	
	15.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5263 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. BURIALS:- This unit Buried 45 British dead found on Hill 112 Nr Esquay.	
	16.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5611 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	17.		" " :- 5661 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. Capt Lobjoit of the Unit admitted to Hosp.	
The Field	18.	0600	Strength of Unit this day 8 Offrs and 296 O.Rs. MOVE:- This Unit moved to new location M.R. 004551 (LE HUTRAY). SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5601 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	19.		Strength of Unit on this day 8 Offrs and 295 O.Rs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5953 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	20.		STRENGTH INCREASE:- 7 ORs posted from 34 R.H.U. & T.O.S. this Unit. Strength of Coy on this day 8 Offrs and 302 O.Rs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5701 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	21.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5664 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	22.		Strength of Unit this day 8 Offrs and 301 O.Rs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5693 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- 12 x 3 ton vehs returned surplus amn. to Army Rd Hd. Cushion.	
	23.	0600	Strength of Unit of this day 8 Offrs and 299 ORs.	

			SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5912 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- Vehs loaded to New Scale 11 for 'A' Type A.P. 8 for Replenishment.	
	24.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5950 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	25.		Capt Lobjoit discharged from Hospital and T.O.S. this Unit. Strength of Unit of this day 9 Offrs and 298 O.Rs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5500 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	26.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 5756 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units. Coy moved to new location at Grandchain M.R. 832736.	
	27.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 6096 Fresh Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	28.		Coy moved to new location at M.R. 513621 (VIMOUTIERS) SUPPLY ISSUES:- 6342 Fresh Rations and 453 x 14 man Pack Rations issued to Bde Units. AMN:- A Type AP formed. Issued to A.P. 360 rds 40 MM No14. 7650 rds 7.92 Besa, 100,000 rds Mk VIII Z.	
	29.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 6127 Rations (438 x 14 men Packs) issued to Bde Units. AMN:- 600 rds 37mm H.E. 400 rds 37mm APC. 7650 rds Besa 7.92, 500 lbs Ammonal collected from Army Cushion. MOVE:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 211870 (Nr LOUVIERS).	
	30.		SUPPLY ISSUES:- 423 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units. AMN:- 88 rds 4.2 MOR issued to 283 Coy RASC. 100 rds 37 MM H.E. and 36 rds 6 pdr H.E. issued to No2 A.P.	
	31.	0600	Strength of Coy on this day 9 Offrs and 295 ORs. SUPPLY ISSUES:- 408 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units.	H.E. Dodge Major 399 Inf Bde Coy RASC

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Unit 399 COY RASC (INF. BDE.)

Month and Year SEP 44

Commanding Officer H.E. DODGE MAJOR

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
THE FIELD	1	0600	Strength 9 Offrs and 295 ORs. Supplies Issued:- 6332 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units. Move:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 2993 (HERQUEVILLE).	
	2		Supplies Issued:- 6235 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	3		Supplies Issued:- 6019 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	4.	0730	Move:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 8359 (BREQUEMESNIL).	
	5.		Supplies Issued:- 6063 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	6		Move:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 8137 (SAILLY LES LANNOY). Supplies Issued:- 6108 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	7.		Move:- Coy moved to new location (Dollignies). Supplies Issued:- 621 x 14 Men Packs issued to Bde Units.	
	8.		Supplies Issued:- 621 x 14 Men Packs issued to Bde Units.	
	9.		Supplies Issued:- 7253 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units. 3 Germans captured by this Unit at Sup P. at CASTER M.R. 0153.	
The Field	10.	0600	Strength:- 9 Officers and 294 ORs. Move:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 575641 (WOLVINGHAM). Supplies:- 1 Day's Compo Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	11.		" :- 1 Day's Compo Rations issued to Bde Units.	
	12		" :- 1 Day's Compo Rations issued to Bde Units. Move:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. (BETECOM).	
	13.		" :- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 072746 (Ammunition:- A.P. opened with Types as follows:- E. F. G. 4 Js. K. M. 2 Ns. O. and P.	
	14.		Strength:- 9 Officers and 291 ORs. Supplies Issued:- 6336 F.S. Rations issued to Bde Units. Ammunition:- 60 rds 6 pdr 8 rds 17 pdr A.P.C. delivered to A.P. 180 rds Grens 36m, 7650 rds 7.92 Besa, 40,000 rds 303 Bdr and 37,440 rds .303 ctn collected and delivered to A.P.	
The Field	15.	0600	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 291 ORs. Move:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 091860.	

			Ammunition:- 188 rds 6 Pdr H.E. delivered to A.P. and 90 Rds 6 Pdr A.P.C. returned from A.P. Supplies:- 462 x 14 men Packs issued to Bde Units.	
	16.		Ammunition Issues:- 48 Grens 75. 168 Rds Rev .38, 300 Rds 3" MOR H.E. and 88 Rds 4.2 MOR H.E. Ammunition Receipts:- 702 Rds 3" MOR H.E. 20250 Rds 7.92 Besa. Supply Issues:- 6303 Rations issued to Bde Units. Supply Receipts:- 459 Compo Packs new type collected.	
The Field	17.		Ammunition Issues:- 300 rds 3" MOR H.E. and 19,300 Rds 7.92 Besa issued to 283 Coy R.A.S.C. 3600 Rds 7.92 Besa issued to 62 Coy R.A.S.C. 402 Rd 3" MOR HE., 240 rds 40 mm H.E. 14300 Grens 36m. 148 rds 4.2 Bren H.E. issued to No2 A.P. Supplies Issued:- 457 x 14 Men Compo Packs issued to Bde Units.	
	18.		Ammunition Issued:- 56 rds 6 pdr H.E., 120 Grens 75, 510 rds 3" MOR H.E., 420 rds 4.2" MOR H.E., 1350 rds 7.92 Besa, 24960 .303 Ctn. 7000 Bdr. 17,000 Mk VIII Z and 480 Grens Yellow issued to A.P. (No2). Supplies Issued:- 458 x 14 men Compo Packs issued to Bde Units. Practically 60 tons Amn. issued at A.P. in 24 hrs.	
	19.		Ammunition Issued:- 234 Grens 36M. 5 Grens 77, 588 rds 2" MOR H.E. 1080 rds 2" MOR Smk, 288 rds 2" MOR ILL, 308 rds 3" MOR H.E., 68,640 rds .303 Ctn, 41,000 Rds Bdr, 29,700 rds 9 m.m. issued to No 2 A.P. Supplies Issued:- 460 x 14 men Compo Packs issued to Bde Units.	
The Field	20.		Ammunition Issued:- 160 rds 6 Pdr H.E. 720 rds 40 mm, 100 rds 4.2 MOR issued to No 2 A.P. Supplies Issued:- 458 x 14 men Compo Packs issued to Bde Units.	
	21.		Ammunition Issued:- 864 Grens 36M, 24 Grens 75. 144 rds 40mm. 324 rds 2" MOR HE. 408 rds 2" MOR Smk, 402 rds 3" MOR HE. 9984 rds .303 ctn. 30,000 rds 303 bdr issued to No 2 A.P. Supplies Issued:- 6221 rations (GERMAN SUPS) issued.	
	22.		Move:- Coy moved to new location at M.R. 364126. Supplies Issued:- 6252 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units.	
	23.		Supplies Issued:- 6252 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units.	
	24.		Supplies Issued:- 5541 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units. Ammunition Receipts:- 303 Bdr, 22000 37mm H.E. 240 3" MOR. H.E. 100 Grens 36 - 120. Ammunition Issues:- 37mm H.E. 240 - Rev - 96 issued to A.P.	
The Field	25.		Supplies Issued:- 5483 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units. Ammunition Receipts:- 17 Pdr APC - 40 rds, 17 pdr H.E. - 80, 36 Grens - 96, 2" MOR HE - 324, 3" MOR HE - 300, 1800 4.2 MOR H.E. - 600.	

			A.P. personnel returned to Coy location.	
	26		Strength of Unit 9 Offrs 292 ORs. Supply Issued: - 5517 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units. Ammunition:- All Amn dumped in Coy location issued to A.P.	
	27.		Strength:- 9 Offrs 303 O.Rs. Supplies Issued:- 5289 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units. Ammunition:- Issued to A.P. 2 'N' Types. Received from 284 Coy 3" MOR Smk - 90.	
	28.		Supplies Issued:- 5662 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units. Ammunition:- Recd at A.P. 40mm No11 - 216 rds, 40mm No14 - 120 rds. Recd from 109 FMC 17 pdr APC - 130 rds. Issued to No3 A.P. 36 Grens 228 rds.	
The Field	29.		Supplies Issued:- 5896 rations (F.S.) issued to Bde Units. Ammunition:- All AP loads made up to W.E.	
	30.		Supplies Issued:- 3771 F.S. rations issued to Bde Units. 3 Bns to consume 1 day's reserve rations. Ammunition:- Issues to No3 A.P. 40mm No11 - 288 rds, 40mm No14 - 360 rds, 40mm No14 - 312 rds issued to 119 LAA Rgt. Ammunition Recd:- Ex 109 - 4.2 MOR HE - 180 rds, ex 284 Coy - 2" MOR H.E - 36 rds, 3" MOR H.E. - 504 rds, 4.2 MOR H.E. - 400 rds, 37mm APC - 200 rds.	M.H. Brooks Capt

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Unit 399 COY RASC (INF BDE)

Month and Year Oct 44.

Commanding Officer H.E. DODGE MAJOR

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
The Field	1	0600	Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs and 304 ORs. Petrol:- Received 6000 gals ex 109 F.M.C. Issued 3613½ gals. Amn:- Received - Flares - 12 rds, 2" Mor Smoke 450 rds Grens 41 - 24 ex 284 Coy R.A.S.C. Issues:- 4.2 Mor H.E. 300 rds, 3" Mor H.E. 500 rds, 3" Mor Smoke - 78, 38 Rev - 696 issued to No3 A.P.	
	2		Amn:- Issues - (No3 A.P) 3" Mor H.E. 408 rds, 3" Mor Smoke - 96 rds, No1 A.P. 303 Bdr - 7000 rds, Ctn - 16224 rds, 26 Grens Yellow - 320 rds, PIAT - 54 rds. Petrol:- Issued 5032½ gals. Sups:- Issued 5871 F.S. rations.	
The Field	4	 1030 1700	Unit moved to new location at M.R. 595213 (Nr Helmond). Supply P. opened in Old Coy location M.R. 364136. P.Ps opened in New Coy location M.R. 590213. 35 X 3 ton Vehs employed stocking 56 F.M.C. with Amn and Pet.	
	5.	1030 1700	Supply Point opened Coy location MR. 590213. Petrol Point opened Coy location MR. 590213. 30 x 3 ton Vehs employed stocking 56 F.M.C. with Pet. 30 x 3 ton Vehs still employed stocking F.M.C. with Amn.	
	6	0600 1030 1700	Strength of Unit this day 9 Officers and 303 O.Rs. Supply Point opened in Coy location. Petrol Point opened in Coy location. 9000 Gals issued.	
The Field	7.	0600 1030 1700	Strength of the Unit on this day 8 Offrs and 303 O.Rs. Posting: Capt Lobjoint posted to 62 Coy R.A.S.C. Change of Role from Composite Coy to Commodity Coy - Petrol. 60 Task Vehs employed as Coys stocking F.M.C. Supply Point opened in Coy location 5943 F.S. rations issued. Petrol Point opened at M.R. 257408 - 9400 Gals issued. Petrol Point opened in Coy location. Coy moved to new locations at M.R. 595213 (Sheet 4 Holland).	

	8	1700	Petrol Point opened at M.R. 257408. Petrol Point opened Coy location - issued 4248 Gals M.T. 80. 60 Task vehs employed Corps transport stocking F.M.C.	
	9	1700	Strength of Coy this day 8 Offrs 302 O.Rs. Petrol Point opened at M.R. 257408 - 1200 gals issued. Petrol Point opened in Coy location - 4059 gals issued. 30 Task Vehs employed as Corps Transport stocking F.M.C.	
	10.	1700	Petrol Point opened at M.R. 257408 Petrol Point opened in Coy location 30 Task Vehs employed as Corps Transport stocking F.M.C.	
The Field	11	1630	Strength of Unit this day 8 Offrs & 304 O.Rs. Divisional Petrol Point opened in Coy location 10,093½ Gals issued. 30 Task Vehs employed as Corps Transport stocking F.M.C.	
	12.	1630	Divisional Petrol Point opened in Coy location 7515 Gals issued. 46 Troop Carrying Coy came under Comd this Coy. 30 Task Vehs employed as Corps Transport stocking F.M.C.	
	13.	0600 1630	Strength of Unit this day 8 Offrs & 303 ORs. Divisional Petrol Point opened in Coy location 8356 Gals issued.	
	14	1630	Divisional Petrol Point opened in Coy location 9351 Gals issued.	
	15	1630	Divisional Petrol Point opened in Coy location 6493 Gals Pet M.T. 80 issued. 1000 Gals F.T.F. collected from Pet Depot.	
	16.	1630 0800	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location. Leave Party departed for BRUSSELS (Divisional).	
The Field	17.	1630	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	18.	1630	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	19.	0600 1630	Strength of Unit this day 9 Officers and 300 O.Rs. Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location. 7466 Gals issued. F.T.F. collected from Petrol Depot. Film Unit visited Coy location. Capt Chronshaw posted and T.O.S. this Unit from 283 Coy R.A.S.C.	
	20.	1700	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location. 9607 Gals issued. Normal replacement. F.G.C.M. at Coy location on 2 charges desertion. 30 Task Vehs collected 25 Pdr. for 25 Pdr Coy.	
	21	1630	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location 11500 Galls issued. 30 Task Vehs employed as Corps Transport on lift to Forward F.M.C. (AMN).	
The Field	22	1530	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location 11,094 Gals issued and F.T.F issued.	

			30 Task Vehs employed as Corps Transport lifting Pet to forward F.M.C.	
	23.	1530	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	24	1530	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	25	1530	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	26.	1530	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location.	
	27	1600	Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location 10,247 Gals issued.	
	28.	1400 1530	Coy Commander, one Subaltern, and 3 ORs became casualties as a result of endeavouring to extricate an injured man from a minefield. 1 N.C.O. killed and buried in Coy location. Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location 8000 Gals issued.	
The Field	29.	 0600	Capt. T.E. Cooper assumed Command of Unit on Major H.E. Dodge R.A.S.C. being evacuated. Strength of Unit on this day 7 Offrs & 299 O.R.s. Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location 10000 Gals issued.	
	30.		Coy moved to new location at M.R. 544255 (AARLE). Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location 14000 Gals issued	
	31.		Div Petrol Point opened in Coy location 17397 Gals issued. M.H. Brooks Capt.	

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Unit 399 Coy RASC (Inf Bde)

Month and Year November 1944

Commanding Officer Capt T.E. Cooper

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
The Field	1	0600 1530	Strength 7 Offrs & 299 ORs. Weather fine. Div Pet. P. opened coy location. Issues - 12,000 galls.	
	2.	0600 1530	Strength 7 Offrs & 297 ORs. Weather fine. Div Pet. P. opened coy location. Issues 8000 galls.	
	3	0600 1530 1530	Strength 7 Offrs & 299 ORs. Weather unsettled. T/Major D.T. Russell 137139 arrived to assume cmd of Coy. Div Pet. P. opened coy location. Issues 5000 galls.	
	4	0600 1000 1530	Strength 7 Offrs & 297 ORs. Weather continual rain. 30 x 3 Ton Corps Transport Petrol lift 8 ARH to 56 F.M.C. 5000 galls pet 80 collected from Pet Depot Diest. Div Pet P opened coy location. Issues 7771 gals	
The Field	5	0600 0700 1530	Strength 8 Offrs & 297 OR's. Weather cloudy & unsettled. 8000 Galls pet 80 collected ex 56 FMC. Div Pet P. opened coy location 8271 gals issued	
	6	0600 1000 1530 1800	Strength 8 Offrs and 298 OR's. Weather - wind and slight rain - unsettled. 8000 galls Pet MT 80 driven from 230 Pet Depot 56 F.M.C. Div Pet P. opened coy location 9752 gals issued 25 Tons coal collected from ZOLDER colliery Belgium M.R. 3173. Sheet 4 1/100,000 Maeseyck Holland.	
	7	1530 0600	Div Pet P opened Coy location 9702 gals issued Weather very unsettled. Strength 8 Offrs and 298 ORs.	
The Field	8	0600 1530	Strength 8 Offrs and 298 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened Coy location 9850½ gals issued. Weather - rain.	
	9	0600 1100	Strength 8 Offrs and 298 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 6165 gals issued. Weather still unsettled.	
	10.	0600 1100	Strength 8 Offrs and 298 ORs. Div Pet P. opened Coy location 10,021½ gals issued.	

			Weather unsettled.	
	11.	0600 1100	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 11,136 gals issued. Weather unsettled. 30 x 3 ton Corps Transport Lift carrying Salvage from 56 F.M.C. to Army Rd Hd.	
The Field	12	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 8037 Gals issued Weather unsettled.	
	13	0600 1200	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 10,584 Gals issued 22 x 3 ton Vehs employed on Troop Lifting detail.	
	14.	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 9166½ Gals issued Weather unsettled.	
	15.	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 12402 Gals issued 10 x 3 ton Vehs employed on Troop Lifting detail. Weather unsettled.	
The Field	16	0600 1100	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 10264½ Gals issued. 30 x 3 ton Vehs employed on 8 Corps Tpt Lift. Weather unsettled.	
	17.		Strength 8 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 9477 Gals issued 30 x 3 ton Vehs employed on 8 Corps Tpt Lift (Salvage).	
	18.		Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 10959½ Gals issued	
	19.		Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 8928 gals issued. Weather unsettled.	
The Field	20.	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 8428½ Gals issued. Weather unsettled.	
	21.	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 8541½ Gals issued Weather unsettled. Unit moved to new location at M.R. 593112.	
	22	0600 1100	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 13797 Galls issued. Weather unsettled.	

	23.	0600 0830 1100	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Forward Pet. P. established at M.R. 804142. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 11565½ Gals issued.	
	24	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 9625½ Gals issued.	
	25.	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 302 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 7092 Galls issued.	
	26.	0600 1100	Strength 8 Offrs and 302 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 4216½ Gals issued. 300 Gals of Anti-Freeze collected from 56 F.M.C. 30 x 3 ton Vehs employed on 8 Corps Tpt Lift (Salvage).	
	27	0600	Strength 8 Offrs and 302 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 4781 Gals issued	
The Field	28.	0600 1100	Strength 9 Offrs and 300 ORs. Lt Plowright H. posted and T.O.S. this Unit Authy:- 2nd Army Posting Instruction SA/162/A/ST113 dated 23 Nov 44. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 5424½ Gals issued. Weather - Rain - Wind - Cold	
	29.	0600	Strength 9 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 6723 Gals issued. Weather - Rain - Wind - Cold	
	30.	0600	Strength 9 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 6426½ Gals issued Weather - Rain - Wind - Cold. M.H. Brooks Capt.	

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Unit 399 COY RASC (INF. BDE)

Month and Year DEC. 44.

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.T. RUSSELL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
The Field	1	0600 1100	Strength of Unit this day 9 Offrs & 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 13,248 Gals issued.	
	2	0600	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 13,738½ Gals issued.	
	3	0600 1100	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 300 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location. 14496 Gals issued.	
	4	0600 1100	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 299 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 10565 Gals issued.	
	5.	0600	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 299 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 12843 Gals issued.	
	6	0600	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 299 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location, 9639 Gals issued.	
	7	0600	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 297 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 12726 Gals issued	
The Field	8	0600 1100	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 295 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 15187½ Gals issued.	
	9.	0600 1100	Strength 9 Offrs and 296 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 11964 Gals issued.	
	10.	0600 1100	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 303 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 6968 Gals issued.	
	11	0600 1100	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 300 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 8403½ Gals issued.	
	12	0600 1100	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 304 O.Rs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 11706½ Gals issued.	
	13	0600 1000	Strength:- 9 Offrs and 306 ORs. Div Pet P. opened in Coy location 10076½ gals issued. C-in-C 21 Army Group Field Marshall Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, K.C.B. D.S.O. presented decorations to Officers and ORs of 15 (S) Inf Div in this Coy location M.R. 593112. He arrived at 1000 hrs accompanied by (1) Brigadier Bullen-Smith. Present was Maj-Gen C.M. Barber, D.S.O. Comd of 15 (S) Inf Div. His programme included	

			presentation of Decorations, an address to senior Comdrs and being photographed together with recipients of decorations. Field Marshall Montgomery departed at 1400 hrs.	
	14	0600 1600	Strength 9 Officers and 306 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 8501½ Gals issued.	
	15	0600	Strength 9 Officers and 306 O.Rs. Div Pet. Point opened in Coy location 12528 Gals issued.	
	16.	0600	Strength 9 Officers and 306 O.Rs. Div Pet. Point opened in Coy location 10372½ Gals issued.	
	17	0600	Strength 9 Officers and 303 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 6295½ Gals issued. Lieut R. Fish attached to this Unit from H.Q. 15 (S) Inf Div.	
The Field	18.	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 302 O.Rs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 14302 Gals issued.	
	19.	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 301 O.Rs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 9998 Gals issued.	
	20	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 301 O.Rs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 29 ORs of this Unit posted to 51 R.H.U. as transferees to the Infantry.	
	21.	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 O.Rs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 15610½ Gals issued.	
	22	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 12676½ Gals issued.	
	23.	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 10867½ Gals issued.	
The Field	24	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 13932 Gals issued.	
	25.	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 271 O.Rs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 1201½ Gals issued.	
	26.	0600	Strength of Unit 10 Offrs and 271 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 5413½ Gals issued.	
	27.	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 271 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 14,107½ Gals issued.	
	28	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 13,941 Gals issued.	
	29	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location. 11,101½ Gals issued.	
	30	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 ORs. Div Pet Point opened in Coy location 10,138½ Gals issued.	
	31	0600	Strength 10 Offrs and 272 ORs.	

The Field		0900	Div Pet Point opened in Coy location. 30 x 3 ton Vehs engaged in Corps Transport lift moving ORD. Stores from 56 F.M.C. to 57 F.M.C. HAMONT. M.H. Brooks Capt.	

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Unit 399 Coy RASC (Inf Bde)

Month and Year January 1945

Commanding Officer Major D.T. Russell RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	0600	Strength 10 and 272	AF's W 3008/9
			Weather - Hard Frost - Sky overcast	
		1130	P.P. in Coy location - Issues. 10066 Galls.	
		1130	PP. at F/D P. MR 804142. Issues 2979 Galls.	
		0830	30 x 3 Ton Corps lift of ADOS Stores from 56 to 57 F.M.C.	
	2	0600	Strength 10 and 272	AF's W 3008/9
			Weather - Hard Frost - Sky overcast.	
		1130	PP in Coy location. Issues 11124 Galls.	
		1130	PP at F/D P MR. 804142. Issues 3609 Gals	
		0830	30 x 3 Ton veh Corps lift of POL from 56 to 57 FMC.	
	3.	0600	Strength 10 and 270 Weather - Thaw	AF's W 3008/9
		0830	130 Tons of Coal collected from ZOLDAR Colliery MR 300722.	
		1130	P.P. in Coy location. Issues 5080 Galls	
			P.P. at F/D P. Issues 3524 Galls	
		2000	"Thaw Plan" put into operation. No vehs over class 5 permitted on roads in Div area and then only on certain roads. Only Jeeps, staff cars, 15 cwts permitted free transit.	Attached traffic Trace of "THAW PLAN".
			Rum issue to Guards	
	4	0600	Strength 10 and 268	AF's 3008/9
			Weather - Thaw, Sky overcast. Light snow	
			No Div Maintenance to-day. 1 Days reserve rations consumed.	
			Rum issue to Guards	
	5.	1130	P.P. opened in Coy location - Issues 7200 galls.	
			PP opened at F/D P.P. - Issues. 7569 Galls.	
			Rum issue to Guards.	
Field.	6		Fwd Pet P. Issues 4726½ galls.	
			P.P. Coy location - 9468 " . Sups & mail drawn.	
			Strength 9 Offrs and 268.	AF's W.3008/9
			Snow. Frost. RASC Coys. Posting of Personnel in accordance with Policy for Reorg. of Div. RASC.	Attached copy of A.Gp/ 3762/4/A(Org.)(2) d/d 20 Dec 44.
			Rum issue to Guards.	

	7		Fwd Pet. P. Issues 3964½ galls. Pet. P. Coy loc. 9240 galls. Sups & mail drawn. 30 x 3 vehs lifted Sups from 122 DID 56 FMC to 57 F.M.C. Fuel issues for w/ending today - 130 tons of coal. 8 tons of coke and 5 tons of Anthracite. Snow. Frost. Rum issue to Guards.	
	8.		Fwd Pet. P. Issues 3483 galls. PP Coy loc. 7757 galls. Sups & mail drawn. Band of KOSB collected from 57 FMC and brought to Coy loc. - attached to Coy for one week whilst entertaining Div. Snow & Frost. Rum issue to Guards.	
	9.		Fwd Pet. P. Issues 4284 galls. Coy loc. P.P. 901 galls. Sups & mail drawn. Snow & Frost. Rum issue to Guards. Strength 9 and 269.	
	10		Fwd. Pet. P. Issues 3006 galls. Coy loc. PP 9963 galls. Sups & mail drawn. Snow & Frost. Rum issue to Guards. Strength of Coy 263 Offrs 9.	
	11		Fwd Pet. P. Issues 3888 galls. Coy loc. PP. 7207 galls. Sups & mail drawn. Snow - frost. Rum issue to Guards. Strength 9 and 262.	
	12		Fwd Pet. P. Issues 4918 galls. Coy loc. P.P. 5202 galls. Sups & mail drawn. Thaw. Rum issue to Guards. Strength 9 and 266.	
Field	13		Strength 9 and 264 Fwd Pet Point issues 4590 gals Coy location P.P. " 7447 gals Sups & mail drawn Thaw. Rum issue to guards	AFs W 3008/9
Field	14	1400	Fwd Petrol P. Issues 4635 gals Coy location PP " 6471 gals Sups and mail drawn Strength 9 and 263 Extreme frost warning. Heavy frost Rum issue to Guards Fuel issues for week ending to-day - Coal 120 TONS Coke 12 tons; Anthracite 3 tons 1 x 30 Ton Veh and 3 M/Cs rendered surplus as a result of Re-organisation of RASC. Handed over to 22 Transport Col RASC	
	15		Strength 9 and 257 Fwd PP Issues 3424 gals; Coy location PP 10,602 gals Sups and Mail drawn Heavy frost. Rum issue to Guards	

			Surplus personnel as a result of Re-organisation of RASC posted to 31 RHU in accordance with 21 Army Group letter 21AGP/3762/4/1(ORG) (2) dated 20 Dec 44.	
	16		Strength 9 and 257. Sups and mail drawn Fwd PP issues 3807 gals. Coy location P.P. 1417 gals Rum issue to guards	
Field	17		Strength 9 and 257. Sups and mail drawn Fwd PP issues 3271 gals. Coy location PP. 4419 gals Snow and frost. Rum issue to guards	
	18		Strength 9 and 257. Sups and mail drawn Fwd PP issues 4707 gals. Coy location PP. 2911 gals Snow and frost. Rum issue to Guards	
	19.		Strength 9 and 257. Sups and mail drawn Fwd PP issues 3379 gals. Coy location PP 12422 gals Snow and frost Dvr Mason died whilst on Brussels leave Postmortem and Court of Inquiry held	
Field	20	0600	Strength 9 and 254 Fwd PP issues 1629 gals. Coy location PP 351 gals Thaw precautions brought into effect. No 15 cwt or 3 Ton vehs to leave Coy location without authority of OC Coy. Thaw	AFs W 3008/9
	21		Strength 9 and 255. Sups and mail drawn Fwd PP. issues 6291 gals. Coy location PP 5287 gals Fuel issues for week-ending to-day - Coal 202 TONS Coke 3 TONS. Frost CRASC's conference re impending Divisional move 2IC proceeded on recce of proposed new Div RASC area. 2IC informed of location change and recced new area BAARLE NASSAU MR 049199.	
Field	22		Strength 9 and 257. Sups and mail drawn Fwd PP. issues 4320 gals. Coy location PP. 11470 gals Extreme frost warning. 13 tons Coke and 13 TONS Anthracite drawn from 57 FMC. Frost. CRASC's conference re impending Divisional move	
	23		Strength 9 and 257. Sups and mail drawn Fwd PP issues 5568 gals. Coy location 7101 gals 13 tons Coke and 13 tons Anthracite taken forward to new location MR 049199 5000 gals Pet plus oils carried forward to new location for PP in new Divisional area One Wksps Section moves to new location. Slight frost.	
	24		Strength 9 and 259. 2 days rations and mail drawn.	

Field			Fwd PP. issues 5659 gals. Coy location PP 3060 gals 20 x 3 TON vehs collected. 20,000 gals of POL from BRASSCHAERT 739040 and delivered to PP at new location MR 049199. 11000 gals POL drawn from 57 FMC. Frost. 6 x 3 TON vehs loaded M/cycles proceeded to new location	
	25		Strength 9 and 259. 2 days rations drawn Mail received by "milkround" delivery Fwd PP issues 1845 gals. Coy location PP. 2182 gals Frost.	
Field	26		Strength 9 and 262. Heavy snowfall. Frost. PP issues 16385 gals. Coy moved to BAARLE NASSAU MR 049199	
	27		Strength 9 and 262. Sups and mail drawn PP issues 15633 gals. 10880 gals drawn from 248 Pet Depot. CRASC Coy Commanders conference. Frost	AFs W 3008/9
	28		Strength 9 & 262. Sups and Mail drawn PP issues 9004 gals. Snow & frost	
Field	29		Strength 9 and 262. Sups and mail drawn PP issues 11902 gals. Snow and frost	
	30		Strength 9 and 262. Sups and Mail drawn PP issues 6732 gals. Snow and frost	
	31		Strength 9 and 264. Sups and Mail drawn PP issues 7976 gals. Thaw 30 x 3 TON Vehs reported Ord. No 11 Rd Head M.H. Brooks Capt.	

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Unit 399 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde)

Month & Year Feby 45.

Commanding Offr Major D.T. Russell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	0600 0900 1130	Strength 9 Offrs 261 O.Rs. 12 x 3 ton Vehs collected Petrol from 248 P. Depot P.P. in Coy location - Issues 10432 Gals.	AF W 3008/9 DR
	2		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 10,845 Gals. 15 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 248 Pet Depot 30 x 3 ton Vehs transported Tank Tracks for 6 Gds Tk Bde. 12 x 3 ton Vehs collected and transported Tank Tracks. 4 x 3 ton Vehs collected DERV from 134 Pet Depot.	 DR
Field	3	0600	Strength 9 Offrs and 262 ORs. P.P. in Coy location - Issues 11349 Gals. 2 x 3 ton Vehs collected DERV from 134 Pet Depot. 19 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 248 Pet Depot. 1 x 3 ton Veh reported to Bns for carrying Blankets 2 I.C. proceeded on Recce of new area for Coy M.R. 5342 UDEN.	AF W. 3008/9. DR DR
	4.		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 15867 Gals. 21 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 2 x 3 ton Vehs collected Rfts from 205 C.R.C. Wireless silence ordered w.e.f. 0001 hrs until further orders.	 DR
	5.		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 8000 Gals. 6 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C.	 DR
Field	6.		Coy moved to new location M.R. 5342 (UDEN) P.P. in Coy's new location - Issues 23,928 Gals. PP opened at ADM.P. (GOIRLE) Issues 819 Gals. 3 Motor Cyclists detached to 190 Fd Regt R.A. 12 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 15 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 132 Pet Depot. 6 x 3 ton Vehs attached to this Unit from 1561 Arty Pl.	 DR DR
	7.	0200	Coy Comd's Conference at C.R.A.S.C. location. P.P. in Coy location - Issues 4635 Gals. PP at ADMP. - Issues 1372 Gals. 19 x 3 ton Vehs collected 25 Pdr from 166 F.M.C.	

Field			Lt Corlett of this Unit proceeded with 20 x 3 ton Vehs supplied by Corps Tpt and collected 2400 rds 17 Pdr H.E. 1 x 3 ton Veh collected 250 Beehives from 11 Cdn A.R.H. and delivered to A.P. 4 x 3 ton Vehs reported to 283 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde). 2 x 3 ton Vehs collected Loud Hailers & 4½ gal W/Jerricans from 11 Cdn A.R.H. for delivering to 15(S) Div.	DR
	8.		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 7118 Gals. Fwd P.P. opened - Issues 4468 Gals. Adm P.P. - Issues 1615 Gals. 3 x 3 ton Vehs loaded Oils proceeded to GOIRLE. 32 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. and F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C. 8 x 3 ton vehs collected Coal from D.I.D. 166 F.M.C. and delivered to ADM. Area GOIRLE. 4 x 3 ton Vehs loaded P.O.L. proceeded to NIJMEGEN to go fwd with RECCE.	DR
Field	9.	 2100	P.P. in Coy location - Issues 16830 Gals. Fwd P.P. - Issues 12,458 Gals. Adm P.P. - Issues 1233 Gals. 22 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 10 x 3 ton Vehs collected 25 Pdr and delivered to 284 Coy R.A.S.C. 2 x 3 ton Vehs collected F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C. 15 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to fwd P.P. This Unit Vehs working with 20 Fd Coy R.E. under 624 Fd Pk Coy R.E. were first RASC vehs to enter GERMANY. Coy Comds conference at C.R.A.S.C. location.	DR
Field	10.	0600 2045 2359	Strength 9 Offrs and 263 O.Rs. 2 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to GOIRLE with P.O.L. 3 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to Fwd PP with P.O.L. 3 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 20 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting P.O.W.s. P.P. in Coy location - Issues 2295 Gals. Fwd P.P. Issues - 5973 Gals. ADM. P.P. Issues - 1206 Gals. Coy Comdrs Conference at C.R.A.S.C. location. Coy Comdrs Conference at C.R.A.S.C. location.	A.F.W. 3008/9 DR
	11.		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 2340 Gals. Fwd P.P. Issues 12938 Gals ADM. P. Issues 765 Gals. 10 x 3 ton Vehs collected supplies from 166 F.M.C. (GEMERT) 5730.	DR

Field			15 x 3 ton Vehs carried P.O.L. fwd for Urgent Maintenance of 44, 46, & 227 Bdes. Roads in terrible muddy condition and floods encountered NR KRANENBURG. 1 x 3 ton Veh loaded P.O.L. proceeded to Fwd P.P. 2 x 3 ton Vehs loaded P.O.L. proceeded to ADM PP. GOIRLE. 5 x 3 ton Vehs delivered E/Jerricans to SCHYUNDEL STATION. 1 x 3 ton veh collected F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C. 1 x 3 ton Veh collected Oils from 166 F.M.C. 11 x 3 ton Vehs collected Coal and Coke. T/280153 Cpl. Clapham A. of this Unit awarded M.M. Announced in London Gazette 1 Feb 45 for Gallantry in the Bridgehead.	DR DR
Field	12.		Pet. P. in Coy location Issued 2223 Gals. Fwd Pet P. Issued 13744 Gals. Adm Pet P. Issued 1107 Gals. 14 x 3 ton Vehs carried P.O.L. forward for maintenance of Bdes. One party proceeded to KRANENBURG and one party to NUTTENDEN. Muddy & flooded roads made movement extremely difficult. 4 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to Fwd P.P. 2 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to GOIRLE. 3 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 14 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to fwd P.P. 8 x 3 ton Vehs returned from fwd P.P.	 DR DR
	13.		No maintenance fwd of NIJMEGEN possible owing to flooded conditions of roads. 5 x 3 ton Vehs carried P.O.L. to fwd P.P. 8 x 3 ton Vehs unable to return from Fwd Area owing to floods and therefore were engaged in working new area from 167 F.M.C. P.P. in Coy location Issued 2250 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 3402 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 639 Gals.	 DR
Field	14.		Still no maintenance fwd of NIJMEGEN possible owing to flooded conditions of Roads. 3 x 3 ton Vehs carried Oils to Fwd P.P. 1 x 3 ton Veh carried Oils to Adm P.P. 4 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 1 x 3 ton Veh collected F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C. 8 x 3 ton Vehs still marooned in Fwd Area. Capt Cronshaw of this Unit evacuated to Hospital. P.P. in Coy location Issued 1755 Gals. Fwd P.P. issued 2526 Gals. Adm P.P. issued 2143 Gals.	 DR
	15.		P.P. in Coy location issued 2745 Gals.	

Field			Fwd P.P. issued 2755 Gals. Adm P.P. issued 1012 Gals. 15 x 3 ton Vehs carried 25 Pdr forward through Reichswald Forest Maintenance of Fwd Area impossible for Wheeled Vehs. Maintenance now being carried out by DUKWs.	DR
	16.		15 x 3 ton Vehs collected 25 Pdr and delivered to fwd A.P. through the Reichswald Forest. Maintenance of Fwd Area still being carried out by DUKWs. Pet P. in Coy location issued 2300 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 1318 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 1496 Gals.	DR
Field	17.	0600 1645	Strength 8 Offrs and 263 O.Rs. Pet P. in Coy location issued 2520 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 666 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 319 Gals. Capt M.H. Brooks (255250) admitted to No 10 C.C.S. 24 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting 25 Pdr and delivered to A.P. 3 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting 40 mm Amn from 166 F.M.C. and delivered to 62 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde). Coy Comds attended conference at 6 R.A.S.C. location.	A.F.W. 3008/9. DR DR
	18.		Adm Pet P. issued 1413 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 4666 Gals. Coy moved to new location at M.R. 5746 (ZEELAND). It was proposed to form a Pet. P. in area M.R. 8355 (NUTTENDEN). Lt C.K.Q. Corlett together with Comp. Pl. personnel were sent fwd on the night of 18/19 to open this. This Pet P. will be stocked from 167 F.M.C. Wireless truck attached this Unit sent fwd and attached 283 Coy R.A.S.C.	DR
Field	19.		Pet. P. in Coy location issued 1260 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 180 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 8590 Gals. The Adm Pet P. at GOIRLE had now to issue rations in addition to P.O.L. A butcher and 2 Issuers from 283 Coy R.A.S.C. were sent down to assist in accordance with instruction in Appx. Owing to the Canadians taking over CLEVE and surrounding area it was necessary to form a New Pet P. at BEDBURG M.R. 9252. This was manned by personnel from the NUTTENDEN P.P. and was stocked by 12 x 3 ton Vehs which had been attached to the Point. These Vehs had to draw M.T. 80 from HAPS station and Oils were drawn from NIJMEGEN. The Pet P. at NUTTENDEN is being turned into a cushion and will be	A.Q.M.G. letter. DR

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			R.A.S.C. Another feeding point was open at 284 Coy RASC location. The siting of the 284 Coy Cookhouse was not satisfactory as Dvrs had to travel from the A.P. to the Guns and then return to 284 Coy location before getting food. There was therefore often a break of 15 hrs between getting food at Amn Depot GEMERT and 284 Coy location. 2nd Cookhouse should be at A.P.	DR
Field	23		P.P. in Coy location issued 450 Gals. NIJMEGEN P.P. issued 3168 Gals. Adm Pet P. Issued 1381½ Gals. BEDBURG Pet P. issued 10,143 Gals. 22 Vehs employed on Tp carrying detail.	DR
	24.		P.P. in Coy location issued 360 Gals. NIJMEGEN P.P. issued 135 Gals. Adm P.P. issued 1764 Gals. BEDBURG P.P. issued 9315 Gals. This Coy was engaged in running P.O.L. stocks from NUTTENDEN to BEDBURG also 32 x 3 ton Vehs had to be provided for collecting 25 Pdr and delivering to Amn. P. at GEMERT.	DR
Field	25.		P.P. in Coy location issued 1672 Gals. NIJMEGEN P.P. issued 7398 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 603 Gals. BEDBURG Pet P. issued 10453 Gals. 5 x 3 ton Vehs were damaged by enemy action, damage being inflicted to radiators and Petrol Tanks. Repairs were effected by a section of this Units Wksps detached to 193 Fd Amb and it was unnecessary to evacuate the Vehs from the fwd area. The 2 IC proceeded to BAARLE NASSAU to recce for Coy accommodation as instrs were received that the Division was being withdrawn from the line for a rest period. A subaltern and 9 ORs were sent to BAARLE NASSAU for the purpose of opening a P.P. in the Area. This was opened all day on 26 & 27 Feb.	
Field			The party was equipped with 16 x 3 ton Vehs which stocked the P.P. daily from 132 Pet Depot. The fwd P.P. was closed and the operating staff together with 10,000 Gals Pet was sent to BAARLE NASSAU in order to run the P.P. in the new area. On this day commitments were so heavy that domestic vehs were brought into 'Task' use and altogether a total of 72 Task Vehs were on the road. The strain on drivers was unusually heavy and a system of relief drivers was almost impossible to apply. In addition the work for Wksps was being built up at a terrific rate.	DR
	26.		Capt M.H. Brooks discharged from Hospital returned to Unit. BAARLE NASSAU Pet. P. issued 3551 Gals.	

Field			Adm P. issued 873 Gals. 15(S) Inf Div pulled out of line and commenced to concentrate in Area BAARLE NASSAU, s'HERTOGENBOSCH, TILBURG for rest period.	DR
	27.		30 x 3 ton Vehs were ordered to stand by in order to supply 25 Pdr to Div when required. BAARLE NASSAU Pet P. issued 14175 Gals.	DR
	28.		This Unit moved to New location at BAARLE NASSAU M.R. 049199 and was established by 1230 hrs. The Pl left behind at old location was notified by 30 Corps late in the day that the Vehs would not be required for maintenance of Div R.A. The Pl joined the Coy at 1330 hrs 1 Mar 45. Div R.A.S.C. was congratulated on its excellent work by Div Comd. Pet P. in Coy location issued 13950 Gals.	DR

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Unit 399 Coy RASC (Inf Bde)

Month and Year March 45.

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.T. RUSSELL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
The Field	1		'B' Platoon joined Coy arriving at 1030 hrs from ZEELAND where it has been standing by with a view to lifting 25 Pdr for Div R.A. which expected to be employed with another formation. However, it was not required. P.P. in Coy location issued 10,030 Gals M.T. 80. A comprehensive overhaul of all task vehs was very necessary after the extraordinary heavy work of the past three weeks and it was decided that 3 days should be allotted to each transport Pl, commencing with 'A' Pl for extensive vehicle maintenance and that each Pl should send its vehs into Wksps by sections during the 3 day maintenance period allotted. It was also decided that as far as possible vehs should be repainted during the Div rest period. It will be seen that during the 3 days maintenance period, one tpt Pl would have to carry out the Tpt details for the Coy and vice versa. This maintenance plan was complicated by the innovation of Short Leave to BRUSSELS for all ranks and it was felt that the full quota of vacancies allotted to this Coy could not be accepted at least until the maintenance programme was completed. Accordingly a reduced quota was accepted with the proviso that this would be increased when possible.	DR DR DR
The Field				
	2.		P.P. in Coy location Issued 11704 Gals M.T. 80.	DR
The Field	3.		'A' Pl completed its 3 day maintenance period but only 3 Sections had passed through Wksps i.e. 1 Sect per day. 'B' Pl would commence its 3 day period on 4 Mar irrespective of this and the remainder of 'A' Pl would be "operated" upon as a part of the normal daily programme. P.P. in Coy location issued 6525 Gals M.T. 80. Strength of Unit on this day 9 Offrs & 261 ORs.	DR A.F.W. 3008 & 9.

The Field	4.		E.& M.E. Instructions directed that mechanically propelled vehs would change over from Winter Grade to Summer Grade Oils. This change over involved the use of H.D.30 instead of H.D.10 and C600 in lieu of Hyp 90. The period 1 - 14 Mar was given for the change over and A.Q. 15(S) Div called for completion certificates as at 13 March 45. P.P. in Coy location issued 8349½ Gals M.T. 80.	DR DR
	5.		P.P. in Coy location issued 5692½ Gals M.T. 80. 10 x 3 ton Vehs were employed collecting BRUSSELS leave personnel from OISTERWEIGH and delivered them to GOIRLE. 10 x 3 ton vehs delivered P.O.L. to 227 Bde at ASHE.	DR
	6.		P.P. in Coy location Issued 20616½ Gals M.T. 80. 30 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Coal, Coke & Anthracite from 164 D.I.D. BREDA. 23 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from RETHY.	DR
The Field	7.		P.P. in Coy location issued 8347½ Gals M.T. 80. 17 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from LOMMEL. Coy was ordered to move to LOMMEL; the Div had moved under comd of 12 Corps. Coy moved by Pls commencing 0845 hrs. 224 tons of coal was handed over to 4 Armd Div to repay a similar amount which had been obtained from them by the Unit on moving into location at BAARLE NASSAU.	DR Appx No2. DR
	8.		P.P. in Coy location Issued 21618 Gals M.T. 80. 31 x 3 ton Vehs collected Coal & Anthracite from 135 D.I.D. EYSDEN. 20 x 3 Vehs collected Coke from AVERBODE.	DR
	9.		P.P. in Coy location issued 15291 Gals M.T. 80. 27 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from LOMMEL.	DR
The Field	10.		Strength of Unit this day 9 Offrs & 259 ORs. P.P. Issued 8676 Gals M.T. 80.	3008/9. DR
	11.		P.P. issued 7389 Gals M.T. 80. 16 x 3 ton Vehs collected Coke from AVERBODE.	DR
	12		P.P. issued 15664½ Gals M.T. 80. 41 x 3 ton Vehs collected Coal from Wilhelmina Colliery Nr. ACHEN. 6 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to 227 Bde. 5 x 3 ton Vehs reported to 10 H.L.I.	DR
	13.		P.P. issued 11918½ Gals M.T. 80.	DR
The Field	14.		P.P. issued 20212 Gals M.T. 80. 6 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to 227 Bde.	DR DR
	15.		P.P. issued 29097 Gals M.T. 80.	

			10 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to 15 Recce Regt.	DR
	16.		P.P. issued 39123 Gals M.T. 80. 4 x 3 ton Vehs of this Coy reported to 62 Coy RASC for Amn detail.	 DR
The Field	17.		The preliminary instructions were received this day for the organisation of maintenance in support of 15(S) Div in its assault crossing of the River RHINE. 15(S) Div was about to concentrate on the Bank of the RHINE and the maintenance programme embraced the building up of fwd dumps of Amn, P.O.L. Sups, F.T.F. Lifebelts, Individual Reserve Rations etc, the establishing of a fwd P.P. for the replenishment of Units as they moved fwd & the maintenance of a P.P. in present area. A fwd Dump was to be established at VEEN M.R. 113358 holding a 50,000 Gal P.O.L. Pack. Strength of Unit this day 9 Offrs & 264 ORs. P.P. issued 38,398½ Gals M.T. 80.	DR DR AFW. 3008/9. DR
The Field	18.		25,000 Gals of P.O.L. was transferred by this Coy to the fwd Dump VEEN on 16th March. A further 25,000 Gals was moved to VEEN on this day together with 2,000 Gals F.T.F. light. The Pl which delivered 25,000 Gals P.O.L. on 16th remained in fwd area and was employed from 17 Mar onwards to draw Amn from 10 A.R.H. for the stocking of DUKW Dumps just West of the RHINE. An Extra Ration of Rum was made this day. 15,000 Rds 3" Mortar were collected and conveyed to Fwd Dump. P.P. in Coy location Issued 21064½ Gals M.T. 80.	 DR DR
The Field	19.		The replenishment of Bottles, Burners & Spheres for Flame Throwing equipment was delayed owing to the system whereby Higher Authority is required before releases can be obtained. A wireless silence was ordered this day until further notice. Instructions were issued for 20,000 Gals P.O.L. to be collected from Pet Depot, MARHEEZE and conveyed to new Coy location this day. This was also to be repeated on the 20th but transport was inadequate to meet these commitments and 10 x 3 ton vehs were borrowed from 62 Coy R.A.S.C. P.P. in Coy location issued 2830½ Gals M.T. 80.	 DR DR
	20.		Coy moved from area LOMMEL to LULLINGER M.R. 9627. 2 days SUPS were drawn by this Coy this day. The Tpt Pl operating in the fwd Area was engaged in the collection of 25 Pdr for Fwd Dump. The Amn Dump was entirely under the Comd of 55 F.M.A.S. which had been brought under Comd of 15(S) Div R.A.S.C. for the current operation.	Appx No3.

The Field			Sups & Pet at fwd Dump were formed into a small DID and all releases of Amn, Pet & Sups were in DUKW loads controlled by HQ, RASC. P.P. in Coy location issued	DR DR
	21.		On this day 24 Vehs were again engaged on the collection of Amn for Fwd Dump whilst Tpt from Coy location was engaged in the collection of Life Buoy Spheres, Batteries, Burners and WASP Cylinders to be delivered to DUKW Dump.	 DR
	22.		A 20 x 3 ton Veh troop lift was carried out on the 22nd. Transport reported at 0600 hrs but did not move until late afternoon. 4 Armd and 31 Tank Bdes were brought under Div Comd and a dump of POL formed in fwd area by this Coy. No. 116 Pioneer Corps, attached to 55 FMAS was found to be a great help in the man-handling of all products.	 DR
	23.		First pre loading of DUKWs was carried out this day at DUKW dump and it was estimated that the DUKW ferry would be opened by 1600 hrs on D Day	 DR
	24.		6 x 3 ton Veh, 1 Water truck and 1 B/down reported to fwd dump for duty on the East bank of the RHINE. A Comp Pl NCO Cpl. Holmes also crossed for duty at the newly established East Bank Dump.	 DR
	25.		It was reported that 6 x 3 ton Vehs which had been detached to 624 Fd Park Coy since the 22nd were the first Div RASC vehicles to cross the RHINE. The crossing was made at 0800 hrs on the 24th March Sub-normal maintenance was carried out until 29 March 45.	 DR
The Field.	29.		Throughout the 29 Mar Coy Transport was engaged on clearing VEEN dump of POL which was brought to Coy location preparatory to being taken fwd over the RHINE to a P.P. established at M.R. 135434. F.T.F. from VEEN dump together with Batteries and Burners from O.F.P. were also delivered to fwd PP. Spare vehs were employed on clearing Amn from VEEN dump to the EAST BANK. Coy moved to SONSBECK M.R. 0535 and crossed the RHINE.	DR Appx No4.
	30		PP in Coy loc issued ~~2358~~ 15133 gals MT 80. Unit Vehs were employed collecting 71 loads POL.	 DR
	31		PP in Coy loc issued 20353 gals MT 80.	

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Unit 399 Coy RASC (Infantry Brigade)

Month & Year April 45 Commanding Officer:- Major D.T. Russell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
The Field	1		Company moved to area MR 2144 Map Q1 Germany 1,100,000 which was the first move of the Coy as a main body over the RHINE. A total of 67 loads POL and FTF had to be ferried forward and this was not accomplished until the following day. The Pln of Vehs engaged on Third Line Lift carried forward Bridging Equipment. P.P. in Coy location issued 15569 galls MT 80.	Appx. 1. DR
	2		1 Pln still engaged on Corps Lift - Bridging Equipment. 10 x 3 Ton Vehs collected Rfts from 106 CRC, TWISTENDEN. P.P. issued 14609 galls NT 80.	DR
	3		1 Pln still engaged on Corps Lift - Bridging Equipment. Dvr Hatton C. i/c WD Veh No L 772775 absent without leave. 11 x 3 Ton Vehs POL from 118 FMC. P.P. issued 16951 galls MT 80.	DR
	4		1 Pin engaged on Corps Lift -Bridging Equipment. The system of Bde Maintenance trains was inaugurated in order that Bdes could be self maintained during the preliminary moves across Germany. 17 x 3 Ton Vehs, loaded POL, moved in maintenance support of 227 Bde and subsequently on 6 April returned to parental control. P.P. issued 14612 galls of MT 80.	DR
	5		Coy moved forward to new location at MR 763891 leaving old location at 1230 hrs. Detached Pln rejoined unit. P.P. issued 11012 galls MT 80.	Appx. 1. DR
	6		P.P. issued 46508 galls MT 80.	DR
The Field	7		Coy moved to new location MR 392155 Sheets 2 7 3 Germany 1/100,000 in support of 15 (S) Div. 19 x 3 Ton Vehs carrying POL formed maintenance teams — 4 with 46 Bde and 15 with 227 Bde. P.P. issued 36967 galls MT 80.	1. DR
	8		P.P. issued 46539 galls MT 80	DR

	9		15 (S) Div continued to advance and Coy moved to new location at MAASLINGEN MR 7921 14 x 3 Ton Vehs collected POL from 62 FMC KELLEN. P.P. issued 29067 galls MT 80.	 DR
	10		17 x 3 Ton vehs were despatched to MR 2144 WESEL to collect empties which could not be moved at the time of originally moving from that area. 3 x 3 Ton vehs collected POL from 62 FMC KELLEN P.P. issued 12708 galls MT 80.	 DR
	11		Coy moved at 0600 hrs to SCHWALENBRUCH MR 046267 Sheet 3 Germany 1/100,000. The possibility of isolated enemy dets operating along lines of communication was making itself felt despite the fact the enemy was generally being forced back to defensive positions along the ELBE and full LMG protection of Cols was insisted upon. P.P. issued 27732 galls MT 80.	1. DR
	12		33 x 3 Ton Vehs collected POL from 62 FMC P.P. issued 19206 galls MT 80.	DR
	13		Coy moved forward to new location in area MEITZE MR 3743 Sheet Hanover H4. 25,000 galls MT 80 had to be dumped in this location by 1200 hrs the previous day for P.P. opening today. P.P. issued 43160½ galls MT 80.	1. DR
The Field	14		Evidence of an impending Pet shortage the seriousness of which cannot be ascertained. Only permitted to draw 13500 galls of MT 80. A F/D PP on wheels was opened at MR 65859 holding 13500 Gals M.T. 80. The simplicity of holding Points on wheels was most marked in so far as the saving of labour was concerned. Recce parties left location at 0900 hrs to Recce area M.R. 8989 UELZEN but had to return to location as the enemy was not clear of the area. 20 x 3 ton vehicles collected POL from 63 FMC. P.P. issued 10030½ Gals M.T. 80.	 DR
	15.		Petrol again rationed by 230 Pet. Depot 63 FMC 13,000 Gals drawn. It was not known whether a PP was to be established fwd today as R/T communication with C.RASC could not be established over 26 miles. A PP on wheels was sent fwd (13500 Gals) and Pl Offr went ahead to contact C.RASC. Fwd PP was required and was established at MR 658597.	

			Recce Party again went fwd but proposed new Coy area was still not clear of the enemy. An alternative was selected M.R. 680649. 17 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 63 FMC. PP issued 13135 Gals M.T. 80.	 DR
The Field	16.		Coy moved forward to area ESCHEDE MR 6862 leaving present location at 0900 hrs. Frequent moves have been found to interfere greatly with the prosecution of a smooth wksps repair and maintenance programme and therefore the Coy wksps have invariably been allowed to proceed independently in order that urgent repairs can be completed. The tremendous amount of fwd traffic on the main axis made it necessary for the Coy to move by sections of not more than 6 vehs on this move. 64 loads POL were ferried fwd. It was reported that three Enemy Battle Gps were at large in the 15 (S) Div area and special defence had to be set up although the man-power problem since the re-organisation of the RASC made it very difficult. 17 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. PP issued 11718 Gals M.T. 80.	1. DR DR
	17.		19 x 3 ton vehs collected POL from 64 FMC at CELLE. P.P. issued 14175 Gals M.T. 80.	 DR
	18.		15 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. 3 x 3 ton Vehs collected FTF from 64 FMC 3 x 3 ton vehs collected AMN with 62 Coy RASC. PP issued 11421 Gals M.T. 80.	 DR
	19.		4 x 3 ton Vehs loaded POL proceeded to 227 Bde. 5 x 3 ton vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. PP issued 12834 Gals M.T. 80.	 DR
	20.		Coy moved to area REINSTORF Maps GERMANY M.5. Original destination of the Coy was given as HESEBECK M.R. 9399 on arrival was found to be occupied by 5th Division.	1.

The Field			It was known that 15 (S) Div was likely to be static for some few days while the build up for the crossing of the ELBE took place and an intensive maintenance programme for vehs was arranged. 5 x 3 ton Vehs were employed conveying personnel to Div Battle School. 3 x 3 ton Vehs were employed conveying U.K. leave personnel. 33 x 3 Ton Vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. PP issued 9279 Gals M.T. 80.	DR DR
	21.		PP issued 9814½ Gals M.T. 80.	DR
	22.		30 x 3 ton Vehs were engaged on Corps Flog lifting commodities fwd from 12 ARH. to 64 FMC a Total turn-round of approx 500 miles. 16 x 3 ton vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. PP issued 24327½ Gals M.T. 80.	DR
	23.		Owing to the general shortage of transport for commitments on hand a Pl of mixed 15 (S) Div first line vehs was formed and operated under an Officer of this Coy on third line "Flogs". 19 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. PP issued 14436 Gals M.T. 80.	DR
	24.		30 x 3 ton Vehs returned to Coy location from Corps Flog. 19 x 3 ton vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. PP issued 16164 Gals M.T. 80.	DR
	25.		19 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. PP. issued 15849 Gals M.T. 80.	DR
The Field.	26.		Throughout this month no move could be made without ferrying commodities and Veh mileage has been very high. Further, third line lifts when fwd Divisional movement is temporarily halted gives little time for veh maintenance to be brought up to scratch, and the stamina of Drivers is fully tried. Accidents have not been unduly high despite bad road conditions. 18 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 64 FMC. 6 x 3 ton Vehs collected Sups with 283 Coy RASC. 3 x 3 ton Vehs collected AMN with 62 Coy RASC.	DR

			PP issued 15,279½ Gals M.T. 80.	
	27.		By today the following quantities of PET have been dumped at ECHEM M.R. 8630 for ferrying across the ELBE as the ferry is opened. For 15 (S) Div 15000 Gals Pet. 23 DUKW loads. For Staffs Yeo. 1800 Gals Pet. In addition three Pls less 14 DUKWS of 297 Coy have been pre-loaded with SUPS, PET and AMN ready for ferrying across. PET involved - 15000 gals POL. Pack. A guard of 1 NCO and 6 ORs of this Coy was employed at ECHEM together with a detachment of Comp. Pl for the supervision of DUKW loading. 32 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 65 FMC. 2 x 3 ton Vehs conveyed personnel on U. K. Leave PP issued 31,824 Gals M.T. 80.	DR
The Field	28.		Normal maintenance continued for all units of 15 (S) Div. 20 x 3 ton Vehs collected POL from 65 FMC. PP issued 28534½ Gals M.T. 80.	DR DR
	29.		Assault Troops of 15 (S) Div crossed the ELBE. A DUKW ferry also began to operate today and a DID of SUPS and POL was established by Capt. BOORMAN of 283 Coy RASC in the area of LAUENBURG. All Units North of the ELBE drew from this point wef D + 1 while units still SOUTH of the river drew from RASC Coy locations. A Sec of Pioneers was allotted to the NORTH Bank dump and 2 Secs to the SOUTH Bank dump until late D Day when an additional section moved over the river. 15,000 gals POL were ferried across the river. Lt. PLOWRIGHT of this Coy formed part of RECCE party which crossed the ELBE today to establish DUKW dump on N. bank of the river and subsequent RASC locations.	DR
	30.		Coy left location at 2230 hrs to cross the ELBE by night and move into area 878355 LAUENBURG. Coy was already on the move when instructions were received cancelling the move owing to the Class 40 Bridge not being available for further traffic until the following morning. Coy actually crossed the ELBE at 0830 hrs 1 May 45. First PP on North Bank of the river was opened at the DUKW Dump.	DR

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Unit 399 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf. Bde.)

Month and Year May 45.

Commanding Officer Major D.T. RUSSELL R.A.S.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1		Coy crossed Class 40 Bridge over the ELBE at 0840 hours and moved into location at LAUENBURG M.R. 878355. P.P. in Coy location Issued 15480 Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 11. DR
	2.		Coy moved forward to JULIUSBURG M.R. 845390. P.P. in Coy location Issued 16,605 Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 12 DR
	3.		Coy moved forward to BRUNSTORF M.R. 786477. P.P. in Coy location issued 24,529½ Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 13. DR
	4		Coy moved forward to GRONWHOLD M.R. 7764. P.P. Issued 12,631½ Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 14 DR
Field	5.		All hostilities on N.W. GERMANY front ceased at 0800 hrs today. P.P. issued 21384 Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	6.		Blanket lorries attached to Bdes and Motor Cyclists attached to Fd Regts were returned permanently to Coy Control. P.P. in Coy location issued 9428 Galls M.T. 80. 5 x 3 Ton Vehs conveyed personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave. 17 x 3 Ton Vehs collected Pet from 66 F.M.C.	 DR
Field	7.		An intensive drive was commenced in order to reveal stocks of enemy P.O.L. SUPS. and equipment etc. P.O.L. depot at ITSEHOSE was examined and reported upon. 5 x 3 ton Vehs were employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp for U.K. leave. 11 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Pet from 66 F.M.C. 25 x 3 ton vehs employed conveying Tps to KIEL. P.P. in Coy location issued 28,208½ Galls M.T. 80.	 DR DR
	8.		1 Officer, 35 ORs and 16 x 3 tons Vehs were attached to 46(H) Bde at KIEL for the maintenance of that formation. The detachment included Comp personnel & was quite independent except that P.O.L. drawals from 122 D.I.D. 66 F.M.C. were controlled by this H.Q. in order to restrict Bulk Drawings to conform with daily authorisations of P.O.L.	

Field			An intensive maintenance programme including painting of Vehs was inaugurated for this detachment. 25 x 3 ton Vehs returned to Coy location from Tp carrying detail (KIEL). 5 x 3 ton Vehs employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave. P.P. in Coy location issued 6709½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	9.		Work Tickets re-introduced. 5 Civilian omnibuses utilized for conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave. P.P. in Coy location issued 9000 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	10.		C.C. visited detachment under Capt. Blackwell at KIEL. 10 x 3 ton Vehs employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave. P.P. issued 5328 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	11.		With the cessation of hostilities in Europe arrangements were made for units & formations to enter their permanent occupying area. However, this Coy is to remain in present location for the time being until the role of 46 Bde in KIEL is completed & this formation moves into its final area. A number of German P.W Camps were brought under command of 15(S) Inf Div and R.A.S.C. were responsible for maintenance of Sups, P.O.L. (in the case of this Coy) etc & Red Cross amenities. P.P. in Coy location issued 7195½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
Field	12.		Arranged for 30 PsO.W. to be collected daily from P.W. cage to perform certain manual duties i.e. loading, cleaning of Vehs etc, under supervision. Prisoners subsequently found to work well and willingly. Instructions issued by Higher Authority for all German Vehs to be handed in by 14th. P.O.L. Dump at M.R. 649769 examined and reported upon. Practically all Machine Oil; very little commercial P.O.L. in existence. P.P. in Coy location issued 7195½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	13.		5 x 3 ton Vehs of this Coy together with 59 x 3 ton vehs of Div R.A.S.C. carried out troop lift consisting of 44 Bde Units who were moving into permanent occupation area. Enemy vehs including trailers returned to dump at AHRENSBURG. P.P. in Coy location issued 3631½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	14.		Possible P.O.L. stocks at WANKENDORF M.R. 6115 and at ROHHAS M.R. 6910 investigated but none could be found. P.P. in Coy location issued 16060½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR

	15.		It was known that GOEBBELS had instructed all large food stocks to be distributed amongst shops & smallholders. A search party was instructed to commence a drive through our own Coy area searching shop premises, cellars, barns, and lofts etc in order to find large food stocks, w.e.f. 16th. However, practically nothing in excess of individual requirements was found over a period of several days. 28 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Potatoes. 5 x 3 ton Vehs employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave. P.P. in Coy location issued 10167½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	16.		The Coy area was thoroughly combed for P.Ws, P.W.Xs, and D.Ps. P.Ws were collected and taken to P.W. Camp; such D.Ps as were working on farms etc, were allowed to remain and a register made; other D.Ps were collected. The job was concluded on 18th May. 100 sacks of corn were discovered and conveyed to 15(S) Inf Div R.A.S.C. dump at SIEMS. 26 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to 131 D.I.D. to offload potatoes. First ten Vehs to offload proceeded to SOLTENDIEK to collect 30 tons potatoes. P.P. in Coy location issued 7128 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	17.		10 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to WISMAR together with Vehs of other Div R.A.S.C. Coys and conveyed troops of 6 Airborne Div to LAUENBURG. P.P. in Coy location issued 6872 Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	18.		10 x 3 ton Vehs employed delivering Potatoes. 10 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Potatoes. 10 x 3 ton Vehs still out on Tp lift. P.P. in Coy location issued 11610 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	19		No permanent area as yet allotted this Coy. 15(S) Inf Div R.A. allocated KREIS STORMAN, 44 Bde KREIS SEGEBERG, 227 Bde KREIS LUBECK. 15(S) Inf Bde Gp and 106 AA BDE under Div Comd KREIS LAUENBURG. 10 x 3 ton Vehs still out on Tp lift. P.P. issued 5481 Galls M.T. 80. 10 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Potatoes. 10 x 3 ton Vehs employed delivering Potatoes.	DR
Field	20.		30 x 3 ton Vehs carried out a double lift of P.Ws from Rabbit Camp M.R. 667732 to 6 Gds Bde BORNHOVED M.R. 6311. P.P. Issued 9066 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	21.		A Programme was commenced whereby 5,000 P.W.X and D.Ps were to be moved daily totalling 25,000 from XVIII U.S. Airborne Corps to 8	

			Corps area and 59,000 from 8 Corps area to XVIII Corps area. One complete Pl from this Coy was engaged daily from 22nd May until 24th May and a check point was established at EINHAUS M.R. 985727. This Coy was also detailed to recce & establish a Harbour area in area LAUENBURG which had to be capable of receiving 5,000 P.W.Xs & D.Ps and up to 200 Vehs. P.P. in Coy location issued 15327 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	22.		A thorough search of own Coy area was inaugurated with the object of un-earthing enemy War material. Search included Barns, lofts, village halls & gardens etc but little was found except oddments of enemy Amn. A dump to receive all enemy equipment was established in TRITTEAU from where back loading was to take place. P.P. in Coy location issued 17,985½ galls M.T. 80.	DR
	23.		Stocks of enemy supplies were investigated at the Mill M.R. 758667. They consisted of Corn, Wheat, Cattle food etc. The Mill was not functioning owing to lack of electric power but this was laid on and the Mill functioned again. P.P. in Coy location issued 13637 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	24.		Enemy stocks of P.O.L. at M.R. 821826 were investigated. They consisted of Tractor Oil & greases etc only suitable for farm implements & machinery & were not removed. P.P. in Coy location issued 6177½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	25.		30 x 3 ton Vehs of this Coy were again employed in the moving of P.W.X and DPs operating under Comd of O.C. 62 Coy RASC. Pl R.V'd at KIEL at 1930 hrs. Detail was completed on 26 May. P.P. issued 12,587½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	26.		P.P. in Coy location issued 13990½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	27.		The shortage of P.O.L. in Germany suitable for commercial use is most noticeable for no large stocks whatsoever have been uncovered in this sector over a wide area. P.P. in Coy location issued 8341 Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	28		P.P. in Coy location issued 16436 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	29.		P.P. in Coy location issued 8849 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	30.		P.P. in Coy location issued 14,015½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	31.		Preliminary notification has been received during the past days of the forming of an Ad Hoc Coy for the gathering in of the harvest, the operation to be known as 'Barley Corn'. It was proposed that 62 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde) should provide the ad hoc coy H.Q. with two pls and Sec Wksps and two transport Pls provided by this Coy and 284 Coy R.A.S.C. (Div Tps). To replace the Pl provided by this Coy one Pl on the scale of 30 x 3 ton Vehs plus 10% reserve would be provided by R.A.	DR

			A Re allocation of Veh maintenance responsibility in respect of affiliated units made this Coy responsible for 194 Fd Amb. The H.Q. of the ad hoc Coy moved into new location at EUTEN M.R. 8920. Pl from this day will not be moving prior to 1st June and probably not until 3rd June. P.P. in Coy location issued 11174 Galls M.T. 80.	DR D.T. Russell Major

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Unit 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)

Month and Year JUNE. 1944.

Commanding Officer Major M.C. Howard

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LANCING SUSSEX.	1st to 11th		Final preparations for operational service overseas carried out in accordance with instructions received.	A.Fs W.3008 & 3009F. SER. No. 22-23 MH for weeks-ending
LANCING SUSSEX	9th		1 officer and 1 OR departed unit as advance recce party for unit location in 15 (S) Inf Div operational concentration area.	3rd & 10th JUNE attached. MH Returns for weeks-
LANCING SUSSEX	12th		Instructions received from HQ Movement Control Sussex District for unit to proceed to marshalling area on 13 JUNE 1944.	ending 17th & 24th JUNE MH during time unit was
LONDON	13th	1200	Main body of unit comprising 8 Officers 269 ORs and 92 vehicles arrived London District marshalling and embarkation Camp T.1. Remainder of unit consisting of 28 ORs left at Lancing under command Oi/c Residue 15 (S) Inf Div.	in transit from U.K. to France were not issued. MH
LONDON	14th		Final stages of waterproofing of unit vehicles carried out.	MH
LONDON	15th		8 Officers 269 ORs and 92 vehicles of unit embarked for FRANCE through T.1. Embarkation Camp, London District, in three separate bodies, two detachments by LST and main body by MTS.	MH
FRANCE	13th		1 Officer and 1 OR unit advance recce landed in France and proceeded to 15 (S) Inf Div concentration area.	MH
AT SEA	18th		Unit due to land in France but owing to extremely high seas and weather condition beach landings were impossible.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	19th		'B' Platoon detachment comprising 1 Officer 70 ORs and 26 vehicles landed from LST and proceeded to Divisional concentration area at ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	21st		Detachment of 1 Officer 18 ORs and 6 vehicles landed from LCT and proceeded to ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	24th		Main body of unit comprising 6 Officers 181 ORs and 61 vehicles landed from LCT after being at sea 9 days, and proceeded to Divisional concentration area at ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES. All Officers, ORs and vehicles that embarked from U.K. were landed without sustaining any casualties.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	25th		Coy moved to area FRESNEY-LE-CROTTEUR and commenced maintenance of 15 (S) Inf Div. Supplies and petrol were off-loaded in platoon	

			location and majority of vehicles were used for carrying ammunition forward.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	30th		No casualties to either personnel or vehicles sustained to date. M. Howard Major Commanding 283.Coy.R.A.S.C.(Inf.Bde).	MH

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Month and Year DECEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Major G.A. Cooper. RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN HOLLAND (M.R.SHEET 4) 585120	20th		25 Drivers posted for transfer to Infantry under authority of 21 Army Group letter 21.A.Gp/3762/4/A(ORG) dated 20 December 1944. JH	AFW 3008 SER. NOS. 46, 48, 49 and 50.
ZOMEREN HOLLAND (M.R.SHEET 4) 585120	20th		Coy War Establishment re-organised as before less one Relief Driver Increment and 'C' and 'D' Sections of Composite Platoon, but retaining Amn Capt, his driver - batman and Amn Sjt. Authority for re-organisation 21 Army Group letter 21.A.Gp/1716/8/3/G(SD) dated 17 December 1944. JH J Hawkins Capt 2IC. Major R.A.S.C. A.O.D. Commanding 283 Coy RASC (Inf Bde).	AFW 3009F SER NOS 46, 48, 49, 50.

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Month and Year JANUARY 1945.

Commanding Officer Major G.A. Cooper. RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN HOLLAND (M.R.SHEET 4) 585120	24th		Coy moved to ALPHEN map reference Sheet 2A & 3A. JH near TURNHOUT. E.0827. JH JH J Hawkins Capt 2.IC. Major R.A.S.C. A.O.D. Commanding 283 Coy RASC (Inf. Bde).	AFW. 3008. SER NOS: 1. 2. 3. and 4. AFW. 3009F SER NOS. 1. 2. 3. and 4.

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Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer MAJOR G.A. COOPER RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ALPHEN HOLLAND (MR. 710615)	4th		Coy moved to ZEELAND near GRAVE Sq 5746. Sheet. 5 (Holland).	GAC
ZEELAND HOLLAND (MR 5/5746)	5th		Forward Supply Point established at NIJMEGEN.	GAC
" do " do	18th	0001	Coy moved to NIJMEGEN MR 5/708618.	GAC
NIJMEGEN HOLLAND (MR 5/708618)	24th	1700	Coy moved back to ZEELAND MR 5/5746.	GAC
ZEELAND HOLLAND (MR 5/5746)	25th		Coy returned to ALPHEN MR 710615 Sheet. 5.	GAC
	8th to	25th	During this period Fwd. Sup. Ps were established in neighbourhoods of KRANENBURG 2A&3A/Sq E.85 and CLEVE, GERMANY. Extremely heavy transport commitments were undertaken to assist in forward delivery of ammunition to Fld Regts. During operations no casualties occurred among personnel of Coy. One veh was lost in flooded area of KRANENBURG, GERMANY and accordingly written off charge of unit. Conditions were so bad due to floods and inclement weather that large percentage of transport was carried out by DUKW Coy placed under command. G.A. Cooper Major, R.A.S.C. Commanding 283 Infantry Brigade Company, R.A.S.C.	GAC GAC GAC A.Fs W. 3008 and A.Fs W. 3009F for FEB '45 attached.

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Month and Year MARCH 1945

Commanding Officer MAJOR G.A. COOPER RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ALPHEN HOLLAND MR. 5/710615	6th		Coy moved and established new location at BAELEN, BELGIUM MR 203890	GAC
BAELEN BELGIUM MR 203890	16th		Coy established small D.D for maintenance of 15 (S) Inf Div forward units. D.D location at VEEN, GERMANY MR Q1/113358 under command Capt G.H. BOORMAN.	GAC
BAELEN BELGIUM MR 203890	20th		Coy moved and established new location at LULLINGER, GERMANY MR Q1/972271.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	23rd		Elements of Coy crossed RHINE with assault troops of 15 (S) INF DIV. No casualties.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	27th		P/210073 Capt. J. HAWKINS posted to 62 Coy RASC (INF BDE) on authority of CRASC 15 (S) INF DIV.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	28th		A/Capt. W.H.D. WINDASS posted to HQ RASC 3 (BR) INF. DIV. on authority ST. 12 Corps.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	31st		Coy crossed RHINE and established new location at MR/ Q1/216467 NR MUHLENROTT, GERMANY. During whole of month and including Operation "TORCHLIGHT" crossing of RHINE, no casualties occurred to personnel or vehicles of Coy. G.A. Cooper MAJOR, RASC Commanding 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)	AF W.3008 FOR MARCH AFs W.3009F FOR MARCH GAC GAC

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Month and Year APRIL 1945

Commanding Officer MAJOR G.A. COOPER RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GERMANY MUHLENROTT M.R. Q1/216467	3rd		8 Amphibious vehicles (DUKWs) were taken on charge of Coy under authority of CRASC (15 S. Division).	JEF
" do " do	3rd		S/7954832 Pte GRASSAM A.L attached this Coy from 284 Coy RASC (Inf. Div. Tps) was seriously injured in Coy location following an explosion cause of which was unknown. Evacuated to 9 (Brit) Gen Hospital.	JEF
" do " do	4th		Coy recce party proceeded to area GERVEN, GERMANY Map ref K52/Sq 9289.	JEF
" do " do	6th		Coy established new location at LAER, GERMANY Map ref K52/Sq 9289 area of GERVEN.	JEF
LAER GERMANY M.R. area K52/9289	9th		Coy moved and established new location at BAD ESSEN, GERMANY map ref Q1/412139.	JEF
BAD ESSEN GERMANY MR Q1/412139	10th		Coy moved and established new location at BRUNINGHORSTED, GERMANY, map ref N5/785245	JEF
BRUNINGHORSTED GERMANY MR N5/785245	11th		Coy again moved forward and established location and Supply Point at BAD REHBURG, GERMANY map reference N5/008280. 91639 Capt V.H. Austin taken on strength w.e.f. 10 April 45.	JEF
BAD REHBURG GERMANY MR N5/008/280	13th		Coy location and Supply Point established at GAILHOF, GERMANY MR N5/377414.	JEF
GAILHOF GERMANY MR. N5/692623	15th		Location of Coy established at ESCHEDE, GERMANY map ref N5/692623	JEF
ESCHEDE GERMANY MR N5/692623	20th		Coy moved and established location and Supply Point at OITZEN, GERMANY map ref M5/935979. 258579 WS/LT. Sebastian R.J. posted to 182 Coy RASC (G.T) (as A/Capt)	JEF

OITZEN GERMANY Map ref N5/935979	21st		Coy moved forward to BARENDORF, GERMANY, map ref N5/863185	JEF
BARENDORF GERMANY MR M5/863185	28th		Coy maintained 15 (S) Inf Div with supplies during assault crossing of RIVER ELBE	JEF
BARENDORF GERMANY MR M5/863185	30th		Coy crossed RIVER ELBE and established location and Supply Point at LAUENBURG, GERMANY, map ref L5/878349. For Operation "ENTERPRISE" a Forward Supply Point was established at ECHEM MR M54/Sq 8731 from where a DUKW ferry was operated across the RIVER ELBE. During the crossing of RIVER ELBE one vehicle of the unit was totally destroyed by enemy shell-fire. There were no casualties among personnel of the Coy during the whole operation. During the period 7th to 30th April 2 enemy Officers and 35 enemy Other Ranks were apprehended and passed to PW Cage. A further forward Supply Point was opened at LAUENBURG L5/area 878349 on 30 Apr '45. J.E. Forrest Capt FOR MAJOR, RASC (AOD) COMMANDING 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)	JEF JEF JEF

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Unit 283 COY RASC (INF. BDE).

Month and Year MAY. 1945.

Commanding Officer MAJOR G.A. COOPER RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LAUENBURG GERMANY Map ref:- L5/878349	2nd -	3rd	Intended move of Coy to new location postponed owing to very large numbers of enemy troops coming in to surrender. German units were surrendering complete with vehicles and equipment. Coy organised a PW Camp and it is estimated that 15,000 - 20,000 prisoners passed into the Camp in 24 hours. The Camp was eventually handed over to the charge of 102 A/TK Regt RA (N.H) in order that Coy could carry out previous instructions to move.	GAC
" do " do "	4th		Coy established new location and Supply Point at LUTJENSEE, GERMANY map ref L4/743385.	GAC
LUTJENSEE GERMANY MR. L4/743385			Coy established first static location under Operation "ECLIPSE" at REINFELD Near LUBECK MR 815852, N.W. GERMANY.	GAC
REINFELD GERMANY MR 815852			From time of arrival at REINFELD until end of month the Coy undertook feeding of all Displaced Persons and PWX in 15 (S) INF. DIV. area. Upon their coming under command of 8 Corps, 8 German PARA DIV were also issued with supplies. Many transport commitments involving the transportation of large numbers of POW, PWX and Displaced Persons were carried out. G.A. Cooper MAJOR. Commanding 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)	GAC

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Unit 194 Field Ambulance

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MacFarlane

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STORRINGTON	1		All officers attended Conference at ADMS. Re beaches etc	JBM
	2		Nil	JBM
	3		Nil	JBM
	4		Nil	JBM
	5		Nil	JBM
	6		'D' day. Adv Party 1 hour notice to move.	JBM
	7		Conference with ADMS. Adv Party departed for RV with remainder Adv Parties at Worthing 1700 hrs D + 1	JBM
	8		CO addresses all ranks. D + 2	JBM
	9		Nil D + 3	JBM
	10		194 Fd Amb Mov Inst No 1 issued D + 4	JBM
	11		Nil D + 5	JBM
	12		Nil D + 6	JBM
	13		Received order to send off rep to Sus dis 14th D + 7	JBM
	14		Road & Rail Mov. Tables received. Unit departs 15 Jun D + 8	JBM
Camp C1	15		Arrived marshalling area 1140 hrs D + 9	JBM
	16		March Party departed D + 10	JBM
	17		Nil D + 11	JBM
	18		0645 hrs stand by to depart 0715! Just managed. Embarked V/82/LST 2 Br. This turned out to be a U.S. LST! D + 12	
	19		Off Arromanches - sea too rough for landing D + 13	
	20		Ditto D + 14	
	21		Ditto D + 15	
	22		Landed Jig Beach 1700 hrs. Proceeded to Div conc area & found marching party already in + adv party. Location BRECY Sheet 7F/1. CO reports to ADMS D + 16	
	23		CO & OC 'A' Coy recced site for ADS at BRETTEVILLE (917723) & Coy CCP at NORREY-EN-BESSIN (923709). C.O. attended 8 Corps Comd Conference 1800 hrs re forthcoming battle. D + 17	JBM
	24		Moved to assembly area Le GRAND VEY (919753) D + 18	JBM

	25		Moved in driblets to BRETTEVILLE (which is to be ADS) starting 2000 hrs, vehs 3 mins apart. D + 19	JBM
	26		0730 hrs terrific barrage of 704 guns opened the attack by 15(S) Div on a 2 Bde front. 44 Lft 46 Rt. 194 Fd Amb clearing 44(L) Inf Bde with ADS at BRETTEVILLE. First casualty arrived at 0750 from CCP est by 'B' Coy at Norrey-en-Bessin. The whole unit worked with fine spirit & were indefatigable. Casualty evacuation was very quick. This was commented upon by DDMS 8 Corps. Casualties came in a steady stream with occasional rushes but were never overwhelming. Totals at 1800 hrs admitted 216 evac 204. D + 20 Attack by 44 & 46 Bdes successful. A coy in sp 227 Bde.	JBM
Bretteville	27	2000	0600 hrs admitted 44 evac 44. 1300 hrs closed on wheels at Bretteville. 'B' Coy with 44 Bde in conc at Le Mesnil Patry. Capt W J Morrissey A Coy severely wounded at CCP Cheux. HQ still on wheels waiting to support 44(L) Bde in the next action. General situation good. Weather awful - intermittent rainstorms. Corps Comd said he was very pleased with everything. 227 (H) Bde reported across R. Odon. Total evac between 0600 & 1800 hrs 84. D + 21	JBM
	28	1100 1400 1500 1530 1930 2030 2400	CO visited CCP 'A' Coy Cheux. Roads very congested. Saw smoke rising in general direction of Cheux at 1145. Arrived 1200 hrs & found that 'A' Coy's location had been hit by a shell but fortunately no damage done. Waited for half an hour to see whether there should be any repetition. All quiet & nobody worrying. Returned to HQ 1330 hrs. Called to ADMS re forthcoming attack by 44 Bde to clear enemy from rd Fontenay Le Mesnil to Le Haut du Bosq. Attended 'O' Gp conference 44 Bde Gp. Arranged for 'B' Coy 194 Fd Amb to est Sec CCP on road behind tps at SL 900679. Attack being done by 8RS with in sp 7 RTR less 1 Sqdn. Contacted MO 8RS & tied up evacuation arrangements. Z hr not before 1700 hrs. Went in to CCP 'A' Coy at Cheux to see situation having given OC 'A' Coy chance to pull out. They are still quite happy. No place near suitable as alternative. Reached HQ having found CCP of B Coy sec on way. ADMS took CO on recce for site of ADS near ADS 193 to relieve pressure. No place suitable so arranged to take over their location. Unit coming up route behind. During recce found 'A' Coy at 905685 - Cheux having become unbearable. Est at 909679. No casualties admitted by 2400 hrs D + 22	JBM

909679	29	0400	Visited CCP of sec B Coy (Lt Eton) - casualties very light in first 2 phases of attack. Strange place for ADS with Inf attack starting on same line but no one worried. Confidence is first class. Weather awful.	
		0600	Admitted 23 evac 21.	
		0900	Casualties in steady stream. Sec CCP relieved by leap frogging section forward to 903666. The party is much more than was anticipated & is now a full Bde attack. Enemy armour in area of ops much heavier than expected.	
		1500	'A' Coy took over ADS for a spell to relieve HQ. Did very good work.	
		1530	DDMS Corps accompanied by Brigadier? Pratt, Surgeon 2nd Army. Complaints that some of our cases of 1st day were not very well treated. This is very disheartening in view of previous good comments by ADMS & DDMS 8 Corps who complained that our documentation of AFs no 3118 was poor. This is hardly believable, as I saw a good deal of the work myself. All MOs warned.	
		1600	Visit of Col Melvin ADMS 50 Div.	
		1800	Admitted 172. Evacuated 158.	
		1900	Slight rumour mongering about enemy break through on right. Situation is a little confused but everything in hand. Area of ADS beginning to look very busy. Armour passing through & concentrating all round.	
		1930	As expected a few shells dropped close knocking out one MAC car & killing the driver. Some of our amb cars are looking the worse for wear but all vehicles in good running order. This coincided with the arrival of the 2 secs of 'B' Coy who have been in action. During a quick withdrawal they were nearly over-run. 44 Bde is now reorganising for defence in area S of Cheux. Enemy has been held. D + 23	
		2330	Solitary shell passed over ADS in direction of ground behind us.	JBM
	30	0600	Admitted 146 evac 137 ⊙ CO visited all RMOs of 44 Bde in their new positions. All very tired having done magnificent work. Deficiencies noted for replacement.	
		1100	CO attended O Gp at 44 Bde HQ in Cheux. Position quiet. Amb cars at RAPs.	
		1200	ADMS & OC 153 Fd Amb who have now arrived visited our ADS.	
		1330	CO & OC 22 FDS went to Conference of Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS. Given whole picture which is one of temporary defence awaiting enemy counter attack.	
		1800	Admitted 31 evac 29.	

		2000 2100 2300	'B' Coy went to est Coy CCP in Cheux to evacuate casualties from 44 Bde to ADS 153 who are to take over from us. Handed over site to 153 Fd Amb & went into rest location at 898708. A Coy still in reserve. Message from 'B' Coy - all quiet. All dug in. D + 24 JB MacFarlane Lt Col	JBM

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Unit 194 Fd Amb

Month and Year July 1944

Commanding Officer LT Col JB MacFarlane RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
898708 (nr Le Mesnil Patry)	1	0600	Admitted nil evac 2.	
		0830	ADMS visited on his way to 153 Fd Amb.	
		1200	ADMS called in on way. 153 have had 4 men killed by shelling. Still some bother about the alleged poor treatment of cases of 1st day of attack.	
		1400	CO called to Div HQ but no information. D + 25	
898708	2	1000	Mjr GC Langlands assumed temporary command of unit.	
		1200	15 Div relieved by 53 Div.	
		1500	'B' Coy rejoined parent unit on relief by Coy 147 FD AMB. Message from A.D.M.S. to be ready to move to new location at 903732.	
903732		2000	Move to location 903732 (Rest area). Odd shell bursts still in locality. D + 26	GCL
903732	3.	9.30	TO attended conference of CRASC at Div HQ.	
		1700	A/O.C. attended A.D.M.S. Conference. Nothing to report D + 27	GCL
903732	4	1000	Unit still "at rest". Personnel bathed + well slept.	
		1030	A/O.C. attended Div Comd Conference which took form of a "Post mortem" on previous week's action. Some useful points brought out	
		1800	but not concerning medicals. Considerable enemy air activity. "Dog-fights" & heavy ack-ack fire. Saw 2 F.W. 190's destroyed. D + 28	GCL
903732	5	1030	Unit visited by Div Comd, who gave his thanks for "devoted work of med services". Day spent in washing clothes & replenishing stores. D + 29	GCL
903732	6	1000	NIL D + 30	GCL
		1630	Conference of QMs & T.O. at Div HQ. D + 30	GCL
903732	7	1100	Information from 44 Bde that unit has been placed on 3 hrs notice to move. Bde contacted. 44 Bde & 46 Bde to proceed to Mondrainville 9264 & MOUEN 9365 & TOURVILLE (9364) areas to relieve 130 Bde & take up defensive positions establishing firm base while 43 Div put in an attack towards VERSON (9665) area.	

		1200	Visited A.D.M.S. re instrs. 'A' Coy detailed only. Remainder of Fd Amb to remain closed in present location.	
		1500	Mjr De Vine (OC 'A' Coy) visited Bde HQ informed that he will move with Bde Gp at 2250 hrs.	
		2300	'A' Coy & Bde Gp column left at 2250 hrs. D + 31	GCL
		2300	For past hour approx 400-500 Lancasters have been bombing area of Caen. Magnificent sight. D + 31	GCL
903732	8	0500	Message to say 'A' Coy established at 933644. Some enemy air activity during night. Several bombs dropped not far from here.	
		1930	Heavy barrage throughout night. Nil further to report. D + 32	GCL
		2200	ADMS visited 194 & 22 FDS (in same location) D + 32	GCL
"	9		Nil - all quiet D + 33	GCL
"	10		Lt Col JB MacFarlane resumed comd. D + 34	GCL
"	11		A Coy returned at 1800 hrs. They did not function as a CCP but did take over the ADS of 130 Fd Amb to give them a rest! Lt Orr MO i/c 6RSF injured slightly. Capt Cole 194 Fd Amb sent to replace. Lt Orr returned to unit & will visit CCS tomorrow for Xray. ADMS looked in - no news. D + 35	JBM
	12	1500	CO with OC 153 Fd Amb recced possible site ADS for forthcoming attack in area Haute de Verson 9465.	
		1830	Reported site to ADMS.	
		2100	Called to ADMS - he was at conference - arrived 2330 hrs! Not much more information. Got back 0030 hrs D + 36	JBM
	13	1430	Conference Fd Med Unit Comds ADMS, CO & OC 153 Fd Amb proceeded to	
		1500	recce another site for ADS in area S of Cheux (9166). Some(?) shells landed nearby but clear of area chosen, which hasn't had very much.	
		1900	Reported site to ADMS who stated that another recce in previous area but rather further back was required for a complete medical area for 15(S) Div. CO, OC 153 Fd Amb & OC 22 FDS recced areas La Mare 9367 La Begude 9467 and also saw OC 14 Lt Fd Amb (closed) in orchard 9368 (near St Mauvieu).	
		2200	Reported to ADMS but he was at conference. Arrived 2400 hrs D + 37	
	14	0001	ADMS says he wants ADS at least out of mortar range as our amb car drivers etc had a sticky time in previous shows where ADS was very close up.	
		0100	Departed ADMS.	
		0900	Attended 44 Bde O Gp with OC 'A' Coy. Got Comdrs plan for forthcoming div attack.	
		1100	Returned to location to find a call to ADMS waiting. ADMS has now decided on a medical area in area of orchard 9368 & surrounding fields. OC 14 Lt Fd Amb has offered half his orchard. COs 194 &	

		1730 2130	153 toss for choice of site. OC 153 won! Took field. I'm in half the orchard. Proceed to orchard & detail the site. Holding party arrives & given directions. Returned to location. A Coy under comd 44 Bde for mov are ready to move to FAA at 0012 hrs (933644). HQ ordered to get on wheels & be ready to "filter" into new area from 2030 hrs onwards. 'B' Coy remain in old location. I proceeded to new area & found all lorries in. Amb car still to come. 'B' Coy will come up with 22 FDS tomorrow morning & be in reserve. Everybody dig! 14 Lt Fd Amb are opening ADS in same place!	D + 38
Orchard 9368 "	15	0130 0800 0845 1130 1430 1430 1630 1900 1930 2130 2300 2330	Dreadful noise of barrage - guns all round as usual. It has been quite impossible to get away from guns in this show. Field across wood full of tanks! Shells dropping just in front of them. Inf troops very busy. A few bombs close by. Breakfast 20 yards from unexploded bomb! Conference ADMS re med op order for Op "Greenline". Construction of ADS started. 9 Carriers from 15(S) Recce Regt attd to A Coy for evac of casualties from RAP to CCP. A Coy report moved to battle posn 931626 TO recced evac routes & took extra amb cars to A Coy. ADMS visited & also saw OC 14 Lt Fd Amb re his role. Decided he would take cars from 43 Div as he is under their comd for this show. ADS ready. AQ 15(S) Div visited & asked us to remove large red cross (also 22 FDS & 153 Fd Amb) as they might give away infm. Won't put out until attack starts. Held Comnd Conference with all ADS depts. Terrific barrage started - deafening. Guns are close behind us! Can't hear myself think! A few casualties from immediate neighbourhood admitted. 44 Bde H hour.	D + 39
"	16	0600 0920 1130 1200	70 cas admitted. Weather good. Problem not wind now but dust. CO went to A Coys fwd CCP arrived 0950 (Les Vilains). A very sticky spot with the usual mortaring. They had one man wounded, one 2 str amb car Z casualty & one 2 str amb car X casualty. These vehs are being replaced by 4-str amb cars which are not much use fwd of CCP. M/Cs at night are having a bad time. Carriers attached are doing great work. CO left for HQ again. 171 cas admitted.	

BRETTEVILLE 918327		1700 1800 2359	CRASC visited ADS. Told him about poor quality of reinforcement drivers - they can't drive! Arrangement made for patients' meals. Details of veh casualties given. 215 cas admitted to date. ADMS visited and arranged relief by 129 Fd Amb of 43 Div. 'B' Coy were sent in to relieve A Coy who have done good work in most harassing conditions. Our first CCP is much further fwd than CCPs of flanking frmns & are getting a large number of these fmns casualties in. Arrived rest location here. A Coy in field at 903732. 44 Bde objectives all taken & more being held. Mortar as usual. Weather fine. Dust.	D + 40
"	17	0930 1500 1630 1800 2330	DDMS 12 Corps (Brig Garson) visited with ADMS. We are in the Div rear medical area. Called to ADMS who has a story of 'B' Coy having been directly hit. CO went up to investigate. B Coy rather shaken - shell through roof & exploded by rear wall. 1 killed, Lt Cooper & 3 men wounded & 6 exhaustions! 5 other men have been returned to HQ as "pre-exhaustion". 1 x 3 tonner hit through radiator - to be towed. Gave ADMS particulars & proceeded to A Coy to get them in a relief lot to Chateau at 933644. B Coy ran into heavy bombing on way back. NCO reported 2 3 tonners hit & have to be towed. B Coy on way on foot. Called TO & arranged for vehs to be off-loaded & equipment & kit brought in. Vehs to be towed in at daylight by 62 Coy RASC.	D + 41
"	18	0130 1130 1220 1630 2100 2330	B Coy arrived, one man wounded - rather miraculous escape. Visited ADMS & informed him of last nights happenings. Visit to A Coy CCP - all quiet - a good place & no mortars. 2 other CCPs of flanking fmns in area & doing work in shifts. Weather fine. Major DeVine has done good work fwd. En route saw a B Coy 3-tonner being towed in & also the 2 str amb car being towed by breakdown of 62 Coy. Arrived back at HQ. No sign of the 2 'B' Coy lorries. TO assumes that they are being taken care of. TO states that it has just been reported to him that these lorries were moved early this morning. Sent him to CRASC to investigate ? REMO evacuated. ADMS called me over. Very concerned about loss of vehs. So am I.	D + 42
	19	0030 0900 1330	Returned to HQ. Sent TO to investigate all LADs. TO reported no trace.	

		1400	Conference of Fd Med Unit Comds with ADMS re problem of exhaustion.	
		1630	Returned to HQ. Message has been received in my absence from A Coy to say that 44 Bde are coming out & they are coming in to old location at 1800 hrs. Have borrowed 2 3 ton lorries from 62 Coy RASC until others found.	D + 43
"	20	1200	Nil to note - no trace of 3 tonners. Residue arrived at 0830 - a 1 ton trailer missing from a chaotic state of unloading at Beach. TO has gone to investigate.	
		1330	TO arrived with missing trailer.	D + 44
"	21	1400	Attended conference of Fd Med Unit Comds with ADMS on question of exhaustion cases.	
		1800	A Coy returned 44 Bde having pulled out to rest in area Haut du Bosq.	D + 45
	22	1530	DDMS 2nd Army visited.	
		2130	Attended conference at ADMS - div moving tomorrow to relieve an American div.	D + 46
	23	0001	Bde conference with OC 'B' Coy who is to travel with 44 Bde Column & est CCP on arrival.	
		0800	Went with OC 153 Fd Amb to recce site for Fwd Med area in area BAUGY (6F/2 6967).	
		1030	ADMS arrived & agreed on large field at 694676 for 2 ADSs.	
		1300	Returned to unit.	
		1600	Passed SP.	
BAUGY		1800	Arrived new location & set up ADS. A Coy in small field adjoining. Doing 24 hours alternately with 153.	
		1930	B Coy est CCP near SALLEN 6962. Very quiet.	D + 47
"	24	1100	Visited B Coy. ADMS has changed location of CCP. 'B' Coy establishing at 692628.	
		2200	ADS open. Casualties negligible.	D + 48
	25	1500	Visited American Clearing Coy with ADMS.	
		1630	Visited B Coy CCP with ADMS.	
		2200	ADS closed. Total admissions 8.	D + 49
	26	1015	Brig Walker DDMS 30 Corps visited.	
		1040	Message from B Coy - 44 Bde being relieved. He is recceing new area with SO.	D + 50
		1600	Visited CCP B Coy at 724639.	
			Quiet day.	D + 51
"	27	1600	A Coy relieved B Coy at CCP.	
		1800	Visited A Coy in CCP - all quiet.	D + 52
"	28	1400	Capt. GM Killpack from 22 FDS assumed Comd B Coy.	
		1500	Capt RJG Hogg posted to 194 to fill vacancy in WE.	

		2200	Capt N Darling posted to 22 FDS. Received message from A Coy that 44 Bde were going back to line to relieve 46 Bde. CCP is to move to previous location ie 694630 at 0800 hrs tomorrow.	D + 53
	29	0900 1600 1800 2000	Conference Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS. Forthcoming attack. Now back in 8 Corps. Outline plan of attack given. Later conference to be held 1800. Visited CCP A Coy with Capt Killpack to see layout. Conference is postponed till 2000 hrs. Conference. Few more details. H hour not fixed - depends on some RAC technicality. Attack early tomorrow.	D + 54
"	30	0700 2230	15(S) Div attacked S. of Caumont (705595) at 0655 hrs. 227 Bde 1st phase 46 Bde 2nd phase which took div to high ground .309 (6951). 44 Bde not in action. Called to conference ADMS. Arrived 2359!	D + 55
688559	31	0115 0500 0700 1100 1230 1800 2359	Left ADMS & went to HQ 44 Bde for mov instruction. Unit proceeded to 44 Bde FAA in area AUBIGNY 6855. Arrived in site recced by Lt Harries. A & B Coys both beside HQ. Ordered to open ADS after recce of area. Elected to open in original site - everything else full up. ADS est. Odd casualty from shelling admitted. 19 cas admitted. Total 38 cas. JB MacFarlane Lt Col RAMC	D + 56

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Unit 194 (BR) Fd Amb

Month and Year Aug 1944

Commanding Officer JB MacFarlane Lt Col RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
688559	1 Aug 44	1000	Gds Armd Div & 11 Armd Div heading through. Their cas are coming into our ADS as we are most fwd med installation.	
		1800	Total cas admitted 148. Mostly Gds Armd & 11 Armd with some 15 (S) Div from the holding position. Situation fluid 44 Bde plan not yet fixed.	D + 57
	2 Aug	1100	CO 11 Lt Fd Amb contacted this HQ. Coming to open beside us to relieve of some work. 11 Lt Fd Amb est ADS 1500 hrs & took over responsibility.	
		1600	A Coy sent secs to Bns of 44 Bde for a move fwd.	
		2359	No move of 44 Bde yet.	D + 58
	3 Aug	1000	CO visited all Bns 44 Bde. Bde's plan has been changed many times owing to uncertainty of situation in front.	
		1300	Taking advantage of lull to get some extra 'home-made' penthouses assembled. The no 11 pent-house issued is not good.	
		1500	Visited CCP A Coy at 680460. Secs have been pulled in. Sec 193 Fd Amb in sp 7 Seaforth who are under comd 44 Bde taken under comd.	
		2000	OC A Coy sent sec 193 Fd Amb back to rejoin their own unit. Attack going in by 6RSF on a wood & at La Cour 7244 - a small mop-up.	D + 59
	4	1100	Visited CCP A Coy. Cas from attack this AM by 44 Bde very small - 28. Visited HQ 44 Bde, consolidation of high ground being completed in area 7242 - 7342.	
		1200	Saw ADMS on road. Can get on wheels now.	D + 60
	5	2000	Moved to 680464.	D + 61
680464	6	0100	Called to ADMS - got plan for div attack starting at 0730 today. 44 Bde not engaged in initial phases.	
		0900	Visited Bde HQ - probably no move before midday.	
		1000	Visited 'B' Coy Le Tourniere 730434 & also recced area Le Bruyere 7642 for site of future ADS.	
		1200	Returned & reported to ADMS. This site is not suitable as the road is excl. to 15(S) Div.	
		1330	Recced area S. of Le Bruyere & selected another site.	

Le Tourniere 730434		1600 1715 1930 2100 2130	This site it seems is too far forward. Proceeded to Le Tourniere to open ADS. A Coy in reserve B Coy on road in sp 44 Bde moving to FAA. ADS established - a very good site. Lt sec 23 FDS attached & opened to do transfusions. OC B Coy reported 44 Bdes plan to attack ESTRY (7437) tomorrow AM. B Coy CCP est at MONTCHAMP (738408)	D62
"	7	1200 1600 1800	Visited CCP B Coy just in time to see first casualties come in from attack on ESTRY. CO worked as MO in CCP as cas came in very rapidly between 1200 & 1500 hrs. 159 cas admitted to ADS. ADS 11 Lt Fd Amb opened at 1500 hrs at 707412 & took in casualties from that time.	D63
"	8	1800	Steady trickle of casualties - 154 admitted. The div is rather held up: Major DeVine posted 2i/c 23 Lt Fd Amb.	D64
"	9		Nil to note. 18 cas admitted by 1800 hrs. Mjr K Stewart arrived.	D65
"	10		Nil to note. 15 cas admitted by 1800 hrs.	D66
"	11	0945	Conference at ADMS. Plan for 8 Corps attack with 3 (Br) Div & Gds Armd Div advance to Tinchebray & Flers.	D67
"	12	1500 1815 2100	DDMS 8 Corps (Brig Glyn Hughes) visited & told us we were leaving 8 Corps. Conference ADMS. Arrangements for move to new area. Going into 12 Corps. Visited CCP B Coy & informed them of forthcoming move. Told them to conc at 678476 tomorrow morning 0900 hrs.	D68
" 678476	13	1030 2300	Proceeded to 678476 & remain on wheels. Conference ADMS - all particulars for move of div tomorrow.	D69
" St MARTIN 978607	14	0900 1215 1600	CO & TO went on recce of new location - believed full of mines. Departed for new location. No mines found. Major Langlands posted 35 FDS. Mjr Bennet arrived from 16 Lt Fd Amb. Unit arrived. Dreadful place - death & desolation. Weather fine ☉ Flies, wasps & mosquitoes +++.	
"	15		Spent day checking stores & making new penthouses.	D70
"	16		Nil	D71
"	17	1500 2100	All medical units inspected by Div Cmd (Brig Barber). Rep to ADMS re move to new location.	D72
" 018488 Nr Barbery	18	0850 1030 1230 1830	Departed for new location. Arrived. A field of barley! ADMS visited - no news. Conference at Div HQ - GOC spoke on AQ matters & continued with 'G' tactics.	D73

	19	0600 2010	Heavy rain all night. Conference ADMS ref adv to contact. 15(S) Div to secure crossings over R Vire & R Touques - route is USSY FALAISE TRUN LES CHAMPEAUX VIMOUTIERS Le SAR 5859. 227 Bde leading + Bn Churchills. Inf on TCVs. Weather clearing.	D+74
	20	0900	Sun shining. O Gp Conference 44 Bde HQ. Same information as at ADMS last night.	D+75
	21		No move.	D+76
	22	0900	Conference ADMS - plan changed. Div now going to move on 3 routes. North route "Star", Middle "Sun", South "Moon". 44 Bde going on "STAR". 227 & 46 Bdes "SUN". 7 Armd Bde (under comd 15 Div) MOON. Objectives Le NEUBERG 025835 & Road leading S to EMANVILLE 023740. Starting 24th H hour basis. H hour will probably be 0830. Aim is for tail of Div column to be across R VIRE on first day.	D+77
	23	1700 1900	Moved to Bde Conc Area in DOMBLAINVILLE 1938 O Gp conference 44 Bde HQ. Another change of plan!! Plan is now that 15 Div will lead adv of 12 Corps with view to establishing on line of road between CONCHES 0363 & LE NEUBOURG 0384 on 25th. H hour 0830 24th.	D+78
DOMBLAINVILLE 1938	24	0800 1845 2300	Move cancelled. It seems roads ahead are not clear of Canadians. On the move. 1 Sec A Coy with Adv Gd (8 RS). CO & LO in Bde O Gp Column. A Coy less 1 sec behind 3rd bn & HQ & B Coy in rear of column. 44 Bde harboured in area MEULLES (5968) The roads were littered with German vehicles all wrecked. Weather fine.	D+79
	25	1050 1415 2350	Adv continues. Left MEULLES in column as before. O Gp held at roadside. Bde Comd gave general situation & stated that he had promised Americans to be in Le NEUBOURG tonight to relieve US Army for further ops. Many delays in adv owing to bridges down at BEAUMONT LE ROGER. Arrived area LE NEUBOURG - harboured in BOIS FICHET (0283)	D+80
BOIS FICHET	26	0800 2359	Weather fine. March table received from 44 Bde HQ for move forward on 27th.	D+81
" ECROSVILLE	27	0930 1015 1130 1600	Left in column for harbour area St LUBIN 1989. Arrived ECROSVILLE (1790) Conference Bde O Gp. 227 Bde are to make an assault crossing of R SEINE today. If successful, 44 Bde follows. If not successful, plans for 44 Bde assault crossing at PORT JOIE (289919). O Gp met Bde Comd at Xrds 268925. Bde Comd went into details of storm boats, dukws, etc should 44 Bde have to assault. Plan is for 6 RSF to assault in storm boats, followed by 8 RS then 6 KOSB in	

			dukws. Saw OC dukws re casualty evacuation. This op, if required, will take place night 28-29.	
		2050	Message from HQ 44 Bde - 6 RSF are assaulting tonight!! Medical plan 1 sec 'B' Coy at PORTJOIE just behind houses on water front beside storm boat site. Other 2 secs are with Bns in veh park area 1 mile behind. Can call forward if necessary. CO recced all routes.	
		2015	HQ moved to area St CYR du VAUDREUIL and est at 267943 - informed ADMS of action.	
ST CYR		2330	H hour for attack.	D+82
	28	0001	CO & TO went to CCP at PORTJOIE. First 2 waves are across. First casualties arrived. Being brought back in assault boats (NOT storm boats) by paddle-power. Only a few enemy M.G.s.	
		0100	Visited 44 Bde Tac HQ in PORTJOIE. NO news.	
ST CYR		0300	River side is very quiet. Only occasional MG fire. CCP black out is giving trouble as every time door opens a shaft of light gets out sideways & causes an immediate rattle of MG. Black out removed. Casualties very few - 14 all told.	
		0300	Visited TAC HQ 44 Bde - no news. OC 'B' Coy has been across river to see RMO 6 RSF - all quiet.	
		0630	Returned to ADS.	
		1200	Met ADMS at ADS 153 Fd Amb near LOUVIERS. Discussed site of future ADS.	
		1900	O Gp at 44 Bde TAC HQ. Bridge at ST PIERRE du VAUVRAY not quite ready. All Bde tpt to cross river tonight. 2i/c has gone to ADMS at same time to hear medical plan. 6 RSF advancing to SENNEVILLE (3197) tonight!! First news of it. Arranged with OC B Coy to ferry 2 Amb cars across to 6 RSF for move. Also attached 2 amb cars to 8 RS left column & 6 KOSB tpt column who are arriving in front of 194 Fd Amb to marry up with marching tps who are all across.	
		2045	Reached HQ to find them all on wheels ready to be called fwd to Registration Centre for bridge crossing. Rushed to ADMS. 9 cas total. 194 to est ADS area ANDE (2890).	
		2130	Returned to HQ - no movement yet. Awaiting DR to call fwd.	
		2140	Due at Reg Centre at 2146!!	
		2145	Made it! CO shot ahead up KOSB column to get across ahead of unit. Found field in dark & got unit in. The arrangements had been made!	D + 83
ANDE	29	0930	CO visited CCP of all Bdes in Div. Casualties very light. Raining heavily.	

		1500 1800 1900 2145	CO visited B Coy who have formed Coy CCP less 1 sec which I left at the PORTJOIE ferry site "just in case". All bns on objectives, 6 RSF SENNEVILLE 8 RS LE LONDE (3396) & 6 KOSB HOUVILLE (3697). Visited RAPs - all quiet. B Coy CCP in recently vacated German barracks at DAUBOEUF (324942) very well placed. Visited 44 Bde HQ at VATTEVILLE (3295). No news. Returned to HQ. All quiet. 193 Fd Amb at MUIDS 309892. Bde will continue to receive all cas from Div until 193 ADS est.	 D + 84
ANDE	30		Very quiet day. A small trickle of sick and wounded were dealt with, including a few wounded French civilians and Maquis. Difficulty was experienced in getting transport over the river SEINE owing to the congestion of traffic and the poor state of the approaches.	 D + 85
ANDE	31		Another very quiet day. Very few casualties were admitted. Main HQ 15(S) Div moved over the River SEINE to a location one mile further East than ours. NR Butcher Maj	 D + 86

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Unit 194 (Br) Field Ambulance

Month and Year September 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MACFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ANDE 282909	1		A very quiet day. A very few casualties, sick and accidental injuries were received.	
		1800	MAJ N.R. BUTCHER 107222 reported for duty as 2 I/C	D + 87
	2		Quiet morning. Visited by ADMS who advised that ADS could close as casualties were to be admitted direct to 22 FDS who were across the river SEINE at Muids. MAJ K.D. STEWART was attached to No 35 CCS for air evacuation duties.	
		1800	Movement order received from 44(L) Inf Bde for move on 3 Sept of Bde Group to the area of FEUILLE. Harbour party from B Coy was sent off.	D + 88
ANDE	3	0800	The unit marshalled at 8 o'c and moved at 0808 with A Coy leading and with the sect MAC following.	
		1130	On reaching VATTEVILLE B Coy joined the convoy and took the lead from there to the arrival in the Concentration Area.	
FEUILLE		1145	O.C. visited Bde HQ. There was a possibility that there might be a further move that night.	
		1800	Heard from Bde that there would be no move before 0600 hrs 4 Sept. The day was one of Brilliant Sunshine and the Harbour Area a pleasant orchard unspoilt by any preceding troops.	
		2030	The National Day of Prayer was observed by a Divine Service conducted in the open. Attendance good.	D + 89
FEUILLE	4	1010	The unit moved with the Bde Group to the area of CRIQUES arriving in a concentration area which had been reconnoitred by a harbour party, which left at 0700 hrs.	
CRIQUES 672387		1245	The new area was reached at 1245	
		1300	OC visited Bde HQ. There was no information. The unit remained on wheels and dealt with only two cases, one accidental injury and one sickness. They were evacuated to 9 FDS. The unit went for a route march in the afternoon.	D + 90

CRIQUES CROISETTE 1109	5	1057 1820	Fd Amb moved with Bde Group to the area South of St Pol. It was a very long and boring journey for the most part in fine weather. Heavy rain fell at intervals during the afternoon and interference was experienced on the roads by meeting convoys of Polish Troops. The unit arrived at CROISETTE. It was a desolate spot and showed signs of earlier heavy pounding by the RAF. The sight of German prisoners burying dead horses & cattle under guard of MAQUIS was a heartening one. Two road accidents, both mild, occurred during the day. The cases were carried forward with the column until they could be evacuated to 22 FDS.	D + 91
CROISETTE 762606	6	1030 2330	The unit started leaving with the Bde Column. The first part of the journey was uneventful, through attractive country in brilliant weather. Later in the day gaunt industrial areas were passed through and progress was slow. Civilian demonstration, which had hitherto been a pleasant welcome, now became an embarrassment with crowds lining the roads & showering gifts on every vehicle which passed. At times outriders on m/cls had to clear a way through the crowds to enable the convoy to proceed. Unit arrived eventually at a farm at 762506 and before long rain was falling. Great difficulty was experienced in making contact with the CCPs (one sect per Bn) owing to the very wide Bn front and the intense darkness. OC attended 'O' Group conference at Bde HQ. Although Bns were in contact with the enemy and there was sporadic artillery fire, no casualties were received during the night.	D + 92
  ROLERGEHM 879495	7	0900 2100	The unit moved independently of Bde, to a situation which was better placed tactically to serve the Bns. At 1015 hrs we arrived at ROLLERGEHM 879495 and the whole ADS was established in an open field. The weather was wet and stormy and the wind increased in violence until it was no longer safe to treat casualties under canvas. A few casualties were being received, mainly from the 6th Bn RSF. Alternative accommodation was found in a nearby school, which proved to be excellent. Casualties continued to come in, in small numbers throughout the day and evening. OC attended Bde 'O' Group Conference where details of the next days move were given out. During the day 2 German POW were taken over from the MAQUIS.	D + 93

ROLLERGEHM	8	0830	OC departed with Bde 'O' Group. ADS closed and 'B' Coy took over, the intention being that 'B' Coy would cope with casualties until such time as ADS had been re-established. The number of casualties were small and were mainly Prisoners of War. While preparing to move at 2.15 in the afternoon, an unfortunate accident occurred. The Signals NCO on the Signals vehicle attached was rewiring his long aerial & it made contact with a live electric wire. The NCO was only mildly injured but Driver KING, R. Sigs attd, who was standing by the vehicle and holding the door, fell unconscious and died within a few minutes. His loss was greatly felt as he was a most popular & much valued attachment to the unit.	
HARLEBEKE 8960		1600	Unit arrived at HARLEBEKE and ADS was established in a fine modern school. During the night and evening there were several casualties admitted. The greater majority being Germans who had been wounded from 2 - 5 days and who had been attended by their own Medical Officer.	D + 94
HARLEBEKE	9		The morning passed quietly, except that orders for a sudden move to place the unit in a more sound position tactically, with relation to the Bns, were received.	
		1200	The funeral of Driver KING was held in MADELINE Cemetery in COURTRAI.	
WAEREGEHM 968632		1400	The unit moved to the new location just outside WAEREGEHM to an excellent modern Industrial School.	
		1500	The unit arrived at 1500 hrs and opened lightly as no casualties were expected. None were received.	
		1400	ADMS arrived and saw round the layout.	
		1700	Comdr 44 Bde called and saw over the unit.	D + 95
WAERGEHM	10		The unit moved at 0800 hrs to a place near HOMBEEK between Brussels & Malines and remained on wheels in the grounds of a chateau. The journey was uneventful, and was in brilliant weather. There was considerable congestion on the roads and delay when nearing the new location.	
HOMBEEK 663723			'B' Coy remained on wheels in the same location as HQ. A Coy was split into sections, each of which was out with a Bn. The Bde was not in contact with the enemy.	D + 96
HOMBEEK 663703	11		A very quiet day was spent by all. Bde HQ, HQ Division and all R.M.O.s and the outlying sections were visited. All flags flown and other unauthorised adornments on vehicles were removed and general tightening up on the turnout of the men and vehicles & convoy discipline was put in hand. This step was taken, not	

			through any feeling that the standard in the unit was low, but the turnout of other troops & vehicles was noticed to be so far below our standard that a greater effort was made.	D + 97
HOMBEEK 663723 HERSSELT 996764	12		The unit moved at 1000 hrs with the Bde Group. The Division was to take over the Bridgehead over the ALBERT Canal NORTH of WESTERLOO, from 50 Div, who had had heavy fighting and sustained heavy casualties. 46(H) Inf Bde were to take over & 44(L) Inf Bde were to be in reserve. After an uneventful journey the unit arrived at 1300 hrs at HERSSELT where it remained on wheels. At 1900 hrs the unit moved independently to the football field at WESTERLOO 048844 where it remained closed. A Coy was in support 44(L) Inf Bde with sections to Bns and B Coy was closed in the farm buildings opposite the football ground.	D + 98
WESTERLOO 048844 GHEEL 075877	13	 2150	The greater part of the day was spent quietly and an opportunity was taken to 'make & mend' and to bath the men. 44(L) Inf Bde passed through the 46(H) Inf Bde & took the town of GHEEL. B Coy establishing in the institution at 075877. In the evening the unit moved to join 'B' Coy at the institution at GHEEL. Accommodation was found to be very satisfactory and an ADS was established. The Buildings and surroundings bore ample evidence of their previous occupation by the enemy & the fierce fighting which had followed. The village of GHEEL was heavily shelled, several shells falling near the ADS. There was no damage or casualties.	D + 99
GHEEL 075877 GHEEL 075877	14		A steady flow of casualties were received. B Coy were in sp 44(L) Inf Bde with sections to Bns. Capt MAKIN RAMC MO i/c 8 RS established his RAP on the S side of the ESCAUT Canal near to AART. During the morning the RAP and CCP were subjected to very heavy shelling. Three men (of the 8 RS) were killed and several were wounded. LT GREEN RAMC SBO i/c section was wounded & suffered from blast to the abdomen & was evacuated. PTE SCOTT RAMC showed great courage and initiative under this heavy attack. A great deal of cleaning was done during the day to get the building in order, and 'B' Coy were relieved of their ordeal by A Coy. 'B' Coy established a minor Sick and Exhaustion Centre in an adjacent building. During the day 67 Battle Casualties were admitted.	D + 100
	15		The 8th Bn Royal Scots succeeded in establishing a limited Bridgehead over the ESCAUT north of AART. No medical installation moved across but casualties were brought back in boats and	

			evacuated from there to the C.C.P. in Carriers of the Royal Scots. During the day DDMS 12 Corps arrived and decided that 9 FDS and 2 FSUs would move in to the other end of the same Building as the ADS. They arrived in the evening. During the day 83 Battle Casualties were admitted. They were evacuated to the CCS at MALINES.	D + 101
GHEEL 075877 GHEEL 075877	16		This proved to be a very busy day, casualties from the 8 Royal Scots and the 6 RSF coming in, in large batches. Many of them were in a sodden condition and suffering from varying degrees of exposure. An attempt had been made to bridge the ESCAUT at AART, but by blowing the lock gates the enemy succeeded in flooding the approaches. B Coy CCP at 078909 did exceptionally good work under difficult conditions and often exposed to fire. Casualties from the north bank of the Escaut were all evacuated by assault boats. Moving 9 FDS and its two attached FSUs in the same building proved an excellent arrangement. Very good liaison was maintained and the fullest cooperation given at all times. The Light Section of B Coy who carried out the evacuation of casualties from the north side of the Canal and used the Carriers of 8 R Scots to take them to the CCP was established at 076927. During the day 157 Battle Casualties and many Exhaustion Cases were admitted.	D + 102
GHEEL 075877 MOLL 172909	17		The day proved quieter. 6 RSF relieved 8 RS in the bridgehead during the night and very heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. The Relief of 8 RS did not result in the increase of casualties which had been expected. Arrangements were made for the relief of 194 Fd Amb by 153 Fd Amb and at 1700 hrs the unit moved to the institution at MOLL. Owing to a diversion in the route caused by repairs to a bridge, the unit was forced to use a sandy track. There was much congestion by other traffic, many vehicles being bogged. No vehicles of the unit were bogged but the delay caused by clearing other vehicles was considerable. The unit arrived at MOLL in the dark with heavy rain falling. The Building proved to have been an SS Barracks & was in a most unsanitary condition. An ADS was established without delay. 31 Casualties were admitted during the day.	D + 103
	18		A quiet day spent mainly in cleaning the Building & making it habitable for patients and men. One cas was admitted during the day.	D + 104

MOLL 172907	19		Another very quiet day. HQ 15(S) Inf Div was visited during the morning and also HQ 44(L) Inf Bde. A cinema performance was made available to the unit during the afternoon. In the evening the unit was visited by the Divisional Concert party who gave an excellent performance. It was much appreciated. During the day 3 Cases were admitted.	D + 105
MOLL 172907	20		The day passed quietly. HQ 15(S) Inf Div & HQ 44(L) Inf Div were visited again. During the day 7 Battle Casualties were received. All the casualties received at MOLL were severe. The Bde was holding the line of the Canal and was not attempting to cross it. Active patrolling by the 15 (S) Reconnaissance Regt & the KCLY. Nearly all casualties were caused by snipers and wounds were in the main either of the head or chest. They were evacuated to 153 Fd Amb ADS at GHEEL or to No 9 FDS according to the classification of the case.	D + 106
MOLL 172907 REITHOVEN 363096	21		The morning passed quietly and by mid day the unit was prepared to move with the Bde Group to the EINDHOVEN area. There were considerable delays owing to the very heavy traffic on the roads & the unit did not move until 1700 hrs. Even then progress for the first two hours was measured in yards. The Border of Holland was crossed in the dark and finally the unit moved into Harbour area just north of REITHOVEN in a school & adjacent field which had been requed by the harbour party. The journey was uneventful except for our vehicle which became ditched as it ran into the glare of searchlights sited on the edge of the road. Four Battle Casualties were admitted during the morning before leaving MOLL.	D + 107
REITHOVEN EINDHOVEN 405212	22		The Bde Group were to continue the advance to the EINDHOVEN area, but numerous delays and changes in plan took place during the morning and Bde HQ were visited at frequent intervals. Finally at 1430 hrs the unit moved and after an uneventful journey arrived in the grounds of the Asylum to the North of EINDHOVEN on the road where it remained closed and on wheels. A Coy was in support of 44(L) Inf Bde who crossed the Canal just South East of BEST. Casualties were evacuated by Sections direct to the ADS 193 Fd Amb. The day was one of brilliant sunshine, and everyone was very impressed by the cleanliness & tidiness of Holland and the attitude of the Dutch.	D + 108

	23		The day was spent quietly. One Section of A Coy, in support of 6 RSF, were over the Canal. There was stiff opposition to 46(H) Inf Bde in the Best Area, but less to 44(L) Inf Bde who were working to the East of the main road. At 1500 hrs two bridges over the canal were complete, but they and the road were still under intermittent fire. The weather remained fair.	D + 109
EINDHOVEN 405212	24		Weather broke & heavy rain fell. Slow progress by Bde. All sects A Coy across the Canal. Casualties were still evacuated to ADS 193 Fd Amb. HQ 44 Bde visited.	D + 110
	25		Weather continued to be bad. 44 Bde advancing from BEST to VLEUT. Casualties light.	D + 111
	26		Infantry finding resistance more stubborn & difficult to cope with in the close country. Weather still very broken and casualties light.	D + 112
EINDHOVEN 425202	27		Drive by 6 KOSB from VLEUT along the S Bank of the river Dommell. One Company having reached its objective were subjected to heavy fire and suffered heavy casualties. During this fighting Capt THOMPSON RAMC MO i/c 6th KOSB went forward in a carrier under the red cross to collect casualties. He was captured but after interrogation he was released together with the personnel & carrier. During his absence Capt MacCallum RAMC did duty in his RAP.	D + 113
	28		The 6 RSF went through the KOSB, but the enemy appeared to have withdrawn a little and their objective was reached with only few casualties. Typhoon dive-rocketing was observed by the CCP, at close quarters. ADMS and OC visited forward units. News was received that the General Medical Council had requested Capt MacCallum's release from Service.	D + 114
	29		The morning provided a very welcome fine spell. At mid day 'B' Coy relieved A Coy and moved to the outskirts of ODENRODE evacuating casualties to 202 Fd Amb.	D + 115
	30		A very quiet day. OC visited HQ 15(S) Div and Bde HQ. The possibility of moving and establishing an ADS in the area of ODENRODE was considered. Very few casualties were sustained. ADMS decided ADS was unnecessary. JB MacFarlane Lt Col	D + 116

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Unit 194 Fd Amb

Month and Year Oct 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MacFarlane RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GEMERT (5830)	1	1930	15(S) Div being relieved by 51(H) Div. 44(L) Inf Bde first to be relieved and 194 Fd Amb were moved under Bde arrangements in accordance with ADMS instructions. 44(L) Inf Bde are concentrating in the area for a few days rest. Back in 8 Corps again. The move was completed just as darkness fell. Location in a school with adjoining field. Weather now clear & brilliant moonlight. B Coy on relief by Coy of 174 Fd Amb of 51 Div moved to their area in separate location.	D + 117
"	2	1800	Day has been spent in cleaning up clothing & equipment, maintenance, etc.	D + 118
"	3	1800	Nil to report.	D + 119
"	4	1800	ADMS visited unit. Otherwise nil.	D + 120
"	5		Nil to report.	D + 121
GEMERT	6	1430 1630	ADMS held meeting of all MOs at HELMOND at 1430 hrs. Various subjects were discussed & RMOs problems aired. Div Comd addressed all officers with particular reference to recently joined officers and with very special reference to junior leaders. This address was followed by the massed pipe bands of the Div playing retreat.	D + 122
"	7	1100 1400 1630	Meeting of Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS office. Subject is forthcoming move of div to take over from 3 Br Div in area Mook. During the meeting news was received that there is a standfast on the river. ADMS & CO went to ADMS 3 Div & visited site of future ADS at MOOK. ADMS 3 Div states the move is off. Returned to unit. 2 i/c states that Bde HQ say no move today.	D + 123
GEMERT	8		No news. Officers shop open at Rear Div. First time we've seen one.	D + 124
	9		Nil to note.	D + 125
	10		Army Commander visited 44 Bde HQ. CO present at visit.	D + 126

	11		Meeting of all MOs 15(S) Div for lecture by Lt Col Debenham - surgeon. DDMS 8 Corps present.	D + 127
	12		All units saw HM the King & Fd Marshall Montgomery on the road.	D + 128
	13		Nil to note	D + 129
	14		Nil to note	D + 130
	15	2100	CO attended conference Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS re forthcoming op "SIRIUS".	D + 131
	16		44 Bde OO no 1 and Adm Inst received.	D + 132
	17		Nil to note	D + 133
	18		? op SIRIUS postponed.	D + 134
GEMERT	19		No information available. Weather very bad. Heavy rain.	D + 135
	20		Still no information. Weather unsettled.	D + 136
	21		Still no information. Weather good - bright sunshine.	D + 137
	22		Weather continues bright. No information.	D + 138
	23		Weather still fine. No news.	D + 139
	24		CO called to ADMS. New plan. Recced area St Oedenroede (4332) for ADS site. Put holding party in school. Reported to ADMS & found plan changed again. Recced area Best (3726) for ADS & put holding party in. Unit moved to Convent at Best. 2200 hrs arrived about midnight.	D + 140
BEST (372264) BEST	25	0800	ADS open to receive but only 2 battle casualties from mine received during the day. C.O. decided to change ADS from Convent to School and having cleaned School thoroughly ADMS decided to put a FDS in!!! Very little work apart from a few minor sick. CO recced MOERGESTEL (2230) for ADS site & put holding party in school. Visited ADMS about 1500 hrs & told that the site chosen would be ideal for 153 Fd Amb!!!! We will be going further on with Bde Gp.	D + 141
"	26	0900	Departed for conc area prior to crossing bridge over Canal at BIEST (2126) finally arriving BIEST 1700 hrs. Chose school at HOUTAKKER as ADS for forthcoming attack. Attended Bde O Gp at 2100 hrs. Held O Gp with Coy Comds etc at 2230 & told ADMS by wireless of arrangements. ADMS satisfied. Later urgent call to ADMS & found that traffic arrangements precluded use of this site as ADS. 2 i/c recced HILVARENBEEK at first light 27th.	D + 142
HOUTAKKER HILVARENBEEK	27	0800 1800	ADS moved to school in HILVARENBEEK (194238). CO visited Bde HQ and saw forward Coy & RAPs just as attack by 44 Bde went in. A very simple affair. Forward troops in Tilburg.	D + 143
"	28	0900	Tilburg officially "liberated". CO recced area for ADS.	

		1100	A & B Coys in Tilburg. ADS remain in present location until all moves completed.	
		1500	CO visited ADMS in Tilburg.	
		1600	CO visited HQ 44 Bde in Tilburg & heard news of an early move tomorrow. German threat to E flank developing.	D + 144
		2300	March table received from 44 Bde.	
"	29	0600	Departed for area DEURNE 6520.	
		0930	Halted on road outside DEURNE.	
DEURNE		1200	ADS est in school 650203. A Coy ordered to open CCP in ASTEN 614133. 44 Bde under Comd 11 Armd Div. CO visited ADMS 11 Armd Div. Beautiful weather. Typhoons active.	
		1800	44 Bde move under comd 15(S) Div again. CO visited ADMS. 153 Fd Amb opening ADS in ZOMEREN 579111. Total cas admitted 18.	D + 145
"	30	0930	CO visited HQ 44 Bde ASTEN. Dull day. Some bombs dropped around DEURNE last night. No cas. Div is pushing enemy back.	
		1200	Coy CCP est in ASTEN to deal with cas from 44 Bde and evacuate to ADS 153. Cas for 46 Bde being admitted to our ADS.	
		1800	Total cas adm 40.	
		2145	DEURNE shelled for about 10 mins. No cas.	D + 146
DEURNE	31	0930	CO 193 Fd Amb arrived looking for accommodation. He has 1 Coy in DEURNE with a car post est fwd for cas of 46 Bde. These are being admitted to our ADS. CO & OC 193 visited ADMS. Very dull day with heavy mist.	
		1430	CO visited CCP ASTEN & 44 Bde HQ. Met ADMS on ward. CCP provided him with a hot bath. Cas from 44 Bde not heavy.	
		1400	CO visits RAP 2 Glas H who are under comd 44 Bde & sorted out a blanket muddle.	
		1800	Total cas admitted 83.	
		2359	All quiet. Total cas since 29 Oct 174.	D + 147
			JB MacFarlane	

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(650203) DEURNE	1	0900 1000 1800	Dull day. 44(L) Inf Bde have advanced slightly. CO visited ADMS & HQ 44 Bde. On to CCP & RAPs. Total cas admitted ADS 32. CO attended O Gp Conference HQ 44 Bde. Plans for adv tomorrow ⊙	D + 148
"	2	0900 1030 1400	A Coy est Car post at LIESEL 669144 which is to shuttle cars fwd to RAPs. Misty day. Cas from attack negligible as enemy had withdrawn during night. CO visited ADMS. Sec CCP opened at LIESEL 669144. Total cas 310. OC 279 Fd Coy kindly repaired roof of PAROCHIE HOUSE at LIESEL to allow of it being used as Coy CCP. Weather clear.	D + 149
	3	0900 1000 1100 1800 1830 2030	C.O. visited CCP & on to ADMS. CO visited Bde HQ & RAPs. Also visited convent at NEERKANT 698096 to see civil cas. Arranged amb car to evac 2 wounded & saw Staff Capt 44(L) Inf Bde re civil affairs vehicles to evacuate 47 refugees ⊙ Reported action to ADMS. ADMS accompanied CO to CCP LIESEL and then inspected the ASTEN location with view to siting ADS 193 Fd Amb there. Total cas admitted to ADS 7. CO visited 44 Bde HQ & received advance information re attack on MEIJEL for 5 Nov. 44 Bde OO no 9 received.	D + 150
	4	1000 1400 1800	CO attended conference of Fd Amb Comds with ADMS. 193 Fd Amb to open ADS in ASTEN today. Complete Coy CCP at LIESEL. Total cas 11. ADS closed.	D + 151
DEURNE	5	0900	CO visited CCP LIESEL ⊙ Attack started at 0730 but not many cas. Attack a failure due to sp Tanks being bogged and large minefields.	

		1100 1200 1400 1600	Heard that 6 RSF are having difficulty in collecting their cas from fwd Coys. Rush of casualties at CCP indicates that they are now being collected. C.O. visited RAP 6 RSF. Busy ⊙ Clear weather. Left CCP & visited ADMS to inform him that all is well (medically speaking!)	D + 152
	6	0900 1945	Visited CCP & HQ 44 Bde. Nothing happening. Enemy bombed vicinity of DEURNE. No cas.	D + 153
	7.		Dull raining day. CO visited CCP LIESEL - all quiet.	D + 154
DEURNE	8		Nil to note	D + 155
"	9		Nil	D + 156
"	10		Nil	D + 157
"	11		Nil	D + 158
"	12		Nil	D + 159
"	13		Nil	D + 160
"	14		Nil	D + 161
"	15		Nil	D + 162
"	16		Nil	D + 163
"	17		Nil	D + 164
"	18		Co recced area MEIJEL 7006 with view to siting ADS. Great destruction everywhere & mine accidents occurring frequently.	D + 165
DEURNE MEIJEL 709069	19	 1700 1800	CO recced area BERINGE 7506 for possible ADS but no suitable building. Visited ADMS and informed him that the monastery at MEIJEL 709069 although damaged was the only possible site. ADMS instructed CO to open ADS today. Torrential rain. ADS est. Casualties from CCP 153 Fd Amb at BERINGE were admitted immediately on opening. A Coy in reserve. Total cas 4.	D + 166
"	20	0900 1130 1800	Clear day. ADMS visited & expressed delight in cleanliness of the place. This was a tribute to the men who had worked very hard at cleaning up. Total cas 41.	D + 167
	21		Nil to note	D + 168
	22		" " "	D + 169
	23		" " "	D + 170
	24		" " "	D + 171
MEIJEL	25		Nil to note	D + 172
	26		Nil to note	D + 173

	27		Maj NR Butcher posted to 24 FDS. Major M Green continued as 2 i/c.	D + 174
	28		Nil to note	D + 175
	29		Nil to note	D + 176
	30	0900 1400	CO & 2 i/c went to 44 Bde HQ to meet new Brigadier. Heard of forthcoming attack by 44 Bde on BLERICK 8909. CO & Coy Comds attended sand model on above ⊙ JB MacFarlane Lt Col	D + 177

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Unit 194 (Br) Field Ambulance

Month and Year December 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MacFarlane RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MEIJEL 709069	1	0800	'A' Coy as adv party for holding proceeded to MAASBREE 824077 which is site of ADS for forthcoming attack, a school which will make a very good ADS.	
		1400	CO visited ADMS & gave him proposed medical plan for the operation which is rather a complicated medical problem involving crossing of a minefield and Anti-tank ditch. The two leading bns 6 RSF & 8 RS are going in "Kangaroos" from present location through 6 tracks which are to be made by flails over the ditch which is being bridged by Assault RE straight into the town. RMOs are accompanying. Cas from Flails & Assault RE & covering tanks are to be taken back by Kangaroos to Gap Control RAP est at 859088 by Capt Watson MO i/c 15 Recce Regt & Capt McPherson MO i/c 49 APC Regt (Kangaroos). There they will be off-loaded & placed in armoured half tracks which return to Sec CCP at 840087 where they are to be put in amb cars. Inf cas occurring in Kangaroos during the passage over the defences will be taken on to RAPs & sent back in Kangaroos as above. 3 Kangaroos for bn have been allotted for this purpose. No other vehicle will make this trip ⊙ Kangaroos which carry leading bns will return to assembly area of 6 KOSB & 7 Seaforth & carry them in ⊙ Cas evacuation is the same ⊙ Car post at 855095 will take cas from any Kangaroos coming back on the northern route. Also will take cas to be collected in jeep from FUPs on this route ⊙ ADMS agreed with plan. Permission to move HQ to new location received.	
		1430	HQ moved to MAASBREE.	D + 178
MAASBREE	2	1100	CO held co-ordinating conference of all MOs concerned in forthcoming op. ADMS & other Fd Amb Comds attended. Everyone put in the picture.	D + 179
"	3	0745	Opening barrage and a special rocket mattress.	
		0900	CO visited CCP & car posts and found all going well.	

		1200 1800	Operation a huge success. Casualties not heavy. The system worked well. Unfortunately Capt Watson the Recce MO was wounded when his scout car went over a mine. Not serious. Total cas 56.	 D + 180
	4	1000 1800	CO visited RAPs of 6 RSF & 6 KOSB who are holding Blerick. All quiet ⊙ Total cas 44 - mostly RA from C-B fire & civilians from MAASBREE.	 D + 181
MAASBREE	5	1100 1800	CO visited CCP & RAPs. Quiet except for occasional harassing fire. 20 cas. Total cas 39. B Coy now in MAASBREE.	D + 182
	6	1000 1800	CO visited CCP & RAPs. Nil to report. Total cas only 11.	 D + 183
	7	1000 1800	ADMS wished to see RAPs. CO drove him in jeep ⊙ We were warned by RSF that the road we had taken was only to be used at night or in special cases in armoured half-track. We had to return by the north route which was just passable & no more. ADMS orders no more journeys by jeep. He is to provide half-track. Total cas 5. Sgt & 3 half-tracks from 15(S) Recce Regt arrive for purpose of evacuation from RAPs ⊙	 D + 184
MAASBREE	8		A Coy's sec withdrawn to Maasbree as there is now no need for CCP. Evacuation is direct from Blerick to ADS MAASBREE by armoured half-track. Very few cas.	 D + 185
	9	)		
	10	)	Nil worthy of note. Weather cold & wet.	
	11	)		
	12	)		D + 189
	13	0930 1200	Fd Marshall Montgomery held investiture at Rear Div HQ ZOMEREN ⊙ Capt G Killpack of B Coy and Pte B Scott also of B Coy receiving the MC & MM respectively for their gallantry during the Gheel bridgehead operations. CO attended an address by the C in C after the investiture. The C in C paid high tribute to the medical services.	 D + 190
	14	1500	Mjr General Barber GOC 15(S) Div visited unit.	D + 191
MAASBREE	15		Nil worthy of note	D + 192
	16	1800	Wheel of one of the armoured half tracks hit by splinters at RAP 6 RSF. Vehicle came back to ADS for evacuation. This leaves only 2 half tracks but this is adequate.	 D + 193
	17		Nil to note	D + 194
	18	1000	Visit by Dr Hagan Moderator of the Church of Scotland.	
	19	)		

	20	)		
	21	)	Nil worthy of note	
	22	)		
	23	)		D + 200
	24	0900 1400	Hard frost & good visibility ⊙ CO took Capt AB Robertson to 23 FDS for rest & dietetic treatment of dyspepsia.	 D + 201
MAASBREE	25	1000 1130 1400	ADMS visited to wish all ranks a Merry Christmas. Brig. Glyn Hughes DDMS 8 Corps visited us on his usual Christmas round of all med units in 8 Corps! Mess dinners a huge success.	 D + 202
	26		Nil to note	D + 203
	27	1500	ADMS visited	D + 204
	28	)		
	29	)	Nil to note	
	30	)		
	31	)	JB MacFarlane Lt Col	D + 208

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Month and Year JAN 1945

Commanding Officer LT Col JB MacFarlane

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MAASBREE	1 -	6th	Severe frost.	
	6.		ADMS departed on leave to UK. OC 194 A/ADMS	
	|		) Snow & hard frost	
	|		)	
	21		ADMS returned from leave in time to find div ready to depart to new location on relief by 6 Airborne Div.	
Liessel	23	1430	Departed Maasbree & arrived in Liessel, to harbour until 25th as Airborne Fd Amb have arrived.	
	24		Nil to note.	
	25		Departed 1100 hrs, arrived Tilburg 1430	
TILBURG	25	)		
	26	)	Nil to note	
	27	)		
TILBURG	28		ADMS called with Col FM Richardson who is to become ADMS 15 (S) Div.	
	29	1800	Fd Amb Comdr briefed by ADMS for forthcoming op.	
	30		Nil to note	
	31		Thawing JB MacFarlane	

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Month and Year Feb 45

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TILBURG	1		CO saw Bde Comd & ADMS re further operations.	
	2	1000	CO attended 46 Bde O Gp Conference on forthcoming op Veritable.	
	3		Nil to note.	
	4	0800 1000 1500 1430	Small adv party to NIJMEGEN for billet for evacuation. GOC 30 Corps & Div Comd addressed officers of division on forthcoming op. Veritable. All officers attended. CO attended conference of Fd Amb Comds with ADMS re op. CO held co-ordinating conference with RMOs of 44 Bde & RMOs of attd armoured tps (Flails, Kangaroos, Tanks). 44 Bde have a minefield & anti tank ditch to cross which we earnestly hope will be as successful as our previous effort at BLERICK. The RMOs of the armoured tps attached are the same as before and know the job.	
TILBURG	5	1500	CO visited ADMS & found Div HQ ready to move to conc area. Heavy rain and roads around Tilburg have been badly chewed up by the mass of vehs proceeding to conc area.	
NIJMEGEN 701629	6	1600 2330	Departed for conc area and arrived NIJMEGEN 701629 at 2320 hrs minus four 3 tonners in the ditch. Rain & road dreadful. We have never had so many casualties from road movement. CO visited ADMS location to report arrival.	
	7	 1200 1400 1500	CO & OC 'A' Coy attended 44 Bde O Gp Conference at 1000 hrs. Arranged for the fwd coy to be married in behind main Bde HQ for the second phase of the div battle, which consists of breaching the main Siegfried defences. CO & OC A Coy went into detail of the fwd coy which is travelling in ½ tracks & jeeps with only 2-str amb cars as we expect the road to be well nigh impossible for larger vehs. The ½ tracks belong to the armd RMOs who are incorporated in our medical plan. CO attended conference of Fd Amb comds with ADMS. Still heavy rain. CO contacted RMO 2 Gordons who are to be under comd 44 Bde for phase II. He is just back from UK leave & is now in the picture.	

		1900	CO visited Bde HQ.	
BERG EN DAL	8	1045 1430 1600 1800 2359	Moved to Berg En Dal 7459 and opened ADS in Hotel Groot. Visited fwd Coy in their CCP at BOERSTEEG. Phase I of the battle has been successful and 44 Bde are moving up. Roads are becoming very churned up in fwd area. Roads very bad and all the tanks, Kangaroos etc are making them worse. Road through Boersteeg to FUPs has "disappeared" and there is an immovable mass of vehicles mostly armoured stretching for miles!	
	9	0530 0700 0900 1030 1800	CO visited Bde HQ but could not get much information apart from the fact that a few flails had gone in & cleared up to the Anti Tk ditch but the AVRE bridges were bogged. Saw the GOC on his way to Bde HQ & gleaned that he was going to put the infantry through on foot. Got back to BERG EN DAL & marched a section down to KRANENBURG 807560 with instructions to Lt Harries SBO to contact Major Stewart via the lateral road Kranenburg - Frasselt and arrange for casualties to be evacuated to CCP at KRANENBURG. CO arrived KRANENBURG & found arrangements in hand. First casualties arrived. Evacuated to ADS Berg en Dal. The other coy in Boersteeg is cut off by jammed traffic and bad roads! 54 casualties through ADS	
	10	0900 1800	CO visited Kranenburg & found section moving to BOMSHOF 844552 in conformity with Bde's advance. Arranged to send another section to augment. It is now raining heavily and the flood water on our left flank is rising.	
	11	1700 2300	Raining heavily. Water over the road in several places between Wyler & Kranenburg. Visited ADMS. On way back water was up to hubs of wheels.	
	12	0900	Road impassable due to flooding. Only DUKWs are going through. We are therefore cut off from div. Casualties are being evacuated in DUKWs direct to CCS.	
	13		No change in floods. CCP now at outskirts of Cleve in 884558. Only way CO can visit is by DUKW through to Kranenburg & borrow jeep from 153 Fd Amb.	
	14		No change	
	15		No change	
	16		No change	
	17	0900 1700	CCP moved to Bedburg 925527. CO visited CCP and Bde HQ. Found Bde HQ planning op for attack on GOCH. He visited CCP & warned Coy Comd of forthcoming battle.	

			Visited ADMS and found we were to move by an axis of another division thus avoiding the flood.	
		2130	Met by Coy Comd at Bde HQ and tied up medical plans. It is another Kangaroo party through a minefield and over ditches.	
KRANENBURG 807560	18	1100 1430	Visited CCP in position 932485. Fwd Car post for exchanging casualties off Kangaroos into amb car at Took my successor Major M Oxley up to CCP Casualties not heavy.	
	19	1200	Handed over to Lt Col Oxley JB MacFarlane	
		1200	Took over unit from Lt Col MacFarlane Lt Col	
KRANENBURG		1200	Took over Unit from Lt.Col. J.B. MACFARLANE. The position at this time is as follows:- A.D.S. and one Coy packed up at KRANENBURG. One Coy open as C.C.P. at M.R. 935487 with a Forward Car Post at 927458 and evacuating cas to A.D.S. of 213 Fd Amb at BEDBURG, from where they went to DUKW Post of 193 Fd Amb, West of CLEVE.	
		1430	I visited our C.C.P. at 935487 and Car Post.	
		1730	Visited A.D.M.S. in CLEVE.	
	20	1000	153 Fd Amb opened C.C.P. at 927458.	
		1200	2 I/C visited C.C.P. and Car Post.	
		1245	2 I/C visited A.D.M.S. A.D.S. and one Coy remains at KRANENBURG.	
	21	1230	Visited C.C.P. Visited R.A.P. of 8 R Scots in GOCH and recced site in GOCH for future C.C.P.	
KRANENBURG	22	1200	193 Fd Amb opened C.C.P. at 941454.	
		1230	2 I/C visited A.D.M.S.	
		1245	2 I/C visited C.C.P. and contacted O.C. 213 Fd Amb in BEDBURG 44 Bde were clearing woods east of R Niers and medical set-up was:- Combined R.A.Ps at Schloss Calbeck M.R. 942430, casualties back to C.C.P. of 193 Fd Amb at M.R. 938455. 3 x 2-str Amb Cars and 2 Jeeps were attached to 193 Fd Amb from 194 Fd Amb and a Cab Rank was formed at M.R. 944445. This was necessary as the R.A.P. area was under shell and mortar fire. From C.C.P. at ~~938455~~ 941454, casualties were taken back to our C.C.P. at 935487, transferred to 4-str Amb Cars and thence to A.D.S. of 213 Fd Amb in BEDBURG.	
		2200	Received orders to move H.Q. and 1 Coy at 1000 hours 23 Mar 45, to PASTORHOF M.R. 921518, but not to open.	
KRANENBURG	23	1030	First Party moved from KRANENBURG	

PASTORHOF		1300 1350 1730 2330	H.Q. and one Coy all arrived new location. Contacted A.D.M.S. and received orders to move H.Q. and one Coy to NIJMEGEN same night. Recce party under 2 I/C left for NIJMEGEN. Our remaining forward Coy ordered to close C.C.P. and withdraw to PASTORHOF and await orders to move with 44 Bde to NIJMEGEN. Main Party left PASTORHOF.	
NIJMEGEN	24	0530 1730	Arrived Colonial Bks, NIJMEGEN. Received orders to move to TILBURG area following day.	
   VUGHT	25	0700 0745 1030	Recce party under 2 I/C left for TILBURG. Main party left NIJMEGEN for TILBURG. While on route destination was changed to VUGHT. Arrived VUGHT M.R. 308427.	
VUGHT	26	1000 1030 1130 1730	Remaining Coy rejoined Unit. Orders received from 44 (L) Inf Bde to move to TURNHOUT on following day. Recce Party under 2 I/C left for TURNHOUT. Visited A.D.M.S. at BOXTEL. There is intensive fly-bomb activity here, they are coming over from E. to W. in threes every 20 minutes. Two landed quite near - shattering windows. No service casualties.	
 TURNHOUT	27	1200 1400	Unit left VUGHT in convoy. Arrived TURNHOUT M.R. 062064.	
	28	0900	General maintenance and checking equipment started. WM Oxley W.M. OXLEY, Lieut.Colonel, R.A.M.C., Commanding, 194 (Br) Field Ambulance.	

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Month and Year MARCH 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. W.M. OXLEY

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TURNHOUT 062064	1		Same location. ADMS conference at 193 Fd Amb. It was decided that large red crosses would be painted on ambulance cars.	
	2		Visited ADOS and got authority to buy paint and reminded him about our two No. 14 shelters which are still outstanding.	
	3		Three jeeps to be converted into ambulance type. Work on this started.	
	4		Orders from Div to send recce party to DIEST area. Recce party left same day.	
	5	1145 1430	Unit left TURNHOUT for DIEST. Unit arrived in new location, M.R. 213683.	
	6		Same location. Stretcher bearers course started, for Regimental Stretcher Bearers - to continue for the next five days.	
	8		Capt. Smith arrived and Capt. Glaister left for 108 Gen. Hosp.	
LUMMEN	9		Visited ADMS office.	
	10		Attended Div conference at 12 Corps H.Q., re Exercise "BUFFALO" and following operation.	
	11		Conference at Div H.Q. re EX "BUFFALO".	
	12	 1000 1345 1800	Lieut. Davies arrived. Recced area of EX "BUFFALO". Visited ADMS. Visited CRASC.	
	13		Visit to Brigade re EX "BUFFALO". DDMS phasing table arrived.	
	14	0700	Exercise "BUFFALO" until 1600 hours.	
	15	0900 1300	Conference at Bde re Ex "BUFFALO" until 1200 hours. Conference at ADMS re Ex "BUFFALO" and next operation. Received Div Med Admin Instr No. 1.	
LUMMEN	16	0400 1400	Ex "BUFFALO" until 0800 hours. Conference at Bde after. Visit to ADMS with our unit vehicle phasing table.	

			Asked about stretchers and blankets for operation. No decision yet.	
		1800	Received warning order from Bde to move detachment of unit on 22nd. This refers to the part of 'A' Coy attached to Bde for Operation "TORCHLIGHT".	
	17		Received warning order from Div to move main part of unit on the 20th, and harbour party to move 19th.	
			Received order from Div to collect four weasels from OOSTHAM, for use in Op "TORCHLIGHT".	
	18		Attended demonstration at 11 Lt Fd Amb on loading Buffaloes with casualties.	
			Visited ADMS afterwards.	
	19	0600	2 I/C and party left for new location.	
			Maps were collected from Div.	
LUMMEN		1600	Our 4 Weasels arrived. They are not fitted with stretcher frames but will carry two casualties.	
			Visited Bde and got them to arrange to phase in our Weasels on LVTs.	
	20	0500	C.O. and Major Stewart left for recce of RHINE.	
		1100	Arrived XANTEN and recce completed.	
		1400	C.O. arrived in new location near HAMB - M.R. 080315.	
Nr HAMB (080315)	21	0500	Main party arrived at new location.	
			Received a directive regarding DUKWs.	
		1100	C.O. visited LVT commander regarding loading of weasels on Buffaloes.	
		1400	DDMS conference at 12 Corps H.Q. Op "TORCHLIGHT" discussed.	
			DUKWs arrived at our location for loading.	
			Received Div Med Admin Instr No. 2.	
	22		DUKWs loaded in morning. 2 I/C visited DADMS.	
Nr HAMB		1430	C.O. attended conference at VENRAY where Brig. Glyn-Hughes explained the whole of Op. "TORCHLIGHT".	
	23	1030	Met ADMS and was told that to-day was D-1.	
		1400	Bde conference. Met O.A. 'A' Coy.	
			Reported that 'A' Coy were all ready and waiting with their Battalions.	
			Section of 22 FDS arrived.	
		1800	Personnel and stores for ADS left on DUKWs for VEEN.	
			Posted D.Rs. out.	
VEEN	24	0200	H-hour.	
		0230	Most of 'A' Coy over R RHINE and C.E.Ps. established.	
		0415	O.C. 'A' Coy crossed river and contacted both C.E.Ps.	
			C.O. visited Bde H.Q. and both C.D.Ps.	

			Casualties so far slight and coming back normally.	
		1000	'A' Coy established a C.C.P. in BISLICH.	
VEEN		1100	C.O. and Sergeant-Major crossed R RHINE and contacted 'A' Coy at C.C.P. C.O. inspected sites of cas evacuation and found it proceeding satisfactorily.	
		1300	C.O. recced and found site for an A.D.S. in BISLICH. Site cleaned up and signs put out.	
BISLICH		1530	DUKWs with H.Q. aboard arrived and were led to A.D.S. (137429)	
		1700	A.D.S. established and first casualties arriving. Evacuation by DUKW proceeded normally and C.C.P. closed down and prepared to move.	
		1800	'A' Coy moved out to establish a C.C.P. at 194483. Large numbers of casualties from 6th Airborne Division arriving.	
		1930	All nine DUKWs loaded and away.	
		2200	A.D.S. now full and no DUKWs yet returned.	
		2300	DUKWs started coming back and evacuation of cas proceeded. Total Cas so far 230.	
BISLICH	25	0300	All cas now away and A.D.S. empty.	
		0830	Cas started arriving in large numbers, mostly airborne. Arrival and evacuation proceeded all day. The DUKWs were very slow in coming back and this led to an accumulation at the A.D.S.	
		1600	Section of 9 FDS and a Coy from 194 Fd Amb arrived to assist.	
		2030	30 M.A.C. cars arrived to assist in evacuation which was now easy.	
		2359	Total cas now 770.	
	26	0900	ADMS called. Casualties arrived all night. Evacuation by ambulance car and DUKWs proceeded very well.	
		1500	Cas now very light, as most are now going to 193 Fd Amb which is now open.	
	27		23 FDS arrived and opened up with us.	
BISLICH	28		Equipment checked and bank searched for stretchers and blankets. C.C.P. now open at M.R. 195505.	
		2359	We are now closed. Total casualties 902.	
	29		Unit resting. Saw ADMS.	
	30		Nil to note.	
	31		Still in same locations. WM Oxley W.M. OXLEY, Lieut.Colonel, R.A.M.C., Commanding, 194 (Br) Field Ambulance.	

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Month and Year APRIL 1945.

Commanding Officer WM Oxley
Lieut.Colonel, RAMC.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BISLICH	1		Unit in same locations; ADS in BISLICH and "A" Coy CCP with Bde.	
	2		No change.	
	3	1000 1200	ADMS conference. Orders from ADMS to move with Bde tomorrow.	
	4		Orders to move to GRAVEN today: Later cancelled.	
	5	0830	Unit left BISLICH for BORGHORST.	
BORGHORST		1600	Arrived new location. M.R. 768921. Using Burgomaster's house for Officers' Mess. Later it turned out that he is a prominent Nazi: later arrested.	
	6	1245 1900	Conference at Bde. Div to capture NEUSTADT. 44 Bde in reserve. There will be a move to a conc area first. Recce party left at 1400 hours. Order to move at 2035 hours. Order cancelled. Therefrom on one hour's notice to move.	
BORGHORST LIENTELE	7	0845 1700	Left for new location. Arrived new location M.R. 644249. C.O. visited Bde.	
	8		Brigadier visited unit in morning and ADMS in afternoon.	
	9		Medical boards and equipment check.	
WINDHEIM	10	0945 1330 1900	Left for WINDHEIM. M.R. 869253. Arrived WINDHEIM. Conference with ADMS. Unit to move to NEUSTADT and establish light ADS there.	
NEUSTADT	11	0600 0700 0900 0920 1030	Harbour party left for NEUSTADT. Main party less "A" Coy (with Bde) left. ADS established. No casualties. Bde "O" Group. "A" Coy comes under command of Bde for future Operations. ADMS arrived and took recce party to MELLENDORF. Intention to open ADS there. 6 MAC cars now attached to us.	

NEUSTADT MELLENDORF		 1430 1700 2100	On moving unit to MELLENDORF one sec of "B" Coy is to stay to man a filter post, where cas would be transferred from one pl MAC to another pl MAC and sort out cases. H.Q. and 2 Secs "B" Coy left for MELLENDORF. Unit arrived MELLENDORF and opened ADS at M.R. 363410. Capt. Swan posted temporarily to 6 KOSB to relieve Capt. Thompson. "A" Coy arrived in HELLENDORF with Bde. Sec of "B" Coy stays at NEUSTADT until relieved by 11 Lt Fd Amb. 12 cas arrived mostly Gordons.	
MELLENDORF	12	 1100 1600 1715 1700	No cas during the night and only a few in the morning. C.O. visited ADMS at FUHRBURG. Div now moving to CELLE. 153 Fd Amb opening ADS in CELLE. "A" Coy moves with Bde. Orders from ADMS to move one Coy to CELLE. "B" Coy (now complete) moved to CELLE. They are to take over and supervise a hospital filled with starved civilian ex prisoners, from a concentration camp in this area. 150 Canadian Ex POWs arrived at the ADS having been released from a working camp at HAMBUHREN this afternoon. They were powdered and fed and given the whole of our supply of socks. They were mostly in poor shape, being half starved and many with sore feet. Some were evacuated through medical channels. Lt.Col. Bradshaw arrived from Corps and arranged their further evacuation.	
CELLE	13	0900 1345 1545	C.O. visited ADMS at CELLE. Unit ordered to move and harbour in CELLE. Movement arranged with Bde. Left and arrived CELLE 1545 hours. Harbouring in the Cavalry barracks with 193 Fd Amb until they moved out at 1700 hours for SCHELPLAH, on the road to UELZEN. At 1700 hours, Division moved on to ESCHEDE. C.O. contacted the O.C. 21 Lt Fd Amb. He is unable to take over our "Eclipse" commitment until tomorrow.	
	14	0830 1500	Orders from ADMS to move one Coy to ESCHEDE. With both Coys committed, this took some arranging but "B" Coy was taken off the Civil Hospital, packed up and sent off. There is now only one M.O. with "B" Coy and one with H.Q. with 2 i/c acting as "A" Coy Commander. Visited Div. They are now moving on to HOSSERINGEN. The route of evacuation is now difficult as the main road from the front SOUTH of UELZEN is mined in the region of SCHELPLAH and the diversion to the north through the forest is a bad road and unfit for serious casualties. Cas are therefore being held at HOLXEN by "B" Coy until road is clear.	

CELLE		1800	Lieut. Davies sent to join "B" Coy, leaving H.Q. without a Medical Officer, apart from the C.O. This did not matter as there were no casualties to see. C.O. recced site for H.Q. to harbour in ESCHEDE	
ESCHEDE	15	0930 1630 1200 1750	Recce party sent to ESCHEDE. C.O. visited ADMS and forward Coys. "B" Coy had evacuated about 70 cases since yesterday afternoon. Main axis is now open down as far as WEYHAUSEN from where there is a short diversion through the wood to 193 Fd Amb ADS at SCHELPLAH. H.Q. moved to ESCHEDE. Arrived ESCHEDE.	
ESCHEDE	16		No change in position of Unit. Two M.Os. sent out to relieve RMO of KOSB and 190 Fd Rt RA. This leaves only two M.Os, excluding the C.O. in the unit, Major Reid and Capt. Ritchie having been posted to us about a week ago but still have not turned up.	
HOLDESNTEDT	17	0830 0900 1700	Visited "A" Coy in HOLDENSTEDT. Visited ADMS about an "Eclipse" job in UELZEN. "B" Coy will be used on this job, as post at HOLXEN has now closed down. "A" Coy moved CCP to HALLIGDORF. H.Q. moved in at HOLDENSTEDT. C.O. contacted Major Barefoot of 913 Det Mil Gov about hospitals in UELZEN. 44 Bde are now on the outskirts of UELZEN on the right of the river but 46 are still held up outside the town to left of river.	
HOLDENSTEDT	18	0730 1300 1800	C.O. visited CCP with 44 Bde, and got into the town to right of river. Found a camp with 170 French POWs in fairly good condition not requiring medical attention. Arrangements made to powder them and Mil Gov told of their whereabouts. Got into the town on left of river and found a Luftwaffe Hospital with about 270 patients. All German with sufficient staff to cope. Left a sec of "B" Coy in charge. Whole town now cleared. Found another German Hospital in Ebsdorfenstrasse with about 700 patients including 12 British. Arranged to evacuate the British at once. Another sec of "B" Coy left in charge. In the meantime Lieut. Harries had found a POW camp near a factory in the north of the town, the Zucker Farb., with 176 British, 11 U.S., 15 Belgian and French, 40 Dutch, 23 Italian. 130 British and U.S. sick and wounded evacuated same night through med channels. The condition of the others was fairly good although all showed signs of malnutrition. A civil hospital was found near this with	

HOLDENSTEDT			sufficient staff to cope. Major Reid reported for duty, to take over "A" Coy. Saw ADMS in evening and ordered to be prepared to move Unit in morning, and open light ADS in BEVENSEN as soon as cleared.	
EMENDORF BEVENSEN	19	0830 1025 1130 1400 1530	Ready to move. 2 i/c sent off to BEVENSEN as soon as cleared. Major Butcher arrived and agreed to take over the "Eclipse" commitment. Unit moved, less 2 secs of "B" Coy to area of Bde at EMMENDORF. Unit moved from EMMENDORF to BEVENSEN. Light ADS open in BEVENSEN. "A" Coy left with Bde. Capt. Senior from 153 Fd Amb is attached to us for this job.	
	20	1520	"A" Coy moved with Bde to LUNEBURG and opened CCP on Luftplatz. "B" Coy arrived in BEVENSEN from UELZEN.	
BEVENSEN	21		No change. Received Med. Admin. noted for "Op. ENTERPRISE".	
	22		ADMS visited "A" Coy. Capt. Ritchie reported for duty.	
LUNEBURG	23		Moved H.Q. up to LUNEBURG. "A" Coy location in LUNEBURG changed. Unit now all together.	
	24		No change.	
	25		Received message from Bde to bid for vehicles on Cl. 40 raft. Preliminary discussion with ADMS on Op. "ENTERPRISE". Vehicle phasing table made out for ADS.	
	26	1000	Conference with ADMS re Operation. Preparations for Op. "ENTERPRISE" begun.	
	27	 1430	Preparations for Op. continued. Conference with DDMS Corps at 33 CCS in LUNEBURG.	
LUNEBURG	28		Preparations for Op. continued. Still in same location.	
	29		Operation "Enterprise". See Appendix.	
	30		Operation "Enterprise". See Appendix. WM Oxley W.M. OXLEY, Lieut.Colonel, R.A.M.C., Commanding, 194 (Br) Field Ambulance.	

194 Field Ambulance. Operation 'ENTERPRISE' 29 Apr 45.

"Crossing the Elbe" Ref. 1:25000 sheets 2528, 2529
2628, 2629

The role of the 15 Sc Div in this operation was to establish a bridgehead across the Elbe at Artlenburg 8334, and with the attached Commandos at Lauenburg 8734 and enlarge this bridgehead to Dalldorf - Lutau - Piependorf - to river at 788385.

44 L Bde was to establish the initial bridgehead.

After the advance from Uelzen 194 Field Ambulance was concentrated in Luneburg 7920, in 44 Bde area: Div HQ being at Scharnebeck 8525.

On 26th Apr, a conference was held at ADMS office at which the method of employing the medical units was arranged.

Role of 194 Fd. Amb.

Bde were crossing the river at Artlenburg in LVTs and the field ambulance would establish two CEPs on the far bank in the neighbourhood of the LVT ferries and evacuate casualties to the corresponding CDPs established by 14 Lt Fd Amb in Artlenburg. Later these posts would be combined into a CCP in the region of Schnarkenbeck from which casualties would be evacuated by LVT and storm—boat, until the arrival of the ADS, when the CCP would follow up behind Bde and establish CCP when and where necessary.

The ADS with an FSU and FTU attached would cross by the Cl. 40 raft, probably in the evening of D day and set up with an ASC in region of Schnarkenbeck.

A battalion of the A & S H, were to be attached to 44 Bde for the assault. The Bde plan was to cross with two assault battalions, passing through the other two to enlarge the bridgehead. The 8 RS on the left and the 6 RSF on the right, were the assaulting bns.

In view of the hilly nature of the country and the bad exits from the river it was decided to increase the number of SBs by attaching 8 from the Fd Amb to each Bn and to use two Officers and 20 ORs of the Fd Amb to establish each CEP. This meant using the whole of A Coy and two secs of B Coy.

To build up into a CCP vehicles would be phased over the river as follows:-

1. Four stretcher jeeps ..... LVT ferry.
2. 4 X 3 tonners ..... Cl. 40 raft.
   6 X 2 str ambs ..... " "
   2 X 15 cwts ..... " "
   1 scout car ..... " "

It was expected that the above would be over by about H plus 10.

The vehicle phasing table for the build up of the ADS was:-

Serial	Vehicle	Remarks.
1	2 x 3 tonners	ADS.
	1 x 15 cwt	
2.	1 x 3 tonner	cooks
	1 x 4 str amb	
	1 water truck	ADS
3.	2 x 3 tonners	FSU
	2 amb jeeps	ADS
4.	1 x 3 tonner	FTU
	1 x 4 str amb	ADS
	1 x 2 str amb	ADS
5.	2 x 4 str amb	ADS
	1 x 2 str amb	"

These vehicles would enable an ADS and ASC to open up on the evening of D day.

193 Fd Amb were to take over an ADS on 10 DUKWs and open up in Lauenburg on the afternoon of D day, evacuation would then be as follows:-

Continue by storm boat and LVT ferry to Artlenburg and or by ambulance to 193 and then by DUKW, across the river and back to the CCS at Luneburg. Either or both methods would be used as necessary. If during the night evacuation stopped then cases would be retained by both the ADSs and urgent surgery carried out at the ASC.

The further development of the use of the Fd Amb on the far bank could not be formulated at this juncture but would be considered as the occasion arose.

On the 27th, there was a conference at 33 CCS at which the DDMS Corps outlined the Corps plan.

28th. D-1. 33 FSU and 21 FTU joined this unit with transport. The parties of 8 SBs with one NCO in each party joined their bns.

At 1900 hrs, A and B Coy parties for the CEPs left with their transport for the marshalling area (see MAP). The remainder of the field ambulance stayed in Luneburg waiting to be called forward to the marshalling area.

On the 29th, D day at 0200 hrs, the operation started. The two CEP parties landed at varying times between 0215 hrs and 0245 hrs, dealt with casualties on the river bank and both CEPs were established by 0300 hrs. The actual landing was fairly quiet but shortly after the right CEP had established in a factory at 843349 shells came over and hit the factory.

This resulted in several casualties including five of the field ambulance personnel. Evacuation was carried out well although the river bank was under continuous mortar and shell fire.

The left CEP was established at 838352 and casualties evacuated satisfactorily from the bank and the cliff top.

At 0230 hrs, Tac Bde HQ was visited and it was learnt that the landing had gone well though the RS on the left had encountered considerable mortar fire.

At 0330 hrs, the right CDP was visited: they had no casualties up to date. Then the left CDP was visited: they had 25 cas from the RS, mostly resulting from mortar fire.

At 0350 hrs, the RAP of the 11 RTR was visited and it was arranged that the supply of 50 stretchers and 100 blankets previously arranged and already loaded on the MOs buffalo should be sent over at 0500 hrs. Actually it got over later and delivered to both CEPs at 0615 hrs.

At 0530 hrs, both CDPs were visited and casualties were seen coming in. There did not appear to have been any delay in getting them over the river. Total cas now 65, including about 10 PWs. At 0600 hrs, the CO met the ADMS in Artlenburg and reported on the position. Our four jeeps had not yet gone across. There did not appear to be any real urgency for the jeeps yet, and it was decided to wait a bit before agitating for them. At Crossing Control it was learnt that there was considerable delay in all 44 Bde vehicles.

At 0630 hrs, visited A Coy Commander in the marshalling area.

At 0830 hrs, CC was again visited and as the jeeps had still not gone over and priority was being given to 227 Bde, it was impressed on the officer in charge that it was now an immediate priority. The jeeps were over the river within half an hour.

The CDPs were again visited at 1000 hrs. Total casualties now 97, including 25 PWs. Shelling was still going on in the crossing area though not intense.

At 1430 hrs, the CCP was visited at 838352 and a site found for the ADS, though it was not big enough to house an ASC as well, there was nothing suitable in Schnarkenbeck and shelling was still going on. Casualties were now very light.

At 1530 hrs, the DADMS was visited and the situation discussed. None of the company vehicles save the jeeps had gone across. This was due to marked delay in building the Cl. 40 raft because of the shell fire, and priority was still being given to 227 Bde. However the CCP could continue to function as it was for some time. It was expected that the rest of their transport would cross about 2230 hrs.

At 1730 hrs, the CCP was again visited. The cross roads just to the north of the CCP were being heavily shelled. Casualties were still very light, and it was considered that it would be impracticable to open up an ASC here until

later. Evacuation was going well by storm-boat and LVT, and would continue by storm boat during the night.

At 2100 hrs, ADMS was visited and he agreed to send over the ADS in the morning.

At 1800 hrs, the ADS moved into the marshalling area.

On 30th at 0015 hrs, the ADMS visited the CO in the marshalling area and explained the new plan, which was to get 44 Bde transport over the C1.9 bridge in a block, including all field ambulance vehicles. This was tied up with Bde.

An officer was sent to the CCP with instructions to send a rep to the C1.9 bde to conduct company transport to their location and to follow up the Bde.

The ADS crossed the bridge at 0400 hrs and reached Juliusburg 8439 at 0730 hrs. Recce party was sent off to Gulzow 8342, and ADS followed up. Meanwhile the CCP was opened in Gulzow and dealt with all casualties, sending them back to the DUKW point at 193 Fd Amb location at Lauenburg. Casualties still not heavy.

1st May. The CCP moved with Bde up to Schwarzenbek 8248. The ADS took over the CCP site and opened up. Casualties coming in all day. Evacuation still proceeding to 193 Fd Amb and thence by DUKW to the DUKW CDP and thence to 33 CCS in Luneburg.

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Unit 194 (BR) FIELD AMBULANCE, RAMC.

Month and Year May 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. W.M. Oxley, RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GULZOW	1		ADS of 194 Field Ambulance, situated in GULZOW (MR 830419) CCP moved from here up to SCHWARZENBEK (MR. 8248), with the Brigade H.Q., and opened up there. The battalions are clearing the ground to the east and meeting only light opposition: few casualties coming in. Few casualties received in the ADS and all evacuated down to the DUKW point of 194 Field Ambulance at LAUENBURG.	
	2		Same location. Light casualties only.	
	3		Same location. Very few casualties.	
BARGTEHEIDE	4	1100 1500	ADS closed down and packed up. Left location on way to BARGTEHEIDE. CCP moved to BEVENSEN with Brigade H.Q. Arrived BARGTEHEIDE (MR.668735). ADS opened. Brigade occupying locations in vicinity of BARGTEHEIDE, but no active operations. CCP arrived BARGTEHEIDE but did not open.	
BARGTEHEIDE	5		No active operations. Routine sick parades and check up of equipment. Surrender of German Armed Forces. C.O. visited all Battalions.	
	6		No change. ECLIPSE commitments in AHRENSBURG taken over.	
	7		ECLIPSE continued. No change in location.	
	8		Section of "B" Coy sent out to Russian PWX Camp at JERSBECK. 1700 Russians here. Small hospital opened for them.	
	9		No change.	
	10		No change. Recce carried out in new and final location, in BAD SEGEBERG.	
	11		No change.	
ROHLSDORF	12	1300 1500	Left BARGTEHEIDE for ROHLSDORF (MR.757011) near BAD SEGEBERG. Arrived ROHLSDORF (MR. 757011).	

			"A" Coy accommodated in separate location at MR.691996.	
	13		Eclipse commitments taken over in Kreis SEGEBERG.	
	14		Brigade conference at 625 Det Military Government in BAD SEGEBERG, on Ec1ipse arrangements.	
	15	1400	C.O. attended conference at Medical H.Q. 8 Corps, with D.D.M.S. Eclipse arrangements outlined.	
	16		G.1098 and I.1248 equipment checked and overhauled. All German hospitals in KREIS SEGEBERG visited.	
	17		German S.M.O. appointed for control of all hospitals in the Kreis. C.R.S. opened at ROHLSDORF - 50 beds.	
	18		No change.	
	19		No change. C.Os Parade and inspection of Unit lines.	
ROHLSDORF	20		No change.	
	21		Brigade conference at 625 Det Military Government, on Eclipse arrangements.	
	22		Capt. Swan and a section of "B" Coy, remain at Russian PWX camp at JERSBECK.	
	23		Eclipse continued.	
	24		No change.	
	25		No change.	
	26		No change. C.Os Parade and inspection of Unit lines.	
	27		No change. Eclipse continued.	
	28		No change. Brigade conference at 625 Det Military Government re Eclipse commitments.	
ROHLSDORF	29		No change.	
	30		No change.	
	31		No change. WM Oxley Lieut.Colonel, R.A.M.C., Commanding, 194 (Br) Field Ambulance.	

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Month and Year JUNE 1944.

Commanding Officer FWA Warren

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Preston. BRIGHTON	1		Conference at 23 F.D.S. ALL Officers attended. Weather sunny but cold.	FWAW
	2,3,4.		Weather still cold. Nil to report.	FWAW
	5		Cloth Model demonstration on 'Street Clearing' at 9 Bn Cameronians. 2i/c and One Officer attended.	FWAW
	6		Weather sunny and mild with light breeze.	FWAW
	7-8		Weather fair but dull, light rain evening of 8th. Nil to report.	FWAW
	9		Advance Party (2 Officers 3 Other Ranks) left Unit to proceed to Marshalling Area.	FWAW
	10		Weather warm with sunny spells.	FWAW
	11		Nil to report.	FWAW
	12		Paid out personnel in French currency. Vehicle Party briefed.	FWAW
	13		Vehicle Party (120) moved from Brighton 0500 hours. Alert sounded no enemy action observed. Arrived Marshalling Area - Wanstead 1230 hrs.	FWAW
	14		Vehicle Party in Marshalling Area under canvas. Marching Party left Brighton 1500 hours arrived Haywards Heath (J.9) 1530 hours.	FWAW
Wanstead	15		Left Marshalling Area (Vehicle Party), 1430 hours, proceeded by bus to Victoria Docks, boarded 'Empire of Rhodes'. Sailed at 2200 hours, Air Raid commenced, heavy A.A. Fire, no damage sustained, but ship put in to King Edward Dock. Marching Party still in Haywards Heath.	FWAW
	16		Raids continued. Enemy Pilotless Planes bombed dock about 0645 hours and at intervals until 1115 hours. One very 'near miss' destroyed shed on wharf, damaged vehicles on deck of ship, also damaged part of ship and believed to have shifted cargo. Slight casualties in personnel sustained, none of serious nature. Ship towed to opposite side of dock and damaged vehicles off loaded. One ambulance completely replaced by V.R.D. Ship lay to, rest of convoy proceeded.	FWAW

	17 18		Marching Party left J.9., 0730 hours, arrived Newhaven 0900 hours, embarked on L.C.I. (large) 178, 1000 hours, sailed 1800 hours. Vehicle Party slight air attack about 0130 hours, ship sailed at 1230 hrs, hove to off Southend approx 1700 hours. Weather windy, river choppy. Sailed approx 1800 hours in convoy. Passed through Straits of Dover about 0200 hours, no enemy action observed. Fine sunny day, sea calm, very smooth sailing weather no one sick, no enemy interference. Anchored off Beach Head, Mike Red Beach, approx 2130 hours, L.C.T. (4) came along side and proceeded to remove vehicles on deck. Decided to complete unloading in morning. Danger signal from shore. Destroyers laid smoke screen. Marching Party arrived 0900 hours Mike Red Beach. Marched to concentration area Le Manoir, arrived 1600 hours. Move completed without incident.	FWAW
	19	0030 1400	Raids by single enemy planes, ships, including own ship opened fire, no enemy action observed. 0500 hours, C.O. and Capt. Compston left with 2 vehicles as Advance Party. Sea very rough, strong wind, impossible to unload. Steady rain, sea still rough, no more cargo unloaded. Now on ship 4 days. Warships firing periodically. 1800 hrs Pilotless Plane passed overhead very fast in direction of Beachhead. Same type as at Docks, orange flame seen clearly at tail. 'Empire of Rhodes' gunners opened fire, no other guns fired, no explosions seen or heard, sea appears rougher.	FWAW
Off Shore	20		Raids by enemy aircraft during early morning, bombs dropped but no damage observed. 0900 hrs sea still as rough, several personnel including crew sick. No attempt so far to continue off loading, wind still strong, slight rain, very cloudy all day. Cruisers opened fire at objectives on land. One shell seen landing bay appeared to be fired from shore.	FWAW
	21		Enemy aircraft raided off shore early morning, guns opened fire, no action observed, sea still rough. No sign of change, weather dull and cloudy.	FWAW
	22		Sea still rough, getting calmer, warm day. Allied fighters and bombers in strong numbers seen proceeding in Le Havre direction. Landing Barges came along side 2230 hours, starting to unload with the intention of having all unloaded by 0800 hours 23rd, but still heavy swell on sea. While unloading in operation shells and bombs landed very near ship. Unloading abandoned, raids continue during night. Shells or bombs landed very near ship, heavy A.A. opened fire, no damage sustained or seen.	FWAW

	23		Landing Barges came alongside 0500 hrs and unloaded vehicles. Beaching began at 1145 hours. Route Courseulles sur Mer-Reviers-Creully-St Gabriele. All vehicles arrived at Le Manoir by evening where Unit was located, joined Marching Party.	FWAW
NORMANDY	24		Sunny bright day. Reloaded lorries, completed de-waterproofing. Moved off to new concentration area 2000 hours. Arrived Secqueville en Bessin 2230 hrs.	
	25	0130	Heavy Artillery Barrage all night. Warm sunny weather. Spasmodic arty fire somewhere in front of location, no shells overhead. 'A' Coy moved to 227 Inf Bde Concentration Area in support (See Appdx 1).	FWAW
	26		A.D.S. opened in Battle Area Putot en Bessin in conjunction with 22 F.D.S. Very heavy Artillery barrage overhead towards enemy. 'B' Coy opened C.C.P. (3 sections) at Les Saullets which was visited by D.D.M.S. 8 Corps in the forenoon. C.C.P. mortared, direct hit approx 1130 hours, 9 casualties to our own Field Ambulance personnel. Evacuated to A.D.S. A.D.S. received 126 casualties up to 1800 hours.	FWAW
Putot en Bessin	27	0400	C.C.P. now received to date 221 casualties. Visit by D.D.M.S. 8 Corps 0700 hours. Instructed to return to H.Q. on relief ~~by Field Ambulance from 43 Division~~. 'B' Coy closed C.C.P. and rejoined H.Q. 1100 hours. Total casualties received and dealt with at combined A.D.S. and F.D.S. up to 0600 hours - 427. All resuscitation was done in F.D.S. where a team from 31 F.T.U. was also working. H.Q. & 'B' Coy moved off in Unit convoy on relief to M.R. 912680. A.D.S. established, 'B' Coy taking over 'Walking Wounded' Post. 'B' Coy instructed at 2130 hours to relieve 'A' Coy at Colleville. A.D.S. shelled periodically. From 0600 hours to 1800 23 patients evacuated.	FWAW
	28		A.D.S. closed at above location on relief by 194 Field Ambulance RAMC, moved to Les Saullets at 2400 hours. Closed. ~~'D' Coy rejoined H.Q.~~	FWAW
	29		Opened up A.D.S. at Les Saullets. 'A' Coy establishing W.W.P. 'B' Coy moved out under fire to rejoin	FWAW
	30		'A' Coy moved at 0500 hours to Colleville, opened 1400 hours with Light Section of 179 Field Ambulance. Shelled and mortared in vicinity of C.C.P. A.D.S. still open. Total number of casualties evacuated from commencement of Battle from 26th June to 2400 30th June 600.	FWAW

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Month and Year JULY 1944.

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1st		Unit move 12.00 hrs to Rest Site BRONAY 891720. Occasional spasmodic shelling.	FWAW
	2nd		Unit resting. Checking & cleaning equipment and personal kit. C.R.S. and M.I. Room opened.	FWAW
	3rd-6th.		Unit resting.	FWAW
	7th.		Weather showery. Fine during evening. Shortly after 21.00 hrs heavy raid by R.A.F. was seen North of CAEN. Much smoke and fires followed the raid. During the night enemy aircraft were heard flying low over the camp area and a number of bombs were dropped within a mile radius. One landed in Field north of camp.	FWAW
	8th.		Weather unsettled. Impromptu Concert in C.R.S. tent. A.D.M.S. visited camp 21.00 hrs.	FWAW
B.L.A.	9th.		Slight enemy air activity at 0230 hrs. No bombs fell in vicinity of camp. Major Russell and Lieut. Davies evacuated to 77 Gen. Hospital. O.C. attended conferences at A.D.M.S. 09.00 hrs and 14.00 hrs and Bde 'O' Group 16.00 hrs. Conference for Bde R.M.Os held by O.C. at 1800 hrs. Two Ambulance Cars dispatched to each Bn at 2000 hrs. C.R.S. closed.	FWAW
	10th		Bde HQ pulled out at 0345 hrs followed by "B" Coy 193 Field Ambulance under command of Major Crawford with Capt. Crean. Company ADS set up west of VERSON 962658 at 1100 hrs. One S.B. squad sent to each Bn. Casualties 6 Offrs and 103 ORs. Lieut. Holden joined this unit from 181 RHU. Capt. Giles posted to 2 Glasgow Hdrs.	FWAW
	11th		O.C. visited Div HQ at 1500 hrs. Capt. Keith met S/Capt 46 Bde and received new Bde area. Field Amb less "B" Coy moved to area south of SECQUEVILLE 911735. In new location by 2130 hrs. Casualties passed through "B" Coy ADS Offrs 11 ORs 258.	FWAW
	12th		"B" Coy relieved by Fd Amb of 2 Cdn Div. Joined parent unit at 1015 hrs. Casualties ORs 19. Unit resting. Slight enemy air activity at dusk and during night. O.C. received letter from O.C. 9 Cameronians	

B.L.A.			recommending Dvrs. Jones CG and Grimwade for mention or decoration for devotion to duty under enemy fire.	FWAW
	13th		Capt. McCardel & CSM Whait went with Bde reps to recce Bde FAA in MOUEN area at 14.30 hrs.	FWAW
	14th		Some enemy air activity at midday. During afternoon 1430 hrs 'A' Coy Harbour party under Lieut. Denton proceeded to MOUEN area and harboured in area 932652. Our own guns very active. Fair amount of return fire from enemy. One shell landed in location slightly injuring Dvr. Bird N.	FWAW
	15th		C.O. attended Div conference at 0930 hrs and Bde conference at 11.30 hrs. Fd Amb moved to Bretteville L'Orgueilleuse 918727 at 1315 hrs. Remainder of 'A' Coy joined harbour party at 932652 MOUEN at 2130 hrs. Fair amount of enemy shelling during the night.	FWAW
B.L.A.	16th		Unit moved to 913674 ST MAUVIEU together with 23 Lt Fd Amb at 1245 hrs. ADS opened at 2000 hrs. Casualties evacuated 1 Offr 9 ORs. Spasmodic shelling during day. C.O. visited 'A' Coy at 2300 hrs. Air attack in this area at 2300 hrs. Bombs dropped close by. Very heavy barrage from our own guns started at 2330 hrs.	FWAW
	17th		Between 0200 and 0300 hrs fairly heavy enemy shelling in vicinity of camp. Shells exploded in and around camp area. Two MAC drivers slightly injured. ADS receiving casualties from 0800 to 1300 hrs. Camp visited by DDMS 12 Corps. Major Russell & Lieut. Davies returned to unit. At 1900 hrs Capt. Gaman went forward with 1 section 'B' Coy as temporary reinforcement to CCP 194 Fd Amb. Fairly heavy enemy air attack at 2330 to 2400 hrs. No bombs in camp area. ADS closed at 2400 hrs. Casualties evacuated 173. 'A' Coy moved to South of COLLVILLE and CCP opened at 15.00 hrs. Slight enemy Artillery activity during day. Sharp air attack between 2300 hrs and midnight. Two bombs landed in Coy area. No casualties in Coy.	FWAW
B.L.A.	18th		Weather fine. At first light large fleet of Allied heavy bombers was seen attacking targets in CAEN area. Fd Amb less 'A' Coy moved to Div Med Area 916737 at 0800 hrs. About 12 shells from enemy landed in 'A' Coy camp area during the afternoon. No enemy air activity at night. Area shelled continuously from 1100 to 0400 hrs - 19 July. No casualties or damage in Coy.	FWAW
	19th		Unit resting. C.O. visited 'A' Coy CCP. Slight enemy artillery activity.	FWAW
	20th		Unit resting. 'A' Coy rejoined unit at 1645 hrs.	FWAW
	21-22nd.		Unit resting.	FWAW

	23rd		C.O. proceeded to recce new area 6/F2 709691. Fd Amb less 'B' Coy moved to new location 1715 hrs with 22 FDS. 'B' Coy under command 46 Bde moved at 1400 hrs to ST PAUL DE VERNAY 742703.	FWAW
	24th		Unit in reserve. ME 109 fighter was shot down by LAA fire one field from camp area.	FWAW
	25th		Nothing to report.	FWAW
	26th		Unit visited by DDMS 30 Corps. Lieut. Holden joined 9 Cams and relieved Capt. Gibb. 'B' Coy under Command 46 Bde moved to location LA NALBUMIERE 694628.	FWAW
	27th		Lieut. Denton proceeded to 6 RSF to relieve Capt. Orr. 'B' Coy CCP established.	FWAW
	29th		C.O. attended Div conferences 0900 & 2000 hrs. Unit moved in tactical blocks to operational site 703652. Move completed by 0145 hrs 30 July. 'B' Coy moved to LE MENUIT 724638.	FWAW
	30th		ADS opened at 1100 hrs. Casualties evacuated Offrs 7 ORs 177 POW 30. Lieut Holden returned from 6 KOSB. 'A' Coy moved forward during night to open CCP, casualties evacuated Offrs 5 ORs 114 POW 20. 'B' Coy moved to AUBIGNY 694564 and established CCP at 2300 hrs, casualties evacuated 51. At 2130 hrs Lieut Davies went forward to contact RAPs and did not return.	FWAW
	31st		'A' Coy rejoined ADS at 0500 hrs. Casualties evacuated Offrs 11, ORs 137 POW 14. 'B' Coy moved to 682524. Lieut Copp joined in place of Lieut Davies who is presumed POW.	FWAW

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Unit 193 FIELD AMBULANCE, R.A.M.C.

Month and Year AUGUST 1944.

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1st		ADS opened for local casualties. Fair amount of enemy air activity during night. Bombs dropped ¼ mile radius. 'B' Coy location shelling from 0600 - 0700 hrs. Enemy mortaring & shelling intermittently throughout morning. At 1320 hrs local shelling. Two shells in camp area. Casualties in 'B' Coy 3 killed and 3 wounded. Coy moved out under shell fire at 1600 hrs to area 686546. Three S.B. squads sent from 'A' Coy as reinforcements for 'B' Coy.	FWAW
	2nd		Fd Amb moved to harbour area 696552. Some enemy shelling during night.	FWAW
	3rd		Unit in harbour. Lt Copp with Sect 2 'B' Coy detached to 7 Bn Seaforths under Command 44 Bde at 2100 hrs. Lt Copp with Sect 2 returned to above location.	FWAW
	4th		HQ moved to operational site 699450 at 1900 hrs. ADS opened at 2230 hrs. 'A' Coy moved to LE TOURNEUR. CCP established at 1600 hrs. 'B' Coy rejoined HQ at 699450. Lieut. Rankin joined unit in place of Lt Davies.	FWAW
B.L.A.	5th		Unit joined by 23 FDS at above location. Visit by DDMS and ADDS Second Army. Lt Rankin joined 'A' Coy temporary in place of Lt Copp.	FWAW
	6th		Heavy casualties during afternoon. Offrs 20 ORs 326 POW 2. 'A' Coy moved to area MONT CHARIVEL and established CCP. Casualties evacuated Offrs 6 ORs 74.	FWAW
	7th		Very few casualties through ADS. 'A' Coy CCP MONT CHARIVEL casualties evacuated Offrs 2 ORs 18.	FWAW
	8th		Lt Copp relieved Lt Rankin at 'A' Coy. Casualties evacuated Offrs 1 ORs 34 POW 2.	FWAW
	9th		Visit by DDMS 8 Corps.	FWAW
	10th		Uneventful day. Few casualties from shell fire from Bns.	FWAW
	11th		Uneventful day. 'B' Coy moved to 704413 at 2045 hrs. 1 Sec 'A' Coy detached to this location at 2100 hrs.	FWAW
	12th		Uneventful day. 'B' Coy with 1 Sect 'A' Coy rejoined unit 2100 hrs.	FWAW

	13th		Unit moved 1800 hrs to area MALLOT 984604, arrived 2135 hrs. 'A' Coy less 1 Sect rejoined unit in the afternoon at 14.00 hrs.	FWAW
B.L.A.	14th		Unit in harbour, slight enemy air activity during night.	FWAW
	15th		Unit moved to harbour area FORET DE CINGLAIS 002496. Arrived 1045 hrs.	FWAW
	16th		Unit resting. Capt. Glaister joined from 7 Seaforths and Lt Holden joined in his place.	FWAW
	17-18th		Unit resting.	FWAW
	19th		Recce party left 0530 hrs. Main body left at 0830 hrs to harbour area NORON L'ABBAYE 106359. 'B' Coy est CCP at railway station 118354. Few casualties including civilians.	FWAW
	20th		Nothing to report.	FWAW
	21st		Visit and short address by Maj. General Barber, Comd 15 (S) Inf Div at 1600 hrs. 'B' Coy rejoined unit.	FWAW
	22nd		Weather cloudy. Unit resting.	FWAW
	23rd		Unit moved at 1730 hrs to 105336. One section 'A' Coy under Capt. Denton joined 7 Seaforths.	FWAW
	24th		Unit moved to harbour area 276296.	FWAW
B.L.A.	25th		Bde 'O' Gp Conference at 0730 hrs. Unit moved to harbour area 879750 at 2120 hrs.	FWAW
	26th		Unit moved to further harbour area 982708. 'B' Coy detached, CCP est 008728.	FWAW
	27th		Unit moved to VIEUX VILLIERS 295838 arriving 1915 hrs. ADS opened. Bde deployed for SEINE crossings. 'A' Coy 1 Sect under Capt. Denton to 7th Seaforths, 1 Sect under Lt Copp to 9 Cams and 1 Sect under Capt Crean to crossings Lt Bank of RIVER SEINE. 'B' Coy est CCP VENABLES 325870.	FWAW
	28th		R SEINE crossed and ADS est at MUIDS 310891. No casualties. 'A' Coy river crossings effected without incident 0900 hrs and CCPs est in MUIDS as follows. 1 Sect under Capt Denton 307888. 1 Sect under Lt Copp 317397. Both Sections est joint CCP 317397 at 2200 hrs. Slight shelling near village in morning. 'B' Coy crossed R SEINE and est CCP MUIDS 324897 2300 hrs.	FWAW
	29th		ADS open, no casualties. 'A' Coy CCP open. 'B' Coy est CCP LE THUIT 366927 at 1800 hrs.	FWAW
	30-31st		ADS & CCPs open but few casualties. Remaining Sect under Capt Crean crossed R SEINE and joined remainder of Coy.	FWAW

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Unit 193 FIELD AMBULANCE, R.A.M.C.

Month and Year SEPTEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1-2nd		Nothing to report.	FWAW
	3rd		Unit moved 0915 hrs to area LYON-LE-FORET, arrived harbour area 514150 1315 hrs.	FWAW
	4th		Unit moved on in Bde convoy 1055 hrs to harbour area ROMESCAMPS 724407 arr 1405 hrs.	FWAW
	5th		Unit moved in Bde convoy to harbour area NUNCQ 1705. 'B' Coy moved on to AUBIGNY 3407. 'B' Coy rejoined rest of unit.	FWAW
	6th		Unit forming Med component of LYSFORCE moved across Belgian Frontier to area south of COURTRAI. ADS opened.	FWAW
	7th		Unit moved to harbour area QUAREMONT 0449.	FWAW
	8th		Fd Amb moved on 2015 hrs to area SCHELDEWINDEKE arriving 2345 hrs.	FWAW
	9th		A.D.S. opened light section. 1 Sect 'A' Coy under Capt Denton attached to 2 Glasgow Hdrs. Bn ordered to clear area North of GHENT, GHENT entered 1800 hrs. Intermittent shelling of town throughout evening & night.	FWAW
	10th		Unit less 1 Sect of 'A' Coy moved 1825 hrs to Rly Stn MALDEREN. 1 Sect 'A' Coy in GHENT in support of 2 Glasgow Hdrs. Shelling of town continued during night. Sect moved 1600 hrs to join Bn HQ.	FWAW
B.L.A.	11th		Unit on wheels. 1 Sect 'A' Coy in GHENT. Very few casualties.	FWAW
	12th		Unit moved in Bde Coln 1240 hrs to est ADS WESTERLOO. 1 Sect 'A' Coy in GHENT. Shelling much less. Bn relieved 1700 hrs by Bn of Polish Armd Div. Sect moved in Bn coln to southern outskirts of town. 'B' moved out to est CCP in bridgehead over ALBERT CANAL 053855. Est by 2030 hrs. Casualties during night incl POWs.	FWAW
	13th		ADS opened WESTERLOO Casualties evacuated ORs 38 POW 15. 2 Glas Hdrs moved to harbour LIPPERLOO on way to rejoining Div. 1 Sect 'A' Coy in Bn coln. 'B' Coy CCP at MEULENBERG 053855. Casualties Evac 30.	FWAW
	14th		ADS still open at WESTERLOO. Casualties evacuated Offrs 2 ORs 19. 1 Sect 'A' Coy moved in 2 Glas Hdrs coln to rejoin Fd Amb at	

			WESTERLOO. No 3 Sect opened to receive walking wounded. 'B' Coy CCP 053855 few casualties incl civilians.	FWAW
	15th		ADS opened WESTERLOO. Casualties evacuated 5. 'A' Coy moved out to est CCP at 035868. 'B' Coy CCP closed. Coy transferred from farm to adjoin field.	FWAW
B.L.A.	16th		ADS closed. Unit less both Coys moved over ALBERT CANAL to harbour in area GHEEL Br 039868 arriving 1900 hrs. 'A' Coy CCP opened 035868, casualties evacuated Offrs 4 ORs 9. 'B' Coy moved to location 034867.	FWAW
	17th		HQ in harbour area 039868. 'A' Coy CCP closed, Coy in harbour in same location. 'B' Coy in harbour 034867. At 1300 hrs large formations of allied troop carrying aircraft and gliders observed flying northwards towards HOLLAND. Occasional shelling in ESCAUT bridgehead.	FWAW
	18-19-20th		Unit resting in location as above.	FWAW
	21st		Unit moved in Divisional coln over Dutch border to harbour in VELDHOVEN. 'B' Coy detached to est CCP North of EINDHOVEN.	FWAW
	22nd		Unit moved to EINDHOVEN and est ADS in school. 'A' Coy billeted in school. M.I. Room and CRS opened for Div sick and exhaustion cases. 'B' Coy moved to area BEST 392247. CCP established. No 2 Sec under Capt Gaman detached to est CCP BEST Bridgehead 389251. Intermittent shelling of area.	FWAW
B.L.A.	23rd		'B' Coy No.2 Sect relieved by 'B' Coy No 3 Sect with Lt Rankin. Spasmodic shelling continued.	FWAW
	24th		Remainder of 'B' Coy joined Sect 3 at 389251. CCP in damaged Houses North of WILHELMINA CANAL.	FWAW
	25th		CCP 389251, still some shelling in vicinity.	FWAW
	26th		'B' Coy CCP 389251. Shelling intermittent.	FWAW
	27th		'B' Coy CCP 389251. Bridge shelled 1500 hrs.	FWAW
	28th		'B' Coy CCP 389251. Very few casualties. Bridge shelled at 1400 hrs. Visit by ADMS at 1630 hrs.	FWAW
	29th		'B' Coy CCP at 389251. Very few casualties. Shelling at 1800 hrs.	FWAW
	30th		'B' Coy CCP 389251. Few casualties. Shelling 1000 hrs.	FWAW

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Unit 193 FIELD AMBULANCE, R.A.M.C.

Month and Year OCTOBER 1944.

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Holland	1		A.D.S. open in School at EINDHOVEN, 'A' Coy holding sick cases in EINDHOVEN. 'B' Coy situated at BEST, C.C.P. established and open. 'B' Coy location shelled at 1800 hours. No casualties. One ambulance car damaged.	FWAW
	2		As above. Spasmodic shelling on 'B' Coy location, no casualties.	FWAW
	3	1030	'B' Coy joined rest of unit. Unit proceeded to HELMOND via GELDROP. Arrived at 1245 hours. Billeted in straw and Blanket Factories.	FWAW
	4-23rd		Unit in rest at HELMOND. Programme of squad drill and organised games carried out. Recreation took the form of Cinema and Concert Parties etc. Major Crawford posted on 16th Oct 44 to be O.C. 15 F.D.S.	FWAW
	24th		Field Ambulance proceeds in Brigade convoy passing S.P. level crossing S.W. of HELMOND at 1815 hours, proceeded via GELDROP, EINDHOVEN to harbour for the night in AACHT (393226) arriving 2000 hrs. Personnel billeted in School and farmyard buildings.	FWAW
Holland	25		'A' Coy moves in Bde advance guard to set up C.C.P. at OIRSCHOT. C.C.P. opened at OIRSCHOT M.R. 313264. Rest of Field Ambulance followed starting at 1030 hrs and proceeded via BEST and opened up A.D.S. at 'A' Coy location. On arrival of rest of unit 'A' Coy moved on Sections A3, A2 and A1 in that order to establish C.C.P. at MORGESTEL. Very few casualties. W/Major I.U. Young (64939) joined unit for duty from ADMS 7 Base Sub Area, Auth. Exfor Rear Med 120908A. Lieut. T.M. Williams (301978) joined unit for duty from 34 R.H.U. Auth. ADV RFTS/RDS34/Med/577 Serial No Z 34/RAMC/412 dated 24th Oct 44.	FWAW
	26		A.D.S. still open at School in OIRSCHOT. Lieut. Holden RAMC R.M.O. 7th Bn Seaforths brought in wounded. Capt Glaister 'A' Coy sent out to RAP of 7th Bn Seaforths to act as R.M.O. in place of Lieut. Holden wounded. 'A' Coy had an uneventful night. A few casualties in the morning. 'A' Coy closed C.C.P. on arrival of A.D.S. 153 Field Ambulance. Opened up a C.C.P. between SPEERDE and DEN DONK.	

			Fighting for village still in progress. Local shelling in road and woods. Four ambulance cars hit and rendered V.O.R. Lieut. Williams joined 'A' Coy in place of Capt Glaister.	FWAW
Holland	27		A.D.S. closed OIRSCHOT, HQ and 'B' Coy filtered up to school at MORGESTEL during the day and opened A.D.S. in site vacated by 153 Field Ambulance. 'A' Coy had a quiet night, C.C.P. remained open until move at 1415 hours in support of Bde. Arrived EUSHOT and opened up C.C.P.	FWAW
	28		A.D.S. opened at MORGESTEL, no casualties. 'A' Coy had quiet night and sent Recce party to TILBURG to find location for Coy. Coy arrived TILBURG opened C.C.P. in monastery. Very few casualties.	FWAW
Holland	29		A.D.S. ordered to close and join Bde convoy and to pass S.P. HILVARENBEEK at 1430 hrs then to proceed via MIDDLE BEERS - INESSEN - WINTELRE - MERE VELDHOVEN - EINDHOVEN - GELDROP - HELMOND to DEURNE. HQ and 'B' Coy stopped west of DEURNE. 'A' Coy joined unit west of DEURNE. Whole unit by side of road until C.O. returned from Div HQ with orders to return to HELMOND. On journey to HELMOND an enemy air raid was in progress. AP bombs were seen to drop but no casualties were received. Arrived HELMOND 2000 hrs. Unit billeted in Post Office. Enemy air activity at 2200 hrs over HELMOND, no casualties.	FWAW
	30		Unit moves from HELMOND 1400 hrs and took billets in MIERLOO, village school being used.	FWAW
	31		Unit in medical reserve at MIERLOO. 'A' Coy sent forward to DEURNE to establish Car Post south of DEURNE on road to LIESEL. Local shelling near 'A' Coy location, no casualties.	FWAW

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Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Holland	1		Field Ambulance less 'A' Coy moved to HELMOND then to DEURNE. 'A' Coy moved to area LOON. Opened C.C.P. Very quiet. Local shelling.	FWAW
	2.		HQ & 'B' Coy located in Textile Factory DEURNE, closed. Occasional local shelling near 'A' Coy location.	FWAW
	3		No change.	FWAW
	4		Unit moves to ASTEN. ADS opened in School. 'B' left HQ and proceeded to LIESEL to establish C.C.P. in Convent School.	FWAW
	5.		As above. 'A' Coy in reserve, billeted in Monastery. Lieut. Cooper (309181) joins for duty from 194 Fd Amb. 5 Offrs & 96 ORs evacuated also 2 POW the majority being Battle Casualties.	FWAW
	6.		Locations as above. DDMS 8 Corps visited ADS at 1200 hrs. 37 cases admitted mostly sick. Enemy air attack DEURNE - ASTEN area 2030 hrs. Bombs dropped on outskirts of village. Little damage sustained no casualties.	
	7		Locations as above. Very few casualties at 'B' Coy CCP and mostly sick cases evacuated from ADS.	FWAW
Holland	8		Locations as above. Very few casualties in ADS mostly sick. 46 Bde in holding position.	FWAW
	9		Locations as above. Few casualties, sick still in majority.	FWAW
	10		As above.	FWAW
	11		As above.	FWAW
	12		As above.	FWAW
	13		As above. 'B' Coy at LIESEL arranged for Bde inoculations.	FWAW
	14		As above. Casualties still very slight, mostly sick. Capt. Gaman & Lieut. Rankin to Rest Centre at TILBURG. Lieut. Williams arrived from 'A' Coy on relief. Heavy barrage and attack on right of CCP location.	FWAW
	15		As above.	FWAW
	16		As above. ADMS visited CCP location. 'A' Coy warned to be ready to join 'B' Coy. Weather very cold and wet.	FWAW

Holland	17		ADS still open. 'A' Coy joined 'B' Coy at 1730 hrs for operation of Car Post. Instruction cancelled at 0900 hrs, 'A' Coy returned to ASTEN. Lieut. Williams returned to 'A' Coy on return of Capt Gaman and Lieut Rankin. Average of Battle Casualties slightly higher.	FWAW
	18		Locations as above. 'B' Coy SBs contacted Bns with Miller James Carriers.	FWAW
	19		Locations as above. 48 casualties admitted to CCP, 40 of which were from one Bn. Majority of these cases were serious and mostly caused by mines.	FWAW
	20		Locations as above. Quiet in CCP. ADS admitted 6 Offrs 80 ORs mostly Battle Casualties. 'B' Coy SBs returned from Bns.	FWAW
	21		HQ and 'B' Coy same locations. Very quiet. 'A' Coy moved to LIESEL and joined 'B' Coy. Recce of location at HELENAVEEN carried out and 'A' Coy moved from LIESEL at 1700 hrs to school in HELENAVEEN. CCP was opened but few casualties admitted.	FWAW
	22		Locations as above. Very quiet.	FWAW
	23		As above.	FWAW
	24		'A' Coy recce'd site for CCP at VOORSTE HEES. No move.	FWAW
Holland	25		HQ & 'B' Coy in same locations. 'A' Coy recce'd site for CCP at HOORST after moving with Bde convoy. Coy moved into HOORST 1630 hrs. Inter-Coy posting Capt Gaman to HQ, Lieut. Cooper to 'B' Coy.	FWAW
	26		Locations as above. 4 'A' Coy SBs sent to 9 Cams at 0730 hrs. Situation very quiet.	FWAW
	27		'A' Coy received warning order to be prepared to move. All Coys open in same locations. Still very quiet.	FWAW
	28		'A' Coy recce'd new location but found nothing suitable. Car Post established at ROEST 841136.	FWAW
	29		HQ & 'B' Coy moved in independent groups to SEVENUM. ADS opened in school with FTU and FSU attached. 'A' Coy remained at HOORST with exception of personnel manning Car Post. Very quiet in all locations.	FWAW
	30		ADS open SEVENUM. 'B' Coy closed in support. 'A' Coy located at HOORST with Car Post at 841136. Very quiet. Weather during the month very wet.	FWAW

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Unit 193 (BR) FIELD AMBULANCE. RAMC

Month and Year DECEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		ADS open at SEVENUM. 'B' Company in reserve. 'A' Company located HORST and operating Car Post at MR 841336.	FWAW
	2		Heavy Artillery barrage. Attack on BLERICK goes in. 23 FSU and 30 FTU moved from this Unit location to new positions. One Battle Cas admitted ADS. One Section 'A' Coy at ROEST.	FWAW
	3		ADS - very few casualties admitted, mostly sick. Lieut. COOPER, 'B' Coy attd to 15(S) Recce Regt as RMO during battle of BLERICK.	FWAW
	4		M.O. Recce Regt wounded. Lieut. COOPER remains attached.	FWAW
	5		'A' Coy moved to SEVENUM. Admissions to ADS still slight.	FWAW
	6		NIL to report, except very wet weather.	FWAW
	7		Road in 'forward areas' in very bad condition. Nothing else to report.	FWAW
	8		Road forward impassable by reason of mud.	FWAW
	9		'B' Coy moved from SEVENUM to ASTEN. Opened M.I. Room for BDE. Lieut. WILLIAMS attd from 'A' Coy to 'B' Coy.	FWAW FWAW
	10		'A' Coy joined ADS at SEVENUM. Very few casualties admitted to ADS.	FWAW
HOLLAND	11		NIL to report.	FWAW
	12	1300	ADS area shelled. No damage or casualties sustained. Section 2 'B' Coy returned to SEVENUM.	FWAW
	13-14		NIL to report.	FWAW
	15		Div Commander paid informal visit to ADS location. Weather a little better.	FWAW
	16		Ballot for Leave to U.K. Only one sick case admitted ADS. 'B' Coy still open but prepared to move.	FWAW
	17		'B' Coy moved to ROGGEL MR 734977 and opened CCP. Enemy air and artillery activity. Much enemy air activity over ADS and area shelled.	FWAW
	18		'B' Coy admitted very few casualties to CCP. Enemy air activity and shelling in CCP area. 15 cases admitted ADS all sick.	FWAW

	19		ADS very quiet. 'A' Coy still attached. 'B' Coy now only admitting sick. Lieut. WILLIAMS proceeded to 190 Fd Regt RA to relieve RMO. Capt GAMAN from HQ to 'B' Coy.	FWAW
	20		NIL to report except improvement in weather.	FWAW
HOLLAND	21		Lieut. WILLIAMS returned to 'B' Coy. Posting In - Capt. R. DOBSON (266547) joined from ADMS 15(S) Inf Division.	FWAW
	22		Capt. GAMAN returns from 'B' Coy to HQ. 17 Cases admitted ADS incl 10 Battle Casualties (Most for some time).	FWAW
	23		Quiet. Very few casualties admitted ADS or CCP.	FWAW
	24		ADS admitted only one Battle Casualty. 'B' Coy CCP area mortared in morning, sustained no casualties or damage. ADMS 15(S) Inf Division and C.O. visited 'B' Coy.	FWAW
	25		Christmas Day. Troops at ADS and 'A' Coy enjoyed Christmas Dinner at mid-day. Informal concert arranged in the evening. Many visitors to the ADS including DDMS 8 Corps and ADMS 15(S) Inf Division. Two Battle Casualties and six sick evacuated from ADS. 'B' Coy quiet day - no shelling. Christmas Dinner at mid-day.	FWAW
	26		Few cases admitted to ADS. Area shelled - landing mostly in village. 'B' Coy location quiet except for some shelling at night.	FWAW
HOLLAND	27		Very quiet - sporadic shelling in area of ADS location. 'B' Coy slight shelling at night. Weather now very cold, but sunny and clear.	FWAW
	28		Weather very cold. Ice on roads makes travelling very difficult. ADS very quiet. One battle casualty admitted. Still shelling in area but further away.	FWAW
	29		Ten cases admitted ADS, only two Battle Casualties. Roads very dangerous with ice. Weather extremely cold.	FWAW
	30		Captain DOBSON proceeded from HQ to 'B' Coy and was sent to 9 Bn Cameronians for attachment on relief of RMO. Snowing for first time. Very quiet. Bombs seen exploding on enemy positions in distance. Noise of aircraft overhead at night.	FWAW
HOLLAND	31		Very quiet in ADS and CCP locations. Allied aircraft again overhead and enemy A.A. and bomb flashes observed in distance. Very cold. Roads still treacherous. A few personnel arranged informal party to welcome New Year. Two hundred and three casualties admitted for month of which 31 were Battle Casualties. From December 17 to 31 village and area were shelled intermittently. No damage sustained or personnel of Unit injured.	FWAW

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Unit 193 (BR) FIELD AMBULANCE. R.A.M.C.

Month and Year JANUARY 1945

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		ADS open at SEVENUM with 'A' Coy in reserve. 'B' Coy CCP at ROGGEL (734977). Enemy air attack at 0930 hrs by approx thirty M.E's. One M.E. hit by A.A. fire over village. Crashed in flames about 300 yds from ADS. Dog fights in sky were observed. No casualties or damage sustained by Unit. Weather fine and sunny.	FWAW
	2		Quiet day - misty and cold. Lieut. Williams RAMC evacuated to 32 General Hospital via No. 1 FDS.	FWAW
	3		NIL to report. Weather warmer.	FWAW
	4		As above.	FWAW
	5		Foggy and very cold. Very few casualties at CCP or ADS. Mostly sick and accidental injuries.	FWAW
	6		Major N.L. Russell RAMC proceeded on Compassionate Leave. Lieut. S.V. Livingstone RAMC joined Unit from ADMS 15 (S) Inf Division. Heavy snow and very cold.	FWAW
	7		Weather very cold, freezing hard. Not many casualties.	FWAW
HOLLAND	8		As above. Capt McCardel took command of 'B' Coy from Major I.U. Young. Major Young to Headquarters as 2i/c.	FWAW
	9		NIL to report, still snowing.	FWAW
	10		Major Young assumed command of Field Ambulance whilst Lieut. Colonel F.W.A. Warren proceeds on U.K. Privilege Leave.	FWAW
	11		NIL to report.	FWAW
	12		Quiet at ADS. Increased enemy activity all day near 'B' Coy CCP location but only two casualties admitted.	FWAW
	13-20		ADS open at SEVENUM. 'B' Coy CCP at ROGGEL. Very few casualties admitted and mostly sick. Weather very cold, heavy snowfalls, freezing overnight and much mist.	FWAW
	21		Weather still cold. Advance Party proceeded to TURNHOUT on Recce.	FWAW
	22		NIL to report.	FWAW
	23		Sunny but cold. Very quiet. Vehicles partially loaded in preparation for move.	FWAW

HOLLAND	24		Unit including A and B Coys left SEVENUM 1050 hours and proceeded via MAASBREE - MEIJEL - LIESEL - ASTEN - GELDROP - EINDHOVEN - BEST - OIRSCHOT - MORGESTEL to TILBURG arriving at 1645 hours. Unit billeted in civilian billets.	FWAW
	25-27		Weather very cold. Unit complete at TILBURG. Flying Bombs periodically heard and seen flying overhead.	FWAW
	28		Colonel Richardson replaces Colonel Kerr as ADMS 15 (S) Inf Division.	FWAW
	29-31		Field Ambulance complete in TILBURG. Thaw has set in and the weather is much warmer. Flying Bombs periodically overhead.	FWAW

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Unit 193(BR) FIELD AMBULANCE. RAMC

Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		Unit at Rest in TILBURG. C.O. went to Recce site for ADS South-East of NIJMEGEN, extreme difficulty in finding suitable location.	
	2		Unit in TILBURG.	
	3		Warning Order to move received. All Div Signs removed from Vehicles and Clothing.	
	4		Unit left in 46 Bde convoy, passing SP 1630 hours, proceeded via OUTENWEJK, S'HERTOGENBOSCH, RAVENSTEIN to NIJMEGEN. Night very dark, roads extremely bad and muddy. No lights on Vehicles. All arrived safely at 2320 hours.	
	5		Concentrated in NIJMEGEN. Billeted in Barracks. Major A.M. WADSWORTH (100350) RAMC joined for duty from ADMS 15(S) Inf Division.	
	6		Concentrated in NIJMEGEN. Commanding Officer and O.C. "A" Coy proceeded on foot to GROSBEEK to Recce site for CCP. A damaged house at Map Ref 753557 was finally decided upon. Extensive clearing of rubble necessary.	
GERMANY	7		C.O. briefed ALL Ranks. "A" Coy filtered down to GROSBEEK after dark and commenced clearing the house. Personnel bedded down in cellars. HQ and "B" Coy remained in NIJMEGEN.	
	8		Heavy artillery barrage at 0500 hours. HQ and "B" Coy moved at 0700 hours to NEBO 723587 where an ADS was opened in a big monastery. Accommodation very good, but elements of eight Units from 53(W) Division occupied part of building. "A" Coy open to receive casualties by 0830 hours. Casualties admitted to ADS up to 2400 hours British 8 Officers 139 Other Ranks, Canadian 1 Officer 6 Other Ranks. POW 21. "A" Coy evacuated 150 casualties up to 2400 hours.	
	9		Locations as above. Casualties up to 2400 hours Brit 6 Offrs, 490 ORs. Cdn 1 OR. POW 11.	
	10		Locations as above. Casualties up to 2400 hours Brit 9 ORs. Major J.P. MACKEY (91108) RAMC joined for duty from 7 FDS. The roads	

HOLLAND			forward of GROSBEEK were in an extremely bad state owing to mud. The greatest difficulty was experienced all the time in keeping the flow of casualties going, in many cases light ambulance cars and even stretcher carrying Jeeps had to be towed part of the way by carriers and unending supervision was necessary to assure that a hold up did not occur. The casualties never the less were in pretty good fettle when admitted to CCP. Journey from CCP to ADS was good, although up going traffic was very heavy. It was noticeable that a marked fall off in the patients condition was apt to occur at ADS - CCS level, many being considerably shocked when reaching CCS. Whole blood and Plasma drips in ambulances were given between CCP and ADS and ADS-CCS. A section from 22(BR) Fd Dressing Stn was attached to CCP on the late afternoon 9th and assisted greatly in administration of blood and plasma. "B" Coy moved up to harbour at GROSBEEK, but returned to NEBO the same night as the operation for which they were intended was abandoned.	
	11		Locations as above. Casualties Brit 2 ORs. "A" Coy moved up with Bde HQ at 1615 hrs to NUTTERDEN, area 8455 and harboured for the night.	
GERMANY	12		HQ moved at 1030 hrs leaving "B" Coy behind in NEBO. Entered GERMANY via GROSBEEK, KRANENBURG, DONSBRUGGEN Map Ref 867572 where it harboured for the night. Road conditions were very bad, severe flooding in places 3' 6" deep. "A" Coy moved to small house on DONSBRUGGEN - CLEVE road at Map Ref 876572 and opened.	
	13		HQ moved at 1700 hrs to a Shoe Factory on West outskirts of CLEVE Map Ref 888566. CCP closed. DUKW Casualty Evacuation Point was established as all casualties were being evacuated to CCS by DUKW owing to the floods. Casualties Brit 4 ORs Cdn 4 ORs.	
	14		Locations as above. ADS moved across road to a large house which became vacant as there was a good turn round for DUKWs and Ambulance Cars and more accommodation for patients. "A" Coy moved to 915539 and opened CCP at 1530 hrs. Road conditions CCP - ADS very bad owing to bomb craters and rubble. Casualties Brit 2 Offrs 55 ORs. Cdn 2 ORs.	
	15		As above. Casualties Brit 4 Offrs. 116 ORs. Cdn 1 Offr. 19 ORs. POW 17.	
	16		As above. Casualties Brit 2 Offrs. 55 ORs. Cdn 1 Offr. 26 ORs. POW 20.	
GERMANY	17		As above. Casualties 3 Offrs. Brit 34 ORs. Cdn 4 ORs, POW 8. "A" Coy CCP moved to BEDBURG Map Ref 939521 and opened up. "B" Coy left NEBO and joined HQ at ADS.	

	18		Locations as above. Casualties Brit 1 Offrs. 38 ORs. Cdn 20 ORs. POW 3.	
	19		Locations as above. Casualties Brit 33 ORs. Cdn 19 ORs. POW 2.	
	20		Locations as above. Casualties Brit 20 ORs. Cdn 2 ORs. POW 5.	
	21		Locations as above. "A" Coy rejoined HQ at 0430 hours, mostly Sick cases admitted to ADS. DUKW Point still functioning vigorously, taking cases from 43(BR) Div and all Cdn Units.	
	22		Locations HQ and "A" Coy as above. "B" Coy opened CCP at BERGMANSHOF Map Ref 941454 with Ambulance Car Post at SCHLOSS KALBERG. This car post had to be withdrawn to 2 Kilos owing to very intense shell and mortar fire. Two Ambulance Cars knocked out, personnel not injured.	
	23		Locations as above. ADS admitting Sick. DUKW Point still working, evacuating from Cdn Divs only.	
	24		Locations as above. Recce Party left for TILBURG.	
GERMANY	25		ADS Site and DUKW Point handed over to CDN Fd Ambulance. During the entire period that the ADS was opened at CLEVE the DUKW Evacuation Point was functioning. DUKWs after unloading at FMCs came to the Evacuation Point and loaded up with casualties for the return run. Blankets and Stretchers were sent up twice or three times daily in bulk by special DUKW from the CCS. Delays were not frequent and the system worked excellently. Between the 14th and 25th February 4,000 cases were evacuated by this means. CCSs report that cases were in very good fettle on arrival. Unit less "B" Coy moved to rest in TILBURG. Troops in civilian Billets.	
HOLLAND	26		"B" Coy rejoined Fd Ambulance at 1945 hours.	
	27-28		Unit resting and checking equipment.	

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Unit 193 (Br) Field Ambulance

Month and Year March 1945

Commanding Officer H.N. PERKINS LIEUT-COLONEL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Holland	1		Field Ambulance complete located in Tilburg. Admin block in school buildings. R.A.S.C. and HQ staff personnel in school, rest of Unit billeted out in private billets. Period of rest began. Approx 15 personnel to Brussels on 48 hours leave. Entertainment cinema, theatre and dancing allocated to Unit. Courses for Bn S.Bs proceeding. Approx 25 in each class.	JM
	2		As above. Allocation given for party to proceed on 48 hours to Brussels daily. A.D.M.S. conference. All M.Os of Div at HQ 193 Field Ambulance location. A.D.M.S. proceeded on UK leave. Lieut-Colonel F.W.A. Warren acting A.D.M.S.	JM
	3	12.45	As above. Major General C.M. Barber D.S.O., Commander 15 (S) Inf Division, inspected Unit Parade and addressed troops.	JM
	4		One Officer and 12 Other Ranks represented Field Ambulance in Divisional Church Parade held in ENSA Cinema, Tilburg.	JM
	5		Warning Order received to be prepared to move on following day. Vehicles except administrative packed in readiness. Bn S.Bs courses ended.	JM
	6		Field Ambulance ready for move to new location. Left Tilburg in Unit convoy 16.30 hrs. Arrived Heusden, Belgium 21.45 hrs. Personnel billeted in Monastery building.	JM
Belgium	7		Field Ambulance complete located as above. M.I. Room opened adjoining civilian aid post at Zolden Colliery. Training and checking of equipment commenced. Recreational Training in afternoons, football etc. Memo received informing Unit now part of 12 Corps. Daily parties of approx 15 still proceeding to Brussels on 48 hrs leave.	JM
	8		As above.	JM
	9		As above.	JM
	10		As above.	JM
	11		As above. Allocation for Brussels leave cancelled.	JM

	12		Field Ambulance complete located as above. Brussels 48 hrs leave re-commenced.	JM
	13		As above.	JM
	14		As above. Brussels allocation again cancelled. A.D.M.S. returned from UK leave. Lieut Colonel F.W.A. Warren returned to Unit.	JM
	15		As above. Commanding Officer and Majors attended conference at A.D.M.S. Brussels leave cancelled until further notice.	JM
	16		As above. ENSA Concert Party in evening.	JM
	17		As above. DMS 21 Army Group visited Unit. Mobile Cinema visited Unit all day.	JM
Belgium	18		As for 17th. Church Services in morning.	JM
	19		As above. Advance party left for new location. Major Clark attached as liaison Officer between Airborne Troops, Commandos and 15 (S) Division for purpose of Medical arrangements Operation 'Torchlight'.	JM
Germany	20 21		Loading of lorries in preparation for move. Tam O'Shanter gave concert immediately prior to move. Field Ambulance less 'A' Coy moved to harbour area in Germany leaving at 20.00 hrs and arriving at 05.00 hrs at Map ref 083315. Field Ambulance less 'A' Coy in woods under canvas. 'A' Coy left location in Belgium Map ref 280786 at 2000 hrs arriving at Brigade marshalling area Map ref 021398 at 06.00 hrs. 'A' Company strength all Ranks 46 (2 sections) vehicles 4 jeeps two 15 cwts, 2 Ambulances and 2 three tonners.	JM
	22		Field Ambulance located as above.	JM
	23		As above. Captain Dobson R.A.M.C. attached to 15 Div Recce Regt as RMO in absence on leave of RMO.	JM
Germany	24		Operation 'Torchlight' commenced 02.00 hrs. Field Ambulance in above locations. 3 American Officers attached for liaison purposes. Heavy artillery barrage heard. Many allied 'planes overhead, Dakotas and Gliders. Commanding Officer briefed Unit on 'Operation Torchlight' at 11.00 hrs. Major Wadsworth 193 Fld Amb, as liaison Officer between 15 (S) Div Medical and Airborne Troops crossed Rhine with Major Clark at 15.00 hrs and contacted 234 Par. Field Ambulance at 1700 hrs, making arrangements for evacuation of Airborne casualties. 3 American Officers left Unit. 'A' Company left map ref 021398 at 1400 hrs and proceeded to Bde marshalling area to await crossing of Rhine. At 1800 hrs crossed Rhine in area 1145 and established CCP in Bde area 157470.	JM

	25		HQ received warning order to be prepared to move at 1 hours notice after 1200 hrs. C.O. again spoke to personnel. Loading of lorries began in preparation for move. Left location at 082215 at 1800 hrs and proceeded to Class 9 bridge over Rhine at area 1145. All vehicles including vehicles of 'B' Company crossed safely. Harboured night at Map ref 138453. Much enemy air activity over bridgehead. 'B' Company personnel without vehicles crossed Rhine on foot over bridge in area 1145 at 1800 hrs to reinforce 194 Field Ambulance at BISLICH. Major Wadsworth contacted 225 Para and 195 A.L. Field Ambulances and made arrangements for evacuation of casualties, then acting as liaison Officer until return to Unit on 26 March.	JM
	26		ADS opened at above location, 1045 hrs. 'B' Company personnel returned from 194 Fld Amb at 1300 hrs. Casualties admitted to ADS Allied Forces Officers 8 Other Ranks 192 PoW 89. Very heavy rain and lightning. Difficulty in getting casualties evacuated due to lack of MAC Cars. Enemy aircraft overhead at frequent intervals during night, machine-gunning heard but no casualties sustained.	JM
Germany	27		Brigadier Tomory, D.D.M.S., 12 Corps visited Unit and ADS. ADS open and receiving casualties. Extra MAC Ambulance Cars arrived to clear evacuation. 9 FDS reported at 1500 hrs and left at 1505 hrs to proceed to old 'A' Company location. Casualties admitted Allied Officers 11 Other Ranks 136 PoW 26. 'A' Company opened CCP at map ref 148494.	JM
	28		ADS open and receiving casualties. Casualties admitted Allied Officers 2 Other Ranks 105 PoW 26. Lieut Colonel H.N. Perkins (66484) R.A.M.C. arrived from 12 FDS and assumed command of 193 (Br) Field Ambulance vice Lieut Colonel F.W.A. Warren (42373) R.A.M.C., posted as A.D.M.S., HQ 17 L of C Sub area. Handing over certificates prepared and completed.	JM
	29		Locations as above. Casualties admitted Allied Officers 1 Other Ranks 22 PoW 5.	JM
	30		Lieut Colonel F.W.A. Warren R.A.M.C. left Unit to assume new appointment. Lieut S.V. Livingstone (305685) R.A.M.C. posted as RMO to 181 Field Regt RA. Captain E.O.W. Jones (254302) R.A.M.C. taken on strength from A.D.M.S., Captain E.O.W. Jones proceeded on detachment to A.D.M.S., Lieut G.J. Rankin still in hospital, notified Unit he would not be able to accept leave vacancy. Vacancy filled by Captain P.F.G. Denton R.A.M.C. Casualties admitted Other Ranks 10 PoW 1.	JM

	31		ADS closed. Skin and kit inspections of Unit carried out. Locations as above. H.N. Perkins (H.N. PERKINS) Lieut-Col R.A.M.C. Comdg 193 Fd Amb.	JM JP Mackey Major RAMC

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Month and Year APRIL 1945.

Commanding Officer H.N. PERKINS LT-COL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GERMANY	1.		ADS closed. HQ & "B" Coy located at MR 138453 under canvas. "A" Coy located at MR 148494. HNP	
	2.		As above. HNP	
	3.	10.45	Warning Order to be prepared to move with 46 (H) Bde received. Vehicles loaded and lined up. Left location at 15.45 hrs, "A" Coy joining unit en route. Arrived MR 335676 at 20.45 hrs. Harboured night men sleeping in farm buildings and barns. HNP	
	4.		Vehicles lined up and personnel on board at 08.30 hrs. Left location at 09.00 hrs arriving MR 824875 NORDWALDE at 15.00 hrs. Vehicles parked in school yard. Personnel billeted in School and adjoining buildings. C.O. addressed all ranks on subject of fraternisation. HNP	
	5.		Fd Amb complete in above location. MI Room open for sick and dental treatment. HNP	
	6.		Warning Order received to be prepared to move. Lorries loaded. Unit moved in 46 Bde convoy at 14.00 hrs. Roads filled with traffic. Convoy proceeded very slowly with many halts travelling all night. HNP	
	7.		Convoy arrived MR 764178 FRIEDWALDE at 07.45 hrs and harboured until 13.15 hrs then proceeding to farm buildings and school at MR 755162 HOLZHAUSEN 2 where an MI Room was opened and arrangements made to hold patients until A.S.C. opened. HNP	
	8.		Fd Amb complete located as above. Church Service in morning. HNP	
	9.		Locations as above. 538 Mobile Dental Unit arrived 10.00 hrs for attachment. Warning Order received to be prepared to move on 10th. HNP	
	10.		Lorries loaded preparatory to move. Unit with M.D.U. attached moved in 46 (H) Inf Bde convoy at 10.45 hrs and proceeded to MR 944212 WIEDENSAHL crossing River Weser on Cl 9 Pontoon Bridge en route. Arrived at MR 944212 at 15.00 hrs. Unit sleeping accommodation lofts and barns adjoining farm. Administration in houses. C.O.	

			attended "O" Group conference at 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ at 20.00 hrs. HNP	
	11.		1 Sect "B" Coy left location at 08.30 hrs, two Sects "B" Coy left with 46 (H) Inf Bde at 10.30 hrs. Fd Amb less "B" Coy with M.D.U. moved at 11.45 hrs and proceeded to MR 425362 BURGWEDEL where "A" Coy opened a Lt. A.D.S. 1 Sect "B" Coy opened CCP at MR 477354 THONSE. HNP	
	12		Fd Amb less "B" Coy moved at 13.45 hrs joining "B" Coy en route. Proceeded to MR 589490 CHELLE arriving 16.30 hrs. Fd Amb at Artillery Barracks. HNP	
	13.		B.3 Section left location at 08.30 hrs and moved with 7th Bn Seaforths to MR 7172 SPADENHOLZ opened to receive casualties. B.2 Section left location at 09.00 hrs and moved with 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders to MR 7657 ELDINGEN. B.1 Section left location at 09.30 hrs and moved with 46 (H) Inf Bde to MR 6963 ESCHEDE. Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 20.00 hrs and harboured for the night on side of road to UELZEN MR 6760 arriving 21.20 hrs. 1 enemy aircraft flew overhead machine gunning but no casualties or damage sustained. HNP	
	14.		Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 08.15 hrs arriving MR 759679 at 08.40 hrs. ADS opened in grounds of Schloss at 09.10 hrs. 538 MDU left unit to proceed to 23 FDS at 14.10 hrs. Casualties admitted ADS Offrs 3 ORs 89, POW 5. B.1 Section moved with 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ to M.R. 7668 SCHELPLOH. B.2 Section moved with 2nd Bn Glasgow Hdrs to M.R. 9079 STADTHAUSEN. B.3 Section moved with 7th Bn Seaforths to MR 7374 UNTERLUSS. HNP	
	15		ADS and 'A' Coy located as above. A.1 Section left location for 46 (H) Inf Bde at 13.00 hrs but returned at 18.30 hrs. Casualties admitted to ADS Offrs 12, ORs 132, POW 29. B.1 Section moved with 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ to MR 8177 HESSERINGEN. At approx 11.00 hrs B.1 Sect received information that B.2 Sect had admitted heavy casualties from 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders and were evacuating over a slow and difficult evacuation route. B.1 Sect moved therefore to MR 8972 BOKEL and est a Car Post behind B.2 Sect. All British Casualties were evacuated by 16.00 hrs. B.2 Sect opened at MR 9079 STADTHAUSEN. Village attacked by enemy force at approx 05.00 hrs. Casualties evacuated as above. B.3 Sect moved to MR 8586 KLEINE SUSTADT and was withdrawn from 7th Bn Seaforths to relieve Sect 1 of "A" Coy which had been sent out to replace B.1 Sect. At 23.00 hrs all sections were concentrated at MR 8784 HOLDENSTADT where a Coy CCP was opened. HNP	

	16.		Fd Amb located as above. Casualties admitted ADS Offs 1. ORs 72. POW 26. B.1 Sect at Coy CCP on wheels. HNP	
	17.		ADS open casualties admitted Offs 5. ORs 52. POW 12. "A" Coy with HQ. "B" Coy moved forward to outskirts of UELZEN and opened. B.2 & 3 Sects closed at HOLDENSTADT and remained on wheels. HNP	
	18.		HQ and "A" Coy as above. ADS closed. B.2 and 3 Sects moved to UELZEN and opened CCP, later joined by B.1 Sect. HNP	
	19.		Vehicles loaded. Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 14.30 hrs arriving "A" Coy location UELZEN at 15.45 hrs. Unit complete left at 17.00 hrs in 46 (H) Inf Bde Convoy and proceeded to MR 906021 BEVENSEN where the unit harboured the night. HNP	
	20.		B.1 Sect attached to 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders moved to MR 929226 NEETZE. B.2 Sect attached to 9th Bn Cameronians moved with them to BRITZE and opened CCP. B.3 Sect attached to 7th Bn Seaforths moved with them to KARZE and opened CCP. Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 13.10 hrs and proceeded to MR 935196 WENNEKATH arriving at 18.15 hrs. ADS opened at 19.30 hrs. HNP	
	21		B Coys sects concentrated at NEETZE and Coy CCP opened. Fd Amb less "B" Coy located as above. Major J.P. Mackey, 1 Sgt and 1 Clerk RAMC left at 17.15 hrs to report to Lt. Col. Pollock RAMC at 33 CCS LUNEBURG to assist in organising Medical resources there.	
	22.		Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 16.45 hrs arriving at NEETZE at 17.30 hrs. Lt. ADS opened Fd Amb complete. HNP	
	23.		Fd Amb complete at above location. ADS open. Personnel arrived from 7 Bn Seaforths and 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders for R.S.B's Course commencing in Unit.	
	24.		Fd Amb located as above. ADS open. R.S.B's Course being carried out in unit.	
	25.		Fd Amb located as above. ADS open. Casualties very slight, RSB's Course continues. HNP	
	26.		As above. C.O. attended conference at Med. 15 (S) Inf Div 10.00 hrs. ADS closed. RSB's courses ended. HNP	
	27.		As above. C.O. attended conference at Med. 15 (S) Inf Div 10.00 hrs and Med. 8 Corps conference at 16.00 hrs. Major J.P. Mackey and party returned from LUNEBURG. ADS equipment stacked in readiness for loading on to DUKWs. Ten DUKWs arrived 16.30 hrs. HNP	
	28.		Loading of DUKWs began. One section 23 FDS attached as resuscitation team arrived 11.00 hrs. C.O. briefed unit on operation "Endeavour" at 18.00 hrs. HQ personnel and ADS equipment on DUKWs ready to move at 17.45 hrs. Moved off 20.00 hrs. Arriving	

			MR 895253 at 22.00 hrs. Harboured for night. Personnel billeted in barns and farm buildings, preparatory to crossing Elbe. HNP	
	29.		1 NCO 4 ORs temporarily attached to 225 Para Fd Amb (Air Borne Div). HQ personnel and equipment in DUKWs moved at 12.15 hrs and crossed River Elbe at 13.00 hrs. Enemy aircraft attacked bridgehead, bombing and machine gunning uncompleted bridge. Two DUKWs were out of control (defective steering). One came to rest at side of uncompleted pontoon bridge and personnel made their way to the left bank of the river by way of bridge. The other DUKW was being guided by a third DUKW but due to the enemy action both were run ashore on the right bank of the river. Personnel disembarked and made their way on foot to where the DUKWs which had already crossed were concentrated. Both of these DUKWs were later refloated and joined HQ Coy. A second attack by enemy aircraft was made at 14.00 hrs but no casualties to unit personnel were sustained. ADS opened in houses at MR 884343 LAUENBURG at 13.35 hrs. Evacuation over river was by DUKW to 14 Lt. Fd Amb. Casualties admitted very slight. At 15.00 hrs the enemy commenced shelling of ADS area continuing all afternoon and evening at frequent intervals. Shells landed very close to ADS. At 04.20 hrs two Stretcher Bearer Squads with Lt. W.H. Copp in command had crossed with the assault of 9 Cams and 2 Glas Hdrs in L.T.Vs and formed a CEP at MR 855345. Casualties were evacuated by storm boat, no L.T.Vs being available. At 11.00 hrs CEP was est east of L.T.V. crossing but moved again at 12.00 hrs to L.T.V. area opening CEP at MR 876344. Four Ambulance Jeeps were sent over river by Cl 9 Raft on priority. Two were attached to RAP at 2 Glas Hdrs, one attached to RAP 9 Cams. At 23.30 hrs remainder of "B" Coy and Transport crossed by Cl 9 bridge and opened a CCP with B.1 section at MR 878372. B.2 Section kept on wheels. HNP	
	30.	05.00	33 FSU and 21 FTU arrived and were attached to Fd Amb. Frequent shelling of the location continued. One attempt to bomb bridge by enemy aircraft at 1930 hrs. Two planes shot down. Lt. Copp and party remained open as CEP for raft and bridge crossing. Sect 2 "B" Coy CCP opened at MR 861378 KRUZEN. B.1 Sect remained open at MR 878372. No. of casualties admitted since opening at Lauenburg Offs 9. ORs 78. POW 41 Cvls 48. HNP HN Perkins Lt-Col RAMC	

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Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer H.N. PERKINS Lt.Col RAMC

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Germany	1	05.30	A Coy and R.A.S.C., with Unit transport crossed River Elbe on Class 9 bridge and joined unit at Lauenburg MR 884343. A.D.S. open with section of 23 FDS, 33 FSU and 21 FTU attached. Casualties admitted Officers 2 ORs 29 PWX 52 PoW 53. A Company moved at 1200 hrs to Lauenburg MR 881346 and opened to hold Div minor sick. Section 1 of B Company with CCP open located with HQ 46 (H) Bde at Gulzow MR 8342, Section 2 B Company with CCP open located at Luthau MR 8741. C.E.P. still open for river crossing casualties at Lauenburg MR 876344. No shelling today, enemy a/c overhead at 21.30 hrs. A.A. opened up, no bombs heard to drop. DUKW evacuation ceased at 23.59 hrs but recommenced later. PWX arrived in large numbers and six MAC cars attached for their evacuation to Luneburg. HNP	
Germany	2 3		B1 and 3 sections moved to Brunstorf MR 788475 and opened CCP. A.D.S. still open. Casualties admitted Officers 1 ORs 46 PWX 10 PoW 41. DUKW point still being operated by unit. 4627130 Pte. Wing F.R. RAMC wounded SW left arm (S1). B Company CCP in support 46(H) Inf Bde in area 7547. A.D.S. very busy with casualties from early in the evening through the night till the morning. These casualties were all German wounded from various Lazaretts overrun by Allied Forces, many of these casualties were amputations. All came unescorted, in their own vehicles, the parties often consisting of women, nurses, and medical personnel including Doctors. Serious cases were seen and evacuated, fit personnel were sent to PoW Cage, other sick and minor wounded were accommodated for the night. German Lazarett ordered to install a temporary hospital in a factory adjoining the A.D.S. and this was opened at 15.00 hrs. A.D.S. open - patients evacuated ORs 7 PWX 49 PoW 113. One section of A Company moved back across river to Echem MR 858305. B Company attached to 46 (H) Inf Bde. Major J.P. Mackey attached to 1 Commando Bde as SMO with 1 NCO, 1 clerk, and 1 Nursing Orderly, 1 x	

			15 cwt and driver. No shelling or enemy a/c activity. Many PoW and DP passing through the town. HNP	
Germany	4		A.D.S. closed but still attending to evacuation of wounded and sick PWX and odd casualties. German Military Hospital in factory admitting all German wounded. B Company moved to Sprenge MR 755695. HNP	
	5		Locations as above. O.C. attended DDMS 'Eclipse' conference. Message received from 8 Corps to effect that German had accepted unconditional surrender w.e.f. 08.00 hrs. Major J.P. Mackey returned from attachment as SMO 1 Commando Bde leaving party still attached under Capt. R. Dobson. DUKW evacuation point closed. One section A Company organising PoW CRS at Basedow MR 895395. HNP	
	6		Locations as above. DUKW section left unit at 10.00 hrs. Section of relieving party (Fd Amb) 5 Div arrived 11.20 hrs. Lorries being loaded preparatory to move on 7th. HNP	
	7		HQ and A Company moved at 09.00 hrs and proceeded to Sprenge MR 755695 arriving at 11.50 hrs. Personnel employed cleaning up vehicles. B Company was already at this location and Unit now complete. Harboured night. HNP	
Germany	8		VE Day. Unit prepared to move and left location at 07.30 hrs, proceeding in convoy to Kiel. Located in Naval Engineering School, Kiel WIK MR 605405. CRS opened to hold sick of Kiel area. A Company left convoy at Neumunster and opened CRS at MR 4711 for sick of 8 AGRA. O.C. contacted German Naval Medical Services and obtained reports of Naval Hospitals in Kiel. Arrangements made for continuing treatment to wounded and sick personnel. 30 MAC ambulances arrived at 23.00 hrs to assist in evacuation of wounded and sick from ships expected to arrive at Kiel. HNP	
	9		Unit located as above with CRSs open. Germany accepted unconditional surrender and signed agreement which came into effect at 00.01 hrs. O.C. organising German Naval Hospitals in Kiel. HNP	
Germany	10		Unit located as above. Reports being received of all hospitals in Kiel and district with nominal roll of staff and other workers - numbers of patients - stocks of medical equipment - food, and a complete comprehensive report of entire organisation. M.Os inspecting hospitals. O.C. interviewing all German chief doctors. Booster dose of Typhus given to all ranks. Notification received in Appdx C to 21 Army Group Routine Order No.85 dated 4th May 45, of the award of MM to 2731757 W/S/Sgt. Godson A. RAMC, for the period 1st November 1944 to 31st January 1945. HNP	
	11		German ships arriving at Kiel being met by a party including MO, and all seriously wounded and sick being removed by MAC ambulances	

			to German Hospitals. Infectious cases being segregated. O.C. as SMO Kiel liaising with Naval Medical Services. A Company still at Neumunster with CRS open. CRS at Kiel open for sick and wounded including Navy and Marine personnel. HNP	
	12		Sick and wounded still being disembarked from ships in harbour. Fit personnel being marched to PoW Camps. German medical units being directed to camps and locations ready for use in running German wounded and sick camps. Reserve of Nurses being built up in German Naval Hospitals for any emergency. The ship Quetta unloaded and 189 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals in Kiel. HNP	
Germany	13		Unit located as above. Hospital ships being arranged for infectious cases and temporary relief for casualties still being disembarked. Ship Weserburg unloaded and 112 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals. HNP	
	14		Wounded and sick in-patients at present in Kiel Hassee German Naval Hospital removed by Hospital Train to Echernforde German Naval Hospital to relieve bed situation in Kiel area. One section of unit under Capt. E.O.W. Jones proceeded to Heiligenhafen MR North Grid 1534 to supervise disembarkation of PoW from ships not entering Kiel. Ship Capri unloaded 18 wounded and sick PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals in Kiel. HNP	
	15		Ships still being unloaded. O.C. attended D.D.M.S., 'Eclipse' conference at 14.30 hrs. Unit still located as above. Ship Johann unloaded 99 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals. HNP	
Germany	16		CRS at Kiel and CRS at A Company still open at same locations. Patients fit for discharge to PoW Camps and others considered unfit for further service in the German Forces concentrated at one hospital in Kiel to free beds in the other two hospitals. Arrangements made to remove PoW who are fit for PoW Cage to be removed daily. Hospital Train received 477 cases from Kiel Naval Hospitals and transferred them to Echenforde. Ships still being unloaded but position slackening. Ship Nautick unloaded 99 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals. HNP	
	17		Locations as above. Ships being unloaded and wounded taken by MAC ambulances to German Naval Hospitals. Ship Eberhart unloaded 67 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital Kiel. HNP	
	18		Locations as above. CRSs still open. Section under Capt E.O.W. Jones returned from Heiligenhafen. Ship Jundternsand unloaded 11 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital in Kiel. HNP	

	19		Advance Parties left to recce new areas but returned later, as move postponed. Ship Olgatrabe unloaded 2 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital in Kiel. HNP	
Germany	20		Unit still located as above. CRSs at Kiel and Neumunster still open and receiving casualties. Small craft unloaded, 4 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals Kiel. HNP	
	21		Reports on German Hospitals completed and forwarded. Daily returns being rendered by all German Hospitals. Ship Ubena unloaded 69 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital Kiel. HNP	
	22		As above. Ship Rudolf Albrecht unloaded 24 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals Kiel.	
	23		As above. A Company moved to new location at Schwarzenbek MR 823487 and opened CRS at "Hotel Stadt Hamburg". HNP	
	24		Unit located as above. HNP	
	25		Unit located as above with CRSs still open. Casualties still being taken off ships in harbour at Kiel. HNP	
	26		As above. HNP	
	27		As above. No.1 German Med. Coy despatched to area F fully equipped with a complement of 11 Officers and 170 men. HNP	
	28		As above. Mobile Dental Unit left Unit. HNP	
Germany	29		As above. Major A.M. Wadsworth left to recce new area. Party returned from attachment to 1 Commando Brigade, leaving Capt. R. Dobson. 193 German Field Hospital unloaded from ship. Personnel 3 Officers, 11 Sisters, and 170 Other Ranks dispersed as required in area F. HNP	
	30		As above. 5 tons of medical equipment unloaded from ship Ubena at Tirpitz Harbour. Stores brought to Unit for listing. HNP	
	31		As above. Rehearsal held for King's Birthday Parade. 39 PoW wounded conveyed from Monkieburg wharf to German Naval Hospital. HNP HN Perkins Lt-Col RAMC	

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Unit 153 Field Amb

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer LT.Col. D. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Findon	1	1800	Routine Training - Short refresher course for S.B's of 2 A&S.H's - All officers to A.D.M.S. Conference 1430 hrs. DC	
"	2	1800	Routine Training. DC	
"	3	1800	Routine Training. DC	
"	4	1800	Routine Training - Church Service DC	
"	5	1800	Routine Training - C.O. on visit to Bn Comds & R.M.Os with A.D.M.S.	DC
"	6	1800	Routine Training - CO to ADMS. DC	
"	7	1430	Routine Training - C.O. to ADMS DMcC	
"	8	1800	Routine Training - Officer to ADMS office 1000 hrs & 1800 hrs for reports. DC	
"	9	1800	Routine Training - Complete loading & weighing of vehicles completed	
" Findon	10	1800	Routine Training - Capt R.H. Gaman reported for duty from 5 L of C Sub Area H.Q. and LT. R.S. Sunderland reported for duty from 53 RHU.	DC
"	11	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	12	1800	Routine Training. LT. Callander returned from Hospital. Capt Gaman attached to 193 Fd Amb. Two NOs III reported for duty and Five Dvrs R.A.S.C. DC	
"	13	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	14	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	15	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	16	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	17	1800	Routine Work - Officer to H.Q. Sus dis 1400 hrs for movement orders. Road & Rail party to Marshalling Area	
"	18	1800	Road party left 0550 hrs. Rail party 0935 hrs for Marshalling Area. Arrived Marshalling area 1330 hrs - Normal admin of Marshalling Area carried out.	
Marshalling Area C.	19		C.O. briefed & issued with Unit Ship Sheet. C.O. made O.C. Craft. Vehicles & Marching party going in same ship. At ½ hrs notice to move.	

	20	)		
	21	)	Unit remained in Marshalling Area. Stay prolonged as a result of	
	22	)	weather conditions being unfavourable for landing ops in beachhead.	
	23	)	Physical training continued; fatigues etc reduced to a minimum by	
	24	)	static staff. DMcC	
	25	)		
	26	)		
	27	0525	Vehicle party ordered to parade for breakfast at 0530 & move off 0600. Marching party breakfast 0600 & move off 0700 by T.C.V.	
		0800	Unit reassembled at Southampton Docks.	
		1700	Embarkation commenced on to Serial 118 LST(Br)2	
Ship		2045	Embarkation completed. DMcC	
	28	0100	Ship moved out of dock.	
		1600	" lying off Jig beach in area 877867 (Sheet 7/E/5)	
		1900	" beached at high tide	
		2200	Disembarkation commenced	
		2315	" completed.	
			Vehicle & marching parties moved directly after disembarkation	
	29	0100	to area 863852 & bivouacked there.	DMcC
		0400	Vehicle Party moved to area 933790 (Pierrepont)	
		0900	Moved to 883780 (Brecy) & joined marching party there.	
			C.O. visited ADMS (8879). Unit prepared to move forward into ODON salient at very short notice.	
			Equipment dewaterproofed	DMcC
	30	1500	Under verbal instructions of ADMS 15 (S) Div complete Unit moved	
		1800	forward to area 918678 & proceeded to take over from 194 FD Amb. 'B' Coy took over from Coy of 194 F.A. at Colville (MR 923648). A Coy remained with HQ.	
		2000	Take over from 194 Fd Amb complete	
			Very heavy artillery barrage in progress & great weight of bombs dropped by Allied planes on Villers Bocage.	DMcC

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BWEF ODON SALIENT	1	0030 0200 0500 2359	Enemy shells arrive in vicinity of Unit leaguer. Own gunners firing very heavy barrage on enemy concentrations to South & East of the Salient; shells passing over Unit throughout night. Reception tent hit by enemy shell. Four Other Ranks killed and two wounded. Casualties from Odon salient commence to arrive; Proportion of seriously wounded cases (eg. compound fractures, abdominals, chests, head cases & severe lacerations) appears to be unduly high. Enemy mortar fire causing heavy casualties in certain areas. Two hundred casualties admitted treated & discharged since morning. Allied artillery barrage has continued with few intermissions throughout the day.	DMcC
BWEF	2	0900 1100 1200 1500	HQ & 'B' Coy being relieved by 202 Fd Amb. 15 (S) Div moving out of line. Complete Unit remains closed at 917725 (Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse) Check of eqpt, preparation of deficiency lists etc Bathing of personnel; cleaning of eqpt Weather dull early; wet later	DMcC
	3		Cleaning continued & normal duties carried out. Re equipping of personnel & material commenced.	DMcC
	4		C.C.P. opened to receive casualties & minor sick from 227 Bde.	DMcC
	5	1045	G.O.C. 15 (S) Division addressed all ranks, complimenting them on their part in recent operations. No RAMC or RASC reinforcements yet arrived.	DMcC
	6		Routine training carried out.	DMcC
	7	2130	Very heavy attack by Lancasters on enemy positions to N. of Caen	DMcC
BWEF	8		Attack from North by 3 (Br) Div on CAEN perimeter preceded by heavy artillery barrage.	DMcC
	9	1800	CAEN taken by British & Canadian troops. Visit by ADMS. Unit to hold & treat minor Divisional sick while in present location.	DMcC
	10		Nil of note	DC

	11		" " "	DC
	12		BAYEUX no longer 'out of bounds' to troops; visited by 30 ORs. Magnificent Norman Cathedral; little to purchase except cheese butter & cream - at excessive prices.	DC
	13		As for 12th.	DC
Field	14	0800 1600 1500	O.C. attended Conference at HQ 227 Bde where plan for Operation "Greenline" was discussed. Thereafter, O.C. visited ADMS, who outlined the Medical plan for the operation. Conference at Unit H.Q. of R.M.Os of 10 HLI, 2 Gordons, 2 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 2 Glasgow Highlanders, 107 R.A.C. and 147 R.A.C. where Medical plan of evacuation was discussed. Bren gun carriers of 15 (S) Div Recce Regt allotted as under:- two to each battalion and one at C.C.P. 'A' Coy under command of Capt Franks moved forward to Bde Conc Area M.R. 946648 (Sheet 7F/1) Two Sections 'B' Coy move to area 930684 and commenced digging for the protection of the penthouses & shelters of ADS. H.Q. on wheels at Bretteville. 227 Bde Op Order arrived.	DC DC
Field	15	0800 1800 1700 2359	ADS moves in to location and sets up. To be prepared to accept casualties at 1800 hrs. Third Section of 'B' Coy closes C.C.P at Bretteville and rejoins two other sections at above location. Div Medical Op. Order No1 and 227 Bde Mov. Order No2 received. Open to receive casualties. 'A' Coy moves to M.R. 965650 (7F/1) (S. of Verson) 26 Casualties admitted and Eight exhaustion cases.	DC
Field	16	 1700 2359	ADS remains open throughout the day 'A' Coy move two sections to M.R. 947646 (Quarrie) to keep in line with the attack on EVRECY No. of cases admitted were 180 (one hundred & eighty) during previous twenty four hours. As 53 Div has taken over from the 15th (S) Div the Unit was ordered to close & remain on wheels.	DC
	17	0700 0900 1600 2200	Unit moved back to Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse. Visited by DDMS 12 Corps & ADMS 15 (S) Division 'B' Coy takes over from 'A' Coy at the Quarrie. Two Sections of 'B' Coy move to Cheux to be in Medical charge of 10 HLI and 2 A&SH who have been withdrawn from the line. Third Section remains in original position at Quarrie to support 2 Gordons now under command 53 Div.	

Field			Of the 214 cases that the ADS put through during 30 hours, three died, twenty were classified as dangerous, forty four as serious and one hundred & forty seven as slight, indicating that the severity of the individual casualty is much greater than is generally accepted as normal. Of all these cases sixteen were exhaustion cases from 227 Bde - a small proportion considering the initial action the Bde had been in two weeks previously & the intensity of enemy mortar fire in the forward areas.	DC
	18		Unit HQ + A Coy re equipping, cleaning etc.	DC
	19		'B' Coy rejoined Unit.	DC
	20		)	
	21		) Routine training & inspections. Remainder of time spent in	
Field	22	2130	) recreational activities O.C. to ADMS conference re move to new location. 2 i/c to Bde Conference at 227 Bde HQ. 'B' Coy to move with Bde at 0800 hours to area CAUMONT (M.R. 6F/4 6070). OC B Coy to recce area N of CAUMONT commencing 0700 hrs 23/7/44 for site of CCP.	DC
	23	0715 1515 1745	'B' Coy move off to Bde HQ. HQ & 'A' Coy leave location to cross S.P. at 890739 at 1545 hours. Arrive area 694675 & set up ADS 194 Fd Amb set up in same area Casualties & sick to be admitted to each ADS on a 24 hr basis commencing 2200 hours when this Unit receives 'B' Coy established 704620. Visited by OC	DC
	24	2200	20 Battle Casualties & 9 sick admitted 194 Fd Amb now open to receive	DC
	25		OC visited B Coy, 30 Corps, 3 CCS & 15(S) Div.	DC
Field	26	1100 2359	Unit visited by Brig Walker DDMS 30 Corps Twenty eight sick & wounded passed through during previous 24 hours.	DC
	27		Nil of note	DC
	28		R.M.Os of 2 Gordons & 10 HLI relieved by Lts Bush & Sunderland while they have three days at 8 Corps Rest Camp at St Aubin sur Mer.	DC
	29	0900 1000	Bde & Div Conference re forthcoming ops attended by Capt Franks & CO respectively. ADS to be prepared to work to capacity C.C.P. formed by A Coy remains 704620.	DC
	30	0700 0800	Attack from Caumont commences Immense air effort on objectives	

Field		1300 1500 2359	60 Casualties attended to & evacuated. Great majority are slightly injured. 193 Fd Amb now open 705621 15 (S) Div now under 8 CORPS once again, the Corps including 11th Armd Div & Gds Armd Div. 43 Div are attacking simultaneously on our left & 11th Armd protecting the right flank. Both these formations held up by minefields, 44 Bde being in reserve sends 6 RSF to cover left flank. 227 Bde reaches its objectives supported by 6 Gds Tank Bde. 46 Bde advancing on final objective. Fd Amb remains fully open to receive casualties in event of 193 Fd Amb being saturated. 194 Fd Amb on wheels. 15 (S) Div reaches objectives & elements of 44 Bde & Div Recce exploiting the break through.	DC (vid copy of 227 Bde Op. Orders) DC
Field	31	0600	Eighty casualties & sick admitted during past 24 hrs. None remaining. Majority transferred to 34 CCS. Div sick to 22 FDS. Group 1 cases to 23 FDS in adjoining location. 194 Fd Amb move forward to area 688599. The Unit remains partially open & at one hour's notice to move. Gds Armd Div moving along to support breakthrough B Coy opens 701560 (Sheet 6F/4) <u>General</u> Since 30th June until 31st July 812 casualties have been treated in the A.D.S. The Division has been in action on three occasions, twice on the R. ODON front where large enemy forces were concentrated against it and once in the CAUMONT sector where it broke through the enemy line in a 24 hr battle.	DC

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Unit 153 Field Ambulance

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1400	HQ & A Coy moved forward to location 705621 (Sheet 6F/2) & remain closed beside 193 Fd Amb. B Coy moved in support of 227 Bde to AUBIGNY 698564 (Sheet 6F/4) & established C.C.P.	
	2	1630 1500	HQ & A Coy move forward with 193 Fd Amb on tank track bypassing CAUMONT & SEPT VENTS to 694549 (Sheet 6F/4) & remain closed. B Coy ordered to stand to as a result of enemy infiltration.	
Field	3	1100	B Coy move to area 6850 with 227 Bde to deal with possible flank attack. HQ & A Coy + Sect of 23 FDS move forward to locn 673483 (6F/4) & open in readiness for casualties from advance by 44 Bde & Gds Armd Div in direction of Le TOURNEUR 6845 (6F/4) & high ground to South & East. B Coy evacuated casualties to ADS.	
	4	2359	35 Battle Casualties admitted ADS 193 FD Amb now open at 699449 (6F/4) as advance continues.	
	5	1900	ADS 194 Fd Amb opens at 731433 (6F/4) in Montcharivel area B Coy moves to location 751428 (6F/4) 227 Bde concentrates for attack on ESTRY	
	6	0900 1100	'B' Coy opens at le Hamel M.R. 771421 (7F/3) to receive casualties evacuated from ESTRY along the main road to la CAVERIE rd junction 769403 (7F/3) & thence to le Hamel ⊙ 43 Div on the left are by-passing several enemy strong points eg GOURNEY 8040 (7/F/3) thus leaving the road exposed to shell & mortar fire from ESTRY. Casualties are evacuated to Recce Regt RAP South of la CAVERIE by carriers, half tracks & jeeps & thence to C.C.P. by jeeps & amb cars. Between three hundred & four hundred casualties from Div units pass through the C.C.P. in seven hours. C.O. admitted to 10 Cdn Gen Hosp with severely sprained ankle.	

Field		2200	On advice of ADMS CCP was withdrawn to MONTCHARIVEL area & one section opens up. Casualties passing through 'B' Coy CCP were distributed between the three ADS of 193, 194 & 153 to avoid any delay in adequate treatment.	
	7	0900 0800 0800	ADS prepares to close down. Two Sections of A Coy move forward to MONTCHARIVEL to relieve B Coy which returns to ADS. Section A_1 and A_2 move forward to le HAMEL. Maj Slater still in control of forward area. Cpl Ward & L/Cpl HINCHCLIFFE wounded slightly while i/c SB parties at RAP 2 Gordons at ESTRY.	
	8	0500 1000 2359	Section A_3 moves forward to join other two sections in preparation for second ESTRY offensive. Section A_3 receives direct hit by enemy shell; one man killed & nine wounded. ESTRY still in enemy hands.	
	9	1000 1100 1500	A Coy rejoins HQ at 673483 (6F/4) & whole Unit now on wheels & ready to move at short notice. OC rejoins Unit from 10 Cdn Gen Hosp. Section B_2 establishes a C.C.P. at 718401 (6F/4) West of MONTCHAMPS.	
	10	1000	Sections B_1 & B_3 join B_2 at 718401. HQ & A Coy remain in situ.	
Field	11	 1000	HQ & A Coy move forward to 708411 to take over from ADS of 11 LT FD Amb; now in direct line of evacn from ESTRY. 23 FDS open in adjoining field to receive Group 1 cases. GDS ARMD Div put in an attack on right of ESTRY. 'B' Coy changes location with Coy of 194 Fd Amb at 738407 (E of Montchamps).	
	12		Few casualties admitted to ADS. Div role now to maintain contact with enemy in event of withdrawal toward FALAISE where a pincer movement is developing by the CANADIANS & POLES moving South from CAEN & the AMERICANS coming North from ALENCON to ARGENTAN, so threatening to cut off large enemy force to West.	
	13		HQ, A & B Coys move back to 695452 (6F/4) in readiness for further move of Division.	
Field	14	1130	Moved to 772599 (VIEUX) (7F/3) & remained at short notice for further move.	
	15		Deficiencies in eqpt made good. Men bathed & equipment cleaned.	
	16		Americans believed to have reached CHARTRES in strength. Sixty dead horses & cows burned and buried in attempt to cope with fly menace.	

Field	17	1000	Court Martial held at B Echelon of 227 Bde on Ptes DAVIDSON & STOTT who did not proceed forward to ESTRY to the RAP of 2nd Gordons when ordered to do so by RMO 2nd Gordons on 7th August 44. Americans 30 miles from Paris & reported to have reached the Seine at MANTES between ROUEN & PARIS.	
	18	0900 1900 2100	Moved forward across R ORNE to Div Conc Area 022482 (7/F/3) (via Bridge at CLINCHAMPS). Complete Unit remains closed. 14 RAMC reinforcements arrive. B.B.C. announces that the Battle of Normandy has been won by the Allies. The retreating enemy is being heavily punished by RAF & a large proportion of the German 7th Army is trapped W of the Falaise Gap.	
	19	1700 2100	Lt HORSBURGH reported for duty as SBO vice Lt. BROWNE posted to 47 FDS. Warning order to be ready to move with 227 Bde via FALAISE TRUN & VIMOUTIERS in an approach to contact engagement with the retreating enemy. The FALAISE gap is now closed.	
	20	0900 1500	227 Bde Op Order for advance received. One Sect of B Coy to be attached to 10 HLI, the leading Bn in this action & two to 2nd Gordons following, with HQ & A Coy travelling ahead of Bde HQ in the line of march. Verbal instruction from Bde that the operation has been postponed 48 hours. Ptes DAVIDSON & STOTT attached to B Echelon of 10 HLI pending result of court martial proceedings.	
Field	21	0030 0915 2000	Enemy air raid in vicinity. C.O. left to attend A.Q. Conference at Rear Div. Informed that 2 A&SH had suffered casualties in air raid at 0030 hrs 7 killed 16 wounded. Cases treated by 23 F.D.S. Continuous rain all day.	
	22	2100	C.O. attends ADMS Conference at Main Div HQ where ADMS is now located. Major McCallum & Maj Slater recce site East of Falaise in Brigade area.	
	23	0800	Complete Unit move to location 199847 in Falaise C.C.P. established there; B Coy attach one Section to 10 HLI and two to 2 Gordons.	
Field	24	1800	Bde Group moves complete to East of TRUN to area 4055 & 4056. Advance delayed by blockage of roads with shot up German transport and Canadian columns overlapping 2 Army area.	
	25	0600 1900	Bde Group moves in Westerly direction to area EMANVILLE with ADS & A Coy at 002727.	

			Enormous amount of enemy transport & dead litter the roads C.C.P. established overnight. All casualties now evacuated to 22 FDS West of BROGLIE a distance of over 25 miles.	
		2200	'O' Group at Bde. Bde Group moves forward to LOUVIERS area tomorrow.	
	26	0830	HQ & A Coy & 2 Sections of 'B' Coy move forward to 026827. One Section moves with 10 HLI to LOUVIERS 2289.	
		1500	HQ & A Coy with 2 Sections of 'B' Coy move to 208874. Sec with HLI LOUVIERS 2289. Major SLATER injured in M/C accident & evacuated to 22 FDS (with # metacarpal of rt hand, # of left hand & facial abrasions & shock).	
Field	27	0830	O.C. to Bde - 227 Bde to cross R. SEINE at 1800 hrs. Crossing to be made by assault craft at 267906 by 10 HLI and at 269891 by 2 GORDONS.	
		1200	Sections of "B" Coy out to Bns for evac of casualties from Bns during river crossing.	
		1500	HQ & A Coy moved to 235899. ADS established.	
		1830	River crossing started - 2 Gordons received casualties from machine gun fire. Sec in support of R.A.P. estab C.C.P. 264881.	
		2130	H.L.I. crossing going well - very few casualties. C.C.P. in support at 265910 - Gordons crossing abandoned & Bn reformed to cross at same point as H.L.I.	
		2300	All Sections of 'B' Coy established at 265910 - one section controlling River Crossing at 269906 - Ferry service started.	
Field	28	0700	C.O. visited C.C.P. All going smoothly. R.M.Os had jeeps over river - evac of casualties by Jeeps to sec on River bank thence assault craft to C.C.P.	
		0830	Bde 'O' Group. Plan Class 40 Bridge to be put over starting at 1200 hrs & Bns to advance. H.L.I. to CONNELLES 3093 - 2 G to Le THUIT 3592 - 2 Argyles to area 3292. Med Evac still by Jeeps to section on River bank thence by ferry service to C.C.P.	
		1430	C.O. to Bde - Movement of vehicles over bridge when open. Med Plan - Two Sections to form C.C.P. at 275905. One Section at 265910.	
		1030	Bridge opened. 'A' Coy across & proceed to establish CCP at 275905.	
	29	0900 1100	10 HLI in area 3093; 2 A&SH at 322922; 2 Gordons 353924. One section of 'A' Coy remains at 275905, other two move to 342933 (FRETTEVILLE) to evacuate casualties from 2 A&SH & 2 G. 10 HLI evacuate to CCP of 194 Fd Amb established at 303933.	

			ADS of 194 Fd Amb open at 285913 ⊙ ADS of this unit remains open to take casualties occurring on West Bank of SEINE.	
	30	1100	Third Section of A Coy moves up to 342933. Few sick admitted. ADS quiet.	
	31	1000 1400	2 Gordons move to area 3692. HQ moves forward across bridge at Les ANDELYS to join A Coy at 342933. Weather has been very wet for three to four days. Despite this, news has come through of striking advances by armoured columns who have passed through AMIENS & hold all but one bridge over SOMME there. D Campbell LT COL	

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Unit 153 Field Ambulance

Month and Year Sept 1944

Commanding Officer LT.Col. D Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1800	HQ & 'B' Coy moved to FRETTEVILLE 342928 (Sheet 9F/1 France) and joined up with 'A' Coy. Bns of 227 Bde mopping up enemy stragglers in woods - One section open for casualties.	
"	2	1000 1800	Location same. Two casualties received during night. C.O. to Bde HQ. Fd Amb under 227 Bde for movement.	
"	3	1000 1600	Fd Amb on move to area LE TRONQUAY 470114 (Sheet 9F/6 France). Fd Amb at new location 470114 - 1 sec 'B' Coy attached to 2 A&S.H. for special operation.	
"	4	1000 1400 1800	Fd Amb on move under 227 Bde. Fd Amb less 1 section attached to 2 A&S.H. arrived at CRIQUERS 648368 Sheet 9E/4. Order from 227 Bde that move likely to-morrow.	
Field	5	0900 1200 2000	C.O. to conf at Bde - Move today to area BOUBERS - Recce parties to meet S/Capt. Bns have difficulty in getting T.C.V's. 2 Gordons to remain - 1 Sec of Fd Amb to stay with them - 3 Cases of Bn sick evacuated. Fd Amb less 2 sections on move. Fd Amb less 2 secs arrived BOUBERS 089025 Sheet 7. One sec open to receive Cases.	
"	6	1800 2000	No change - Few minor sick treated. Conf at 227 Bde - Long move to-morrow towards BELGIUM.	
"	7	1200 2200	Fd Amb less 2 secs on move - Advance party left 0730 hrs. Fd Amb still on move - crossed border into BELGIUM. Civilians giving men great reception.	
" Field	8	0100 0800 1200	Fd Amb arrived 916450 Nr HELCHIN (Sheet No7) - Parked on roadside for night - expecting early move in morning. C.O. to Bde to move with Bde 'O' Group in advance to contact battle towards NAZARETH 089705 Sheet No7. 2 A&S.H. & 2 Gordons again attached to 227 Bde - Sec "A"2 of 153 Fd Amb attached 2 Gordons reported lorry ditched at BOUBERS 089025. Fd Amb had 1 section open to deal with Casualties.	

			Secs of "B" Coy Fd Amb in support of Bns.	
		1400	Fd Amb instructed by me to pack up & move forward.	
		1915	Fd Amb arrived NAZARETH 089705.	
		2000	C.O. to Bde conf. Bns employed in mopping up stray enemy in woods. Sec of Fd Amb opened to deal with any casualties.	
"	9	1800	Fd Amb (less "B" Coy out with Bns) still at NAZARETH. 13 cases evacuated during past 24 hours mostly sick.	
Field	10	1800	No change - C.O. to Bde HQ. Bde moving to area HUMBECK 635696 Sheet 44 - Advance parties to meet S/Capt 0830 to-morrow - Move to be considered as peace time move. Section withdrawn from Bns leaving 1 amb car with each R.M.O. 10 Cases evacuated mostly sick.	
"	11	1430	Fd Amb on move.	
		2330	Arrived HUMBECK 635696 Sheet 44 - Difficulty in parking vehicles in small fields.	
"	12	1000	No change - Personnel allowed to go into BRUSSELS for 3 hours.	
		1230	C.O. to Bde for conf. 2 A&S.H. being sent off under 44 Bde. Sec "B"2 attached to them. Remainder of Bde moving to-morrow to area VEERLE 0879. 15(S) Div is to move & take over Bridge head over ALBERT CANAL - A.D.S. 193 Fd Amb open at WESTERLOO 0381.	
Field	13	0900	Fd Amb on move in support 227 Bde to concentrate area VEERLE 0879	
		1300	"O" Gp held by Bde Comdr at Class 9 Bridge over Albert Canal at 0786 - 227 Bde is to push on, take MOLL & if possible to try & get across canal at DONCK 1795. Sections attached to 10 H.L.I. & 2 Gordons - permission given for Fd Amb to move up behind 2 Gordons & establish A.D.S. in area MEERHOUT 1585.	
		1645	Fd Amb on move from area WESTERLOO 0381. Crossed by class 9 Bridge.	
		2030	Fd Amb arrived MEERHOUT 1585 - A.D.S. opened on small scale. Coy C.C.P. "B" Coy in support of Bns in area 1689 SW of MOLL. Sec "B"2 in support of 2 Gordons area MEERHOUT.	
		2200	Six casualties admitted all slight & being held until AM.	
Field	14	1800	No change in locations. 14 Casualties in past 24 hours.	
"	15	1015	Cpl Pearce attended parade at 15 (S) Div HQ and presented with Military Medal by Field Marshall Montgomery	
		1800	No change in location A.D.S. 10 casualties treated in past 24 hours	
"	16	1800	A.D.S. still at MEERHOUT. 5 casualties in past 24 hours "B" Coy moved to MOLL.	
"	17	1400	A.D.M.S. conference at A.D.S. 194 Fd Amb at GHEEL 0787 - Received instructions to take over from 194 Fd Amb	
			During period of change over casualties to be admitted by 22 F.D.S.	
Field		1930	A.D.S. took over from 194 & ready to receive - Plan is that Fd Amb will admit all cases from 12 Corps & leave Group 1 & 2 cases to 9	

			F.D.S. acting as Adv Surgical Centre. Sick & exhaustion cases of 15(S) Div to be passed to 22 F.D.S. No evacuation of casualties to Gen Hosp at BRUSSELS to take place at night except in extreme urgency. 227 Bde to take over GHEEL Bridgehead from 44 Bde by 1600 hrs 18 Sept - This to be done in easy stages. 2 A&S.H. starting to-night & to be under 44 Bde. Casualties started to come in.	
"	18	1200	A.D.S. location same - Casualties coming in from Bridgehead 26 admitted up to midnight 17th C.O. on visit to Bde HQ. Coy C.C.P. to take over from 194 Fd Amb. "B" Coy to set up C.C.P. at 077899 with 1 Sec at 074926 at Canal bank to help with ferry of Casualties over canal. Bn R.A.P.s in factory on N side of Canal.	
Field	19	1800	Locations same. 146 Casualties in past 24 hours - many in from 53 Div advancing to Holland border	
"	20	1800	Locations same. 155 Casualties in past 24 hours - mostly from 53 Div	
"	21	0800 1400 1700	227 Bde comes under command 7 Armd Div. Coy of 131 Fd Amb took over A.D.S. HQ & A Coy remain in area GHEEL. 158 Casualties admitted up to date. C.O. to Bde. 227 Bde moving to-morrow to area VELDHOVEN 3815 to join remainder of 15 (S) Div which is taking over from 53 Div.	
"	22	1800 1900	H.Q. & Coys arrived MEERVELDHOVEN 388154 (Sheet 3 Holland & Belgium). C.O. to Bde - Bde moving to-morrow - Approach to contact.	
"	23	1030 1600 1800	Fd Amb on move to area EINDHOVEN 4120 Fd Amb arrived EINDHOVEN 416206 - Take over 2 schools as billets - A.D.S. opened by 193 Fd Amb at 415206. Sections from "A" Coy attached to 10 H.L.I. 2 Gordons 2 A&S.H.	
"	24	1000 1630	No change. C.O. to conf Bde H.Q. 227 Bde to attack & capture BEST & NASTEN BEST. Secs in support & when over Canal to form Coy C.C.P.	
"	25	1000	Attack starts - Coy C.C.P. established at 386252. Casualties evacuated to 193 F.A. A.D.S. at 415206.	
"	26	1800	No change in locations.	
"	27	1000 1130	227 Bde moving to clear woods in area 3820 & 3930. Secs in support of Bns. Coy C.C.P. formed at 386284 - Shelling of area takes place	
Field	28	1000	C.O. on visit to C.C.P. Very few casualties received. No other change in locations.	

"	29	1000	C.O. visited C.C.P. Very few casualties. 2 Gordons out on special job. Sec from Coy attached & finally set up at 390286. 24 C.C.S. & two F.S.U's arrived in area but will remain closed until Fd Amb moves out.	
"	30	1000 1800	C.O. on visit to C.C.P. - As casualties from Bns very slight considered 1 sec & extra amb can cope with the situation - Bde Major informed of this & in agreement. Sec A_2 remains at 386284. Secs A_1 & A_3 withdrawn to H.Q. No change in locations. Bns in Bde area doing patrolling of woods. D Campbell LT Col. RAMC	

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Field	1	1800	No change in HQ & Coy situations. 1 Sec of A Coy in support of 227 Bde. Op Instruct received from 227 Bde re move to new concentration area - Bde going into rest area. 2 i/c given instruction to meet S/Capt re recce of new area.	227 Bde OP Instr No 8 att.
"	2	1800	10 HLI relieved by 1 Gordons of 51 (H) Div. Recce party from 174 Fd Amb 51 (H) Div to take over my site. 227 Bde have given instructions that Fd Amb will move to-morrow independently to new area BAKEL 6125.	
"	3	0900 0930 1200	Adv party from 174 Fd Amb 51 (H) Div arrived. 153 Fd Amb (less 1 sec) moved in convoy to new area. Fd Amb arrived in new area. Sec in support of Bns of 227 Bde to move to-morrow.	
Field	4	1200	Sec A_2 reported in from 227 Bde. C.O. to Bde H.Q. Instructions that Bde not likely to be used for at least 5 days - re-equipping & training to be carried on.	
"	5	1800	No change	
"	6	1800	" "	
"	7	1800	" "	
"	9	1800	" "	
"	10	1800	Operation order from Bde. Div likely to be used to clear area E of Nijmegen.	
"	11	"	No change	
"	12	1800	Last operation order from Bde called in as operation cancelled.	
"	13	1800	No change	
" Field	14	1800 2200	No change in positions - C.O. to report to A.D.M.S. A.D.M.S. held conference of Fd Amb Commanders. Outline of future plans - Not likely to be any move from area for 3-4 days.	DMcC
"	15	1800	No change - Baths & recreation for men	DMcC
"	16	1800	No change	DMcC
"	17		No change	DMcC

"	18	1000	Conference at 227 Bde H.Q. re taking over forward positions from 51 (H) Div in area BEST 3726 - St OEDENRODE 4231 ⊙ 9 CAMERONIANS under comd Bde for this operation to hold enemy in area BEST, RECCE hold line from BEST X Rds 379268 - 395288; 10 HLI from 395288 - 392299 and 2 Gordons from 392299 - 403311 ⊙ 2 A&SH in area 4028 and Bde HQ at 403289. Casualties from 2 Gordons & 10 HLI to be evacuated to C.C.P. of 175 FD AMB established at ST OEDENRODE 427321 and 2 A&SH, Recce Regt & 9 Cameronians to C.C.P. of this Unit in area 3825.	DMcC DMcC
	19	0900 1200 1400	LT COL D CAMPBELL evacuated to 79 GEN HOSP suffering from anginal pains of ? cardiac origin. Major DI McCallum in temporary command. "B" Coy leave BAKEL 616248 & proceed to 386255 in support of 227 Bde. On advice of ADMS 15 (S) Div new location is recced in area between EINDHOVEN and BEST Bridge 389251. New site selected in ACHT 395227.	DMcC
	20	0900	HQ & A Coy filter through to ACHT ⊙ Joined there by two sections of "B" Coy from 386255, drawn back because of the small number of casualties incurred and because of sporadic shelling in their vicinity, directed at the road on either side of the BEST BRIDGE.	DMcC
	21		Very few casualties evacuated through C.C.P. HQ & "A" Coy remain closed at ACHT.	
	22	0900 1700	Arrangements made with 175 FD AMB to take over their location in school at EINDHOVEN 416206 when they move out. HQ & 1 SECT of A COY move into school and open ADS. Two sections of A Coy & of B Coy remain at ACHT 386255. One Section of B Coy still at 386255.	DMcC
	23	1000	Maj McCallum to 'O' Group at 227 Bde HQ. Plan for clearing enemy out of wooded area to North & West of road from BEST to ST OEDENRODE. BDE GROUP to consist of normal three battalions & 6 RSFs, 6 KOSB, 9 CAMERONIANS and 6 GDS TANK BDE. Medical layout to remain unchanged in initial phase.	DMcC
	24	1100 1200 1700 2200	Maj McCallum visited ADMS. 10 HLI, 2 Gordons and 2 A&SH move forward and clear woods indicated above & clear the ground up to the railway running N.N.W. from BEST. Casualties light, most of those being caused by mines. Operation was advanced at least 24hrs in view of withdrawal of enemy from this area. Lt Col W.A.M. SCOTT arrives to assume command of unit. Two sections of "B" Coy moved forward from ACHT to join third section at 386255. C.O. & 2 i/c attend 'O' Group at ADMS Office.	DMcC
	25	1400 1900	'B' Coy move in rear of 227 Bde to area OIRSHOT 3125. HQ close at 416206 and move with A Coy to 328258. Remain closed.	

		2200	Conference at ADMS Office ⊙ HQ & A Coy to move at first light to MOERGESTEL 2230 to open ADS to receive casualties from 44 and 46 Bdes operating to the S.W. and N.W. respectively.	DMcC DMcC
	26	0700 0830 1400	HQ & A Coy move to 225308 and take over school from Coy of 193 FD AMB & open ADS. C.O. attends O Group at 227 BDE HQ where plan for attack on TILBURG from S.W. is detailed. B Coy to move in rear of Bde Gp and evacuate to 194 FD AMB at HILVARENBEEK 194238. Fd Ambulance complete at MOERGESTEL.	DMcC
	27	1100 1300 1600	193 FD AMB move forward from OIRSCHOT to take over ADS at MOERGESTEL. HQ & A Coy move forward to HILVARENBEEK 198241 and remain closed. B Coy moves in support of 227 Bde towards TILBURG. Advance checked as bridge at 173300 has subsided under the weight of the armour that has passed over. 44 BDE now in the city & believed to be meeting little or no resistance. 4th LT ARMD BDE also believed to be in city.	DMcC
Field	28	0800 1000 1300 1900 2200	HQ & A Coy move forward into TILBURG which is now free ⊙ Div concentrating in city preparatory to moving on to BREDA ⊙ ADS set up at 152318. A & B Coy with HQ. Recce parties move with 227 Bde Recce party to area HEEZE 4911. Div now moving in this direction to stabilise the position in the ASTEN area where an enemy formation has broken into the positions of 7th American Armd Div. At HEEZE instructed to move forward & recce action positions as troops were going to move into the line that night. Fd Amb complete moves into ASTEN 617134 where a Coy C.C.P. is established. Some enemy air activity in this sector, causing casualties in the village amongst army & civilian personnel.	DMcC DMcC
	29	1300 1500 2359	In view of general situation HQ & A Coy move back to MIERLOO & B Coy establishes CCP at LIEROP 572153. ADS open at MIERLOO. Very few casualties admitted. 44 Bde & 46 Bde now also in the line & the enemy counter attack appears to be under control.	DMcC
Field	30	 2359	To conform with new disposition ADS moves to ZOMEREN 590114 & C.C.P. remains in ASTEN 616133 Admitted to ADS:- Battle Casualties 37 Sick 19	DMcC
	31	 2359	No change in position of ADS & CCP Admitted to ADS:- Battle Casualties 85 Sick 34	

			Enemy attacks lessening in intensity & Div now going over from defensive to the offensive. During the month the weather has been cold but mainly dry. Despite the cold, the number of sick in the Bde has remained very small and the rest period in BAKEL area allowed the Battalion to be brought up to strength, to be trained, re equipped where necessary & to have recreational facilities in HELMOND. Morale is high. D.I. McCallum Major	DMcC WAM Scott Lieut Colonel RAMC

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Field	1	2359	Coy C.C.P. remains at ASTEN 616133 & ADS + 1 Coy at SOMEREN 590114. Battle Casualties admitted 54 Sick 32. Evacuation is to 33 C.C.S. at GELDROP	DMcC
	2	2359	No change in locations B.C. admitted 39 Sick 16. Enemy withdraws along the Div front. General news indicates that SCHELDT estuary is now practically clear & that the port of ANTWERP will soon be available as forward Base.	DMcC
	3		B.C. admitted 34 Sick 23. No change in locations.	DMcC
Field	4	1800	No change in location of ADS or Coys Admitted B.C. 21 Sick 15 Evacuated 34	DMcC
	5	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 2 Evac 4.	DMcC
	6	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 2 Evac 2.	DMcC
	7.	1500 1700 1800	2 A&SH moving from area ASTEN 6113 to area 6604 on the OSPEL - MEIJEL axis. Battalion to come under comd of 51 Div. In view of absence of medical establishment in area one Section of A Coy move forward into school at OSPEL 640018 & take casualties from 152 Bde & 2 A&SH overnight. A.D.S. admitted B.C. 1 Sick 1 Evac 2.	DMcC
Field	8	1630 1800	Section of A Coy relieved by Sect of 175 Fd Amb Section returns to SOMEREN 590114 ADS admitted BC 6 Sick 8 Evacuated 10.	
	9		ADS & A Coy (closed) at SOMEREN B Coy at ASTEN ADS admitted B.C. 2 Sick 1 Evacuated 6	
	10		Location unchanged. ADS admitted B.C. 19 Sick 17 Evacuated 35 R.T.U. 1 A.D.S. 193 Fd Amb open at ASTEN. 'B' Coy closed.	

Field	11	1100 1800 2200	A_3 Section moved to OSPEL 640018 as it was considered that C.C.P. of 51 (H) Division was unduly far back from 2 A&SH in area 6105. 2 A&SH now under command 15 (S) Division. Other locations unchanged ADS - Admitted B.C. 7 Sick 20 Evacuated 26 C.C.P. at OSPEL shelled - no casualties	
	12	1800	ADS - B.C. 2 Sick 16 Evacuated 16	
	13		No change in locations. One Section of 22 FDS joins ADS to form resuscitation team in view of arrangement that casualties from the initial phase of 51 (H) Division's attack will be evacuated through this A.D.S. This attack is to be launched from the NEDERWEERT (6100) - OSPEL 6461 area in a S.E. direction across the canal running E.N.E. from NEDERWEERT. 2 A&SH relieved in area 6504 by 2 Gordons who continue holding role & patrolling in that sector. ADS B.C. 9 Sick 20 Evacuated 29	
	14		No change B.C. 7 Sick 11 Evacuated 18	
	15	 1500 1800	No change in locations Capt J.P. SENIOR posted to Unit from 131 Fd Regt Lt R.A. BUSH " from " to 131 Fd Regt ADS Admitted BC 4 Sick 5 P.W. 2 Evacuated 11	
	16	1100 1400	A_1 Section joins A_2 at OSPEL 640018 and Section A_2 moves forward to MEIJEL which was liberated last evening by 10 HLI. Little enemy resistance encountered but numerous mines and booby traps in approaches to & in the village of MEIJEL (710069). Evacuation from this area is to 193 Fd Amb at ASTEN 616133 thence to 33 CCS at GELDROP 4816. Advance by 51 (H) Div on right going well against light opposition but hampered somewhat by mines, bad weather & difficult country. 'B' Coy joins ADS at SOMEREN Admitted B.C. 5 Sick 4 Evacuated 3.	
	17	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 3 Evacuated 10.	
	18	1800	No change. Admitted BC etc Nil	
	19	1000	Sections A_1 & A_3 move from OSPEL to M.R. 717067 - East of MEIJEL to support 227 Bde in their crossing of Canal de DEURNE between MEIJEL and BERINGEN 750060. ADS and B Coy remain in SOMEREN.	
	20	0800	227 Bde with 10 HLI leading cross canal with little opposition as 51 (H) Div operating on right have taken BERINGEN. Sections A_1 & A_2 move to BERINGEN 749060. ADS closes at SOMEREN.	
Field	21	1300	H.Q. and B Coy move to MOOSTDIJK 697076 One Section of 'A' Coy at MEIJEL Two Sections " " " " 749060	

			227 Bde now advancing along track running N.E. from BERINGEN to ACHTERSTE and SEVENUM 8114 Weather conditions appalling but good progress made by Bde & Battalion of Scots Guards (armoured) attached	
	22		ADS and B Coy - no change Two Sections of A Coy at 749060 One " " " " at 763083 Weather still shocking : cold and very wet Track from Beringen to Achterste now quagmire. Sappers laying wire tracking for wheeled vehicles.	
		1700	Detachment of one Section conveyed by Weasels, loaned by Div Recce Regiment establishes C.C.P. at SEVENUM 817139	
	23		H.Q. & B Coy routed by A/Q Div to SEVENUM via MAASBREE 8208, but Maasbree - Sevenum stretch of road blocked by mines & demolitions. Return to area 6909.	
		2000	'A' Coy ploughs its way and, over one particularly bad stretch, is dragged by recovery vehicles through deep mud. Coy C.C.P. established at SEVENUM. Evacuation by Humber amb cars via Beringen to 193 Fd Amb at ASTEN.	
	24	1200	Fd Ambulance complete at SEVENUM. H.Q. & B Coy proceeded via DEURNE 6520, AMERIKA 7716 and HORST 8218. ADS established.	
		1000	Section of A Coy moved to HORST 833183.	
Field		1800	Admitted ADS B.C. 2 Sick 1.	
	25	0800	As SEVENUM is now in 49 Div area ADS moves to re-open at HORST 828187, to take casualties from advance of 227 and 46 Brigades towards River Maas, 227 Bde on right with TIENRAIJ 8523 as initial objective.	
		0900	Car post established 833203 and later as 2 A&SH advanced on	
		1100	TIENRAIJ, C.C.P. was established at 843214	
		1800	Admitted ADS B.C. 4 Sick 10	
		1900	TIENRAIJ taken and at Bde 'O' Group plan for final advance on R. MAAS laid down. 2 A&SH remain in area TIENRAIJ while 2 Gordons advance through to SWOLGEN 8722 and BROEKHUIZERVERST 9022 while 10 HLI on the left advance on BLITTERSWIJK 8727	
	26	0900	Recce Regt reports that enemy is withdrawing from BLITTERSWIJK 8727 towards R MAAS	
		1700	Battalions approaching objectives and 2 Section C.C.P. established in TIENRAIJ 859233. One Section remains 843214	
		1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 14 Sick 16	
	27		Mopping up continues on West side of MAAS; no change in locations.	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 21 Sick 8	
	28		227 Bde being relieved by Bde of 11 Armd Div.	

		1500 1800	10 HLI and 2 A&SH move to area ASTEN 6113 with two sections of 'A' Coy. One section remains with 2 Gordons who move back at night. ADS & B Coy remain in HORST. Admitted B.C. 36 (inc 1 POW) Sick 12	
	29	1000 1500	One Coy of 179 Fd Amb takes over from ADS; HQ & B Coy remain in HORST Third section of A Coy moves from TIENRAIJ to ASTEN. HQ & B Coy to move to MEIJEL 7106 when 194 Fd Amb move to MAASBREE 8208	
	30		H.Q. & B Coy remain at HORST 'A' Coy at ASTEN Nil to note.	

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Commanding Officer Lt Col W.A.M. Scott

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field			At the beginning of the month the Division succeeded in countering the enemy break through in the LEISEL - MEIJEL area & held positions covering ASTEN - DEURNE while 51 (H) Div and 49 Div moved up on the right. By the 15th, an offensive was launched on the right & the Division advanced to MEIJEL and up to the DEURNE canal to conform with advances by the 51 Div. Thereafter a series of advances to contact actions were fought over the bleakest of country, under appalling weather conditions along tracks that would soon have become quite impassable but for the magnificent work of the Sappers. The enemy withdrew skilfully covering his line of withdrawal with mines & booby traps, sporadic shelling and mortar fire. Few casualties were sustained and four prisoners taken.	
Field			At the end of the month the Div was brought out of the line to re-equip & rest. A high proportion of casualties was due to SCHU mines causing traumatic amputations of one or both feet. Resuscitation was of primary importance & ambulance cars were attached to RAPs throughout the operation to avoid undue exposure of casualties in jeeps. As the C.C.S. did not move forward the distance between ADS & C.C.S. was eventually forty miles.	WAM Scott Lieut Colonel R.A.M.C.

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Unit 153 (Br) Fd Amb

Month and Year December 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col W.A.M. Scott

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1400	H.Q. take over accommodation at MEIJEL 713067 (Monastery) from 194 Fd Amb. A Coy & B Coy now together at ASTEN 614138 less one Section of B Coy which is open in PANNINGEN 765054 to look after casualties from Div. H.Q. & surrounding troops in event of shelling or bombing of that area. Modified ADS opened in monastery which has been very badly knocked about in the heavy fighting that took place in this area last month.	DMcC
	2	1100 1800	CO attends ADMS conference at 194 FD AMB (MAASBREE 8207) No change in locations A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 3 Sick 5 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	3	1800	No change in locations A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 1 Evacuated 2	DMcC
Field	4	0900 1800	Lt Col Scott reports to D.M.S. HQ 21 Army Group for temporary duty. Major D.I. McCallum assumes temporary command. A.D.S. B.C. 5 Sick 3 POW 1 Evacuated 9	DMcC
	5	 1800	Locations unchanged ADS Admitted B.C. 1 (died in ADS) Sick 4 Evac 4	DMcC
	6	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evac 7	DMcC
	7	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 4 Evac 5	DMcC
	8		227 Bde move into the line to hold the line of the River MAAS from Easting 98 northwards to Easting 10 with two Battalions up, 2 Gordons on right 10 HLI on left and 2 A&SH in reserve - area HELDEN 7903. R.A.Ps situated as follows: 10 HLI BONG 846054 2 GORDONS 813023 2 A&SH PANNINGEN 7604. TWO Sections of B Coy established C.C.P. at HELDEN 792039 to deal with casualties from 2 Gordons in HELDEN area 10 HLI evacuate to ADS 194 at MAASBREE 2 A&SH to C.C.P. established at PANNINGEN 765054	

			Two Sections of A Coy join HQ at MEIJEL, one section remains in ASTEN to attend to any cases until such time as C.C.P. of 193 FD AMB establishes C.C.P. in this area now taken over by 46 BDE.	DMcC
	9		ADS Admitted BC Nil Sick 5 Evacuated 5	DMcC
	10		One Section of A Coy relieved by C.C.P. of 193 FD AMB at ASTEN.	
		1500	H.Q. & A Coy complete at MEIJEL. B Coy unchanged.	
		1800	ADS Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	11		In view of general policy regarding billeting of personnel under the best possible conditions over the coming weeks one Cpl and five REs have been attached to the Unit temporarily to make the monastery waterproof, and to provide windows and blackout material.	
			ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	12		No change in locations	
			A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	13	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 4 Evacuated 6	
			111798 CAPT C.M.F. WALTERS posted for duty from 31 FDS	DMcC
FIELD	14	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 4 Sick 3 Evacuated 7	DMcC
	15	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 7 Evacuated 9	DMcC
	16	1000	Capt WALKER posted to 119 L.A.A. REGT. for duty as R.M.O.	
		1100	Capt FRANKS " " 44 TPT COLUMN RASC for duty	
		1800	ADS Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	17	1800	No change in locations	
			B.C. 2 Sick 6 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	18	1800	B.C. 2 Sick 12 Evacuated 14	DMcC
	19	1800	B.C. 3 Sick 9 Evacuated 12	DMcC
	20	1800	B.C. 2 Sick 8 Evacuated 10	DMcC
Field	21	1400	Lt Col C.B.R. POLLOCK takes command of Unit	
		1800	B.C. 1 Sick 19 Evacuated 20	DMcC
	22	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 11 Evacuated 12	DMcC
	23	1800	B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	24	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 19 Evacuated 20	
			Christmas carol Service in Recreation Room	DMcC
	25	0745	Men served with tea in bed by Officers & Sgts	
		0830	Breakfast	
		1130	Football Match - England 2 Scotland 1	
		1300	Xmas dinner	
		1630	Tea	
		1930	Unit Xmas concert greatly appreciated by all ranks	
		2100	- onwards Buffet supper.	
			Battle Casualties 2 Sick 2 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	26	1000	Medical Boards held on one Officer & 4 O.Rs	

		1800	B.C. 1 Sick 5 Evacuated 6	DMcC
	27	1800	No change in locations B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evacuated 7	 DMcC
	28	1400 1800	'A' Coy relieves 'B' Coy at HELDEN & PANNINGEN B.C. 1 Sick 12 Evacuated 13	 DMcC
	29	1800	B.C. Nil Sick 9 Evacuated 9	DMcC
	30	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evacuated 7	DMcC
Field	31	1800	No change in locations B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evacuated 7 During the month there have been patrol clashes & artillery duels across the MAAS; casualties have been light but the number of sick is increased, mainly due to exposure to which the infantrymen are subjected, and to an increase in skin diseases of which scabies & impetigo are rampant among the civilian population. Two battalions are in the line at one time for a period of ten days, the third being in reserve where training, re-equipping, cleaning, recreation & rest are organised. During the latter part of the month von Rundstedt attacked the American First Army front, but by the start of the year the Allies appeared to have the initiative once more. Detailed arrangements regarding leave to the U.K. have been circulated & the first contingents depart from the Unit on January 4th. Weather conditions at the beginning of the month were appalling - cold & wet, but improved later & the Xmas week was glorious - cold but bright & sunny - of great value to the Air Forces making heavy attacks on the German Salient towards the MAAS at LIEGE. D.I. McCallum Lt Col	 DMcC <

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Unit 153 FIELD AMB

Month and Year January 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col B. POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FIELD	1st		Battle Casualties 6. Sick 10. Transferred 15. Much German air activity. Main road outside H.Q. shot-up. 1 soldier died of wounds, 1 wounded. Parade for presentation of C-in-C's certificate to Pte Morris.	
	2nd		B.C. 2 Sick 7 Transf 9	
	3		B.C. 1 Sick 10 Transf 11 Thaw precautions in force. G.O.C. XV Div, visited ADS. Band of X Royal Hussars gave two performances for the visit.	
	4		B.C. 0 Sick 14. Transf 14 Five NOIII's dispatched to No1 Depot, Crookham under scheme SPARK. First leave party of 10 O.R.s left for BOURG LEOPOLD en route for U.K. on P.Ls.	
	5		B.C. 2. sick 13 transf 15	
FIELD	6		B.C. 2 sick 12 transf 14 Frost pre-cautions in force	
	7.		B.C. 2 sick 13 transf 14. 3 O.R.s left on P.L. C of S service held.	
	8		B.C. 2 sick 9 transf 11	
	9		B.C. 0 sick 10 " 8	
	10		B.C. 0 sick 14 " 16 Lieut Poulter RAMC S.B.O. + 8 ORs on P.L.	
	11		B.C. 0 sick 9 transfd 9 Pte Caley sentenced 28 detention in 227 Bde Guard Room (Obscene language to a N.C.O.). Temp 22 Fahrenheit.	
	12		Capt Jones E.J. R.A.M.C. arrived Posted to H.Q. B.C. 2 sick 7 transf 9.	
	13		B.C. 1. sick 10 transf 11.	
FIELD	14		B.C. 1 sick 7 transf 8. Capt Meara + 4 O.R.'s on P.L. to U.K. C of S service.	
	15		B.C. 0. sick 6 trans 6.	

			7 O.R.'s returned from U.K. leave. Reported arrangements good.	
	16		B.C. 1 sick 7. transf 8.	
	17		B.C. 1 sick 9 Evacs 10.	
	18		B.C. 0 sick 8 " 8. A Coy relieved B Coy at HELDEN & PANNINGEN.	
	19		B.C. 0 sick 7 evac 5	
	20		B.C. 0 sick 10. " 10 Major McCallum to ADMS office to act as DADMS	
	21		B.C. 0 sick 8 evac 9. Brig Powell 6 PARA DIV with 4 officers & 30 O.R.s., 2 offrs 224 PARA Fd Amb spent night.	
	22		B.C. 2 sick 14 Evac 14. Capt Callander returned from U.K. leave.	
	23		B.C. 0 sick 15 evac 15. 224 Para Field Amb arrived & shared quarters. Major McCallum rejoined	
	24		No casualties or sick. Unit moved to WEELDE BELGIUM Sheet No3 1/250,000.	
	25		B.C. & sick nil. C.O.'s leave cancelled.	
	26		B.C. nil sick 5. evac 5. DDMS met O'sC. Fd Amb at 22 FDS, TILBURG. Major McCallum again on temporary duty as DADMS.	
	27		B.C. 0 Sick 3 Evac 3 Sick of A&SH & of 131 Fd Regt are being first cleared to 22 FDS TILBURG. LT (Q.M.) MARNHAM on leave to U.K.	
	28.		B.C. 0 Sick 2 Evac 2 A/COL F.M. Richardson D.S.O. appointed ADMS 15 (S) Div. Col Kerr visited unit.	
	29.		B.C. 0 Sick 8 Evac 8. Lt K Poulter returns from 14 days U.K. leave Capt Walters M. attached to Div RASC as leave relief. Conference at 8 Corps of C.O.'s of Bde & attd units re future operations. ADMS conference at Main Divn	
	30.		B.C. 1. Sick 2 Evac 3 Thaw at night	
	31.		B.C. 0 Sick 10. Evac 10. Bde Cdrs O Group. B Pollock Lt Col R.A.M.C.	

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Month and Year February 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col C.B.R. POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1100 1400 1800	C.O. given outline plan of Operation VERITABLE by Bde Comnd 227 Bde and by ADMS 15 (S) Div. No change of location. B.C. Nil Adm Sick 8 Evac 8	Vide Appx I Vide Appx II DMcC
Field	2	1400	227 Bde Comd (Brig E. COLVILLE) briefs Bde Coy (& equivalent) Commanders on sand table model at Div HQ. General. 30 Corps under command of Canadian Army is undertaking a breakthrough into Germany from NIJMEGEN area in a S.E. direction with the intention of clearing the enemy from territory between Rs Rhine & Maas. Method 30 Corps attacks on a 5 Divl front as follows: RT a) 51 Div : To seize features 7852 and 7751 & clear Western extension of REICHSWALD (7451). b) 53 Div : Seize feature 8053 & clear edge of REICHSWALD Eastwards as far as STOPPEL BERG 8553. Centre c) 15 (S) Div to force defended obstacle zone WEST and East of KRANENBURG 8156 & assault the SIEGFRIED defences in area NUTTERDEN 8455 & to seize the high ground W. of CLEEVE & support general line UDEM 9842 - CALCAR 0049 - EMMERICK 9760. Left d) 2 Cdn Div to capture WYLER 7852 - DENHEUVEL 7756 - HOCKSTRASSE 7856. e) 3 Cdn Div to clear area N. of road WYLER - CLEEVE as far as SPOY canal. Very heavy artillery (1000 guns) and air support to be available for the operation. Preliminary medical Adm Instruction issued by ADMS 15 (S) Div.	Vid App III
Field		1800	No change of location. Adm B.C. Nil Sick Adm 7 Evac 7	DMcC
	3	0800	Major G. Percy proceeds with advance party to NIJMEGEN. Bde Operation Order for Op Veritable received Medical plan for 227 Bde Group issued by O.C.	Vid Appx IV Vid App V Vid App VI

			Major D. McCallum returns from temp duty as DADMS on return of Major Royds from leave.	
		1800	No change of locn. B.C. Nil Sick Adm 6 Evac 5 RTU 1	DMcC
	4	1030	Conference of all available Div Officers in TILBURG; Commander of 30 Corps (LT GEN HORROCKS) outlines his plan for the offensive which is due to start on 8th Feb.	
		1800	No change in locn. Adm B.C. Nil Sick 3 Evac 3	
		1830	Bde Movement Order for move to NIJMEGEN area received	Vid App VII DMcC
Field	5	0800	Final preparations made for movement of entire Unit.	
		1400	Two ORs dispatched to 79 GEN HOSP for training as NO1	
			All personnel due for leave up to Feby 12th sent to 22 FDS which is remaining in TILBURG area.	
			Corps reserve of stretchers & blankets collected from DIEST 1368 (K)	
		1645	Unit moves in rear of 2 Gordons convoy (vid Movement Order)	
	6	0430	Unit arrives at Disp. Pt. after circuitous journey over bad roads. Met by Major Percy who has arranged accommodation in NIJMEGEN 713622.	
		1000	Recce by O.C. & Capt Senior (Coy Comd of 'A' Coy) of GROSBEEK area 7456 with a view to establishing a CCP in that area on the night of 7 FEB prior to infantry attack on 8th.	
		1200	Div Med Op Order received	Vid App VIII
		1600	" " Adm " "	do IX
Field		1800	M.I. Room established. B.C. Nil Admitted Sick 10 Evac 10	DMcC
	7	1600	A Coy move forward to location 748561 & prepare C.C.P. for battle on 8th. Remainder of Unit remain in NIJMEGEN.	
		1800	Admitted Sick 7 Evac 7	
			Capt EJ JONES & Capt CMF WALTERS report back from temp duty with 2 Gordons & Div RASC respectively.	
		1900	Lt Col Pollock joins C.C.P. to be in vicinity of Bde H.Q. (227) in initial phase of battle.	
		2200	Heavy air raid on CLEEVE & EMMERICH (9661)	DMcC
	8	0500	Artillery barrage commences	
		1000	Infantry lined up on F.U.P. Only slight enemy C.B. fire	
		1200	Casualties arriving at C.C.P. - mainly from mines.	
			Heavy tracked vehicles becoming bogged in soft ground.	DMcC
Field		1000	Infantry have reached initial objectives at KRANENBURG (8056) & FRASSELT (8153) but transport incl. carriers falling behind in marshy ground between GROOSBEEK 7655 and KRANENBURG. Consequently 44 Bde with 2 Gordons under command fall behind schedule in mounting attack on SIEGFRIED defences at NUTTERDEN 8455.	

			Casualties from initial phase had to be evacuated by F.W.D. vehicles, light tracked vehicles & eventually by hand carriage as the state of the routes deteriorated as far as the C.C.P. 2 Cdn Div on left advanced in a SE direction towards WYLER 7858 & were still in the process of mopping up this pocket at last light. During the day casualties from the Bde Gp numbered about fifty - remarkably light for the scale of the attack.	DMcC
Field	9	0800 1015 1300 1500 1800 1900 2000	Major McCallum does a recce of NIJMEGEN - KRANENBURG road, & on finding it open reports to ADMS for movement instructions. H.Q. & B Coy (less staff cars & trailers) move forward into KRANENBURG 808560 & ADS opened in what remains of Kindergarten school. Tarpaulins & windowlite used to make ADS weather & wind proof. A Coy joins HQ & B Coy after very heavy going over dreadful tracks from GROOSBEEK to KRANENBURG. Admitted to ADS B.C. 25 Sick 2 P.W. 4; Evac to 3 CCS - 30 QM & five ORs, returning from leave, join Unit via 23 FDS at NIJMEGEN. 15 (S) Div have breached SIEGFRIED LINE at NUTTERDEN 8455 & have gained control of high ground to the West & S.W. of CLEEVE. Rain continues to fall throughout the day.	DMcC
Field	10	1100 1400 1600	Unit visited by Brig Cameron DDMS 30 Corps & by ADMS 15(S) Div. Section of 11 LT FD AMB attached to Unit to look after the Bn of Armd Scots Guards operating with the 227 Bde in event of an armoured breakthrough. Battle Casualties 73 Sick 12 P.O.W. 20 Evacuated 110 Rain continues throughout the day.	DMcC
	11	1600 1800	B Coy move forward in support of 227 Bde for the attack on CLEEVE and establish a Coy C.C.P. at DONSBRUGGEN 8557. Admitted 46 B.C.; 20 Sick 13 P.W. Transferred 16 B.C. 3 Sick Evacuated 102 R.T.U. 2 Awaiting Evac 5	DMcC
	12	1200 1630 2050 1800	Evacuation difficulties as NIJMEGEN - KRANENBURG is under water for a stretch of 2 - 3 miles to a depth of twelve to eighteen inches. Convoy of eight amb cars evacuates casualties, but flooding so bad that they are unable to return to the Unit. A DUKW Point for the transference of casualties from amb cars to DUKWs established by Section A3 at 831553. Section of 11 L.F.A. moves forward towards CLEEVE with armoured column. Admitted B.C. 29 Sick 14 P.W. 3 Evacuated 40	DMcC
	13		Evacuation by DUKWs proceeding smoothly.	

		1500 1800	ADMS visits ADS. Admitted BC 31 Sick 30 PW 1 Evacuated 73	
FIELD	14	0900 1800	ADS 193 FD AMB opens at CLEEVE Admitted B.C. 20 Sick 17 P.W. 3 Evacuated 40	DMcC
	15	0700 1300 1800	Advance party moves into CLEEVE to hold accommodation for Unit. ADS closes & Section of A Coy opens at KRANENBURG B Coy still at DONSBRUGGEN Fd Marshal MONTGOMERY at 227 Bde H.Q. Admitted BC 2. Sick 6 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	16		No change of location. HQ re-equips. Long range shells narrowly miss Unit location. Admitted BC 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	17		No change in location. HQ & A Coy closed.	
	18	0700	HQ & A Coy move from KRANENBURG to MOOK 921518 (South of BEDBURG) & remain closed. B Coy open at DONSBRUGGEN.	
	19	0900	B Coy move forward with 227 Bde & establish C.C.P. at 917471. HQ & A Coy unchanged.	
	20	 1000	HQ & A Coy remain at 921518 B Coy open at 927468 with car post in support of 44 Bde at 911469. Street fighting still in progress in GOCH. Lt Col CBR POLLOCK proceeded on U.K. leave.	
	21		Position of HQ & Companies unchanged.	
	22		Car post established at 941455. Heavy mortar & artillery fire along whole front.	
	23	 0700 1800	Evacuation from C.C.P. has been to BEDBURG to the ADS of Fd Amb of 43 Div. HQ & A Coy move forward to 932478 & establish an ADS there. B Coy position unchanged. Admitted BC 84 Sick 23 POW 17 Evacuated 96 Priority evacuation 28. Roads in the area are in a very bad state & elements of two Armoured Divisions are moving into the area, so that evacuation by road is very slow indeed. Because of the delay in returning amb cars from CCS 24 Austin ambulances and two TCVs were driven in from medical units closed in the vicinity.	DMcC
	24	1600 1600	Conference at 227 Bde HQ. Brigade moves out of the line during the night of 24/25 back to a rest area & 3 Div is taking over the sector. B Coy closes C.C.P. and joins HQ & A Coy.	

			Arrangements made with OC 19 LT Fd Amb whereby that Unit takes over ADS when we move.	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 102 Sick 35 P.W. 1	
			Considerable difficulty still experienced in evacuating casualties to C.C.S. at MOOK because of movement also of 11th Armd Div, Guards Armd Div and 3 Inf Div. Sufficient M.A.C. cars available to prevent hold up at ADS.	DMcC
		2359	ADS closes & light section of 19 LT FD AMB opens.	
	25	0800	Unit (complete) moves in rear of three Bns to rest area in TILBURG. Unit billeted comfortably in private houses.	
Field	26	1800	No change in location.	
			Men rested, bathed & given recreational facilities.	DMcC
	27		Arrangements made for a course of instruction for men from each of the three Bns in the Bde on stretcher bearing duties. Vehicles & equipment maintained & made up to appropriate scale.	Vide Appx X DMcC
	28	0830	Stretcher Bearer Course started. The following numbers attended 10 HLI 16 2 Gordons 20 2 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders 19 The course will be for a period of five days & will include five 1st Aid lectures by an MO & the practical work organised & supervised by the two S.B.Os, Lt POULTER & LT HORSBURGH. A very generous allotment of 48 hour leave to BRUSSELS has been organised & it is anticipated that the complete Unit could have a spell there within fourteen days. There are also very good recreational facilities in TILBURG itself & the Unit is thoroughly enjoying the change. D McCallum, Major	

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TILBURG	1	1800 1230 1500	Admitted Sick 1. Unit inspected & addressed by Maj General Barber G.O.C. 15 (S) Div. Capt R.H. Meara relieves Capt Sunderland 10 HLI who is proceeding on privilege leave to U.K.	
	2	1300	Capt DF Collihole proceeds on leave to U.K. Admitted Sick 3 Evacuated 3.	
	3		Admitted 1 Evacuated 1	
TILBURG	4	1445 1500	Divisional Church Memorial Service conducted by S.C.F. of Div in the Protestant Church, TILBURG. Capt Jones relieves Capt Meara as M.O. to 10 HLI Capt Meara proceeds to 4 FDS, BOURG LEOPOLD on psychiatrist course lasting a week.	
	5	1530 2130 1600	Unit moves to RECKHEIM 565603 between Maastricht & Maasyck, where it will take part in training with the 227 Bde Group. Unit arrives; billeted in school. Lt Col Pollock returns from U.K. leave.	
	6		Normal routine duties & training.	
	7		Large allocation of 48 hr. leave passes to Brussels	
	8		No change of location.	
	9	0900 1400	Capt Senior proceeded on leave to U.K. Twelve ORs medically boarded	
	10		Nil of note.	
	11	1045	Bde Commander (Brig E. Colville) visited Unit & addressed the men.	
	12		Nil of note	
	13	1000	Conference at 227 Bde HQ on Exercise "Buffalo". One Coy of the Fd Amb taking part in the daylight exercise across the R. MAAS to practice on opposed river crossing using L.VsT in the assault.	
	14		Exercise Buffalo Medical Boards on 5 O.Rs.	VIDE APPX "A"
	15	1000 1330	Conference at Bde HQ on Exercise Buffalo " " ADMS Office at Div HQ.	VIDE APPX "A"

		1600	'A' Coy proceeds on night Exercise Buffalo. To support the assault troops medically in an opposed river crossing the Fd Amb will send one M.O. and 13 ORs with each assaulting Battalion to travel in the second flight of the first wave i.e. normally landing 15 - 20 mins after the first troops. Equipment carried includes stretchers, blankets, splints, morphine syrettes, stoves, lights, signs etc vid - The first vehicles to come across will be the Jeeps & they are loaded according to the attached appendix. They are carried in Buffaloes when the ferry service begins. The remainder of the essential vehicles will be ferried over later on a Cl. 9 raft. The company 3 tonners will not be taken across until a bridge is built. The two exercises were most instructive & many points arose which were of great value in planning for any future show. Medical was given high priority in Buffalo ferry & on the Cl 9 raft.	
REKEM	16	0900 1800	'A' Coy returns from Exercise Buffalo. Admitted Sick - 3 Evacuated 3.	
	17	1600 1800	Unit visited by D.M.S. 21 Army Group (Maj-Gen E Phillips) Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 4 Evacuated 5.	
	18	1400 1800	Demonstration at 11 L.F.A. on the evacuation of casualties from an assault crossing of a river obstacle & the medical "set up" on the near bank. Address prior to the demonstration by DDMS 12 Corps. Ad. Sick 2 Evacuated 2.	
	19	1400 1800	Seven O.Rs medically boarded A S 7 Evac 7	
	20	1800 1930	Adm B.C. 1 Sick 8 Evac 9 HQ + 2 Secs of B Coy move to area HAMB 082310 to concentration area for troops not engaged in assault crossing of Rhine.	
	21	0630	H.Q. & 2 Secs B Coy arrive 082310 A Coy & 1 Sec B Coy remain REKEM	VIDE APPX "B" [OP TORCHLIGHT]
	22	 1700	A Coy prepare to move to marshalling area in HOCHWALD FOREST with Brigade Group. HQ & B Coy remain unchanged A Coy moves in rear of Bde HQ and arrives at destination in	
	23	0330 1600	Hochwald. Fd Ambs personnel for the establishing of C.E.P. on the far bank of the Rhine attached to the two assaulting Bns. Maj D.I. McCallum & Capt J. Senior with thirteen ORs attached to 10 HLI on right and Capt E.M. Callander and 13 ORs attached to 2 A&SH on left. Lt Horsburgh with remainder of Coy attached to 2 Gordons who are in reserve & will cross in storm boats between the assaulting Bns commencing H + 30 mins.	VIDE APPX "C"

		1700	Five Jeeps, five ambulance cars (4 x 4) & three 15 cwt trucks sent to their allotted areas in the vehicle waiting area; jeeps will be transported across the Rhine by L.V.T. ferry & the remainder by Cl. 9 rafts.	
	24	0015	L.Vs.T. loaded	
		0030	L.Vs.T. move off. An intense artillery barrage from approx 2401 hours brought down on area on E bank of Rhine about to be assaulted.	
		0215	Word received that all L.Vs.T. of initial flight are across	
		0220	L.Vs.T. of second flight enter Rhine	
		0225	Across river; landed too far upstream. Met by heavy spandau fire. L.Vs.T. move downstream & land without incident on bank on HLI front, unable to land as planned on 2 A&SH front so alternative landing place selected. C.E.P. established on both sides of the front in face of heavy small arms fire, mortars & artillery. In view of strength of opposition L.V.T. ferry not functioning. Approx 60 casualties on right & 40 on left awaiting evacuation across the river.	
		0530	L.Vs.T. commence evacuation of cas on right in spite of enemy fire. Cas cleared from this side by 0600. On 2 A&SH front evac was completed before 1000 hrs.	
		1000	By this time the 'Bund' was clear of enemy spandau nests & snipers & the L.V.T. ferrying of vehicles proceeded smoothly. Aircraft & gliders carrying 6th (Br) Airborne and 17th American Airborne Div passed low overhead. Enemy artillery silenced almost immediately. C.E.Ps now established at WOLFFSKATH 120480 on the right and at 092477 on left.	
		1500	Evacuation has been L.V.T. to C.D.Ps of 11th L.F.A. & thence to ADS of 52 Div. As L.Vs.T. are now stopping their ferry service cas are evacuated by amb car from CEP to storm boat ferry & thence by ferry to CDP of 11 L.F.A.	
		1800	HQ & B Coy remain in situ.	
		2100	Cl 9 bridge completed 300 yds upstream from WOLFFSKATH 120460, but broken in early hours of morning of 25th by excessive weight of traffic sinking the pontoon. Two M.Os brought up to CEPs, Capt C.M.F. Walters to relieve Capt Senior & Capt E.J. Jones to relieve Capt Callander. By this time Sects I & III were complete in personnel & tpt (less 3 ton lorries) at WOLFFSKATH & Sect II at 092477.	

		2359	227 Bde had taken objectives of HAFFEN (1149) & MEHR 1248 but enemy resistance still strong in area 1050. Contact has been made with 51 (H) Div on left & with 44 Bde on left.	
	25	1700 1300	No2 Section of A Coy establish CCP at HUBSCH 096474 No1 " " " " " OVERKAMP 123476 No3 " " " remain at WOLFFSKATH Bailey Bridge (Cl 12) being built across Rhine from 085468 to 093473 Evac still by storm boat from CCPs.	
	26	1300 1500 1800	Maj McCallum returns to join ADS & B Coy at HAMB Verbal message from ADMS 15 (S) Div - Prepare to move ADS & B Coy on 27th. No1 Section of A Coy remain at OVERKAMP Nos 2 & 3 Sections move to 154484.	
	27		No change in location. General news indicates that Allied forces in the West have overrun the Rhine obstacle for over 100 miles of its length & are supporting this success with armoured formations.	
	28	1100 1640 1800	HQ & B Coy move forward across Rhine & join two secs of A Coy at 154484 Unit complete at 154484 ADS opens	
	29	 1800	No change of location Admitted to ADS BC 16 Sick 14 P.W. 3 Evac 27	
	30	 1800	No change of location Admitted BC 3 Sick 23 P.W. 1 Evac 29	
	31	 1800	No change of location Admitted BC 6 Sick 19 Transferred BC 2 Evac 25	

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Unit 153 (Br) Fd Amb

Month and Year APRIL 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col CBR POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOVEL	1.	1200	UNIT COMPLETE AT HOVELMANSHOF. ADS open 2 i/c Major McCallum left on U.K. leave. B.C. 6 Sick 1. Evac 23	
	2		Warning Order received to move B.C. 3 sick 18 evacuated 20	
	3		No change. B.C. 3 sick 7 evac 9 held 6	
	4.		Moved in convoy to EMSDETTEN. 1 sec attached to rear Bn re-united at night. No active operations. B.C. 0. sick 2 evac 2 held 6.	
	5.		Battalions ordered to sweep wooded area W of OSNABRUCK believed to contain enemy. Recce parties sent ahead by main rd to secure billets. One section accompanied each Battalion. No opposition. Billeted in deserted German AA Camp at LOTTE Sick 2 Evac 2 Held 6 Three were minor sick and were carried forward.	
	6		Capt Walters relieves Capt Dallow 102 A/T Battery on leave. Unit moved in Brigade convoy. Opened at SAPELLOH. Brigade resting. B.C. 0 sick 1.	
	7.		A number of sick D.P.'s were seen & assisted. At 16:30 B Coy was fired on. Capt Collihole RASC organised a counter attack. Thirteen German O.R.'s one Feldwebel & 1 M.O. were taken prisoner with three spandaus & other arms. B.C. 0 sick 0	
	8		B.C. 0 sick 5 PW 1 evac 11 held 4	
	9		B.C. 0 sick 4 evac 4 RTU 1 held 3	
	10		Unit move to WUNSDORF. B.C. 0 sick 0 held 3.	
	11.		One section attached to each Battalion. Brigade group advanced to attack & capture CELLE. ADS closed & followed in rear of Bde Group & acted as Motor Amb Relay Post. Scots Guards Armoured Regt in support. Move delayed by demolitions	

			& sniping from the forest through which the road runs. Two Bulldozers destroyed by Panzer faust rockets. Brigade Group harboured on the road overnight. Guards entered CELLE during the night.	
	12.		C.O. recced CELLE. Proved to contain about 1800 wounded German soldiers. Also 140 political prisoners were located in an improvised concentration. These were moved under arrangements made by ADMS 15 (S). One section was detailed to supervise their treatment. ADS opened in a hotel in SCHUHSTRASSE Sections remain attd to Battalions.	
	13		Brigade group advanced to attack UELZEN. Delay imposed by demolitions containing time bombs which exposed RE working parties. B.C. 13 sick 15 PW 1	
	14		During the night Brigade left the main road at SCHELPLAH and swung West, North & North East on fast tracks. The enemy was taken completely by surprise & a large number of P.W. taken. The main road was rejoined at HOLDERSTEDT. This place was strongly held. A brief battle ensued & the Brigade Group suffered forty casualties. The three sections amalgamated to form a C.C.P. in a potato shed just outside Holderstedt. Evacuation to the rear was impossible as the forest track was one-way. Several German houses were taken in HOLXEN village one mile to the rear. Here casualties were held after treatment at CCP. A section of 194 Fd Amb was sent by ADMS to help by looking after these cases. Six Abdominals were sent through the forest on Jeeps. B.C. 42 sick 14 PW 6	
	15		No change in unit locations. 193 Fd Amb opened on main road at SCHELPLAH between the front & 153 ADS. B.C. 3 sick 3 P.W. 17 Transfd BC 43 sick 7 Evac 74 R.T.U. 3	
	16.		2i/c returns from U.K. leave	
Field	17	1400 1730 1800	HQ & A Coy proceed to SCHLOSS HOLDENSTEDT 874848 B Coy established at 861837 ADS open Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 6 Evac 8	 DMcC
	18	 1800	Locations unchanged Admitted BC 54 Sick 19 P.W. 46 Evac 117 Died 2	 DMcC
	19	1200 1400	HQ & A Coy locations unchanged B Coy in support 227 Bde One Sect A Coy form car post at BIENENBUTTEL 8509	

			" " " proceed to LUNEBURG where Lt Col Pollock has been appointed SMO of the large group of German & P.W.X. Hospitals in the area. Major D.I. McCallum assumes temp command of the Unit. Large no. of P.W.X. personnel, mainly British liberated by forward troops admitted to ADS in emaciated & poor general condition. Many suffering from dysentery	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 25 Sick 133 P.W. 28 Evacuated 174 Died 1	DMcC
	20	1400	HQ & A Coy move to 802280 to form ADS B Coy at 809297	
			Capt Walters proceeded on UK leave	DMcC
	21	1200	Car post est in support of 2 A&SH at 886255 The Div is now holding the line of the ELBE from opposite LAUENBURG (8734) to BLECKEDE (0025) by 46 Bde & from AVENDORF 8035 to 8734 by 227 Bde.	
			Plans being formed for an assault crossing of R ELBE	DMcC
		1830	ADMS Planning Notes received for guidance.	App. I
		1800	Admitted B.C. 5 Sick 10 P.W. 2 Evacuation is to 33 CCS at LUNEBURG. The hutted camp in which the ADS is now established is an excellent site for the future operation as it is on the road that will eventually be the main axis across the River Elbe. 23 FDS has moved a section into the camp area & will be holding Divisional sick when open.	DMcC
	22	1500	23 FDS open. No change in locations.	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 3 Sick 9 P.W. 1.	DMcC
	23	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 7 Evac 11	DMcC
	24		The Section of A Coy that has been attached to the OC now SMO Luneburg returns to HQ location.	DMcC
		1800	B.C. Nil Sick 9	
	25	0900	Stretcher Bearer Course (4 days) being run for the three Battalions, so that they may have 100% reserve of bearers with an elementary knowledge of 1st Aid. These men are in rations & accommodation with the Unit.	App II
		1800	Admitted BC Nil Sick 5.	DMcC
	26		Great care has been taken by forward troops to conceal their presence from the enemy on the high right bank of the River & intelligence summaries indicate that in this they have been very successful.	DMcC
		1800	Admitted BC 1 Sick 5 PW Nil	
	27		No change in locations. 2i/c attends conference at 33 CCS LUNEBURG in which the DDMS of 8 Corps (BRIG MELVIN) together with ADsMS of 15 (S) Div and 11th Armd Div laid down the plan for the forthcoming	

			battle in which the first objective is the crossing of the R. ELBE by 15 (S) Div - 44 Bde assaulting on the left at ARTLENBURG (MR 8334) and 227 following up to secure the left flank to area GRUNHOF (8238) while 1 Commando Brigade (under command) takes LAUENBURG (8734) & 46 Bde follows up & secures the high ground to the North & clears the area up to the line of the ELBE-TRAVE Canal. When the bridgehead has been secured & bridges thrown across the Elbe (Class 40 at ARTLENBURG and Cl 9 at LAUENBURG) 11 Armd Div & 5th Br Div move through the bridgehead with 5th Div on right & 11th Armd on left, the objective being LUBBECK.	
		1630	In the initial stages a Coy of 194 Fd Amb will go over in the assault on the left & a sect of 21 LT. Fd Amb on the right, each to establish a CEP at the L.V.T. unloading point on the far bank. Casualties will be evacuated by L.V.Ts to CDPs on the near bank formed by 14 L.F.A. Casualties from both bridgeheads will be evacuated to this ADS & thence to 33 CCS at LUNEBURG.	DMcC
		1800	Admitted BC 2 Sick 9	DMcC
	28	1000	Conference at 227 Bde HQ re movement of men & vehicles across the River in the follow up. The complete B Coy will cross after the infantry in LVT or storm boat - depending on the success of the assault - & vehicles will be ferried across as follows:	DMcC
			a) L.V.T. Ferry - Five Jeeps - 3 high priority b) Raft 5 Humber Amb cars 3 15 cwts	App. III
		1800	Admitted BC Nil Sick 11 B Coy moving in support of 227 Bde H Hour is 0200 hrs 29th	DMcC
	29	0200	OPERATION ENTERPRISE commences	
		0500	Casualties arriving at ADS in large numbers. The great majority are not heavily wounded.	
		0800	Capt ANDERSON RMO to 1st Mx attached to ADS for the duration of the battle.	
		1100	C.C.P. established by B Coy at 838353. Opposition has been stiff & long range guns - probably on railway at SCHWARZENBEK - have made the landing area most unsatisfactory. Nevertheless the operation is developing according to plan.	DMcC
		1500	O.C. returns from duty as SMO LUNEBURG on instructions ADDMS 2 ARMY.	
		1700	Capt AC HICKS of 119 L.A.A. reports to ADS for eight hour tour of duty.	
		1800	In thirteen hours the following numbers have been dealt with:	

			Battle Casualties 195 Sick 21 POW 44 Total 260	DMcC
	30		The attack is developing well & B Coy CCP is now at 812375 ADS of 194 Fd Amb moves across to JULIUSBURG " " 193 " " " " in DUKWs to LAUENBURG	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 49 Sick 23 P.O.W. 56	DMcC
			Both bridges are now being built & although enemy artillery & Air Force are still doing everything possible to hamper the operation excellent progress is being made. Large convoys - mainly of 11th Armd Div are lining the roads from LUNEBURG to the Class 40 bridge at ARTLENBURG but evacuation of casualties is proceeding smoothly.	
		1400	Major GH PERCY proceeds from B Coy to assume the duties of SMO LUNEBURG temporarily.	
		1100	ADS visited by DDMS 8 Corps & Consultant Surgeon to 2 ARMY.	
			D. McCallum Maj. RAMC	

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Unit 153 Fd Amb

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col CBR POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1		ADS open at 802280 One Section B Coy at WIERSHOP 8042 Two " " " " 806381	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 10 Sick 2 PW 2 Evacuated 17 Held 1 Died 3	DMcC
	2	0400 0600	HQ & A Coy on wheels waiting to cross R. ELBE at ARTLENBURG. One Section A Coy established at ARTLENBURG to relieve C.C.P. of 14 L.F.A.	
		1800	HQ & 2 Sects A Coy at 808418 - CCP open. B Coy moving to HOHENHORN 754456 in sp 227 Bde Admitted BC 1 Sick 3 Evac 4 R.T.U. 1	DMcC
	3	0930	HQ & A Coy move to TRITTAU & establish ADS at 768619 B Coy in sp of 227 Bde at 757558	DMcC
Field	4	1800	No changes of location Adm. BC 6 Sick 10 Evac 16	DMcC
	5		No change. Adm. BC 3 Sick 13 Evac 16	DMcC
	6		PWX - mostly emaciated & suffering from varying degrees of dysentery & diarrhoea passing through all day. All dusted with AL63, great majority cleaned & fed & sent back in transport to collecting point. Remainder evacuated through medical channels. Admitted Sick 53 Evac 53	DMcC
	7		As for 6th. Admitted Sick 29 BC 1 Evac 30	DMcC
	8		V.E. DAY Admitted BC 1 Sick 15 Evac 16	DMcC
TRITTAU		1800	Thanksgiving Services conducted by Rev D. Cairns.	DMcC
	9		A Coy CCP open at 668662	DMcC
	10		No change in location. Major D. McCallum with staff of a clerk, batman & driver proceeds to BAD OLDESLOE 7383 to take over duties of S.M.O. from Major Quinn of 5 Div.	DMcC
	11		No change	
	12		A Coy move complete to Bad Oldesloe 7383. HQ remains TRITTAU	DMcC

			Sect B Coy at WESENBERG 849848	
Field	13	0900	CO & Orderly Room Staff move to Bad Oldesloe 7383 HQ & 2 Sections B Coy at WESENBERG 849830 1 Sect B Coy at TRITTAU A Coy at Bad Oldesloe open CCP	DMcC
	14		No change	DMcC
	15		Conference of SMOs in 8 Corps held at Medical Branch 8 Corps where policy regarding control & organisation of medical aspect of Operation Eclipse was discussed.	DMcC
	16		No change	DMcC
	17		No change	DMcC
LUBECK	18		HQ complete (with OC & 2i/c) move into Lubeck OC takes over duties of SMO LUBECK from OC 141 Fd Amb. Major HG PERCY (B Coy) now S.M.O. TRAVEMUNDE Capt J. SENIOR (A Coy) " " " " BAD OLDESLOE Duties of S.M.O. include general supervision and disciplining of German Services (& in some cases civilian) medical establishments & personnel, control of supplies - both rations & medical - and the rendition to Division & Corps of returns required by them of medical staffs, No. of patients, daily & weekly bed stats, particulars of S.S. personnel and control of medical dumps found within the SMO's area. The number of available beds - most of which are occupied - in the three areas is as follows: 1) LUBECK 12,700 2) TRAVEMUNDE 4,500 3) BAD OLDESLOE 2,750	DMcC
LUBECK			Conditions having changed from wartime to peacetime footing, much of the work done will be of a routine nature, including daily conferences with German Services Administrative Medical Officer in each area, inspections of Hospitals, consolidation of ration & medical indents, arranging for transfer of fit cases to PW cage etc.	DMcC
	19		Normal Routine	DMcC
	20		" "	DMcC
	21		" "	DMcC
	22	1800	Address by Lord Moran on the future of the Medical Officers in the Army, it is improbable that MOs will be demobilised in their Age/Service Group.	DMcC
LUBECK	23	1600	Amb train with 580 German wounded aboard arrived at LUBECK Stn to be cleared in shortest possible time, and approx 400 Russian	

			wounded & sick PWX & displaced persons boarded to be moved Eastwards to WISMAR 4595 which will eventually be occupied by Russian troops.	
		2000	Loading & revictualling of train complete	DMcC
	24		Routine duties	DMcC
	25		" "	DMcC
	26		" "	DMcC
	27		" "	DMcC
	28		" "	DMcC
	29		" "	DMcC
	30		Lt Poulter from B Coy to Div H.Q. to stand in for DADMS who is proceeding on U.K. leave.	DMcC DMcC
	31		Routine duties. The change from war to peace time organisation, the rounding up of the defeated enemy, of P.W.X. and displaced persons, the return to France Belgium & Holland of those people who were released during the advance and the provision of adequate & reasonable accommodation for Russians & Poles, have given rise to many queries both administrative & medical which could scarcely have been envisaged before the collapse. The work of the Hygiene Section attached to us in the past ten days has been necessary & invaluable. In each area at the time of taking over, the hygiene situation was bad & in the case of Bad Oldesloe when the water main had been shattered in several places during a recent Allied raid it was particularly bad. By & large the German authorities have cooperated well in reorganising their Services, but the D.Ps have been difficult to control. Of the many problems still to be solved one of the most pressing medically is the disposal by medical board of thousands of P.Ws who though not requiring a hospital bed are not fit to be sent to P.W. Cage (e.g. amputated thigh, disseminated sclerosis). The policy laid down by Army of reducing issues of medical & ordnance equipment to Hospitals to a minimum has been carried out. D. McCallum Major	DMcC

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year June 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Thatcham	2.		3 ORs posted. 1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	7		2 ORs posted. 1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	9		1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	10		2 ORs posted. 7 ORs taken on strength.	WDG
	11		40 ton transporter taken on charge from no 29 VRD. Trailer 40 ton 24 whld taken on charge from no 11 VRD.	WDG WDG
	14		1 Hillman Uty 4x2 struck off charge to 227 Inf Bde Wksps 1 Ford Car 4 str 4x2 taken on charge from HQ REME 15 (S) DIV	WDG WDG
	16		2 ORs taken on strength	WDG
Denmead	17		Unit moved to Marshalling Camp A.11.	WDG
Gosport	26.		Unit moved to Embarkation Area at Gosport.	WDG
	27		Unit embarked for France	WDG
France	28	2030	Unit landed at Hable de Heurtoi (sheet 7E/5) 900870	WDG
	29		Unit arrived at harbour (sheet 7F/1) 893786. AWD located at 904679.	WDG WD Gannon Major

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year July 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
France	1		A.W.D. returned to main workshop.	WDG
"	5		Capt W.C. Kemp posted to HQ 46 (H) INF BDE 3 OR's posted	WDG WDG
	6		1 OR posted. 1 OR taken on strength. Lt H.J. Matthews taken on strength ex 11 Armd Tps Wksps	WDG WDG
	7	2230	A.W.D. proceeded to 906679.	WDG
	8		1 O.R. posted	WDG
	9		1 O.R. posted	WDG
	12		1 O.R. posted. 1 O.R. taken on strength.	WDG
	13	0800	Unit moved to 895742 (sheet 7F/1) 4 OR's taken on strength. 1 OR posted	WDG WDG
	14		1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	15	0300 1500	A.W.D. rejoined main workshops. A.W.D. left unit and opened at 927693.	WDG WD Gannon Major
France	18	1100 2300	AWD rejoined unit Residue less 40 ton transporter and one Uty 2 str 4x2 joined unit	WDG WDG
	20	0700	Uty 2 str 4x2 (Residue) joined unit	WDG
	23	1600	Unit moved to new location (sheet 6F/2) 699700 40 ton transporter joined unit. Unit complete. 2 OR's posted.	WDG WDG WDG
	26		7 OR's taken on strength. 1 OR posted	WDG
	27		1 OR posted	WDG
	28		1 OR posted. 1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	30	2045	Unit moved to 705655	WDG
	31		2 ORs posted	WD Gannon Major

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year Aug 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
France	1	0500	Recovery Section under command of Lt Hirst moved forward to location 689549.	
	2	1400	Unit moved forward to 697549. Unit dug in and workshop open at 1900 hrs.	
	3	0015) 0210)	Area near workshop shelled probably by German 105mm guns, slight damage was done to the unit instrument lorry, no casualties	
	4		Recovery Section moved forward 673508.	
	6		Recovery Section rejoined main workshops	
	12		Three vehicle inspection teams attached to LAD 44 (L) Inf Bde for the day	
	13		Division came under command of 12th Corps	
	14	1245 1730	Unit moved to new sector (sheet 7F/3) location 952597 Workshop open in new location.	
France	15		One vehicle inspection team attached to LAD 44 (L) Inf Bde for the day.	
	17		Maj-Gen Barber Commanding 15 (S) DIV inspected the unit.	
	19	1400 1900 2300	Unit moved to new location 013516. Carriers universal received in unit to have Wasp Flame Throwing equipment removed. The six carriers universal returned to unit the Wasp equipment having been removed.	
	20	1200 1730	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 7F/4) 088417. Unit under 4 hours notice to move. Notice to move cancelled. Workshop open.	
	23	0730 1900	Unit under 2 hours notice to move from 0800 hrs on 24 Aug An AWD consisting of Capt Lacey & 13 OR's attd to HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde (Sheet 7F/6) 192378.	
	25	1330	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 8F/5) 525605. Scammel b/d tractor attd to 15 Recce regt.	
France	26	0645 1730	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 8F/4) 815713. Unit moved to new location 966741	

	27	2100	Report and Recovery Point consisting of Lt Hirst and one Scammel and trailer opened at (Sheet 9F/1) 257936.	
	28	1500	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 9F/1) 123877	
	29		AWD and Report Centre located at 296920 Scammel b/d tractor ceased to be attached to 15 (S) Recce Regt and located on ferry 3188.	

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Month and Year Sept 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1	1500	Unit moved to new location (sheet 9F/1) 292912	
	2	0900 1500	AWD rejoined main workshop Telecommunication section attd to 15 (S) Div Signals.	
	3		Unit scammels rejoined unit from positions on the River Seine bridges	
	4	0615	Unit moved to new location 813555 (sheet 10E/1)	
	5	0700	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 5) H 0300	
	7	1400	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 7) 816438	
	8	1600	Report and Recovery Centre established at 018528.	
	9	1500	Unit moved to new location 997562.	
	10	0830	Unit moved to new location 582725 (Sheet 2 scale 1:250,000)	
	13	1600	Report and Recovery Post closed. Detachment rejoined main workshop.	
	14		One Ford 15 cwt 4x2 taken on charge from 12 Corps O.F.P.	
	15	1300	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 3) K065740.	WD Gannon Major
B.L.A.	17	0900	Unit moved to new location K103835.	
	22	0800	Unit moved to new location E417158	
	28	0800	Unit moved to new location E418187	WD Gannon Major

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Month and Year Oct 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Holland	1	1520	DDME 12th Corps inspected the unit.	
	6	1100	Unit moved to new location ~~E577297~~ E564222.	
	21		Telecommunication Section rejoined unit.	
	26	0930 1800	Unit moved to new location E371262. Report and recovery centre opened at E225307	
	29	1800	Report and recovery centre closed, and detachment rejoined unit.	

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Month and Year Nov 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	2	2000	Capt A. Lacey attached to HQ 44 (L) INF BDE as temporary EME 44 (L) INF BDE.	
	3	0800	Unit moved to new location E553234.	
	10	1445	Two bombs fell one hundred and one hundred and fifty yards wide respectively, estimated 250 kilo. No casualties caused to unit equipment or personnel.	
	11		Lt C.G. Barber attached to 15 (S) Recce Regt.	
	13		Capt A. Lacey rejoined unit from HQ 44 (L) INF BDE.	
	14.		Col McEvoy (DDME 8th Corps) inspected the workshops.	
	17		Tele. Sec. attached to "M" Sec 15 (S) Div Sigs.	
	27		Capt A McMillan assumed command of the unit in the absence of Maj W.D. Gannon on leave.	

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Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		2 Ford Jeeps taken on charge from HQ REME 15 (S) DIV. 1 BSA 500 cc Solo m/c struck off charge to 3rd line workshops.	
	6	1130	Maj. Gen Barber (GOC 15 (S) INF DIV) inspected the workshop and billets. He ordered that 'Q' branch 15 (S) Div be approached and better billets found for the unit.	
	7	1400	Capt McMillan attended an OC's workshops conference at HQ REME 15 (S) Div. Redistribution of workshop load was arranged.	
	13		Capt A.L. Lacey and 2 OR's attended presentation of medal ribbons by Field Marshall Montgomery.	
	17		Lt Leeming temporary attached to this unit.	
	20		Lt Leeming ceased to be attached to this unit.	
	21		Lt C.G. Barber rejoined this unit from 15 (S) Recce Regt.	
	24		Maj W.D. Gannon posted to X(ii) list. Capt A.L. Lacey posted to CEME Adv Base Wksps.	
B.L.A.	25		Maj W.D. Gannon rejoined unit.	
	27		Lt Hirst rejoined unit on discharge from hospital.	
	31		Capt L Walker taken on strength from 227 Inf Bde Wksps. One m/c B.S.A. Solo 500 cc taken on charge from 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps. One m/c BSA Solo 500 cc struck off charge to 15 (S) Div O.F.P.	

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year Jan 1945

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	4	1100	Maj. Gen Barber (GOC 15 (S) Inf Div) inspected the workshops.	
	17		1st Commando Bde based on this workshop for 2nd line repairs. Instructions received to form an AWD to serve 6RSF and 6KOSB.	
	21	0500	An AWD consisting of 1 Officer and 24 OR's left unit location and proceeded to Grammont (MR scale 1:250,000 Sheet 2 J287486). The AWD is attached to HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde.	
	26		AWD proceeded to location E162314. AWD ceased to be attached to HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde and formed units advance party.	
	28	0700	Unit moved to new location E162314	

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year Feb 1945

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	4	1030	All officers attended a Div conference at Tilburg.	
	5	1045	Recovery point consisting of Lt Hirst, 9 ORs and 2 scammels attached to HQ 227 Inf Bde.	
		1530	One wireless truck and operators attd to HQ REME 15 (S) DIV.	
		1545	40 ton transporter attd to Main HQ 15 (S) Div.	
	6	1200	40 ton transporter rejoined unit.	
	15		Recovery point. C.T.B.A. to HQ 227 Inf Bde and attached to 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps.	
	16	1000	Recovery point rejoined unit	
	18	0001	Unit proceeded to new location E922523.	
	19	1300	Recovery centre established at E930477 (No.2)	
	21	1400	A second report centre established E910477 (No.3)	
	22	1630	No 3 report centre closed.	
	27	1200	Recovery centre closed. (No.2)	
		2000	Small Arms Section attached to 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps at E193304	

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Unit 44 (L) Inf Bde Wksps REME

Month and Year MARCH 45

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	3	2000	Unit proceeded to new location E.152335	
	5	1545	Unit inspected by Maj Gen Barber C.M. D.S.O. (G.O.C. 15 (S) Inf Div) at 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps location E193304	
	6	1200	Small Arms Section rejoined Unit.	
	7		One Austin 3 ton 4x4 struck off strength, beyond local repair, back loaded to 3rd line Workshops.	
	9		Instrument Section att. to 1st Battn Middx	
	10		Instrument Section rejoined Unit.	
	11		Small Arms Section att. 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps for inspections	
	17	1500	Unit proceeded to new location K./168947. Small Arms Section rejoined Unit.	

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year April 945

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	5	0700 1500	Unit proceeded to new location A 907887. Unit harboured at A 0636.	
	6	0600 1400 1800	Unit continued journey to new location Unit arrived at new location A907887. Report Centre opened at B037908	
	7	1800	Report Centre rejoined unit	
	8	1500	Tele Section rejoined unit	
	10	0930	Seven German P.O.W. taken at A 875880.	
	14	0400	Unit proceeded to new location X 596505	
	22		One Austin 3 ton 4x4 struck off charge. One Austin 3 ton 4x4 taken on charge from ADOS 15 (S) Div.	

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year May 45

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	2	0400	Unit moved to harbouring area S796394. Workshop closed.	
	6	0700	Unit moved to location S775801	
	26		One Bussing tractor struck off charge to 8th Corps captured vehicle park.	
	21		Capt. A MacMillan SOS to 227 Wksps. Capt A.D.G. Arch T.O.S. Ex 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps.	

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Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hove	3		1 Cfn C.T. S.O.S. 1 Pte Cook (ACC) T.O.S.	
Hove	5		1 Pte G.D. S.O.S.	
Hove	6		1 Pte G.D. T.O.S. 1 WO II Armt Art/Veh to Hosp. & S.O.S.	
Cowfold	7		O.C. attended conference at CREME HQ Lt. Johnson detached from Unit to CREME Adv Party.	
Hove	9		1 Cfn. Veh Mech S.O.S. 1 Cfn. Dvr.Mech T.O.S.	
Hove	10		1 Cfn. I.M.(Fd) S.O.S.	
Hove	15		1 S/Sgt Arm Art (Veh), 1 Cfn. M.Mech & 1 Cfn. Tel.Meoh. T.O.S. 1 Cpl. Tel.Mech. S.O.S.	
Hove	16		Movement Order for move to Marshalling Area received from S.E.C.O.	
Hove	17		1 Cfn. I.M.(Fd) T.O.S. First Flight moved to Marshalling Area arrived 17.50 hrs.	
A 12 Camp	18 to 24	)))	Unit held in Marshalling Area	
"	25		2 Officers & 22 Men left M.A. for Embarkation Area at 22.30 hrs (1)	
"	26		1 Officer " 48 Men " " " " " " 17.30 " (2)	
"	27		1 Officer " 79 Men " " " " " " 08.30 " (3)	
France			No.1 Party landed Gold Beach 19.00 hrs.	
"	28		No.2 " " " " 09.00 "	
"			No.3 " " " " 21.00 "	
St. Gabriel	29		No.3 Party joined Nos. 1 & 2 parties in conc area St. Gabriel 06.00 hrs	
"		1415	A.W.D. consisting of 2 3-ton, 3 15-cwt and 2 M/Cycles sent forward (1 Offr & 16 Men) to Area St. Mauvieu. AWD less 1 Offr and 1 D.R. returned to Unit at 21.30 hrs.	
"	30		A.W.D. Standing by for Orders	
"			1 Pte St/MT to F.D.S. (Sick) & S.O.S.	

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Month and Year July 1944

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. Myall.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
St. Gabriel	2		Repair element of A.W.D. returned to W/S from Le Mesnil-Patry. Recovery element forward to area North of Cheux.	
"	3		First batch of veh battle casualties received in workshops. Tels section attached to Rear Div.	
"	4		Lieut. Johnson rejoined workshops from REME Report Centre.	
"	6		Two Veh.Mech O.Rs posted out.	
"	8		One Veh Mech posted out	
"	9		Capt. Hodson forward to Report Centre at Mondrainville. ASM AA Veh posted to 46 L.A.D.	
"	11	1200 1700	Closed Workshop ready to move Re-opened Workshop at same location	
"	12		Closed Workshop to be at 1 hrs notice to move as from 1330 hrs.	
St. Croix Grande Tonne	13		W/S moved to new location at St. Croix Grande Tonne on Bayeux - Caen Road. Opened shop at 1330 hrs.	
" St. Croix Grande Tonne	14		Report Centre at Mondrainville closed and Capt. Hodson recalled to W/Shop. 3 Veh Mech O.Rs posted in and 1 Sgt Veh Mech posted out.	
"	15		Recced new W/S site found unsuitable. Lt. Johnson sent forward to Report Centre South of Bas de Mouen. AWD established on Fontenay le Pesnil - Caen near Bolicusse le Perron.	
Le Mesnil Patry	18		Recced new W/S site S.E. of Le Mesnil Patry and W/S moved at 1600 hrs. W/S dug in and opened shop by 2200 hrs. Recovery element moved forward to new Report Centre at Mondrainville.	
"	19		Two Recovery Vehs from 227 Bde W/S sent forward to assist in forward recovery - and programme for clearing forward area of crocks commenced.	

"	20		Two Recovery Vehs from 44 (L) Inf Bde W/S also sent forward to Mondrainville to assist recovery. Twelve Wasp Carriers conversions commenced.	
"	21		One RAOC Strmn O.R. posted in.	
"	22		Wasp conversions completed. Cfn. Cummings and Cfn. McDonald injured by bomb explosion.	
"	24		W/S closed in readiness to move to new site.	
Balleroy	25	1630	W/S moved to location 1½ miles N.E. of Balleroy, shop opened at 2030 hrs. Lieut. Johnson met with M/Cycle accident.	
"	26		1 Veh Mech OR and 1 Turner OR posted in.	
"	27		1 OR Cook posted out.	
"	28		1 Officer & 10 ORs sent to 8 Corps and 30 Corps Rest Camp. New W/S site recced and advance party and Stores Section moved 2130 hrs to approx 3 miles S.E. Balleroy.	
"	29		Remainder of W/S moved at 0530 hrs. 1 OR I/Mech posted in	
Foulognes	30		Advance party moved to new W/S site at Foulognes at 1200 hrs. Remainder of W/S followed at 2100 hrs. One OR Strmn posted out.	
"	31		W/S opened at 1130 hrs.	

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Month and Year August 1944

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. Myall.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Balleroy Area	1		Took over uncompleted work from 44 Bde Wksp to enable them to move	
	2		1 Cook posted in	
	5		1 Strm Veh posted in	
Hervieux	6		Moved to new area at X rds N of Hervieux. Workshop remained closed in readiness for immediate move.	
	8		AWD sent forward S of Caumont 704442	
	11		Main Workshops moved to area 714448 and AWD withdrawn to W/S. 1 Veh Mech, 1 Dvr i/c and 1 T/Mech Fld posted in. 1 T/Mech Fld posted out.	
	12		Warning Order to move received at 1200 hrs	
Avenay	13		Wksp moved to Area Avenay 952594 at 1200 hrs and opened shop	
	16		1 Cfn. Fitter, 1 Pte Dvr i/c and 1 Cfn D/Mech posted out. 1 V/Mech posted in.	
	17		Warning Order to move received at 1830 hrs.	
Forest de Cinglais	18		Moved to Area Forest de Cinglais 013515 and opened W/S. 1 Pte Dvr i/c posted out. 2 Cfn. D/Mechs, 1 Turner & 1 Veh Mech posted in.	
	19		Recced new Wksp area at Ussey 093414. 2 Cfn V/Mechs posted in.	
Ussey	20		Workshop moved to Area Ussey 093414.	
	22		1 WO II AA/Veh posted in, 1 Cfn. Strmn posted out.	
	23		AWD consisting of 1 Officer, 13 O.Rs with one Scammell sent forward under command Bde. One Scammell sent forward under command 15 (S) Recce.	
	24		1 S/Sgt and Sgt V/Mech posted in.	
	25		Wksp moved to Area S. of Vitaumier and harboured for night.	
Landepereuse	26		Wksp moved at 0630 hrs to Landepereuse 8169. Wksp moved at 1700 hrs to Area Barquet 9872 where shop was partly opened.	
	27		Report Centre established at Hendebonville 2786 on W. bank of Seine at 2100 hrs.	
Venon	28		Moved to Area Venon 1285 at 1530 hrs and opened shop.	

	29		AWD left Bde and established at MUIDS 3089. Report Centre moved to same location.	
	30		1 Cpl. Turner posted in	
	31		1 Cfn. Strmn posted in.	

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Month and Year September 1944

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. Myall.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Muids	1	1500	Moved to Area Muids on R. Seine at M.R. 307894. AWD & Report Centre recalled to Wksps.	
	2		Order received no A.A. fire during hours of daylight from Sept 3 until further notice.	
	3	2130	Warning order to move to area Hornoy received.	
Hornoy	4	1315 2359	Workshops moved to area Hornoy M.R. 8154. Attended conference by C.R.E.M.E. Workshop load transferred to 44 Bde W/S.	
Vacquerie	6	2030	Moved to Area Vacquerie 0899 South of St. Pol.	
Wattrelos	7	2400	Workshop moved to Wattrelos N.E. of Lille.	
	8		Workshop established, part in factory part in streets.	
	9		Workshop load taken from 44 Bde Wksps.	
	10		Visit to Wksp by C.R.E.M.E.	
	12		Warning order to be ready to move first light Wed received. Shop closed and loaded by 2000 hrs.	
Averbode	13	2130	Order to move at 0700 hrs received at 1200 hrs. Arrived Area Averbode M.R. 0771.	
	15	1730	Moved to Station Yard at Gheel M.R. 081591.	
	16		Tractor and 40 trailer loaned to 34 Hy Rec Sect. Scammell and Tractor " " " " Scammell and Tractor " " 227 Bde EME.	
	17	1600	Scammell returned by 34 Hy Rec Sect. 1 Dodge Dk/Dn received on loan from No.2 Rec Sect. Workshops Area shelled approx 16 rds 88 mm, slight damage to vehicles no personnel casualties. 1 I/Mech posted to 12 Corps Tps W/S. 1 V/Mech posted to LAD 44 Bde.	
	18	1600	Workshops area shelled approx 8 rounds 88 m.m. no personnel or vehicle casualties.	
	19		Recovered 2 carriers from Gheel Bridgehead area 12 V/Mechs from 44 W/Shops attached to ease W/Shops load 1 S/Vech posted to 15 Recce Regt	
	20		1 K.L. Mach Lorry on temporary attachment from 44 W/Shops	

	21		9 Vehs and 15 M/Cycles taken over from 44 W/Shops for repair	
	25		First visit by Div Concert Party	
Eindhoven	26	0900	Workshops moved to Phillips Radio Factory at Eindhoven MR 4118 1 Turner Cfn. Posted from 34 R.H.U.	
	28		1 Strmn Armt Gen Cfn. posted in	

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Month and Year October 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Helmond	3		Recced area Helmond with CREME in preparation for move to that area. 1 Cpl. Turner posted out	
"	4		Moved to area Helmond at 1410 hrs. 1 S/Sgt. Arm Art (Fd) posted in.	
"	5		Tels Section sent to 227 Bde. Inspection team and washing and greasing plant sent to 46 Bde HQ to inspect and service Bde equipment.	
"	6		1 WO I Arm Art (Veh), 1 Cfn Veh Mech, 1 Cfn. M.Mech posted in.	
"	7	1800	Inspection and servicing of Bde completed.	
"	8		1 Pte Cook ACC posted in	
"	9		6 Veh Mechs, 1 Electrician borrowed from 44 (L) Inf Bde Wksp.	
"	11		1 Cfn Ftr., 1 Cfn Veh Mech posted in.	
"	12		1 Cfn Dvr.Mech, 1 Cpl Veh Mech, 1 S/Sgt. Veh Mech posted out.	
"	14		44 (L) Inf Bde Wksp personnel returned to parent unit.	
"	15		1 Cfn. Veh Mech posted in; 1 Cfn Veh Mech posted out.	
"	19		2 Cfn Dvr Mechs posted in; 1 Dvr i/c posted out.	
" Helmond	20		Workshop moved to new site in Helmond in Van Vlissengen Factory preparatory to undertaking Carrier Overhaul Programme.	
"	21		Attended conference at 31 Tk Bde HQ on defence of Helmond.	
"	23		5 Carriers U. fitted with Wasp Equipment. 1 Cfn Veh Mech posted in. Recced defence positions and allocated defence tasks to workshop section. 1 Coy Pioneers and 46 Bde Battle School placed under command for this task.	Op Order for Lion Force.
"	25		1 Cpl Cook ACC posted in; 1 Pte Cook ACC posted out.	
"	26		Carrier Overhaul Programme commenced and workshop turned over 100% to Carrier repairs.	

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Unit 46 (H) Inf Bde Workshops

Month and Year Nov 1944

Commanding Officer Major V.A. Myall.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Helmond	1 to	18	Carrier Repair programme continuing	
Meijel	18	1600	Report Centre established at Meijel 712068	
	23	1500	Report Centre moved to Horst	
	25	2130	Fire occurred in wooden premises occupied by Carrier Repair Programme. 20 Carriers under repair lost. Unit vehs lost were one I Machy lorry, one KL machy lorry, one Inst. repair lorry, two 3 ton lorries, five m/cs. All Office Records also lost. Cause of fire:- Accident with petrol cooker.	
	26		Whole W/S engaged on salvage work after fire.	
Helmond	27		Carrier Repair programme restarted in part of premises occupied by 44 W/S Helmond	
	29		Report Centre moved to Hegelsom MR 8246	

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Month and Year December 1944

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. MYALL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Helmond	3		Report Centre Recalled to Workshops.	
"	6		Visit to Workshop of Div General.	
"	7		Dvr Mechs Course for 12 men commenced.	
"	9		Salvage drive in Div Area by Recovery Section commenced.	
"	12		Instruction received from C.R.E.M.E. 15 (S) Div to place L/Cpl. Fleeson on a charge for negligence in connection with the fire in Wksp on 25 Nov 44. Summary of Evidence taken.	
"	15		Visit to Wksp by C.R.E.M.E. who instructed Carrier Repair Programme to be ended by 24 Dec.	
"	16		Workload of 227 Bde Wksps transferred to this Wksp.	
"	17		Completion of transfer of Wksp load from 227 Bde Wksp.	
"	18		Work commenced on 'B' Vehicles from 227 Wksps.	
"	18-31		Normal work continuing.	

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Month and Year January 45.

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. MYALL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Helmond	2		Unit Club opened at Ameida Cafe, Helmond	
"	4		Visit by Div Commander and CREME to inspect Workshops.	
"	11		Small fire occurred in premises of Ameida Cafe caused by girl employee at the Cafe. A Dutchman coming into the unit lines failed to stop on being challenged by the sentry and was fired upon resulting in death of a soldier standing nearby.	
Miegel	14	1200	Recovery Post established at Miegel X Roads.	
Panningen	16		O.C. visited CREME HQ	
Helmond	17		Four Nissen Huts erected on Workshop Site by R.E.	
"	18		O.C. visited D.D.M.E.	
"	20		O.C. attended conference at CREME re recce of new site	
"	21		O.C. recced new area at Gheel and Herenthals	
Herenthals	22		O.C. attended conference re move to further new site.	
Tilburg	23		O.C. recced new Workshop site in Tilburg.	
Helmond	24	0700	Workshop left Helmond arrived new site at Tilburg at 10.00 hours.	
"	26		O.C. visited 44 Workshops to arrange transfer of Carrier load to Tilburg.	
Tilburg	28		3 International Half Tracks and 5 White Scout Cars in Workshops to be modified to carry stretchers. Heavy work load in shops after move up of Div.	

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Month and Year February 1945

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. MYALL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Tilburg	1		9 Mark IIC Wasp Equipments fitted	
"	3		O.C. attended conference at CREME HQ	
"			6 Stretcher modifications to Int. ½ track completed	
"	4		All Officers attended address by Corps Commander.	
			Recovery Section moved to area Nijmegen with 46 Bde.	
			227 Bde Wksps Rec Sect attached to Workshops.	
"	6		227 Bde Wksps Rec Sect moved to area Nijmegen.	
Helchteren	7		O.C. attended conference on Wasp Equipment at HQ REME 2 Army	
Tilburg	8		Warning order for move to Nijmegen received.	
Nijmegen	10		Workshop moved to Nijmegen at 1100 hours.	
"	15		Bomb fell in Unit lines 0930 hrs. Two attached men slightly	
			injured. 4 unit vehicles damaged.	
			Heavy work load distributed to 70 Bde Wksps.	
"	18		O.C. visited CREME HQ at Nutterden.	
"	19		30 Carrier engines required from Sub Park.	
Nijmegen	21		One man failed to return to unit from U.K. leave.	
			Court of Inquiry held.	
"	22		Capt. Mumford proceeded on U.K. leave.	
"	23		Lieut. Hoare returned from U.K. leave.	
"	26		O.C. attended B Vehicle conference at Eindhoven.	
			Workshop ordered to move to Area Tilburg.	
Tilburg	27		Workshop completed move to Monastery at Tilburg.	
"	28		Extremely heavy work load brought into Wksps. Total load 61 Vehs	
			in 36 hours.	

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Unit 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps. R.E.M.E.

Month and Year March 1945.

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. MYALL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Tilburg	1		CREME visited Wksp to discuss reduction of work load.	
"	5		Div Commander visited Wksp and addressed the Unit.	
"	8		O.C. visited CREME in area Zondhoven.	
"	10		O.C. recced area Gheel prior to proposed move of Wksp. Site not suitable and Wksp move cancelled.	
"	12		2 Officers and 100 ORs sent on 48 hrs leave to Brussels.	
"	15		Programme of fitting 27 Wasp Equipments to Carriers commenced.	
"	16		3 Officers and 36 ORs sent to Brussels on 48 hrs leave.	
"	19		O.C. recced new wksp site in Sonsbeck.	
"	20		All Wasp Equipment programme completed.	
"	21		Wksps moved out for new location at 2100 hrs.	
Sonsbeck	22		Wksps arrived new location at 0730 hrs.	
"	23		Working party of Veh Mechs sent to help 227 Bde Wksps.	
"	25		Working party sent to Tilburg to clear Wasp Equipment Cases.	
"	29		Advance party of 1 Officer and 8 OR's sent to new Wksp site E of Rhine in Area A1549.	
"	31		Wksps moved new location at 0600 hrs.	

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Unit 46 (H) Infantry Brigade Workshops

Month and Year April 45

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. MYALL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Area Rhine MR A 1549	1 to 9		Normal work load being proceeded with.	
	1		O.C. left on U.K. Leave	
Greven	10		Workshop moved to new site in area Greven	
Wunstorf	11		" " " " " " aerodrome in area Wunstorf	
Celle	12		" " " " " " area Celle	
"	13		O.C. rejoined unit after U.K. Leave	
" "	14		Workshops visited by D.D.M.E. 2 i/c left on leave	
"	15		Workshop visited by D.D.M.E.	
"	16		Workshop visited by C.R.E.M.E.	
"	19		O.C. Recced new site in area Uelzen - site found to be unsatisfactory. Report and Rec. Centre established at M.R. 876018 N. of Uelzen.	
"	20		Workshop load handed over to 44 Bde Wksps and warning order to move to area Luneburg received.	
Luneburg	21		Workshop moved to new site in aerodrome in area Luneburg	
"	22		Report & Recovery Centre recalled to Wksps. Div Work load taken on.	
"	25		Workshop moved to new location at Line / Luneburg.	
"	27		Capt. Raymond left on UK leave	
" "	29		Report & Recovery Centre established area Buelen. 9 Vehicles sent to 804 Inf Tps Wksps for repairs to ease own heavy repair load.	

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Unit 46 (H) Inf Bde Workshops, R.E.M.E.

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Major, V.A. MYALL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Luneburg	5		O.C. visited HQ CREME	
Papendorf	7		Workshop moved to harbour area in Papendorf at 0630 hrs.	
"	9		O.C. attended conference by Div Commander.	
"	10		Drill and recreational training commenced.	
"	16		One Officer and two Scammells detached to Laurenburg to establish German Veh Park.	
"	18		One Officer and 7 ORs temporarily attached to Mil Govt Detachment.	
"	19		O.C. visited DDME at Kiel.	
"	26		One Officer and 20 O.Rs from Veh Sect attached to 44 (L) Inf Bde Wksps.	
"	27		O.C. recced area for proposed Workshop site in area.	
"	28		One Officer sent to Mil Govt Det. on temporary attachment.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Major W.T. Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
West Grinstead	12th	June	'44. Capt. A.R.P. Hall appointed REME Technical Advisor to 15 (S) Division Residues.	
do	25th	June	'44 Waterproofing of our vehicles completed.	
do	27th	June	'44 Visited by Major Smith, O.C. 15 (S) Division Residues. R. Fielding Capt for Major, Cmdg 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Month and Year July 1944

Commanding Officer Major W.T. Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
West Grinstead	6th	July	'44. Main Workshops departed from West Grinstead, Sussex, and proceeded to Marshalling Area at Brentwood, Essex. The party consisted of 5 Officers and 164 O.Rs.	
Brentwood	8th	July	'44. Departed from Brentwood and embarked at Tilbury Dock.	
Tilbury Dock	9th	July	'44. Sailed from Tilbury at 1945 hrs in convoy.	
	10th	July	'44. Arrived off Normandy beach-head 2400 hrs.	
	11th	July	'44. Remained off beach-head unable to disembark due to heavy seas.	
	12th	July	'44. Disembarked at Juno Beach, Normandy, and proceeded to St. Croix-sur-Mer where de-waterproofing was carried out. Departed from St. Croix-sur-Mer and proceeded to St. Croix des Tonnes, 894739.	
St. Croix des Tonnes	13th	July	'44. Enemy air raid on beach-head during night.	
do	19th	July	'44. Capt A.R.P. Hall and 16 O.Rs (Wksps residue) joined main Wksps., from United Kingdom.	
do	23rd	July	'44. Workshops moved to new location at Balleroy, 697702. Enemy shelled area night 23/24 July. Enemy aircraft also active during night.	
St. Croix des Tonnes	26th	July	'44. Lieut. Fox and inspection team proceeded to 227 Bde H.Q.	
do	29th	July	'44. Unit moved to new location in Bois de Baugy, 699683. Lieut. Madeley and 2 O.Rs established Report Centre at La Martiniere, 704614. Area shelled by enemy at night.	
Bois de Baugy	30th	July	'44. Unit moved to Sedouet, 703658. R. Fielding Capt for Major, Cmdg 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Month and Year August '44

Commanding Officer Major W.T. Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Sedouet	1 August		'44. Lieut. Madeley and 20 O.Rs returned to main Workshops from Report Centre. Enemy aircraft bombed area during the night.	
do	4 August		'44. Unit moved to new location south of Caumont.	
Caumont	18 August		'44. Advance Party proceeded to new location at Avenay, M.R. 014489.	
do	19 August		'44. Main body proceeded to Avenay via Villers Bocage and Evrecy.	
Avenay	20 August		'44. Advance Party proceeded to new location at Fresney le Vieux, M.R. 016849. Enemy aircraft bombed area at night.	
do	21 August		'44. Main party proceeded to Fresney le Vieux via Aunaye-sur-Orne.	
Fresney le Vieux	23 Aug		'44. Advanced Workshop Detachment under Capt. W.H. Briggs sent forward. Lieut. Madeley and 2 O.Rs established Report Centre at Falaise.	
do	24 August		'44. Main Workshops moved to Ussy via Bois de Halbout.	
Ussy	25 August		'44. Main Workshops moved to Barcquet M.R. 9873 via Falaise, Trun, Vimoutiers and Beaumont le Roger. Harboured at Vimoutiers night 25/26th. W.T. Morgan Major, Cmdg 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Month and Year SEPTEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer Major W.T. Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Barcquet	2nd September		'44. Unit moved to Ande sur Seine via Le Nieuborg and Louviers.	
Ande sur Seine	4th September		'44. Main body proceeded to Rougefay, M.R. 0402, via Les Andelys, Morgny, Gournay, Grand Villiers and Poix, Hornoy, Airaines, Langpre sur Somme and Auxi le Chateau. Harboured for night 4 - 5 September '44 at Honroy M.R. 8155.	
Rougefay	10th September		'44. Capt. Fielding, Capt. Briggs and Lieut. Madeley accepted surrender of 2 German soldiers (1 officer and 1 N.C.O.). Prisoners taken to P.O.W. cage at Doullens.	
Rougefay	11th September		'44. Unit moved to new location at Londerzeel, N.W. of Brussels via Lens, Carvin, Hens and Ninove.	
Londer-zeel	12th September		'44. Unit moved to Zechim, N.E. of Brussels.	
Zechim	14th September		'44. Report Centre established at rd junc M.R. 0487 S.W. of Gheel. Lieut. Madeley and 2 O.Rs.	
Zechim	26th September		'44. Unit moved to Eindhoven M.R. 426185 via Veerle, Lommel and Veldhoven. W.T. Morgan Major, Cmdg 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.

Month and Year October 44.

Commanding Officer Major W.T. Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Eindhoven.	2nd October		'44. Unit moved to Helmond M.R. 560229 via Geldrop.	
Helmond.	28th October		'44. Enemy air activity over Unit area during the evening.	
Helmond.	29th October		'44. Enemy air activity over Unit area during the evening. W.T. Morgan Major, Cmdg 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.

Month and Year November 1944

Commanding Officer Capt. A.R.P. Hall.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	3rd November		'44. Two enemy aircraft attacked area at 1530 hrs. Bombs dropped in vicinity of workshops. Lieut. Fox and 5 O.Rs opened Report Centre at ASTEN M.R. 619135.	
	9th November		'44. Report Centre moved to SLOT M.R. 674137.	
	17th November		'44. Col. McAvoy, D.D.M.E. 8 Corps visited Workshops.	
	19th November		'44. Enemy aircraft bombed area at 1320 hrs. No damage or casualties to Workshops or personnel.	
	25th November		'44. Major W.T. Morgan relinquished command of Workshops and was posted to 101 R.H.U. Capt. A.R.P. Hall assumed command.	
	27th November		'44. Enemy aircraft attacked area at 1100 hrs. No damage or casualties to Workshops or personnel. One enemy aircraft shot down.	
	29th November		'44. ASM Field and 20 O.Rs as Advance Party, proceeded to new location at ULFTERHOOK M.R. 819156. Report Centre moved to PANNINGEN M.R. 777049. ARP Hall Capt., O.C., 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.

Month and Year DECEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer Major A.R.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	3rd December		44. Report Centre moved to MAASBREE M.R. 829082.	
	5th December		44. Wksps moved to ULFTERHOOK M.R. 819159.	
ULFTERHOOK	21 December		44. Wksps moved to CAULILLE, BELGIUM. M.R. 4590.	
CAULILLE	23 December		44. Wksps moved to HELMOND M.R. 546215. ARP Hall Major, O.C., 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.

Month and Year JANUARY 1945

Commanding Officer Major A.R.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1st January		'45. Enemy aircraft attacked area. No damage or casualties. ARP Hall Major, O.C., 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf.Bde.Workshop, R.E.M.E.

Month and Year February 1945.

Commanding Officer Major A.R.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Helmond.	Feb. 22	45.	A.W.D. under Capt. Briggs moved to Cleve (Germany) M.R. 9055 on operation "Veritable". WH Briggs Capt for O.C., 227 (H) Inf Bde Workshop, R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227(H) Inf. Bde. Workshop, R.E.M.E.

Month and Year March 45.

Commanding Officer Major A.R.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Helmond. (HOLLAND)	March. 1		A.W.D. moved forward to Bedburg M.R. 9353.	
	4		A.W.D. rejoined Main Workshops at Helmond.	
	10		Workshops moved to MOL (Belgium) M.R. 0795. Capt. A.D.G. Arch posted to this Unit from 34 R.H.U.	
Mol.	16		Advance party proceeded to new location at SONSBECK (Germany) M.R. 057357.	
	20		Main workshop moved to Sonsbeck prior to operation "Torchlight".	
	25		Report Centre under Capt. A.D.G. Arch est at 157470. WH Briggs Capt for O.C., 227 (H) Inf Bde Workshop, R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps REME

Month and Year April 1945

Commanding Officer Major A.R.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Sonsbeck	8 April 45		Wksps moved to Warmsen M.R. 762294 on route Xanten, Bocholt, Bockem, Osterwick, Altenberge, Greven, Osnabroeck, Lubbeck and Taveslot. Harboured night 8/9th at Greven. Report Centre rejoined main Wksps.	
Warmsen	10 April 45		Enemy aircraft (2 ME 109s) strafed Wksps at approx 2030 hrs. Slight damage to 2 vehicles, cookhouse and roof fired. Casualties to personnel as follows :- No. 14629436 Cfn Craddock C. - wounded in left arm evacuated to 23 F.D.S. No. 10668359 Dvr Zeraschi F. - wounded in right arm, trivial remains at duty. Burgomaster handed over 1 German POW who was escorted to POW Cage at Kellem.	
Warmsen	11 April 45		3 Germans surrendered, escorted to POW Cage at Kellem. Report Centre under Lieut C.H. Fox established at Warnsdorf M.R. 151273.	
Warmsen	12 April 45		1 German O.R. surrendered, escorted to POW Cage at Kellem.	
Warmsen	13 April 45		2 German O.Rs surrendered and were escorted to POW Cage at Celle.	
Warmsen	21 April 45		Wksps moved to Scharnhorst M.R. 718617 via Wunstorf, Neustadt, Celle and Eschede.	
Scharnhorst	24 April 45		2 German O.Rs surrendered, escorted to POW Cage at Luneburg. Report Centre under Lieut Fox returned to Wksps.	
Scharnhorst	26 April 45		2 German Officers surrendered and were taken to POW Cage at Celle.	
Scharnhorst	27 April 45		Capt. A.D.G. Arch established Report Centre at M.R. 797218 prior to operation 'ENTERPRISE'.	
Scharnhorst	29 April 45		Wksps moved to M.R. S.796259 1 mile west of Bardowick, via Uelzen & Luneburg.	
Nr Bardowick	30 April 45		Enemy air activity over area. No casualties or damage. ARP Hall Major, O.C., 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps, R.E.M.E.

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Major A.R.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Nr Bardowick	2 May 45		Wksps moved to Krummel M.R. 793396.	
	31 May 45		Unit moved to Lubeck via Hamburg. No. 7678427 S/Sjt Newport F.C. died in hospital as a result of injuries received in motor cycle accident. ARP Hall Major, O.C., 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps., R.E.M.E.	

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Unit 15 (S) Recce Regt, R.A.C.

Month and Year June 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. J.A. Grant Peterkin

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Angmering	4		The Div Comdr, Maj. General G.H.A. MacMillan, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., visited the Regt and talked to each Sqn regarding forthcoming ops. He lunched with R.H.Q. Mess afterwards. During this period the whole Regt was employed feverishly waterproofing vehs, teams being run as under:- 'A' Vehs - Lieut P.C. Kerridge - (Cars). Lieut R.H. Fleet - (Carriers). 'B' Vehs - Lieut W.H. Rogers. By this date practically all stores were complete and the Regt could have moved at short notice.	
	5		At 2300 hrs a very large formation of Tp Carrying Aircraft passed over Angmering-on-Sea heading across the Channel with their lights on, followed by continual air activity all night.	
Angmering	6		The invasion of France started and the peacefulness of Angmering-on-Sea was not further disturbed until 1900 hrs, when what appeared to be a complete Airborne Division passed overhead.	
	7-10.		Final preparations made and vehs stowed for embarkation. Full loading trials held to discover whether it was possible to carry the mass of useful stores which it was proposed should be taken.	
	11		Lieut J.A. Isaac, Sgt Millroy, J., and Cpl Kay, J., left to join 227 Bde as the Regtl Advance Party.	
	16.		Orders received for the Regt to move to 'A' Marshalling Area near Portsmouth on 17 June.	
	17.		Regt, less 'B' Sqn left for the Marshalling Area, moving via Arundel, Chichester, Midhurst and Petersfield. All vehs, except 15-cwt W.T. G.S. which overturned, arrived safely at the Marshalling Area. Major K.C.C. Smith and 'B' Sqn (Major A. Gordon) remained in Angmering as Comdr Div Residues and Regtl Residues respectively. They moved to Worthing on 19 June.	

Denmead			On arrival at the Marshalling area there was considerable chaos as no Ship Sheet had been sent by Movement Control, and all vehs had to be split up from Sqns and Tps into their Ship Loads, and it was not until midnight that the following Craft Loads were organised:- (a) L.S.T. 1107. O.C. Craft - Commanding Officer. (b) L.S.T. 1108. " - Major H. Mills. (c) L.S.T. 1109. " - Major L. Rowlands. (d) L.S.T. 997. " - Lieut H.A. Green. (e) L.S.T. 998. " - Capt. J.E.F. Lane. The Marshalling Camp was situated at Denmead, 4 miles south of Petersfield, where the vehs remained about a mile from the Camp, where everything was well organised by the Static Staff for the Regt.	
	18.		Early in the morning Embarkation Rations, lifebelts, vomit bags, etc., were drawn up and the Regt was ready to move forward by 1300 hrs, it being thought then that they would move probably that night.	
Denmead	18-26.		Owing to a break in the weather and a very strong gale, this period was spent in the Marshalling Area as practically all movement to France ceased. The Regt, split up into Craft Loads and thus rather disorganised, spent the time doing final preparations to the vehs and kit, letter writing, going to the cinemas and concerts and sleeping. As no move was envisaged by the end of the week, a short trg scheme was carried out on Saturday, with a considerable number of free fights developing between patrols, there being no casualties. The chief difficulty during this wait was to procure enough money for everyone.	
	25		At 2300 hrs the Camp Blower called for Serial 1107, and true to Movement Control form, having spent a week waiting, we were ordered to move in ¼ hr. This Craft Serial passed the S.P. at 0300 hrs on the 26th en route for the Embarkation Area at Gosport, where all vehs safely arrived. Serials 1108 and 1109 followed the next day. About 10 hrs were spent sitting in the streets of Gosport waiting to be called to the hards, orders for which were received at about 1900 hrs for the Regt to go forward at once, no previous notice having been given. Loading commenced at about 2200 hrs and was finished by about 0200 hrs no difficulty being experienced in loading the vehs.	
	27.		In spite of a gale warning and bad weather reports, the convoy left at 1000 hrs to cross, and duly ran into a first-class Channel gale, causing a considerable number of those on board to be very sick. The craft beached at about 1900 hrs that night on a falling tide and vehs commenced to disembark into about 4' of water. Owing to holes	

Field.			in the beaches the Beachmaster ordered unloading to cease till the following morning when the L.S.T. was re-beached and unloaded into about 1' 6" of water. No vehs drowned except one M.5. which went into a hole and the water came in over the back. All Serials disembarked on the beaches at Arromanches and moved forthwith to a Transit Area where first stages of de-waterproofing was completed and vehs re-stowed for battle. The a/Tk Bty did not arrive until 30 June. During this period the 15th (Scottish) Division was leading the fight in the Battle of the Odon, and unfortunately the Regt was not available to take its proper place.	
Field.	30.		The Regiment (less A/Tk Bty) moved forward in Divisional reserve to PUTOT EN BESSIN (9072), when early that morning, immediately on arrival, 'C' Sqn (Major H. Mills) was ordered forward to come under command of 44 Bde (Brigadier H.D.K. Money) to fill a gap on the Corps boundary (30/8 Corps) between 15 (S) and 49 Divs, acting more in the role of an Inf Coy than a Recce Sqn, taking up positions about 1 mile south of HOTE DE BOSQ. This position was in very thickly wooded country where vehs were of little or no value. At about 1335 hrs, R.H.Q. was shelled (25 shells of 10.5 c.m.) this being the first taste of battle which the Regt had had. No casualties were inflicted as a certain amount of digging had already been done. A considerably further amount of digging was done after this incident.	

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WAR DIARY
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Unit 15 (S) Reconnaissance Regiment, R.A.C.

Month and Year July 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. J.A. Grant Peterkin

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field.	1		Regiment in Div reserve, PUTOT-EN-BESSIN. 'A' Sqn (Major Rowlands) went forward to "plug a hole" on right of 6 KOSB south of CHEUX, where they were deployed as infantry in very thick and close country. Only slight enemy activity in this area, though the enemy still insisted in making small counter attacks with tanks. A/Tk Tps went forward to join 'A' and 'C' Sqns in action. Their field of fire was normally 100 yds - hardly what they had trained for. The smell at CHEUX from dead cattle was starting to be evident in the warmer weather.	
	2.		160 Bde (53 Div) relieved 44 Inf Bde in the CHEUX sector. 'A' & 'C' Sqns relieved and returned to Regtl harbour at PUTOT, into which came at the same time, unfortunately, a battery of 155 c.m. guns.	
	3.		Maintenance at PUTOT. Div at rest after its most successful weeks actions in the "Scottish Corridor".	
	4-5.		Maintenance, baths, and cinemas. It is clear that tps are now learning how to look after themselves.	
Field.	6		Gen. Montgomery addressed all C.Os. of 15 (S) Division and gave a resume of what had been done and what he hoped would happen. Regiment still at rest.	
	7.		Regiment still resting. Inter-Tp basket ball competition won by 10 Troop, 'C' Sqn. CAEN bombed by 450 heavy bombers at 2200 hrs. Visible air support is a great moral raiser for the troops who do not understand what air support is when they can't see it.	
	8.		Regiment at rest. 'A' Sqn warned for independent role with 46 Bde.	
	9.		'A' Sqn moved up to area VERSON with 46 Bde to assist in 'mopping up' WEST of CAEN, CARPIQUET aerodrome having been taken by the Canadians. Remainder of Regiment at rest.	

Field. Field.	10.		'A' Sqn went forward on reconnaissance role in front of 46 Bde in direction VERSON - ETERVILLE - MALTOT and to reach line of R. ODON. It was thought that this area was fairly clear and 4 Armd Bde moved up to behind ETERVILLE in the early afternoon. The enemy was in fact in great strength on the reverse slopes behind ETERVILLE and 3 troop (Lieut Arundel) on trying to recce forward to MALTOT met heavy 88 mm fire from hull down tanks on crossing Rd CAEN - ETERVILLE. Both leading cars (Lieut Arundel and Sgt Ireland) hit and burnt. All Sgt Ireland's crew escaped, but Lieut Arundel and his driver, Tpr Griffiths, were killed, though this was not confirmed for about 10 days. The Carriers of this troop were brought back rather hurriedly and it is presumed that the Sqn Comdr went forward to take charge. It was afterwards discovered that his L.R.C. had received a direct hit from probably a 105 c.m. gun, and for 24 hrs he was missing. No. 2 Troop was in close contact with the Glasgow Highlanders in ETERVILLE where they were under very heavy fire and unable to move forward or gain any further information regarding the strength of the enemy. As dark fell the Sqn rallied back and harboured just south of VERSON under Capt Davies. The loss of the Sqn Comdr, Lieut Arundel, Lieut Rencher and other casualties both from enemy action and battle exhaustion had a very bad effect on this Sqn in its first days action, and an uncomfortable night was spent under moderate shell and mortar fire. They did, however, produce some valuable information for HQ 46 Bde even though they were sent out on false information as regards the strength of the enemy. Lieut Blair's troop, who must have proceeded forward very well, got into the outskirts of LOUVIGNY and caused casualties to German infantry to the north of the village. The Moral effect which a Troop Comdr can have on his troop was very clear on this day. The remainder of the Regiment less 'A' Sqn still at rest at PUTOT-EN-BESSIN.	
Field.	11.		'A' Sqn placed under the orders of 214 Bde (43 Div) and carried out useful Officer patrols up to the forward Bns (Pt. 112) where a major battle was starting. The Sqn, apart from these Officer patrols, was not further engaged and were ordered on the relief of 46 Bde that night to return to rejoin the Regiment at PUTOT.	
	12-13 -14.		Regiment concentrated at PUTOT.	

Field.	15.		Orders for a further exploitation by 15 (S) Division for the capture of the area EVRECY - ETERVILLE - GAVRUS being worked out. No role for the Regiment was available and it was therefore decided by the Div Comdr that a Traffic Control Organisation under the Commanding Officer would be set up to ensure smooth traffic over the crossings of the R. ODON, where there were very severe bottlenecks. The Control HQ with exit and entrance parties for 5 routes (Hereford, Dundee, Quarry (2) and Coal (1 & 2)) were set up, Control HQ being in an orchard on the VERSON Rd just above QUARRY route. The attack started on the evening of 14 July and considerable difficulty in passing through was experienced owing to the large number of tanks in the area and rearward traffic of other Divs. Enemy mortar fire in this area was particularly heavy. It was also decided for this action that all the carriers of 'A' Sqn (21) would be available for the Bdes to assist in the evacuation of casualties. They went forward and reported to the ADMS under Lieut Dalton and carried out a most useful if unorthodox role most successfully.	
Field.	16.		'C' Sqn south of CARPIQUET aerodrome had the role of following up left of 227 Bde with orders to attack and capture Pt. 120 behind EVRECY once 158 Bde (53 Div), who were under command 15 (S) Div, were to capture EVRECY and the high ground just beyond. They were to exploit success down to AUNAY SUR ORNE. This attack took place late in the evening and failed to achieve any success, though 'C' Sqn moved forward at first light and waited at BARON whilst a further attack was being laid on. Traffic Control Organisation still functioning, though little traffic and no blocks on roads, chiefly owing to the small number of individual running through the intensity of enemy mortar fire in this area. Heavy bombing attack by enemy aircraft on the VERSON Rd at 2230 hrs, resulting in one route being blocked, but no casualties.	
	17.		'C' Sqn ordered back to their original harbour as it was clear that there was to be no recce beyond EVRECY which was very strongly held and no forward movement had been made by 158 Bde. There was considerable fog of war on this day and it was never clear as to whether the enemy was being driven back or not. Traffic control organisation still set up at VERSON. Remainder of the Regt moved fwd from PUTOT-EN-BESSIN to fwd harbour just south of CHEUX. Bombing attack by enemy aircraft hit 'A' Sqn harbour	

			this evening and destroyed 7 vehs, all of which were completely burnt out.	
	18.		Control of Traffic routes handed over to 53 Recce Regt and control HQ returned to the Regtl Harbour south of CHEUX at 907685. 'B' Sqn (Residue) disembarked on this day.	
Field.	19.		Regt at rest. Advance Party 'B' Sqn rejoined Regt.	
	20.		'B' Sqn joined Regt in Harbour.	
	21.		In order to help 46 Bde who were still in the line to rest, the 3 Assault Tps under Major MacDiarmid went forward to LE VALTRU under comd O.C. 7 Seaforths where they took over the fwd posts and carried out for 48 hrs an inf role patrolling and sniping. Very heavy rain made this task rather unpleasant for them.	
	23.		15 (S) Div ordered to relieve 5 U.S. Div south of BALLEROY. Peace-time trg for convoy driving showed its value, though other traffic severely interfered with the column. 'C' Sqn went straight fwd into the line in support of 44 Bde as the connecting link between the right of 15 Div and 2 U.S. Div, where they took over an area from the Americans in very thick country, bocage and orchards, giving a minimum field of fire. They learnt some interesting points from our American Allies. The Assault Tps under Major MacDiarmid closed up on the Regt that night.	
Field.	24		'C' Sqn plus a Tp of A/Tk guns and a Section of the Mortar Tp carried out patrols on the right of the Div in liaison with 2 U.S. Div who made a large scale attack on this day. The remainder of the Regt concentrated at BALLEROY.	
	25.		'C' Sqn still holding the right Div area under 46 Bde, who relieved 44 Bde early this morning. Orders received for the Regt to take over BRIQUESSARD from 61 Recce Regt (50 Div). Initial recces made.	
	26.		Regt still concentrated at rest under pleasant circumstances at BALLEROY. 'C' Sqn still with 46 Bde where control of No Mans' Land was being obtained after the 'laisser faire' attitude of our Allies. 15 Div patrols took control of No Mans' Land. Late in the evening at short notice the Regt moved 600 yards across a main road in order to please the A/Q and make it easier for an Armd fmn to concentrate.	
Field.	28.		'C' Sqn returned to harbour where orders for Operation BLUECOAT (Pt 309 & St. MARTIN DES BESACES) were received. This cancelled the Regiment taking over BRIQUESSARD WOOD where complete recces had been done down to Tp Comdrs.	

	29.		Final briefing for Operation BLUECOAT in which 'A' & 'B' Sqns were to move with the Regiments of 6 Gds Tank Bde who were to exploit forward as quickly as possible to take full advantage of attacks by heavy and medium bombers. 'C' Sqn to be ready to pass through on the right flank and "attack" ST MARTIN DES BESACES. The first real Recce job that the Regt had been given.	
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			seriously contemplating clearing ST MARTIN that night. Tanks were reported in ST MARTIN and though active patrols took place all night, no way through was discovered. In fact it was very strongly held by the enemy.	
Field.	31.		At first light scout tps of 'C' Sqn succeeded in getting over Pt 309 and down as far as VAUX MARTIN 6948 where they succeeded in dominating the high ground and moved forward to LA MANCELLIERE. A major attack was staged by 11 Armd Div at ST MARTIN DE BESACES, which was not cleared until about 1500 hrs, when infm was received that the Gds Armd Div would have complete priority on roads the next day in order that they might pass through to gain the high ground at LE BENY BOCAGE. 'C' Sqn, therefore returned to a harbour just north of ST MARTIN DE BESACES. 'A' & 'B' Sqns were at short notice to move, in their harbours just south of HERVIEUX, as soon as the roads were clear.	

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Unit 15 (S) Reconnaissance Regiment.

Month and Year August, 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. J.A. Grant Peterkin

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		The Regiment situated just behind ST MARTIN DES BESACES, which contrary to expectations was strongly held by the enemy, who were only driven out after a full day's battle. This held up our reconnaissance forward and shortly afterwards the Gds Armd Div was given priority on all roads. 'B' Sqn in support of 46 Bde late this evening were given the task of clearing up the area GALET - LA MARCELLIERE which was held by pockets of the enemy. This was successfully carried out, though Lieut CAREY and 4 O.R's lost their lives in this action. Dust was the chief problem this day.	
	2.		Regiment moved forward about 1000 hrs to protect left flank of the Div, R.H.Q. moving to LA BRESSI, which was overlooked by the high feature of MONTAGNY. 'C' Sqn moved to left flank to link up with 43 Div who were advancing from Pt 361. 'A' & 'B' Sqns were in reserve. Area of R.H.Q. was repeatedly shelled all evening from MONTAGNY, the enemy having seen the tpt moving about.	
B.L.A.	3		'A' Sqn were placed under command Gds Armd Div and sent at 0700 hrs to help the Motor Grenadier Gds at St PIERRE VASCUTIN, where they spent a most unpleasant day under continuous artillery and mortar fire. They assisted in repelling many heavy counter attacks. They were relieved at 2000 hrs and returned to BRESSI. 'C' Sqn spent the day actively patrolling the left flank and had one or two good shoots; in one case 100 Germans were seen concentrating in an avenue of trees and were effectively dispersed by our artillery.	
	4		Good progress was made by 'C' Sqn on this day, and they occupied MONTAGNY, from where the enemy had withdrawn the previous night.	
	5		R.H.Q., 'B' & 'C' Sqns moved up and harboured near MONT CHARIVEL.	
B.L.A.	6		Battle of ESTRY. Based on false information regarding the strength of the enemy, the Regiment was ordered to reconnoitre the advance of the Div from MONTCHARIVEL area SOUTH on 3 routes to VASSY. It was soon discovered that ESTRY was very heavily held and that the main road South to LE THEIL was also held and mined and covered by tanks	

			and MGs. 'C' Sqn with 9 Troop got into ESTRY and discovered much information regarding the strength of the enemy, but it was soon obvious that a full scale major attack would have to be made to get past this town. 9 Tp under Lieut ROYLE withdrew and stood off and continued to harass the enemy and passed valuable information to the infantry who made little progress throughout the day. On the other route, 10 Tp under Lieut RIESCO moved down the road towards LE THEIL but found area 788390 heavily covered by fire, and in view of vehicle casualties were ordered to withdraw to LA CAVERIE. The leading infantry got no further on this day and the troops of 'C' Sqn were ordered to withdraw back to harbour at 1700 hrs. On the left flank 'B' Sqn tried to patrol down to LASSY but again they found that the enemy was in strength, and with the bad condition of tracks made little or no progress.	
B.L.A.	7.		'A' Sqn moved out to give left flank protection on the left of 46 Bde on the Bdy between 15 Div and 43 Div. They moved out to the AU CORNU X Rds with mortars under command and captured the high ground Pt 226 without incident. Considerable enemy movement was seen on the far slopes but no attack was made on them. The remainder of the Regiment remained concentrated at MONTCHARIVEL.	
	8		In view of the large area 'A' Sqn were keeping, the Assault Tps of 'B' & 'C' Sqns were placed under command 'A' Sqn who were actively patrolling this area on the left flank. The Mortar section had their first real opportunity this day to fire at the enemy.	
	9		The Regiment still in the MONTCHARIVEL area. 'B' Sqn took over the position on the left flank from 'A' Sqn, who returned to rest.	
B.L.A.	10		Situation still static. 'B' Sqn still holding left flank where they managed to get patrols down as far as the river line in front of them. Indications were received this day to make it possible that the enemy were starting to withdraw in this area, and orders were given for the "ESTRY operation" to be laid on again should the enemy retire. Late that afternoon a Sqn of the Inns of Court (30 Corps Armd Car Regt) were ordered up to relieve 'B' Sqn. The reactions of an Armd Car Regt taking over from an Inf Div were interesting, and it was agreed to leave mortars and A/Tk guns with them so as to strengthen them.	
	11		The Div resting waiting for the enemy to withdraw as it was now the policy not to rush the "ESTRY Operation" whilst the enemy were holding their strong positions. All Orders were issued for this advance should the enemy withdraw.	
	12.		Regiment still concentrated in harbour at MONTCHARIVEL. Orders rec'd at about 1800 hrs that the Div would move early next day to an area	

B.L.A.			between the R. ORNE and LEIZE (CAEN Sector). About 2 hrs later and about ½ hr before dark orders were received on the wireless for the Operation ESTRY to be put into operation, although it was clear that nothing could be done in the remaining few minutes of daylight. Troops prepared, and in certain cases moved out of harbour, but fortunately this order was then rescinded, particularly as once again the information on which the order was based proved later to be faulty. The Orders to move the following day to the CAEN Sector were re-issued.	
	13.		The Regiment moved at mid-day to AMAYE-SUR-ORNE, the route passing through much of the previous battle areas including VILLERS BOCAGE (which was completely flat), Pt 112, and the area of our previous battles round VERSON. We returned to the real battle-field area where the stink of war still remained.	
	14.		An inactive day owing to the road situation, other formations having priority; the main relief being some excellent bathing in the ORNE.	
	15.		Same location. The day was memorable for the visit of the first Canteen, a good ENSA show, and insects.	
B.L.A.	16.		Maj.Gen C.M. BARBER, DSO, who took over the Division on 8 Aug when Gen MacMILLAN was wounded, visited the Regiment and spoke to each Sqn to introduce himself, not that this was necessary as he had previously commanded 46 Bde, and to say that he felt that perhaps the Regiment was not always given credit for the work that was done by Senior Commanders who normally visited the Inf Bdes after the Division had done well in battle.	
	17.		Same Location. Nothing to report.	
	18.		Regiment moved to LA FRESNIL LA BIEUX. By this time we were practically in Army Base Sub-area and it was getting a bit depressing to be so far behind the enemy.	
	19		Orders were received for the movement Eastwards once the FALAISE gap was finally cleaned up, but no time or date of move could be given.	
	20.		Still waiting to move and still getting further into the L of C area, the Army installations actually being set up in front of the Regiment.	
B.L.A.	21.		'A' Sqn were placed under command of the "Royals" (12 Corps Armd Car Regt) and moved to LE TREPREL where they waited to get a flying start for Exercise 'GALLOP' (the move Eastwards to the R. SEINE). A report was received via various channels by 'A' Sqn this afternoon that there were 40 enemy SW of FALAISE. This was investigated by O.C. 'A' Sqn and it turned out that the location was Tac HQ 2nd Army, the first enemy to be seen being the Army Commander driving in in his Jeep!	

	22.		Still waiting for orders to go. 'A' Sqn ceased to be under command of the "Royals" but remained at their forward location of LE TREPREL.	
	23.		Final preparations for the move. Regiment moved at 1800 hrs to LA HOUGETTE preparatory for an early move next day, the FALAISE GAP having been finally cleaned up.	
B.L.A.	24.		The Regiment moved off at first light on what was really route reconnaissance eastwards, passing through the FALAISE battle area where the destruction by our aircraft and armour was obvious. Each Sqn had under command large parties of Engineers with bulldozers, and progress was very slow owing to other traffic and the enemy vehicles demolished on the road. Forward Sqns reached the line LE SAP - BRENAI that night.	
	25.		The Regiment continued its movement the following day with the object of crossing the River EAST of LE BEAUMONT DE ROGER. No contact was made but considerable reconnaissance had to be done in order to find crossing places over the many streams and rivers where the bridges had been well demolished by the Germans. The Regiment reached the line of LE NEURBOURG - BARQUET.	
	26.		Reconnaissance for the crossing of the R. SEINE started. 'C' Sqn moved forward through LOUVIERS and reached the high ground WEST of the SEINE without incident and commenced to find out as much as they could regarding the river line. Patrols were sent to the left and right and a Patrol Report (Appx 'A') was sent to Division that night.	Appx A.
B.L.A.	27.		The Regiment moved forward to just WEST of LOUVIERS and the active reconnaissance of the river line was undertaken. Though not expressly ordered, members of the Regiment were the first of the Division to cross this major obstacle. Patrols had for a long time reconnoitred the whole bank and shot up enemy on the far side, when a report was received that Lieut WHEELER and 2 N.C.O's had found a boat, crossed the SEINE and had reconnoitred PORT JOIE, which they found very nearly empty. On the right flank Lieut SHIRLEY had crossed in an Assault Boat to an island and from there to the far side, and had reconnoitred MUIDS, where it was proposed a Class 9 bridge be put down. Very full and accurate reports were sent in this day and a full Recce Patrol Report (Appx 'B') was made up and sent to the Div Comdr that night. As a result of these reports it was decided that a rush crossing should be made by 227 Bde that afternoon, much earlier than had at one time been anticipated. All the reports which these patrols had	Appx B

B.L.A.			given were confirmed when this crossing was successfully made by 227 Bde. Very useful work had been done by the patrols of the Regiment, particularly 'C' Sqn, on these two days and they were largely responsible for the early crossing of the R. SEINE.	
	28.		As a result of representations made, Armd Car patrols of 'A' & 'C' Sqns were ferried across at first light next morning so that if there was little opposition as expected these patrols could get the maximum information for the infantry. These patrols, acting very boldly, reached a considerable way inland and were able to give very valuable information regarding the small posts of the enemy to the infantry, who were able to achieve their objectives without any difficulty. As soon as the bridges were built - Class 9 at MUIDS and Class 40 at St PIERRE, the remainder of 'A' & 'B' Sqns were to cross the river and continue to patrol actively eastwards. These patrols produced a very great amount of valuable information this day. Serious opposition was met on the right by 'A' Sqn at LE THUIT, FRETTEVILLE and LES ANDELYS, whilst 'D' Sqn also on the left ran into various enemy pockets.	
B.L.A.   <

	30		53 Div passed through 15 (S) Div, and the only action we were allowed to take was to patrol to our flanks and mop up certain enemy pockets in the woods nearby where the MACQUIS were very active.	
B.L.A.	31.		The Regiment concentrated in the area ECOUIS - MUSSEGROS. A letter was received by the Commanding Officer from the Divisional Commander congratulating the Regiment on its work in the past few days, and a Special Order of the Day was published and is attached at Appx 'C'. It was thought that morning that we were likely to rest for 4 or 5 days, but at 1440 hrs orders were received for the Regiment to come under command of 53 Div for flank protection of 7 Armd Div who were advancing on AMIENS and ARRAS. The Commanding Officer received orders from G.O.C. 53 Div to move at first light next morning to FRY 5223.	Appx C.

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Unit 15 Scottish Reconnaissance Regt

Month and Year Sep 44.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. K.C.C. Smith

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		The Regiment under command 53 Div moved up at first light to the area of MARLERS. We arrived there about 1500 hrs having met no opposition on the way and having liaised with the Canadians who were on our left and who appeared to be doing very well.	
	2.		Regiment at rest in MARLERS Area and awaiting orders for the next phase, having reverted to the command of 15 (S) Div.	
	3.		5th Anniversary of outbreak of war. Regtl Church Service to commemorate this. Div Comd called and stayed to lunch. He warned us to be ready to move on or about 5 Sep. The Commanding Officer held a conference of Regtl Officers to discuss Regtl matters.	
	4.		The day was spent in briefing and preparing for the next battle, or rather chase. We were briefed for the flank protection of the Div in the advance to ROULERS in BELGIUM. The Commanding Officer attended a Div 'O' Gp at 1500 hrs.	
B.L.A.	5.		The Regiment moved up to the area of HOUVAIN. This was a peace move, the Regiment merely catching up the lag between ourselves and the Armour.	
	6.		The Regiment moved off at first light via ARRAS to BELLEGHEM, crossing the BELGIAN Frontier at about 1000 hrs. 'B' Sqn cleared an FAA for the inf in the area at BELLEGHEM. 'A' & 'C' Sqns recced out on the flanks, 'A' Sqn in the area of KIRKHOVE (0152) and 'C' Sqn at AVELGHEN (9750). 'A' & 'C' Sqns operated during the day and reached the general line COURTRAI - WAERGHEM - CRUYSHAUTEN. Pockets of enemy were encountered but no definite movement was discernible as the enemy appeared to be very disorganised and moving in all directions. Considerable execution was done, particularly by 'A' Sqn, who took a fairly large number of prisoners (about 130) and had a generally good day. Regtl locations as under:- R.H.Q. - BELLEGHEM (8751) 'A' Sqn - KIRKHOVE (0152) 'B' Sqn - BELLEGHEM (8751) 'C' Sqn - AVELGHEM (9750)	

B.L.A. B.L.A.	7		Regt still in same locations. 'C' Sqn re-checked their area up the main COURTRAI Rd and met comparatively little opposition. 'A' Sqn, who were virtually operating with 4 Armd Bde had difficulty in moving northwards as the 4 Armd Bde were occupying most of the area and were in contact with fairly strong enemy forces. 'A' Sqn had a fairly successful day taking 40 prisoners and doing some execution among soft tpt. 'B' Sqn operated in the area EAST & WEST of COURTRAI and met fairly stiff opposition at DEERLYCK and HARLEBREKE, but managed to report on the crossing over the R. LYS. During the afternoon a severe gale was blowing and RHQ were forced under cover. During the evening 4 Armd Bde withdrew back to the line of the ESCAUT Canal into Armd Regtl blobs, 'A' Sqn operating with 44 R.T.R. in the defence of KIRKHOVE Br, 'C' Sqn with the Scots Greys at AVELGHEM Br. During the night a fairly stiff attack was put in on the KIRKHOVE Br and 'A' Sqn spent a restless night. The attack was driven off and from the questioning of PW it would appear that a large party of enemy, about 2,000 strong, had attempted to cross the ESCAUT Canal to get home to the "Fatherland". They were unable to do so.	
B.L.A.	8		The only Sqn allotted a specific task was 'B' Sqn, who were given the task of moving in front of 44 (L) Inf Bde on the centre line COURTRAI - GHENT (J.1980). 'B' Sqn were also given the task of protecting the right flank of the Bde. Leading troops crossed the S.P. X Rds HARLEBEKE at 0800 hrs. At 0900 hrs leading elements were still on the start line, and on enquiries being made it was discovered that the troops had encountered slight opposition which they had quickly mopped up, and were now embroiled in collecting PW. The rate of progress was not increased until it was firmly impressed upon the Tp Leaders that it was their job to reconnoitre and <u>NOT</u> to collect PW. 'B' Sqn patrols finally contacted 7 Armd Div in GHENT, who were greatly relieved to know that their left flank was covered. The troop of 'B' Sqn doing right flank protection met opposition at DEERLYKE which was finally cleared up, and by 1800 hrs the Sqn having done all that could usefully be done in this area, was ordered to concentrate at OYCKE (J. 0562). During the day the Sqn reported all Brs over the R. LYS between COURTRAI and DENTZE were blown, the enemy being seen on the NORTH Bank. 'C' Sqn had 3 Officer patrols out during the day and reconnoitred the area of VICHTE which was held. They operated in that area during the day and had a fairly successful day, capturing VICHTE themselves (!) and some 18 to 20 prisoners, and killing a fairly large number of enemy and shooting up a number of soft vehicles. 'A' Sqn were ordered to recce a Regtl	

			harbour at OYCKE. The Regiment concentrated there in the evening and spent a quiet night.	
	9		A day of rest, maintenance being first priority. Church Services were held in the evening and a Regtl rep went to Div HQ at ORDENARDE to receive orders for a move to an area NORTH of BRUSSELS next day.	
B.L.A.	10.		The Regiment moved up to a new area BREENDONCK (J.6277) arriving there about 1500 hrs. The route was via ALOST and HAECHT. From 1600 hrs the village was "en fete" and a Dance was arranged for the Regt. During the evening the C.O. attended a conference at Div HQ. Information was extremely scanty, especially with regard to 30 Corps on our right and the position on the ALBERT Canal. The Regt was to send patrols into this area next day to obtain all available information. 'A' Sqn was to do this job with Armoured Cars. 'C' Sqn were to be prepared to provide 2 Officer patrols if required.	
	11 Sep.		'A' Sqn operated in the area of the ALBERT Canal from excl ANTWERP to incl HERENTHALS. A great deal of useful information was gained about the enemy and our own troops. A summary of patrol report is attached as Appendix 'A'.	
B.L.A.	12		'A' Sqn carried out the same task till relieved by a Bn of 227 Bde who were to move up during the day. The Regt moved up to a new harbour in the area of VEERLE, crossing the S.P. at 1105 hrs and arriving at 1455 hrs. Locations:- RHQ & 'A' Ech - VOORST 103791. 'A' Sqn - 105793. 'B' Sqn - 107791. 'C' Sqn - 105791. 'A' Sqn did well. Report having met no opposition of an aggressive nature. They only fired at some enemy at long range and despite "stooging" failed to draw any serious fire. Contact with flanks of 50 Div and 53 Div was established and the Sqn duly returned to harbour of 2100 hrs, having been relieved by 2 Bn Gordons. The C.O. attended a Div 'O' Gp at 2045 hrs. The Regtl tasks were as under:- 'C' Sqn to recce the area of the ALBERT Canal Bank from incl 121823 to the Class I Br. 'B' Sqn to similarly recce from incl KAPEL 0286 to the inter-Div Bdy. 'A' Sqn - maintenance.	
B.L.A.	13.		The day developed very differently from what was expected and the Regt did far more than on previous occasions when it has been possible to fully brief Sqns and patrols the night before. 'C' & 'B' Sqns moved out at 0715 hrs and it soon became obvious that the situation had considerably altered during the night and the enemy were in nothing like the strength they were supposed to be. At 0830	

B.L.A.			hrs the C.O. gave fresh instructions to 'A' & 'B' Sqns. 'A' Sqn were to recce Brs 1193 and 0793 and the area between them. 'B' Sqn to recce the area between the two canals excl GHEEL and up to RETHY. 'A' Sqn patrols met no opposition until approaching the Brs. Both brs were blown and a considerable amount of opposition was encountered on the far bank of the canal, but comparatively little on this side. 'B' Sqn met no opposition until approaching MOLL at about 1415 hrs, where a battle took place and lasted some considerable time. However, a by-pass was found by which the tanks and inf could go round to seize and hold the br at DONCK. A loud explosion had been heard by 'B' Sqn at 1530 hrs, which was, in fact, the blowing of the Br at DONCK. This infm was not confirmed until 1830 hrs. The Div Comd wanted the area between MOLL and GHEEL to be combed and the Canal searched for any likely bridging sites. 'C' Sqn was allotted this task at about 1400 hrs and reported that a certain amount of opposition was met on both sides of the canal although all the Brs were blown. Rep was sent to recce a Regtl harbour area in MEERHOUT 1484 and at 1530 hrs the C.O. decided it was advisable to get the whole Regt across the ALBERT Canal and therefore ordered the Regt to harbour in MEERHOUT that evening. All Sqns concentrated at dusk. Locations:- RHQ, 'B' Sqn, 'A' Echelon - 152858. 'C' & 'A' Sqns - MEERHOUT.	
B.L.A.	14.		'B' Sqn were ordered to recce the Brs between the ALBERT Canal and the JUNCTION Canal on the Canal D'EMBRANCHEMENT. All Brs on this canal were reported to be blown. The C.O. attended Div 'O' Gp where it was stated that the 7 Armd Div were coming up on our left flank to the area SOUTH of HERENTHALS and that 15 Div were most anxious that no enemy should escape EAST from HERENTHALS before 7 Armd Div arrived. 'B' Sqn were ordered to do this job and to contact 7 Armd Div tomorrow, 15th. 'B' Sqn were also ordered to send a patrol to accompany an RE Recce Offr to examine the Br at 2594.	
	15		'C' Sqn were ordered to watch the area SOUTH of the JUNCTION Canal to prevent any infiltration between the DONCK Br and the 44 Bde B'head at 0792. They remained there during the day. 'B' Sqn carried out the task of contacting 7 Armd Div and returned to harbour having completed the task of handing over to 7 Armd Div by 1500 hrs. Field Marshall Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, DSO, MC, visited Div HQ to present medal ribbons awarded in earlier battles. The Regt formed	

			the Guard of Honour which was commanded by Capt L.T. FORD. The Div Comd complimented the Regt on the high standard of turn-out.	
B.L.A.	16		A quiet day for the Regt, except 'C' Sqn who continued their task of watching the JUNCTION Canal from incl 117938 to 206960. Small parties of the enemy only were encountered and the Sqn remained on this task during the day. The Padre left us for 193 Fd. Amb. on temporary attachment.	
	17		Similar to the 16th with 'C' Sqn continuing with their task of watching the JUNCTION Canal. The Assault Tp of 'A' Sqn was placed under command of 'C' Sqn to assist them. 'B' Sqn provided an escort to RE Br building at 200928.	
	18		'C' Sqn were again allotted the task on the JUNCTION Canal. Higher authority were very worried about this area and a composite force - 6 Royal Scots, 'C' Coy 1 Mx (MGs), Pl 'D' Coy 1 Mx (Mortars) with considerable arty support was put under comd of the C.O. The enemy was fairly active in patrolling during the late afternoon and captured 2 men from 'C' Sqn.	
	19.		The C.O. remained in command of assault forces watching SOUTH bank of Canal. Nothing of interest happened.	
B.L.A.	20		Nothing of operational interest. Lieut. Colonel J.A. GRANT PETERKIN was posted to 43 Div as GSO 1, and Major K.C.C. SMITH assumed command of the Regt. Major P.T.I. MacDIARMID was appointed 2 i/c of Regt and various other internal alterations were made. The Regt was ordered to move up to HOLLAND (STEENSEL area) tomorrow. 'B' Sqn were to remain and help 44 Bde in the MOLL area watching the SOUTH bank of the JUNCTION Canal.	
B.L.A.	21		The Regt arrived in HOLLAND and were harboured in the HEIKE area about 4000 yards WEST of EINDHOVEN. 'C' Sqn sent out Officer patrols to the line of the WILHELMINA Canal to contact U.S. Forces in the area of EINDHOVEN and SON (ZON). 'C' Sqn recced the brs SOUTH of BEST and OIRSCHOT. They contacted the 502 Parachute Inf Regt, U.S. Army, in the SON (ZON) and EINDHOVEN areas and tied up with them. The Regt, less one Sqn ('B' Sqn) under command 46 Bde Gp which was going to attempt an assault crossing of the WILHELMINA Canal tomorrow. Regtl re-organisation completed as under:- Major K.C.C. SMITH assumes command. Major P.T.I. MacDIARMID to 2 i/c Regt. Lieut G.R. BLOUNT to be Capt & Adjt. Capt W.B. LIDDELL to be 2 i/c 'C' Sqn Capt L.T. FORD from 2 i/c 'C' Sqn to O.C. 'HQ' Sqn.	

			Major G.A. GADDUM from O.C. 'HQ' Sqn to O.C. 'A' Sqn.	
B.L.A. B.L.A.	22		46 Bde Gp were involved in the BEST area and were to inform the Regt when it was safe to cross the Class 9 Br and carry out tasks as follows:- 'A' Sqn to move NORTH via BOXTEL and in the event of all well to carry straight on to HERTOGENBOSCH, 44 Bde following them up. 'B' Sqn in support of 46 Bde, as soon as the situation allowed, to pass through 46 Bde and recce on their front to OIRSCHOT and then along the main Rd running NE and to the SOUTH of this road. 'C' Sqn to recce the area between the main BEST - HERTOGENBOSCH Rd and the BEST - OIRSCHOT - TILBURG Rd. As there was only a Cl 9 Br, the 2 Staghounds of 'B' Sqn could not cross, and therefore they were ordered to move on 30 Corps Maintenance Route via SON (ZON) and St OEDENRODE and to join their Sqn by coming down the St OEDENRODE - BEST Rd. 46 Bde were seriously involved in BEST and it was not until 1400 hrs that they considered it reasonable for 'A' Sqn to commence their advance Northwards across the Br. 'A' Sqn quickly made contact with the enemy who were holding strong posns across the main Rd about 4000 yds NORTH of BEST. They patrolled EAST and WEST but could find no way round and it soon became evident that it would require a considerable force to clear this posn up. The other two Sqns remained on the SOUTH side of the Canal and 'A' Sqn were drawn back at night. R.H.Q. was established at AACHT (3922) with the Sqns harboured on either side the main Rd. 'B' Sqn Staghound patrol made very slow progress owing to considerable traffic congestion, but eventually contacted the Americans at St OEDENRODE and got very valuable information on the general situation on the St OEDENRODE - BEST Rd. It was clear that the enemy were in the general vicinity of this rd although they were not taking a particularly active part. This patrol withdrew back into St OEDENRODE for the night.	
	23.		The plan of the 22 Sep was to be put into operation in the event of it being feasible, but again 'A' Sqn were held up in a similar position to the day before, having crossed the Br at 0600 hrs. 44 Bde following up 'A' Sqn made abortive efforts all day to clear up the situation and allow 'A' Sqn to proceed. 'B' Sqn's Staghound patrol repeated yesterday's performance.	
	24		'A' Sqn continued patrolling on the front of 44 Bde but could make no progress and were then ordered to commence patrolling down the main Rd BEST - St. OEDENRODE. 'C' Sqn were ordered to take over the	

B.L.A.			close protection of the Cl 9 and Cl 40 Brs at BEST, so relieving the inf who were holding them.	
	25.		'A' Sqn continued to patrol in the bridge-head and moved up axis Rd BEST - DONDENDONK - St OEDENRODE. Enemy reported in fairly large numbers in the woods NORTH of Rd 3830 - 3930. 'B' Sqn ordered to recce to the Rly line NORTH of BEST to see if there had been any withdrawal by the enemy. If possible they were to try and recce the tracks to the WEST. The enemy were still covering the Rly so it was impossible for 'B' Sqn to make any progress.	
	26		R.H.Q. moved up to LE VEULT (25,000 Sheet 5 (Holland) 389284). 'A' Sqn recced the general area of large woods 3830 - 3930. 'B' Sqn moved up to St OEDENRODE and recced the area on the EAST of 'A' Sqn along the line of the R. DOMMEL towards LIEMPDE. 'C' Sqn remained in close protection of the Brs. In the evening 'A' Sqn were moved to the X Rds at BEST to take over their protection from 6 KOSB.	
B.L.A.	27		'A' Sqn relieved of BEST X Rds by 2 GORDONS and moved up to LE VEULT area to fill the gap between 2 GORDONS and 2 A & SH. 'B' Sqn continued recce role on right flank, working from their base at St OEDENRODE. 'C' Sqn relieved of Br protection by RE at 0800 hrs and rested until taking over from 'A' Sqn in LE VEULT area at 1600 hrs, when 'A' Sqn went into reserve SOUTH of the canal.	
	28		R.H.Q. same location. 'A' Sqn rest SOUTH of the bridge-head in AACHT area. 'B' Sqn continued patrolling on the right flank and they gained very valuable and accurate information. 44 Bde attacked in this area and gained a certain amount of ground. 'C' Sqn remained in LE VEULT area holding the gap. About 1730 hrs the Div were most anxious about enemy reported forming up in wood 3931. This was dealt with by Arty and after recced by 'B' Sqn patrol. Div were still most unhappy about the position but later the C.O. discovered it was adequately protected by 2 Searchlight detachments and crews on both sides the wood.	
B.L.A.	29		R.H.Q. static in same area. 'B' Sqn continue patrolling in St. OEDENRODE area until relieved by 'A' Sqn in the late afternoon. 'B' Sqn remained in this area. 'C' Sqn holding the gap in LE VEULT area.	
	30		R.H.Q. moved to St OEDENRODE. 'A' Sqn in support of 158 Bde carried out recces on EAST of R. DOMMEL. They gained valuable information during the day. They moved forward to 426328 where they acted as "long stop" to 158 Bde who were very spread out. 'B' Sqn resting in St. OEDENRODE area. 'C' Sqn in LE VEULT area.	

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Unit 15 Scottish Reconnaissance Regt

Month and Year Oct 44.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. K.C.C. Smith.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		R.H.Q. located at St OEDENRODE. The Regt generally employed on the same task: 'A' Sqn patrolling on the EAST side of the R. DOMMEL for 158 Bde of 53 Div: 'B' Sqn resting: 'C' Sqn protecting 30 Corps C.L. in the LE VLEUT area. A Regt Harbour rep met the A.A. & Q.M.G. at BEEK for an allocation of a concentration area on the Div moving to 8 Corps. The Regt was allotted a harbour area on the NORTH side of HELMOND. During the day 'A' Sqn did some very good foot patrolling which gained valuable information for 158 Bde and towards evening their Sqn HQ and reserve Tp was moved to the Rd Junc NORTH of St OEDENRODE to act as a back stop to 158 Bde.	
	2.		Regt Harbour party moved to HELMOND. R.H.Q. remained static at St OEDENRODE. 'A' & 'C' Sqns also remained in the St OEDENRODE - VLEUT area doing the same jobs as yesterday. 'B' Sqn moved to the concentration area and were settled in by 1700 hrs.	
B.L.A.	3.		R.H.Q. remained at St OEDENRODE till 1600 hrs when they moved to concentration area at HELMOND (Ref HOLLAND 1/100,000 Sh 4, 560223). 'C' Sqn were relieved from protection of 30 Corps C.L. by 2 Derby Yeo, and moved to join 'B' Sqn and R.H.Q. in the concentration area. 'A' Sqn remained as back stop to 158 Bde till relieved the next day by elements of 51 (H) Div who were relieving 15 (S) Div in the Best - St OEDENRODE area.	
	4		'A' Sqn relieved and joined the rest of the Regt at HELMOND.	
	5		Regt static and at rest in HELMOND.	
	6		Regt static and at rest in HELMOND. In the afternoon the G.O.C., Maj.Gen. C.M. BARBER, DSO, addressed the Officers of the Div and in the evening the massed Pipes and Drums of the 15 (S) Division beat the retreat in the grounds of HELMOND Castle.	
	7		Regt at rest.	
	8		In the morning the Regt held a ceremonial Regt Church Parade. The Pipe Band of 2 Bn Gordon Highlanders marched us to Church and	

B.L.A.			Lieut.Colonel K.C.C. SMITH inspected the Regt and took the salute. At lunch time the C.O. was ordered to report to HQ 8 Corps at 1430 hrs as there was the possibility of the Regt coming under comd 11 Armd Div. The Regt was ordered to provide protection and to link up between the right of 11 Armd Div and the left of U.S. Forces (7 U.S. Armd Div) between the wood NORTH of DEURNE and the wood NORTH of MILLHEEZE. 'B' Sqn were allotted this task and ordered to be in posn by dark. They left HELMOND 1745 hrs with additional orders to patrol fwd to the line of the canal WEST of DEURNE the next day if possible. Regt came under comd 11 Armd Div w.e.f. this order.	
	9		The Regt less 'B' Sqn remained at rest in the HELMOND area. 'B' Sqn in posn as ordered on the rd DEURNE - RIPS. During the day they attempted to patrol fwd but regrettably the patrol was ambushed and Lieut GOODRICH was lost, believed PW and wounded.	
	10		Regt less 'B' Sqn at rest. 'B' Sqn remained out in posn until relieved by 'A' Sqn in the afternoon.	
B.L.A.	11		Regt at rest. 'A' Sqn in posn on Rd DEURNE - RIPS.	
	12		'A' Sqn in posn until relieved by 'C' Sqn in the afternoon. Remainder of Regt at rest in HELMOND.	
	13		Regt resting. 'C' Sqn doing protection and link between 11 Armd Div and 7 US Armd Div.	
	14		'C' Sqn remained on their job until relieved by 'B' Sqn in the afternoon. Remainder of Regt at rest in HELMOND.	
	15		'B' Sqn continued role in area DEURNE - RIPS. In the morning 11 Armd Div had indications that the enemy had withdrawn from the canal and 'B' Sqn were ordered at 1200 hrs to confirm this, by patrols up to the canal. By 1530 hrs they confirmed that there were no enemy on the line of the canal and drew back to their original posns at dusk. As a result of these patrols 11 Armd Div commenced building a Br at 690270 at 1630 hrs.	
B.L.A.	16		'C' Sqn were ordered to re-comb the area again and confirm that there were still no enemy on the line of the canal, and to link up with 7 US Armd Div. They remained on the canal all day and were called back to HELMOND at dusk. 'A' Sqn were placed under comd 46 Bde for future ops and carried out a rehearsal with that Inf Bde. 'B' Sqn and R.H.Q. remained at rest in HELMOND. 1 Tp 'B' Sqn were ordered at 1600 hrs to take up posns to prevent the Cl 40 Br at 690270 from being blown up by saboteurs during the night. No incidents occurred during the night.	
	17		'B' Sqn Tp released from job on Br and returned to HELMOND at 1200 hrs.	

	18		Regt reverted to comd 15 (S) Div. 46 Bde Op cancelled and 'A' Sqn reverted to comd Regt. At 2200 hrs C.O. went to 227 Bde HQ for 'O' Gp and Regt was put under comd of 227 Bde. 227 Bde Group to take over from 2 Bdes of 51 Inf Div and 2 Derby Yeo in area of BEST - St OEDENRODE. Regt was to leave HELMOND 1030 hrs 19 Oct and move up to relieve 2 Derby Yeo and 5 Coys of 5 Camerons in the area LE VLEUT - BEST.	
B.L.A.	19		Regt moved up without incident and take-over was completed by 1700 hrs. Locations as under:- (Ref HOLLAND Sh 18NW, 18 SW, 1/25,000). R.H.Q. - X Track 389284. 'A' Sqn - Area STEENEEG - X Tracks 372278. 'B' Sqn - took over the area which was held before by 2 A & SH, nicknamed the "Box" (382293). These posns were within 100 yards of the enemy FDLs. 'C' Sqn - area of LE VLEUT. Regt was very thin on the ground, covering, in fact, what had been a Bde front previously. 10 HLI were on our RIGHT in the area DONDERDONK; 9 Cams on our LEFT in the BEST area.	
	20		A very quiet night. No change in locations. In the morning 'B' Sqn had trouble; a mortar stonk killing one OR and wounding 6 others, all from the same Assault Section. Sporadic mortar and arty fire during the day.	
B.L.A.	21.		A quiet night and a quiet day, with nothing to report but occasional shell and mortar fire. The A & SH are to do patrols through our posns at night, and HLI and 9 Cams on our RIGHT and LEFT respectively. The Regt was too thin on the ground to provide any patrols.	
	22		A very quiet night except for our own arty which by the noise must have included quite a number of Medium guns.	
	23		A very quiet day with locations unchanged, and except for occasional shelling, mostly in the area of the BEST Br and X Rds there is nothing to report.	
	24		An extraordinarily quiet night. 'B' Sqn reported at about 0715 hrs that they believed the enemy had withdrawn from our front, there having been none of the usual coughing and noise of take-over, as was usual at this time in the morning. 'C' Sqn was ordered by the C.O. to patrol through 'B' Sqn and try and confirm this. In the meantime this infm was passed to 227 Bde HQ, who, on questioning their own Bns, were of the same opinion. 'C' Sqn moved up NORTH through 'B' Sqn and at the same time moved a patrol on the RIGHT flank so as to try and have a look at LIEMPDE from the EAST. As a result of the early infm from these patrols	

B.L.A.			the C.O. was convinced that the enemy had drawn back, at least from our immediate front. 'A' Sqn was ordered by him to move up the main BEST - BOXTEL Rd to VRILKHOVEN and at the same time to tap out WEST towards our old "friend" the Rly running from BEST to BOXTEL. 'C' Sqn was soon held up by the bad going, and a number of mines and Rd blocks across the tracks in the woods, but 'A' Sqn were able to reach VRILKHOVEN with little incidence apart from a rather large Rd block which was mined and booby-trapped. The Rd block, of approx 120 yds, consisted of felled trees which were mined and booby-trapped. 'A' Sqn were able to by-pass this block to the EAST and push fwd. As all infm now pointed to the fact that the enemy had now made a general withdrawal. 'C' Sqn, as they could not get on, were ordered to concentrate at VLEUT. 'A' Sqn were going well and so were ordered to contact 51 (H) Div, who were reported in the village of LIEMPDE, approaching the village from the WEST. 'A' Sqn contacted 51 (H) Div (5 Seaforths) in LIEMPDE. Another patrol reached the outskirts of BOXTEL
B.L.A.			confirming the Br on the main Rd was blown and crossing the river by assault boat they managed to contact the Dutch Resistance who confirmed that BOXTEL was evacuated but that the Highland Div was still shelling it and had made no attempt to enter the town. This was all passed back to Corps who said they would put the matter in hand. 'B' Sqn, at 1000 hrs, were released from the "Box" and allowed to reform into a Reconnaissance Sqn, and were ready to move Westwards towards OIRSCHOT at 1130 hrs, but 227 Bde were not prepared to let them go until Inf had confirmed that NASTEBEST was clear of enemy. At 1300 hrs it was stressed that unless the Sqn was released forthwith little could be done that day as the hours of daylight were very short. By nightfall, 'B' Sqn had reached SPORDONK where they caught a few Germans napping. The Br was partly blown. This Br they held until relieved by a Unit of 44 Bde at approx 2000 hrs. The RE were ordered to repair the Br during the night ready for an early start next morning. 'B' Sqn concentrated and spent the night in SPORDONK.
B.L.A.			'A' Sqn, having completed their job, concentrated in the BEST area for the night, and 'C' Sqn remained in the LE VEULT area with orders to be ready to patrol with one Tp along the line of the WILHELMINA Canal on the front of 44 Bde so as to approach TILBURG from the SOUTH. Generally this was a very good day, especially by 'B' Sqn who advanced some 9 or 10 miles and by 'A' Sqn who did some very quick work on the BEST - BOXTEL Rd.	

B.L.A.			Unfortunately Major G.A. GADDUM was wounded during the afternoon when he stepped on an A.P. mine, and has since been reported as "died of wounds". Very few enemy were seen during the day and only 7 PW were taken. The main problems were Rd blocks, which were mined and booby-trapped, and the tracks, some of which were almost impassable while others were mined. (Infm about mines and definite locality of one mine-field where a carrier of 'A' Sqn had been blown up was pointed out to the Inf by the C.O. when he heard they were going by that route the next day. It is regretted that the Inf took no notice of this infm, and, of course, blew up one of their carriers alongside 'A' Sqn's).	
B.L.A.	25		'B' Sqn advanced on the front of 46 Bde to the outskirts of TILBURG. They had one brush with the enemy and they succeeded in killing some 10 - 15 Germans. Progress was slow owing to Br demolitions which were extensive. Contact was made with the enemy just short of MOERGESTEL and an Inf and Tank attack was planned. However, as this was forming up the enemy withdrew and the tanks went fwd and threw a Br across the stream which enabled our patrols to proceed. No other contact was made with the enemy until reaching the WILHELMINA Canal, it being quite clear from reports sent back that TILBURG could only be lightly held at this stage. Extensive patrolling was carried out to find what Brs were intact. 'B' Sqn managed to seize a Br at 189322 intact which would enable a raid to be carried out on the main Rly Br at 177327. 9 Cams took over from 'B' Sqn and were to put in an attack on the Rly Br to try and seize it during the night. The patrol from 'C' Sqn moving along the canal bank found progress almost impossible [owing] to slit trenches and very bad going. Every effort was made to by-pass, but by 1200 hrs it was found no further progress could be made and the patrol withdrawn. Locations:- 'A' & 'C' Sqns, R.H.Q. - LE VEULT Area. 'B' Sqn - MOERGESTEL.	
	26		R.H.Q. moved to OIRSCHOT, being est by 0930 hrs. 'B' Sqn remained in area MOERGESTEL, being turned out of their covered accommodation to enable HQ 227 Bde to go in. 'C' Sqn were moved up to OIRSCHOT, arriving approx 1100 hrs. 'C' Sqn were ordered to carry out Offr patrols SOUTH of the WILHELMINA Canal, crossing the BIEST Br, with the job of contacting 4 Armd Bde and carrying out a full route recce of the rds in the area. Owing to traffic congestion these patrols did not get across the BIEST Br before	

B.L.A.			approx 1400 hrs, thus being left with very little daylight to complete their recce. However, some very valuable infm was obtained. 'A' Sqn was moved into OIRSCHOT during the afternoon, and it was decided as 'C' Sqn might be required to carry out further recces, to move them to the area BIEST and their location at OIRSCHOT allotted to the Tps of 'B' Sqn who had been turned out by 227 Bde HQ.	
	27		The Inf of the Div moved into TILBURG with virtually no opposition and the Regt was now squeezed out, and without a role. Locations were as under:- R.H.Q. - OIRSCHOT. 'A' Sqn - OIRSCHOT. 'C' Sqn Area of BIEST. 'B' Sqn - Sqn HQ and 1 Tp at OIRSCHOT; remainder at MOERGESTEL.	
B.L.A.	28		C.O. appreciated we should either be used for role WEST of TILBURG towards BREDA or moved back again to the area of the German counter-attack SE of HELMOND, and this being so, tried to find out from Div. It appeared clear there were two possible roles for the Regt. 1. To move to TILBURG and operate Westwards. (2) The whole Div to be called back to assist 8 Corps in stemming the German counter-attack against U.S. Armd Div. Strong representations were made to allow the Regt to remain in situ. Div HQ, however, moved that the Regt must move and concentrate at HILVARENBEEK. This meant one day's valuable maintenance was lost. A rep was ordered to report to Div HQ at 2130 hrs to receive instrs which were to the effect that the Div would move across to the general area of HELMOND to stop the counter-attack.	
	29		The Regt moved to HELMOND, arriving at 1415 hrs, and was billeted in the town. 'B' Sqn harbour area received a direct hit from a bomb during the night which made a crater 20' deep and 40' wide across, only 2 minor casualties but a tremendous mess.	
B.L.A.	30		The Regt was given the task of acting as long stop to the Inf Bdes to endeavour to prevent infiltration. This was done by placing 'A' Sqn to the NORTH operating from OMMEL; 'C' Sqn to the SOUTH operating from HEUSDEN. As very little was known about the enemy, active patrolling was ordered. 'A' Sqn wanted to move NORTH to SOUTH across 11 Armd Div front, but as 15/19 Hussars were in posn of obs with excellent covering fire posns it was decided that 15/19 Hussars would get better infm than ourselves over this type of country and the fire of the tanks would not be masked, therefore limited patrolling only was possible. Two cars were knocked out by an A/Tk weapon in LIESEL but the crews escaped without injury. 'C' Sqn managed to gain very valuable	

			infm both of the enemy and of the ground, and in particular Lieut MORRIS put up a very good performance on the RIGHT of the Glasgow Highlanders where he greatly assisted in breaking up a very nasty German counter-attack. 'B' Sqn were detailed to provide two Offr patrols to contact and gain as much infm from U.S. Armd Div. The Sqn itself moved to the SOUTH end of ZOMEREN at approx 1400 hrs and remained in reserve. Locations for the night:- R.H.Q. - ZOMEREN 598107. 'A' Sqn - OMMEL 6115. 'B' Sqn - ZOMEREN 605086. 'C' Sqn - HEUSDEN 6212.	
B.L.A. B.L.A.	31		'A' Sqn carried out liaison patrols with 11 Armd Div. 'C' Sqn limited patrols on 227 Bde front. 'B' Sqn ordered to carry out RIGHT Flank protection to 227 Bde and to liaise with 7 U.S. Armd Div. 'A' Sqn were later pulled into res in the ZOMEREN Area. 'C' Sqn had a quiet day and remained in HEUSDEN. A Tp of 'B' Sqn had a most interesting party at the school 635069 which had been re-occupied by the Germans. This "battle" was entirely organised by the Tp Leader on the spot, and close co-operation with 7 US Armd Div. While the Americans were not prepared to do anything on their own to turn out the enemy, they were perfectly willing to give us all the assistance they could. The Tp was loaned two SP guns by the Americans and these guns brought to within 200 yds of the buildings around the school, and proceeded to deal with these buildings, while the Tp mopped up as the rabbits bolted. PW stated that the party consisted of 22 Germans, of which 13 were killed and 7 taken prisoner. Identification 6 Para LEHR Regt HERMANN. It was clear from study of the map that these buildings were vital to the Div as right flank protection, and in spite of the fact that they were in 7 US Armd Div area, as the Americans were not prepared to hold the buildings, 'B' Sqn were ordered to leave a troop in the area to hold these buildings at all costs.	

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WAR DIARY
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Unit 15(S) Recce Regt.

Month and Year NOV 1944

Commanding Officer _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		Locations : RHQ ZOMEREN (Holland Sh 26 NE 1/25,000, MR 598107) 'A' Sqn Concentrated for night OMMEL 6115 'B' Sqn School NIEWWE PAROCHIE 'C' Sqn HEUSDEN 6212 In the morning 'A' Sqn relieved 'B' Sqn in the NIEWWE PAROCHIE area, and took over the posn at the sch, on the bdy between 15 (S) Div and 7 US Armd Div. One tp held this posn and the remainder of the Sqn was available for patrolling if necessary. 'B' Sqn moved up to the area S of HEUSDEN and remained at rest the whole day. 'C' Sqn were to patrol down the LIESEL - MEIJEL Axis in front of 46 Bde. During the day a call was made on 'A' Sqn for patrols who were to patrol in the area S of the HLI posn, one Tp of 'B' Sqn was put under comd 'A' Sqn to assist them in this patrolling. Patrolling was carried out in this area and in front of 44 Bde psns from WEST to EAST, that is towards LIESEL - MOOSDIJK rd. Generally infm was good; a number of mines and mined areas being discovered and enemy posns pin-pointed at a number of places. A posn of about pl strength discovered at Pt 283 (6507) yesterday, was again investigated prior to an attack by 2 A & SH. During the day the patrol of 'A' Sqn spotted a Panther and acted as OP while Med arty stonked it. A definite hit is not claimed but no further movement was seen from the tank. 'C' Sqn carried out their task in front of 46 Bde, pinpointing two 75mm guns and various inf posns. Mines were also discovered, mostly in the verges and on the tracks leading to the main rd. Later in the afternoon 'A' Sqn reported that their posn at the sch on the inter-allied bdy was engaged by some enemy NBWs and SP guns. A request to Div for arty sup was refused on the grounds that the enemy were over Div bdy. However, a rep was sent to contact the US fmn on our right who were very helpful and used their guns to good effect. At about 1800 hrs 227 Bde enquired if we were holding the posn in the woods S of the HLI (which we had held	

			last night). As the Argylls had attacked during the day towards the pimple (Pt 283) it had not been considered necessary for the Regt to hold the wood posn, but as an insurance 'B' Sqn took over these posns in the dark.	
	2		RHQ static at same locn. 'A' Sqn continued patrolling in the area S of the HLI and 227 Bde and maintained their posn at the Sch. This was found to be very useful as a means of liaison between ourselves and the Americans. Generally the day was quiet except for intermittent shelling. 'A' Sqns patrols visited the pimple attacked by the Argylls yesterday and found no enemy in that area. 'C' Sqn patrolled on the axis LIESEL - MEIJEL and pin-pointed several more enemy posns S of MOOSDIJK. During the day Comd of this Bde wanted further patrols and it was necessary to put in 'B' Sqn who had been in reserve in the area of HEUSDEN.	
	3		RHQ static same locn. 'A' Sqn had a very quiet day, still holding their posn at the Sqn and patrolling in the area of the pimple to ensure no enemy infiltrated. 'B' Sqn were ordered to patrol in front of 44 Bde during their adv towards MEIJEL. In point of fact very little progress was made as the Inf were virtually in contact before the adv started. However, we were able to flush several 75mm A.Tk guns which were on the E of the DEURNE Canal which could certainly not have been discovered unless B Sqn did this patrol. C Sqn patrolled along the main axis HEUSDEN - MEIJEL and discovered several minefields and one specially good foot patrol by Lt. ROYLE who discovered a crater and sent back accurate infm despite very hy enemy shelling. B Sqn were placed under comd 46 Bde for flank protection to the Div during the attack on MEIJEL, which is to take place tomorrow.	
	4		The Div attack was postponed for 24 hrs so B Sqn were not needed today. A and C Sqns both remained in their last locns and generally a very quiet and restful day.	
	5.		B Sqn under comd 46 Bde, took up their posns as left flank protection in the area E of LIESEL, facing the canal. The Div attack fizzled out as the majority of tanks were bogged at the commencement of the attack. RHQ, A and C Sqns remained static in same locns.	
	6		A quiet day. B Sqn remained on left flank protection role under comd 46 Bde. The Regt to arrange our own reliefs of this Sqn in conjunction with 46 Bde. Regt relief plan is: 1 Sqn to be under 46 Bde comd for flank protection role; 1 Sqn in res in the area of HEUSDEN for any immediate tasks and 1 Sqn to rest in HELMOND.	

			This is to take effect tomorrow 7 NOV. Regt harbour rep arranged accm in HELMOND.	
	7		C Sqn relieved B Sqn and came under comd 46 Bde in the bog area E of LIESEL. They had a very quiet day and had nothing to report. B Sqn moved to HELMOND and took over the rest area. A Sqn in reserve in the HEUSDEN area, but kept their commitments of a standing patrol at the Sch on the inter-allied bdy. RHQ static same locn.	
	8		A quiet day: all Sqns in same locns. During the afternoon A Sqn were relieved of their commitments of the Sch and RHQ moved into ZOMEREN itself (593116) to allow elements of 51 (H) Div to take over on our rt in the general area as occupied by 7 US Div.	
	9		A quiet day. A Sqn relieved C Sqn at 1100 hrs. C Sqn to rest in HELMOND. B Sqn into res at HEUSDEN. In the afternoon the Sch suddenly assumed importance in the minds of the staff and a tp was sent back there for the night.	
	10		A Sqn left flank protection under comd 46 Bde. C Sqn at rest in HELMOND. B Sqn in reserve at HEUSDEN, retaining post at the Sch. RHQ were static in same locn.	
	11		B Sqn relieved A Sqn and A Sqn moved to HELMOND. C Sqn to HEUSDEN.	
	12		B Sqn left flank protection of Div. During the night they reported an enemy patrol that approached their posn. This was fired at and withdrew. They had nothing else to report except a slight increase in shelling in their general area. Remainder of Regt no change.	
	13		B Sqn left flank protection. A, C and RHQ static in same locns. A warning order was received from Div that a Sqn might be needed for an unspecified role on the morning of the 15th.	
	14		C Sqn relieved B Sqn who moved to HELMOND. A Sqn to HEUSDEN. OC A Sqn attended Div O Gp for role tomorrow with 7 Seaforths.	
	15		C Sqn in the bog on left flank protection. B Sqn at rest in HELMOND. A Sqns task was cancelled almost as soon as the orders were given and they remained in Regt res at HEUSDEN.	
	16		Locns unchanged. Nothing to report.	
	17		A Sqn relieved C Sqn who moved to HELMOND.	
	18		A Sqn patrolled as ordered by 46 Bde and reached the canal banks at 707128 and made contact with small enemy outposts in that area. They had nothing further to report. During the time the Sqns were resting in HELMOND a small percentage was also sent from RHQ and HQ Sqn.	

	19		In view of pending ops C Sqn were recalled from HELMOND and ordered to harbour by dark in the MEIJEL area. One of their tps was to be ready to move in the morning under comd of B Sqn over the Canal de DEURNE. The whole of the MEIJEL area was very heavily mined and C Sqn lost two vehs whilst moving into a fwd post where they were to relieve the RSF to enable the Inf to be in posn to follow B Sqn in the morning. No personnel cas. A RHQ harbour rep recced MEIJEL for a likely area for RHQ to move up to. A Sqn patrolled to the canal again for 46 Bde to confirm if possible whether the enemy had moved back from the canal to HELENAVEEN. A Sqn patrol did not make contact with the enemy. Plan for 20 NOV: 227 Bde are to cross the Canal and move up to BERINGEN. 49 Recce holding BERINGEN for the night. Regt task: B Sqn with under comd one tp C Sqn to patrol up the main BERINGEN - SEVENUM axis under 227 Bde, also to patrol northwards towards HELENAVEEN. C Sqn to move over the Canal as soon as practicable after B Sqn and harbour as a Regt res in the BERINGE area. A Sqn to precede 46 Bde when the necessary bridging has been made and HELENAVEEN cleared.	
	20		RHQ moved to MEIJEL (709075) and A Ech and HQ Sqn moved to HEITRACK (694108). B Sqn moved over the Canal at first light, and reached the outskirts of HELENAVEEN by midday. They made several small contacts in the woods S of this village but the mines and bad going made movement difficult. In the centre they recced up the main Div axis which was in fact a track across peat. They made best progress possible under very difficult going conditions discovering much valuable infm regarding mines and craters etc., on the route, and also pin-pointing several enemy posns on the centre line and also on the rt flank. By last light the Sqn was half way to SEVENUM and the Inf of 227 Bde moved up and took over from them. The Sqn then drew to the BERINGEN area. C Sqn had moved over the canal as ordered and remained in res all day. B Sqn to be relieved by C Sqn in the morning. On A Sqns front 46 Bde made very slow progress because of bad going and A Sqn did not move at all remaining in the LIESEL area.	
	21		C Sqn moved out on the main axis at first light and during a day of very good patrolling obtained excellent infm despite the very bad weather and fearful going. By night they had reached BROEK (8011) on the outskirts of VOORSTE STEEG. They made contact in BROEK with SP guns and in the general area they found a fair number of mines. The bridge on the outskirts of VOORSTE STEEG was found to be blown. The proposed Div axis (SKYE route) was fast	

			becoming a quagmire. A Sqn got over the canal at HELENAVEEN at midday and obtained much useful infm regarding the approaches to SEVENUM from the WEST. They encountered one A.Tk gun but again their main difficulties were mines and the bad going on the tracks. This Sqn was withdrawn by 46 Bde to their old area of LIESEL for the night. C Sqn were ordered to remain in the area of BROEK in the open for the night as the rds were so bad that it was not practicable to return to BERINGEN. The main infm of the day was of only slight resistance but mines, craters, and mud in plenty.	
	22		A Sqn less one tp reverted to comd of the Regt. The one tp did patrols in the area of AMERIKA on the line of the VENLO - HELMOND rly for 46 Bde. Remainder of the Sqn remained at LIESEL. B Sqn remained as Regt res at BERINGEN. RHQ moved over the canal and HQ were established BERINGEN (754058) C Sqn. This was a grand day for this Sqn. By 1000 hrs they were in SEVENUM and reported the town clear apart from demolitions (the Church steeple blown across the rd) and general mining of all the exits from the town towards the R. MAAS. By midday they had reached the rly crossing N of the town at 819157 and reported craters and slight enemy opposition from the area of the rly stn. This was successfully dealt with. At 1200 hrs Div ordered a patrol to investigate HORST (8318) and HEGELSOM. By 1600 hrs the Sqn had completed this and reported both towns clear. A grand day by C Sqn of quick adv, but of mines, demolitions and again, only slight enemy opposition. Nine weasels had been obtained before this op started which we found invaluable for supplying the Sqns. By nightfall today all the Inf were trying to borrow these from us.	
	23		The Regt was given four priority tasks for today by the GOC which were to be carried out by C Sqn. First, to report on the village of KASTENRAIJ. Secondly, TEN RAIJ. Thirdly, BROCK, and fourthly the Woods just S of BROCK. Despite very hy mining especially on the northern exits of HORST, and demolitions and rd blocks, C Sqn reported the first priority, KASTENRAIJ, clear by 1215 hrs. This enabled the inf of the 3 Div to march down the rd and occupy this village. The third and fourth priorities of BROCK and the woods to the south, were reported clear by 1100 hrs, and on the second priority TENRAIJ they made contact at 1500 hrs with MGs dug-in along the line of the rly. This patrol carried out foot recce about 500 yards from the village itself and reported all that was necessary to Div by 1500 hrs, namely that the village was held; and reported the pinpoints of several enemy posns. Another very	

			good day by C Sqn, who had obtained a vast amount of extraordinarily accurate infm, especially regarding mines, craters, rd blocks, and demolitions.	
	24		C Sqn were again ordered to patrol to TENRAIJ and to confirm that the enemy was still there. Patrols progressed well despite hy mining and demolitions and without any assistance from sappers or of scissors tk-br, both of which were requested. They made contact about 1,500 yds from TENRAIJ itself which disclosed that the enemy had seeped fwd standing patrols about 1,000 yds during the night. By 1400 hrs the Corps Comd told the Regt that C Sqn patrols could withdraw as they had got all the infm he desired. Patrols withdrew having done another very good job.	
	25		RHQ moved up to VOORST STEEG (805128) and HQ established there. This was a day of local patrolling by C Sqn mostly on behalf of the inf who had not the experience to really patrol on their own behalf. Our own inf took over in TENRAIJ and the towns of HORST and SEVENUM pushing up behind C Sqn along the line of the rly running into BLERICK. The MAAS pocket has shrunk considerably during the last few days largely due to C Sqn who have done terrific work and is now only a small strip along the river bank with pockets in the riverside villages and in the town of BLERICK which is the western suburb of VENLO. During the day the remainder of the Regt moved up, A Sqn to HORST and B Sqn to ULFERHOEK (825153). Plan for tomorrow. C Sqn in front of 227 Bde to recce the villages of WANSSUM - BLITTERWIJK - BROEK HUIZENVORST, and A Sqn in front of 46 Bde to make a firm base N of GRUBBENVORST and patrol N to BROEKHUIZEL, and flush the hun N so as to leave 49 Div clear to deal with BLERICK.	
	26		By 1030 hrs C Sqn has reached all three of their objectives and had reported all the infm necessary. A Sqn recced out in front of 46 Bde and by midday the MAAS pocket on our front was only a very narrow strip which consisted of a few strongpoints along the river bank. The Div Inf moved up and took over from the Sqns ready to finish the Hun off during the course of the next day. The Sqns returned to their harbour areas for the night. 49 Div closed in preparatory for their attack on BLERICK.	
	27		The Regt had no op role today. C Sqn started a much and well deserved rest. Locns. RHQ - VOORST STEEG, A Sqn - HORST, B Sqn - ULFERHOEK, C Sqn - HORST.	
	28		No change from yesterday.	

	29		There was regrouping on a Corps level; 15 Div to deal with BLERICK and NOT 49 Div. The Regt was given commitment of one Sqn who were to act as left flank protection to the attack on BLERICK and to dominate the W bank of the MAAS by observation. The Sqn area was S of GRUBBENVORST with posns along the wood (8193) and the rly line running N from VENLO. B Sqn took over this commitment and were in posn by the early afternoon. Sqn HQ was established at 869124. RHQ, A and C Sqns remained in same locns.	
	30.		RHQ, C and A Sqns in same locns. B Sqn in posn S of GRUBBENVORST. They had nothing to report during today except occasional arty and NBW fire.	

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Unit 15 Scottish Reconnaissance Regt

Month and Year December, 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. K.C.C. Smith

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		'B' Sqn in the line holding from excl GRUBBENVORST to 8112, with Sqn HQ at 869134. RHQ located at VOORSTE STEEG 805129. A quiet day apart from some NBW and Arty fire.	
B.L.A.	2		Situation unchanged. 'C' Sqn preparing to take part as Gap and Traffic Control for Operation "GUILDFORD" (44 (L) Inf Bde attack on BLERICK). The Regiment is running the Control layout which was worked out on Exercise "BLACKCOCK" in ENGLAND last year. There are to be 6 lanes, one for wheels, one for tracks, and one spare on each of the two main routes fwd, and we are having three control points on each lane, an entrance party, a mid-way party and an exit party. Officers are to be in charge of the entrance and exit parties on each lane and Sqn HQ are to be Regulating HQ. It was represented that to enable this task to be carried out satisfactorily, better protection than an Armd Car or Carrier would be required. Four Churchill Tanks were therefore lent to us, much against the wishes of the Tk Bn Comd concerned. 'B' Sqn in the fwd area were in the centre of a dummy FUP, but despite the carrying out of deception on a fairly large scale, incl the noise of tanks, and activity to simulate the forming up of inf and arty, they did not suffer any real enemy "stonking" during the day.	
	3		Situation unchanged. 'C' Sqn Gap Control party worked very smoothly and to the satisfaction of all concerned, the G.O.C. sending a congratulatory message thanking Major MILLS, his Officers and ORs for a good job of work. 'C' Sqn party suffered no casualties in spite of exceptionally heavy shelling, which proved the value of the Churchills. 'B' Sqn had a very quiet day with nothing to report.	
	4		Situation unchanged.	
	5		'A' Sqn relieved 'B' Sqn. 'A' Sqn made their HQ at 869134. 'B' Sqn returned to rest, establishing their HQ at 834182.	
	6		Situation unchanged.	

B.L.A.	7		Regt Harbour rep sent to LIEROP 573156 to recce a suitable harbour area for RHQ, 'A' Echelon and for the two Sqns not committed to the role on the banks of the R. MAAS.	
	8		Harbour area at LIEROP confirmed.	
	9		'A' Sqn relieved by 'C' Sqn, to come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde. RHQ and 'A' Echelon moved to new location, passing S.P. at 1000 hrs; locations as under:- 'A' Sqn - 834182. 'B' Sqn - 824153. 'C' " - 869133 RHQ - 573156.	
	10		'A' Sqn moved to LIEROP. The accn is very poor, billets being in barns and the attics of the farms, but the advantage of being near a centre of entertainment at HELMOND, and well out of range of enemy shell-fire out-weigh this.	
	11-12.		Situation unchanged.	
B.L.A.	13		Situation unchanged. Field Marshall Sir Bernard L. MONTGOMERY visited the Div to present medal ribbons to recipients of awards granted to date. He presented medal ribbons to 5 Officers and 7 ORs of the Regiment and afterwards spoke to the assembled recipients of the Div on the War in general, and later to the Comds and 2 i/c's of the Bns and Regts in the Div on the War in more detail.	
	14		'B' Sqn relieved 'C' Sqn. 'C' Sqn moved to LIEROP.	
	15-19.		Situation unchanged.	
	20		'A' Sqn relieved 'B' Sqn and came under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde. 'B' Sqn returned to LIEROP. Over the last 7 days there has been a certain amount of enemy patrol activity on our front. The Sqn is, in fact, holding the line opposite two of the seven most likely crossing places on the Div front.	
	21		Situation unchanged. During the night one of their posts was ambushed by a fairly strong enemy patrol and 9 ORs reported missing. The post ambushed were in houses and would appear to have been taken more or less by surprise.	
B.L.A.	22		Regt commitment is changed. The area of GRUBBENVORST is now to be held by an Inf Bn and the Regt commitment is to be the village of HOUT BLERICK, which is to be taken over today. 'A' Sqn was relieved from the commitment at GRUBBENVORST by 6 RSF and 'C' Sqn took over the new posns in the village of HOUT BELRICK from 6 KOSB. RHQ & 'B' Sqn remain at LIEROP.	
	23-27		'C' Sqn in the area of HOUT BLERICK under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde. During this period they had nothing to report except for the cold and damp. Remainder of the Regt at rest and maintenance in LIEROP.	

			'A', 'B' & 'HQ' Sqns each in turn were able to organise a Christmas Dinner, 'A' & 'B' Sqns holding theirs in HELMOND.	
	28		'B' Sqn relieved 'C' Sqn. 'C' Sqn to LIEROP.	
	29-30.		Situation unchanged. 'C' Sqn Christmas Dinner in HELMOND on 30 Dec.	
B.L.A.	31.		Regt has one Sqn committed in the line. i.e. 'B' Sqn under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde at HOUT BLERICK. Two Sabre Sqns are resting; 'A' & 'C' Sqns in the village of LIEROP; RHQ & 'A' Echelon static and located at LIEROP 573156. 'B' Echelon has remained the whole month in the Div RASC area at ZOMEREN 598107. The following courses were run during the month:- Wireless Cadre. Commenced 11 Dec. Finishes 7 Jan 45. Gunnery Cadre. No. 1. 11 - 24 Dec. No. 2. Commenced 27 Dec. Finishes 4 Jan 45. NCOs Cadre. No. 1. 11 - 13 Dec. No. 2. 16 - 18 Dec. No. 3. 19 - 21 Dec. No. 4. 27 - 30 Dec. No. 5. Commenced 30 Dec. Finishes 2 Jan 45.	

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Unit 15 Scottish Reconnaissance Regt. (incl L.A.D. att)

Month and Year January, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. K.C.C. Smith

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		Regiment deployed and located as under:- RHQ & 'A' Echelon - static and located at LIEROP 573156. 'A' & 'C' Sqns - resting in village of LIEROP. 'B' Sqn under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde and in the line at HOUT BLERICK. 'B' Echelon static in Div RASC Area at ZOMEREN 598107. L.A.D. with 'A' Echelon at LIEROP. 'B' Sqn have nothing to report from the line except a very quiet day, but with the remainder of the Regiment saw the enemy air activity which took place over the whole Div area, and, in fact, over the whole of the Western Front. No casualties or damage were suffered by the Regiment and no hits were claimed on enemy aircraft.	
	2		Locations as yesterday. Nothing to report.	
	3		'A' Sqn relieved 'B' Sqn at HOUT BLERICK, 'B' Sqn returning to rest at LIEROP. The remainder of the Regiment - locations unchanged and nothing to report.	
B.L.A.	4		Locations unchanged. During the day thaw set in and road conditions worsened considerably. Road Thaw Precautions were taken into effect during the day, Class 5 traffic being the only type of traffic allowed on the roads.	
	5		No change from yesterday.	
	6		No change from yesterday.	
	7		Operationally, no change. A Regimental Church Parade was held in the morning, and the Regiment was inspected by Major General C.M. BARBER, DSO, GOC 15 (S) Inf Div.	
	8		Regiment given a further commitment in that one Sabre Sqn was to be in mobile reserve to the Div and was to be located under comd of the Bde Group in the ROGGEL area. The tasks of this Sqn were:- (i) To recce the advance of the counter-attack force. (ii) To be available as a mobile column in the event of the enemy attempting to cross the MAAS in any strength.	

B.L.A.	9		'A' Sqn relieved by 'C' Sqn at HOUT BLERICK. Nothing further to report.	
	10		In view of the commitment of two Sqns, RHQ moved up from LIEROP to the area of DE HEIBLOEM. The Res Sqn ('A' Sqn) moved up to the same area. Locations now as under:- RHQ, 'A' Echelon, LAD - Hutted Camp, DE HEIBLOEM. 'A' Sqn resting - Monastery at DE HEIBLOEM. 'B' Sqn - Counter attack role at ROGGEL. 'C' Sqn in the line at HOUT BLERICK.	
	11-14.		Nothing to report.	
	15.		'B' Sqn relieved 'C' Sqn at HOUT BLERICK. 'A' Sqn took over Counter attack role and 'C' Sqn returned to rest and maintenance.	
	16-19.		Locations unchanged. Nothing to report.	
B.L.A.	20		During the day orders came in for elements of the Div to be relieved by 6 Airborne Division. Harbour party from 6 Airborne Div arrived at Regimental location in the afternoon. Otherwise no change and nothing to report.	
	21		'B' Sqn were relieved by 'A' Sqn of the commitment at HOUT BLERICK. Regiment was relieved of the counter-attack reserve. 'B' & 'C' Sqns therefore remained at rest in existing locations. Regimental Harbour parties were sent to new location of BOISCHOT (Ref BELGIUM Sheet 4, 1/100.000) 923766.	
	22		Regiment, less 'A' Sqn who remained in the line at HOUT BLERICK, moved to new location BOISCHOT. Locations as under:- RHQ, 'A' Echelon, LAD - BOISCHOT. 'B' Sqn - Chateau 934775. 'C' Sqn - GOOR 916748. 'A' Sqn under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde in line at HOUT BLERICK. 'B' Echelon - Div RASC Area at ZOMEREN.	
	23-25		No move. Regiment still located at BOISCHOT.	
B.L.A.	26		Orders were received at 2000 hrs last night for the Regiment to move to new location near TILBURG 191305. Regimental Harbour parties had already reconnoitred the area and the Regiment moved off at 0900 hrs along icy roads and, initially, in quite thick fog. Move was completed by 1400 hrs, with no serious vehicle casualties on the route. Regiment located as under:- 'A' Sqn having been relieved of commitment at HOUT BLERICK yesterday moved up under Div control to R.V. with the Regiment at TILBURG. Regiment now located as under:- RHQ, 'B' & 'C' Sqns, L.A.D. - Monastery 193306. 'A' & 'B' Echelons - 199308. 'A' Sqn billeted on the SOUTH edge of TILBURG in civilian billets	

			The whole Regiment to spend the next days in maintenance, rest, and preparing for future operations.	
B.L.A.	27-30.		Nothing to report, the Regiment remaining at rest. Slight enemy activity in the way of V.1 weapons on TILBURG. No casualties suffered by the Regiment; otherwise a quiet and uneventful period.	
	31		Regimental Wireless Scheme "Exercise SNOGGER" was held and brought out several points, which were righted. Locations unchanged, as under:- RHQ, 'B' & 'C' Sqns, LAD - Monastery 193306. 'A' & 'B' Echelons - 199308. 'A' Sqn billeted on the SOUTH edge of TILBURG in civilian billets	

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Unit 15 Scottish Reconnaissance Regt.

Month and Year February, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. K.C.C. Smith

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		Regiment located as under:- RHQ, 'B' & 'C' Sqns, LAD - Monastery, TILBURG (191305). 'A' Sqn billeted in TILBURG. 'A' & 'B' Echelons - 192304. A further wireless exercise was held today - Ex SNOGGER II. The points noted yesterday were brought out and righted.	
	2		Regt static and in same locations. Regt Harbour party sent to NIJMEGEN to recce conc area for Op VERITABLE.	
	3-5.		Regt static.	
	6		Regt moved up to conc area for Op VERITABLE. Time past SP 1900 hrs; time of arrival at NIJMEGEN - 'B' Sqn 0300 hrs, 'C' Sqn 0345 hrs, RHQ 0345 hrs, 'A' Sqn 0600 hrs.	
	7		Regt static. Maintenance and preparation for Op VERITABLE. 'C' Sqn Gap Control party join 46 & 227 Bdes at 2300 hrs ready to move off with Bde columns at 0400 hrs on 8 Feb. Full details of this Gap control organisation and how it worked, with lessons, is given at Appx 'A'.	
B.L.A.	8		Regt (less 'C' Sqn gap control party) static in NIJMEGEN. Op "VERITABLE" started. Tanks of Regt:- (i) Regt to endeavour to pass through inf and recce advance of two mobile columns - (a) Axis CLEVE - CALCAR, (b) Axis CLEVE - UDEM. (ii) Regt to recce route between CLEVE and the REICHSWALD FOREST to allow 2 HCR to pass through and recce towards GOCH - "flood the country with Armd Cars".	
	9		Regt static in NIJMEGEN, waiting for off! (a) 'B' Sqn allotted task of passing through inf and reconnoitring route through or around CLEVE and to carry on if possible as far as the rly line, and then if possible to push on towards UDEM. (b) 'A' Sqn are to be ready to pass through CLEVE and push towards CALCAR. (c) 'C' Sqn, as the majority of officers and senior NCOs were on Gap Control and it will take them some little time to re-organise once released, in reserve.	

B.L.A.			The going was deplorable and the tracks cut up badly, which resulted in the attack proceeding slower than was anticipated. 'B' Sqn ordered to send an offr patrol to recce routes NIJMEGEN - KRANENBURG. Reports were as follows:- Northern route through WYLER under 2'6" of water - Southern route fair but very heavy traffic. At 1445 hrs Regt was given orders by GOC to move off, the Southern Route to be cleared for Regt's move. Order of march - 'B' Sqn, RHQ, 'A' Sqn, 'C' Sqn. 'A' Echelon to remain at NIJMEGEN. The Northern route was not a practicable proposition as it was 2'6" under water, and the accidents through vehs going off the road straight into flooded country-side would be considerable, and the C.O. decided the risk was not worth taking. The Southern route was still heavily congested with traffic moving in every possible direction, and this seriously delayed the fwd mov of the Regt and resulted in the leading patrol of 'B' Sqn arriving at the X Rds in NUTTERDEN at 1715 hrs. The light was beginning to fail and 'B' Sqn	
B.L.A.			were ordered to push on with the greatest possible speed to make the most of what little daylight was left. Pushing SOUTH from NUTTERDEN 'B' Sqn patrols ran into tks and buffaloes returning, having placed the inf on their objectives. This made fwd mov of our patrols impossible and by 1800 hrs little or no progress had been made, and it was then dark. Div HQ were asked what was required of the Regt during the night, and we were ordered to continue in the dark in an endeavour to find routes through CLEVE and to move as far as the rly line. Mov light, i.e. searchlights, were in the area and gave a little assistance. 'B' Sqn carried on all night and gained some most valuable infm, but, of course, infm could not be guaranteed as accurate. During the night several recce parties from 43 Div called in at RHQ. These recce parties appeared to be under the impression that CLEVE was in our hands and it was merely a matter of motoring through and signposting routes without any form of protection whatsoever. The majority of these recce parties were persuaded that	
B.L.A.			there were large quantities of the enemy still in the area. At approx 2330 hrs a Bn Gp of 43 Div moved up to CLEVE area with a patrol of 'B' Sqn in front of them. This Bn Gp made quite good progress, meeting a certain amount of enemy opposition, but unfortunately at about 0130 hrs they halted and made no further mov during the night, although it did not appear to our patrols that there was anything to justify their stopping. It is considered that had this Bn Gp carried on energetically, giving 'B' Sqn patrols adequate sp, it would have been possible to have been est on the rly	

			line at first light. Without this Bn Gp following up it was not a fair risk of war to ask the patrols to push on alone, particularly as the opposition was beginning to stiffen. During the night 'B' Sqn patrols collected some 2 Offrs and 50 OR POW who had no idea of what the sit was and thought that they were arriving to reinforce the fwd defs of the SIEGFRIED line. The Regt, less 'B' Sqn, harboured in the area of NUTTERDEN for the night.	
B.L.A.	10		Sitrep at 0730 hrs, based on infm obtained by 'B' Sqn, was as follows:- "In CLEVE there only appeared to be a few disorganised enemy, but no definite conclusion should be drawn until it is lighter. The Bn Gp of 43 Div is now on the outskirts of CLEVE where they are static, and have been there for some hours without being fired at". At 0810 hrs 'A' Sqn was ordered to move off and pass through CLEVE and recce towards CALCAR, but at 0900 hrs 'B' Sqn reported confused fighting had broken out in the centre of CLEVE, and 'A' Sqn was stopped. During the day 'B' Sqn continued to patrol in the area on their original task of trying to get out to the SOUTH. Some pockets of enemy were encountered and some SP guns located. One Scout Car was knocked out. During the day 'C' Sqn Gap Control party came in by bits and pieces, having been very badly bogged down. They should have joined us as the Regt passed through KRANENBURG the evening before.	
B.L.A.	11		'A' Sqn relieved 'B' Sqn and continued patrolling, but found the sit was very much the same as the day before, and it would appear to be an inf task to soften up the enemy before there was any hope of us getting out, and therefore at 1200 hrs 'A' Sqn was drawn in to NUTTERDEN again. At 1700 hrs Div HQ ordered the Regt to send a Sqn forthwith to CLEVE and try to push out onto the CALCAR Rd as CLEVE was now firmly in our hands. 'A' Sqn was allotted this task and managed to get tps away in ¼ hr despite the fact that they had been stood down. 'A' Sqn managed to get patrols through the fwd inf in CLEVE and very shortly came under fire. As it was getting dark it was quite impossible to carry out any further recce, so 'A' Sqn was withdrawn. Orders were issued during the evening for a mobile column, with the Regt, less one Sqn, leading to push out in the direction of CALCAR.	
B.L.A.	12		At 0730 hrs 'A' Sqn moved out from CLEVE across an improvised Cl 12 br and proceeded to fan out on the far side. The Cl 40 br was not ready before 1030 hrs and so no tanks or inf in Kangaroos could pass	

B.L.A.			before this hour. The Regt, less one Sqn ('B' Sqn) was under comd 7 Seaforths, who were mounted in Kangaroos, with a Sqn of tks also under comd Seaforths. By 1100 hrs it was clear that the enemy were holding in some strength on the outskirts of CLEVE and that it was an inf and tk battle and not a Reconnaissance Sqn's job. On the infm given by 'A' Sqn the Force Comd decided to push his van-guard straight through and destroy the enemy which we had encountered. At approx 1230 hrs the van-guard passed through CLEVE onto the CALCAR Rd. The inf with tk sup fought their way fwd, 'A' Sqn patrols passing through whenever there was a pause, but it is becoming perfectly clear that the enemy was going to fight all the way back, and therefore our patrols were withdrawn back along the main axis to the outskirts of CLEVE. As it was getting dusk the inf reached HASSELT and had a confused battle there, and eventually withdrew to the WEST side of QUALBERG for the night. Our patrols naturally withdrew at dark. The Regt was now concentrated at CLEVE except for 'B' Sqn who were still in the NUTTERDEN area.	
B.L.A.	13		'C' Sqn relieved 'A' Sqn and carried out similar patrols. They found that the enemy had pulled back along the whole front. Mines were located at 938534 on the outskirts of HASSELT, but these were by-passed and HASSELT reached at 1100 hrs and found to be clear. A carrier tp was left to hold HASSELT until relieved by the inf. A patrol pushed fwd, but contacted enemy inf in the wood 948531. Enemy were also encountered on the southern outskirts of ROSENDALL 9452. Very hy and accurate fire was brought down on these patrols and it was necessary for them to withdraw. A further patrol was endeavouring to make for HURSBERDEN but could get no further than Rd Junc 940557, where it came under fire from SP Guns. A patrol working northwards from HASSELT could only reach the line of the rly where it also came under fire. It was quite obvious that the enemy was still prepared to fight hard.	
	14		'C' Sqn were ordered to repeat the patrols of the previous day to check up whether there had been any alteration during the night. Considerable flooding was found both on the CLEVE - CALCAR Rd and on the CLEVE - KELLEN rd. 'C' Sqn endeavoured to find some way round the floods keeping to the NORTH of CLEVE - CALCAR Rd as the inf were fighting SOUTH of it. They found it quite impossible; even the rly CLEVE - CALCAR was flooded to anything up to 6'. Efforts were made to test the depth of water by use of Recce boats. 'A' Sqn were moved up to BEDBURG sanatorium in case there should be a break to the SOUTH. 'B' Sqn moved up from NUTTERDEN in place of 'A' Sqn.	

	15-18		Locations:- RHQ, 'B' & 'C' Sqns - CLEVE. 'A' Sqn - BEDBURG. 'A' Echelon, LAD, - NIJMEGEN. 'B' Echelon - GOIRLE. On 16 Feb 'A' Echelon were ordered up from NIJMEGEN to NUTTERDEN, but flooding was so bad that only 3-tonners could get through, and therefore 'A' Echelon was split and small vehs returned to NIJMEGEN eventually joining up on 18 Feb 45.	
	19		RHQ moved to BEDBURG to be close to Div HQ. 'A' Sqn were ordered to send patrols to discover the sit in GOCH and to see if there was any possibility of pushing through the town with our patrols. The fighting, however, in GOCH was still extremely hy and it was quite out of the question for any patrols to get through.	
	20		'A' Sqn were again ordered to send contact patrols to GOCH, but again the sit was found to be quite unsuitable for us.	
B.L.A.	21		The Regt was ordered to find out the posn at the Southern end of the wood 9542, which was reported to be clear of enemy by an inf patrol. 'B' Sqn were ordered to move up from CLEVE to PFALZDORF and given the job of finding out the posn at the bottom end of this wood and to est themselves there to prevent infiltration through the wood, so giving left flank protection to our inf attacking southwards. All the tracks in the area were found to be almost impassable, having been badly churned up by the tks. A tp of carriers was pushed through the inf at BUCHOLT and soon came under considerable arty and mortar fire from UDEM. This tp pushed on and came under S.A. fire from the houses in area 958431. As a result of hy Besa fire and setting a haystack on fire they collected from these houses 30 POW, incl the crew of a Panther tank. It was clearly quite impossible to get a mounted patrol down to the bottom of the wood, and therefore it was decided to get down a dismounted party during the night. The Assault Tp of 'C' Sqn was placed under comd 'B' Sqn. At about 0300 hrs 'B' Sqn was est at the X Tracks 957424.	
B.L.A.	22		At first light 'B' Sqn pushed out dismounted patrols to discover the exact posn at the bottom of the wood. These patrols soon ran into trouble, encountering mines and coming under fairly hy spandau fire. An SP gun also opened fire, bursting the rounds in the trees. 'C' Sqn Assault Tp Leader, who was in comd of the party decided it was not on to stay at the X Tracks and withdrew his whole party back level with the inf coys in the area 951428. This wood was under very hy shell-fire all day and personnel were not properly organised for a protracted stay in slit trenches. 'A' Sqn Assault Tp was therefore placed under comd 'B' Sqn to enable reliefs to take place and troops to be rested and re-organised out	

			of range of this hy shelling. 'C' Sqn were moved up from CLEVE to PFALZDORF and later into GOCH, 'B' Sqn having moved across to the farm at 944445 the previous evening.	
B.L.A.	23		The inf were ordered to relieve us in the posns in the wood. Again the shelling was very hy all morning and it was not possible to commence this relief until approx 1400 hrs. During the morning 'B' Sqn filtered back by troops to GOCH, where they harboured. 'C' Sqn were ordered to send out carrier patrols to give left flank protection to 44 Bde during their attack to the SOUTH. They were in posn at 1030 hrs and were relieved by inf at 1800 hrs. They were under very hy shell fire all day, losing 1 killed and 3 wounded; 5 vehs ditched or burnt out. The going was quite impossible owing to softness of the ground, which had been cut up by tks.	
	24		Harbour parties sent to LOUVAIN. Shortly after they had left fresh orders came for harbour parties to proceed to TILBURG. Locns:- RHQ, 'A' Sqn - BEDBURG. 'B' & 'C' Sqns - GOCH. 'A' Echelon, LAD, - CLEVE.	
	25		Regt crossed SP at GOCH at 0740 hrs and reached TILBURG 1200 hrs. The Regt was accommodated in civilian billets in the town.	
	26-28		TILBURG. Maintenance and re-organisation.	

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Month and Year March, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. K.C.C. Smith

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		Ref Maps 1/100,000, Sheets P.1., Q.1. Regt concentrated and accommodated in TILBURG, HOLLAND. Maintenance and re-organisation.	
	2-4.		Maintenance and re-organisation.	
	5		Regt Harbour rep sent to BOURG LEOPOLD.	
	6		Regt & LAD arrived in BOURG LEOPOLD, and were accommodated in barracks. T.P.M. received to say that change over from HUMBER to DAIMLER Armd Cars was to take place forthwith.	
	7-10.		Re-organising. DAIMLER Armd Cars collected from Second Army Vehicle Park and HUMBERS handed in.	
B.L.A.	11		In view of the change over from HUMBER to DAIMLER Armd Cars, Regt D & M and Gunnery Cadres were arranged. Attached as Appx 'A' is programme and layout of gunnery & D & M courses, also a statement of the instructors lent to the Regiment by other Units. No arrangements for any training were made by Higher Authority, but all had to be made by mutual arrangement with Units concerned, which entailed motoring some 500 miles.	
	12-20.		Maintenance, re-organisation and Cadres (D & M and Gunnery).	
	21		Regt left BOURG LEOPOLD at 2300 hrs for concentration area for Operation "TORCHLIGHT" (the RHINE crossing), arriving at WINNEKDONK, GERMANY, (MR) in the early hours of the morning 22 Mar 45.	
	22		Regt concentrated at WINNEKDONK and briefed for Operation "TORCHLIGHT". In the initial stages of the crossing each Sqn to supply six half-tracks for the towing of storm-boats and bridging materials. In addition six carriers were to be supplied to tpt Mil Government personnel over the RHINE. Two carriers to be supplied to RASC to act as wireless link to RASC Dump on EAST bank of RHINE. 'C' Sqn were to supply five officer patrols to recce the immediate vicinities of the bridge-head, to be passed over the RHINE as and when the situation warranted.	

B.L.A.	23		The Assault Crossing of the RHINE started at 2130 hrs by Commandos, followed by the 51st (Highland) Division and our own Division at 0200 hrs on 24 Mar 45.	
	24		'C' Sqn patrols called forward to marshalling area at 1500 hrs to cross the RHINE, but remained in the area until the early hours of 25 Mar 45, except for one carrier patrol which crossed the river at approximately 1500 hrs and proceeded to patrol to contact the Airborne Division.	
	25		Officer patrols of 'C' Sqn moved over the RHINE and began to reconnoitre in front of 44 Bde. RHQ, 'A' & 'B' Sqns moved to Marshalling area STAR ready to move across the RHINE when called forward, leaving WINNEKDONK at 2300 hrs.	
B.L.A.	26.		Regt began to move across Cl 9 br at 0600 hrs, RHQ crossing at 0700 hrs, and concentrated in the area 103472. 'A' and 'B' Sqns concentrated. 'C' Sqn under comd 44 Bde. In the late afternoon 'B' Sqn in support of 227 Bde to secure the left flank and link with 51 (H) Division at REES.	
	27		RHQ and 'A' Echelon same area. 'C' Sqn under comd 44 (L) Bde reconnoitring the approaches to BOCHOLT. During the afternoon 'A' Sqn were sent out to hold a gap between 44 and 46 Bdes, 'B' Sqn remained in support of 227 Bde on the left flank. RHQ moved in the evening to the village of HABERN.	
	28		'C' Sqn remained under comd of 44 Bde, and the Regiment, less one Sqn, were made responsible for the whole of the left flank as from 1800 hrs, as 227 Bde were withdrawn to take part in the operation to clear HALDERN tomorrow. 'A' Sqn were moved back from the gap between 44 and 46 Bdes to assist in flank protection.	
B.L.A.	29		'C' Sqn still under comd 44 Bde. 'A' & 'B' Sqns on the left flank. 'B' Sqn were ordered to carry out a shoot to assist 227 Bde to get on to their objective. It was obvious to us from observation that the enemy had withdrawn from the general area, and during the advance of 227 Bde towards their first objective, other British tps were observed advancing from the WEST towards HALDERN (227 Bdes final objective). This was checked up and it was found that HALDERN was already in possession of troops of 3rd Br Division. This information was immediately passed back to Divisional HQ and a disaster averted as the 15 (S) Inf Div had been ordered to capture HALDERN at all costs and they had no knowledge of 3rd Div being in possession.	
	30		The Regt was ordered to concentrate and moved up to 150486, except for 'C' Sqn who remained in the area of HAMMENKELN.	
	31		Regt located as under. RHQ, 'A' Echelon, LAD - 150486.	

			'A' & 'B' Sqns - 150486. 'C' Sqn & 'B' Echelon - HAMMENKELN.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		Regt static ALLERN 1549. Maintenance and interior economy.	
	2		As above. Received warning order of a possible move.	
	3		The Regt moved. Harbour parties found the route ordered was impassable, and there was a delay of about 2½ hrs while the Regt got onto a new route. Regt harboured at school at WINTERSWIJK (HOLLAND) 3176.	
	4		Regt moved at 0530 hrs. Route BOCHOLT - BERKEN - OSTERWIJK - ALTENBURG - 8795 (between MUNSTER and RHEINE). Arrived 1200 hrs. Regt placed under comd 6 Airborne Div and moved off again at 1600 hrs to harbour in their area. Route GREVEN - LENGERICH - IBURG. Harboured area MUNDROP 2703 at 2100 hrs. The Commanding Officer went ahead to contact 6 Airborne Div.	
	5		Regt moved via BISSENDORF - RABBER - OLDENDORF at 0800 hrs and came up with 6 Airborne Div at 0900 hrs. 'A' Sqn was given the task of reconnoitring across the EMS - WESER Canal towards the R. WESER supported by elements of 6 Gds Tk Bde. Opposition was light. The speed with which the Airborne moved compared with an ordinary Div was most illuminating. This force kept up something like an average of 15 m.p.h. including stops to brush aside resistance. RHQ moved across the EMS - WESER Canal to harbour area SOUTH of DESTEL 6219 at 1800 hrs.	
	6		Regt concentrated in area WEGHOLM 7621 ready to move across R. WESER next day.	
	7		Task. The Regt was to adv on a 2-Sqn front covering elements of 6 Airborne Div. On the right 'C' Sqn was to protect the right flank of the spearhead of 6 Airborne Div (5 Para Bde), and on the left 'B' Sqn to (a) route recce on the one centre line of 5 Para Bde, (b) recce along the SOUTH side of the STEINHADERMEER ZEE, and (c) one Tp to push ahead and try to seize and hold the crossings over the R. LEINE at BORDENAY and at NEUSTADT. 'C' Sqn to contact the AMERICANS on their right.	

			The original route chosen by 6 Airborne Div was a circuitous one mainly through woods and along cross-country tracks, as far as possible avoiding the main rds. 'B' Sqn moved out at approx 0500 hrs to contact elements of the Airborne B'head Tps (6 Air Landing Bde) and then they moved in a NE direction towards the town of WINDHEIM 8725. The town was held and covered by mines across the rd. The situation was a bit confused and after a certain amount of shooting to get a 'B' Echelon of the Airborne out of trouble which had gone astray, the Sqn withdrew into the B'head again. At 0700 hrs 'A' Sqn was ordered to take over WINDHEIM, and 'B' Sqn pushed out of the B'head on the Airborne main centre line in a due Easterly direction. At ROSENHAGEN, the centre patrol contacted bazookas and 50 or 60 enemy. The leading Airborne inf (12 Para Regt), tank-borne, was quickly on the scene and there was considerable shooting before the village was cleared up. At 0730 hrs 'C' Sqn reported the village at 9120 held. As soon as ROSENHAGEN was cleared, 'B' Sqn pushed on, one tp recceing the main rd to the NORTH. The selected centre line, owing to the bad nature of the tracks, was found unsuitable. The Sqn stuck to the metal rds to avoid being bogged; the Airborne Tps followed up. On the request of 11 Armd Div 'A' Sqn cleared WINDHEIM and the next village to the EAST, and at 1035 hrs reported the village of DOHREN 8926. At 1130 hrs they reported ROSENHARD 9223 and NEWCLICK 9126 clear, also the classification of the brs - Cl 40 at 919280 and Cl 12 at 910238. 11 Armd Div then passed though 'A' Sqn but would not move until these villages had been cleared. When ROSENHAGEN had been cleared 'B' Sqn went forward, meeting little opposition until HAGENSBURG 080272, where 2 Tps got inside the village and could not get out on the far side. 12 Para Regt with its tanks cleared up the village and 'B' Sqn pushed on. 'C' Sqn was moving up against opposition of varying strength, but mostly small arms, and an occasional bazooka. Each village had to be cleared 'A' Sqn were ordered to clear NEWKINK 985273. On the aerodrome on the outskirts of WUNSDORF 1556, 'B' Sqn again ran into trouble. They initially shot up several Germans, but some 20-mm and rather heavier A.A. guns opened up on them. At this point the tank-borne paratroops cut straight across from this rd to a parallel rd which led up the side of the river to BORDENAY Br. There was then a mad helter-skelter for the Br at BORDENAY, and after considerable firing the leading tks and the Armd Cars crossed in a bunch. The enemy were observed pulling out at the back of the	

			village in half a dozen lorries. A small B'head was quickly formed by the paratroops, and the charges drawn out of the Br. 'B' Sqn sent a patrol NORTH to try and take the NEUSTADT Br from the EAST, but, owing to the delay likely to be caused by clearing of BORDENAY village itself and by a certain amount of shelling of this area, the patrol was diverted to move up the Western bank. When it got approx 1 mile off the Br it was fired on. A foot patrol was sent fwd to see if the Br was blown. This patrol reported there was no indication of it being blown, but that the Br surroundings appeared held. That night 'B' Sqn harboured in the BORDENAY B'head at about 2000 hrs. 'C' Sqn's progress was slow, having no tank and inf support. There were repeated diversions because of non-existent or very bad tracks. 'C' Sqn finally ended up with their fwd tps in the area 923283 - 922184. 3 Para Bde were ordered to move up behind 'C' Sqn at 1500 hrs. 'A' Sqn continued their clearing ops on the Northern flank, and cleared MUNCHENHAGEN where they spent the night. RHQ remained for the night in an S.S. Camp at 865215.	
	8		'C' Sqn continued their adv towards the LEINE at RECKLINGEN, supported by 3 Para Bde and tanks: 'B' Sqn at rest in the BORDENAY B'head. RHQ moved at 0700 hrs to KLEIN HEIBORNE. The Regt received orders (a) to patrol to a depth of approx 2000 yds to the EAST of the BORDENAY and NEUSTADT B'heads, and also between them: (b) to patrol SOUTH to the RECKLINGEN Br and find out if this br was intact, and if so to hold it until the arrival of 'C' Sqn with 3 Para Bde - estimated time 3 hours. These tasks were allotted to 'B' Sqn. The patrols sent up in a circular route to NEUSTADT and out 1000 yds from there, and then back to the BORDENAY B'head, reported all clear except for one area directly in front of the BORDENAY B'head, which was an A.A. site with guns and inf. Meanwhile one Carrier Tp and the Assault Tp with one A/Tk gun were despatched at 0900 hrs to the Br at RECKLINGEN 202272. At about 1030 hrs the Tp Comd reported the Br intact. German Engineer personnel were found completing preparations to blow the Br but they were seized and forced to cut the wire, and draw the charges. At about 1130 hrs there was a certain amount of shelling of the Br area of RECKLINGEN. 'B' Sqn called for a medium stonk on the wood due EAST of RECKLINGEN. At about 1240 hrs 'C' Sqn's leading elements were on the outskirts of LUTTHE, some 3 miles WEST of the RECKLINGEN Br. Civilians reported three tks carrying inf in this village.	

			At 1315 hrs the shelling started again on the RECKLINGEN Br area, and there appeared to be movement from the wood towards the village of RECKLINGEN of an SP gun. Shortly after 'B' Sqn reported three enemy tks carrying inf and some half-tracks moving towards the village, and asked for support. At 1400 hrs 'C' Sqn was definitely held up outside LUTTHE, and the inf and tks had taken over the job of clearing the village. At approx 1415 hrs the enemy attacked 'B' Sqn in some strength from the EAST of RECKLINGEN with tks carrying inf and more inf in half-tracks. 'B' Sqn succeeded in shooting the majority of inf, but in spite of firing all their PIAT amn could not stop the tks, who played havoc with the vehs. The A/Tk gun was placed to face WEST as tks were known to be in LUTTHE. When the tks attacked from the EAST it was impossible to re-position the gun. This battle continued for approx 1 hr, when 3 Para Bde supported by tks appeared and the enemy withdrew, but continued to shell the area. 3 Para Bde in fact ran cross country for the last 2 miles to help us out. Total casualties suffered by 'B' Sqn were:- Personnel - 2 wounded, 4 missing. Vehicles - 7 Carriers, 3 half-tracks. 'C' Sqn were ordered to contact AMERICAN tps who were clearing the wood 2025. At 1635 hrs further infm was called for of the NEUSTADT B'head area. 'A' Sqn was allotted the task of reconnoitring EAST in front of the NEUSTADT B'head and to contact 11 Armd Div. 'C' Sqn reported that owing to the Brs on the AMERICAN front all being blown the AMERICAN forces were switching NORTH and going over the RECKLINGEN Br. 'A' Sqn found about 12 enemy in the houses in the village of SUTTORF. The Br at 2551 was blown, and contact was made with 11 Armd Div. Troops of 'A' Sqn not on patrol were moved up to KLEIN HEINDORN. 'B' Sqn were also pulled back to this area. The Regt was concentrated by dusk in area KLEIN HEINDORN.	
	9		No task was given to 6 Airborne Div. At 1500 hrs 'A' Sqn were given the task of a limited recce to the NE of the BORDENAY B'head. They repeatedly ran into 11 Armd Div and also into AMERICAN patrols. By 1640 hrs they were in the outskirts of the village of NIGGENBORNE and had not contacted any enemy. 'A' Sqn was withdrawn to the previous nights harbour.	

	10		Tasks. The Regt had to recce the limited adv of 6 Airborne Div who were increasing their b'head to take in the high ground due NORTH of HANOVER in the area BISSENDORF - ELZE - WEITZE. In addition the Regt was to keep contact with the AMERICANS on their right and to recce on a limited scale towards the town of CELLE. 'A' Sqn was on the left and 'C' Sqn on the right. Contact with the AMERICANS to be established by 'C' Sqn. RHQ were to follow up behind, eventually getting into an area around SCHERENDOSTEL. 'B' Sqn in reserve in the area of NIGGENBORNE. To begin with the going was slow, largely owing to poor visibility caused by mist. On the left 'A' Sqn reported one village after another clear and there were no signs of the enemy, and finally reached FUHRBERG without a shot being fired. By this time they collected some 6 Offr and 90 OR PW. They est their HQ in this area and from here on their adv was slowed up owing to a Br at 482462 being blown, and there being thick woods on either side ~~so that~~ it was impossible to loop. It was at this point that they met their first active enemy opposition in the form of two or three bazooka teams, which they shot up. The bazooka teams disappeared into the woods. These teams were obviously making for FUHRBERG but had been forestalled. 'C' Sqn on the right flank had had rather the worse of the going because of poor tracks which continually petered out into fields and woods, but there was not much opposition, and AMERICANS were contacted. A Royal Tiger Tank was discovered abandoned at one point, and attempts were made by the Sqn to get this tk back to our lines, but the AMERICANS who were taking NO chances, blew it up. 'C' Sqn, in addition to advancing EAST, had been tapping SOUTH, and their first contact was gained at the village in 3553. There was the usual crop of civilian reports and Ex PW reports of little groups of enemy lying up in the woods, but in many cases these were found to be wrong. Civilians reported that the area of UNTERLUSS was a gun testing area and there were large stocks of amn dumped there. 'C' Sqn again reported a contact in the area just NORTH of 366305, and here a rd block was found to be manned by about 30 inf and a Q.F. gun of a light calibre. After taking 15 POW 'C' Sqn withdrew this patrol to a position of observation, the rd block being obviously manned by a fairly determined force. The AMERICANS took over this area and 'C' Sqn concentrated behind 'A' Sqn in the area of FUHRBERG. It was clear that opposition was light to the EAST, but that the Northern approaches to HANOVER were held.	

			This was the last day that the Regt was to work with 6 Airborne Div. The Regt were to continue the next day with 15 Div.	
	11		The Regt reverted to comd 15 (S) Div who had come up from the RHINE. Tasks for the Regt were to recce the adv of 15 Div to CELLE. The Div object was to get 227 Bde into CELLE from the WEST supported by 'A' Sqn on the main rd FUHRBERG - CELLE, while 46 Bde were to move along SOUTH of CELLE on a centre line to be recced by 'B' Sqn, with the object of coming into CELLE from the SOUTH and EAST. The Div had elements of 6 Gds Tk Bde in support and were starting approx 60 miles behind our present locns. 'A' Sqn left to push out due EAST. 'B' Sqn centre axis of adv BISSENDORF - Gr. BURGROEDEL - RAMLINGEN - EHLERSHAUSEN. 'C' Sqn to tap SOUTH towards HANOVER and thus protect the right flank of the Div. It was estimated that the Div would be in a posn to give close support to the Regt by 0930 - 1000 hrs. By 0820 hrs 'A' Sqn had contacted the enemy in the area X Rds 483463 where they had reported demolitions the night before, and considered that that area would have to be cleared up by the inf before the Engineers could get properly to work. They had tapped out to the NORTH but had found the rds bad and the woods thick and impassable, while on the SOUTH of their centre line they had a little more success, but contacted enemy in the wood at 501460. They were finally held up by a blown Br in the area 4714 covered by enemy fire. 227 Bde had reached 'A' Sqn by this time (about 1300 hrs) and the Sqn reported that the tks were piling up in the bottle-neck. At this point 'A' Sqn were ordered to hand over to the inf, and to re-organise and prepare to tap due EAST, NE and SE and get all possible infm on the ground, and possible diversions, as it was obvious that this area was rather enclosed and lacked facilities for switching troops. By 1330 hrs the inf had taken over from 'A' Sqn and were proceeding to clear the area. From here on there was little that 'A' Sqn could do - it was mainly an inf and tk battle to clear either side of the rd and clear the demolitions. 'B' Sqn moved off, and after a short delay they reported clear as far as 5337. Then there was a very rapid advance with little further infm until at 1021 hrs they reported contact, two cars being knocked out by bazooka fire at approx 560390 in the area about 400 yds short of the station at EHLERSHAUSEN. There appeared to be a considerable number of enemy in the station area covering all approaches. Loops on either flank gained more contacts. The enemy started infiltrating through the woods round the fwd troop, who withdrew and observed.	

			'B' Sqn then made a firm base at RAMLINGEN and watched for enemy movement round the flanks to the SOUTH. Their route report showed that although the rds were quite first-class main rds, some of the Brs were only Cl 12 (RE classification), but it was thought by the Sqn that, in fact, they would take tks. The enemy that 'B' Sqn had contacted were identified as S.S. and estimated at over 100, with bazookas, small arms and possibly some guns. 'B' Sqn remained in observation until the recce parties of 46 Bde arrived at approx 1630 hrs in the afternoon followed by the main body at about 1700 - 1800 hrs. 'C' Sqn tapped SOUTH and contacted the AMERICANS, who did not appear to be going to adv that day. They also found some enemy back in the area of the rd block 366305. They took 9 POW and handed them over to the AMERICANS. An SP or A/Tk gun was reported at 577382. This was reported to be one of the pair which had been causing trouble to 'B' Sqn. 'C' Sqn thus came up behind 'B' Sqn. They had managed to get further SOUTH and formed a firm base for 'B' Sqn in the village due WEST of RAMLINGEN. Here 'C' Sqn remained for the rest of the day, less 2 patrols under comd 'B' Sqn watching 'B' Sqn's SE flank. By night-fall RHQ and 'A' Sqn locns were unchanged. 'B' Sqn were at RAMLINGEN with 'C' Sqn in the village due WEST of RAMLINGEN.	
	12		During the night the Div had been clearing the enemy located by the Regt and were still fighting in CELLE. 'B' Sqn sent patrols from RAMLINGEN NORTH towards the town and were everywhere held up by blown Brs. 'A' Sqn were ordered to patrol NORTH and NE to CELLE. They were considerably hampered by bad going and close country, also by the Div traffic moving into CELLE. They contacted a bazooka and spandau at 488509 - one car knocked out. The remainder of the day was uneventful and consisted of moves to the EAST and NE of CELLE as and when the Brs over the rivers were completed. The Regt was concentrated as follows by dark:- 'A' Sqn - CELLE 5951. 'B' Sqn - 600512. 'C' Sqn - 611511. RHQ approx 621522.	
	13		The regtl task for 13 Apr was to recce on a wide front ahead of the Div to UELZEN 8989. The Regt was deployed 3 Sqns up: 'A' Sqn on the left with centre line SHEWEN 5856 - Track Junc 6061 - RABER 6463 - Track junc 685680 - UNTERLUSS 7374 - HOSSERINGEN 8077 - BAHNSEN 8084: in the centre 'B' Sqn on the main rd through ESCHEDE 6962 - WEYHAUSEN 7969 - UELZEN: on the right 'C' Sqn approx centre line OHE 6656 - HOFER 7656 - BEADENBOSTEL 7052 - LUTTERN 7355 - ELDIGAN 859631 - BOKEL 8971 - NETTELKAMP. All Sqns had elements of the Div and 6 Gds Tk Bde behind them.	

			Throughout the day all Sqns were handicapped by demolitions and thick wooded country. On the left 'A' Sqn proceeded with only minor opposition until they reached the area of UNTERLUSS where considerable opposition was met. At UNTERLUSS 'A' Sqn reported a large enclosure of girls at 686681 and a large enclosed Ordnance dump in the area 592567. At UNTERLUSS the estimated strength of the enemy was a minimum of a company and it required inf and tks to deal with them. By the time the inf had cleared UNTERLUSS it was getting dark and 'A' Sqn remained there for the night. 'B' Sqn proceeded without hindrance as far as the pond at 667601 where they came across a crater. They tried flanking left over the rly and were greeted by a couple of shots from an SP Gun. After a certain amount of delay they flanked right and continued up through ESCHEDE as far as Br 709646 where they were again shot at by an SP, and simultaneously the Br blew up under their noses. It was at this point that the aged Field Marshal Von MACKENSEN was found. After the tks and inf had cleared this opposition the adv continued to the next crater at 770686. On the way there was a short battle at SCHELPLAH. Up to date the inf had been somewhat skeptical of the Sqn reports of the enemy, and getting impatient they pushed on ahead merely to draw fire on themselves. At this crater there was a considerable delay and eventually a way was found round the left flank to X Tracks 771709, up to HESSERINGEN and then back to the centre line again, but this again was opposed in the area of the X Tracks because the enemy retreating from 'A' Sqn's area of UNTERLUSS ran into 'B' Sqn and 227 Bde as they were coming down to WEYHAUSEN, which was held both by inf and arty. 'C' Sqn on the right made their first contact of the day at rd block 660560, but this they speedily cleared and the adv continued, the chief impediment being bad sandy tracks. In the area 801622 - 681614, 'C' Sqn reported an Armd Car and Volkswagen with some men on it, and the main impression that this was a mobile rear-guard to hold up the adv. By 2100 hrs they had reached ENDGERHOLST 7461. 'B' Sqn were located for the night at SCHELPLAH and RHQ at ESCHEDE 6962.	
	14		The centre line had been by-passed during the night by 227 Bde, as in the area of the crater at 770686 several unexploded time-bombs had been found. The main rd to UELZEN was therefore impassable. Everything had to go around forest tracks behind 227 Bde. 'A' and 'C' Sqns were employed continuing up their previous centre lines. 'A' Sqn's further task was to recce due NORTH when they reached the	

			area of the rly line by GRAULINGEN 8182 and HAMERSTORF 8383. 'C' Sqn were to continue up to NETTELKAMP and if possible to get round the right flank of UELZEN. 227 Bde had got up during the night to approx HOLDENSTEDT 8783 where they were held up by considerable opposition assumed to be the outer defences of the UELZEN Garrison. At 0815 hrs 'A' Sqn were ordered to recce the following routes:- 7275 - 7877 - DREILINGEN 7683 - BAHNSEN 8084 - BARGFELD - then the main rd back to LINTZEL 6990. 'C' Sqn made their first contact at 1130 hrs at 695631 and were bazookad by Hitler Youth. Thereafter they reported periodical small contacts with bazooka teams and odd parties on the ground, but they pushed on. By 1610 hrs they reported the village of BOKEL clear and had collected 170 PW. They appeared to have caught these people completely by surprise. Later in the evening a released PW reported that the village of NETTELKAMP 920799 was held by S.S. Troops and that one tk and 6 half-tracks had left the village heading NORTH to the village of WRESTEDT 7092. 'C' Sqn followed up to this village and found WRESTEDT clear. They were ordered to concentrate for the night and selected the village of NETTELKAMP. 'B' Sqn were brought up to give left flank protection to the Div between RABER 8079 incl to UNTERLUSS 7874 inclusive. 'A' Sqn patrolled NORTH without any operational contacts and by the evening had their HQ at BAHNSEN 8084.	
	15		By first light the Div was containing the Garrison of UELZEN and preparations were being made to clear the town. 'C' Sqn were supposed to be in NETTELKAMP with the Glasgow Highlanders at STADENSEN 9079. No contact on the air could be gained with 'C' Sqn by first light, and rather alarming reports had been telephoned through from one of the Bdes that they had picked up a Sgt survivor who stated that the Sqn had been counter-attacked in the night and the Sqn wiped out. 'B' Sqn were thereupon ordered to send an Officer patrol out at once to try and find out the situation. Their route was to be SUDERBURG 8381 - X Tracks 867804 - STADENSEN - NETTELKAMP. A liaison officer arrived at about 1020 hrs from STADENSEN who stated that the Glasgow Highlanders have also been counter-attacked during the night and there had been considerable confusion. Some of their pls had been overrun, but that the situation was under control. He stated that NETTELKAMP was believed to be in enemy hands. Meanwhile contact had been gained at last with 'C' Sqn who confirmed that there had been a heavy counter-attack starting at about midnight and continuing until dawn. After holding out until dawn the village was evacuated.	

			The counter attack was put in with tks, SPs and half-tracks. The attackers must have either been drugged or drunk, as many of them took crazy risks, howled and screamed like Red Indian tribesmen. The attack was led by inf in rubber boats who had very detailed information of our posns, followed by half-tracks with 20mm cannon who came down the centre of the main street, and supported by SP guns which circled the village and fired into it. Part of this enemy force must have been detached to NETTELKAMP while the remainder of the force went on to the 2nd G.H. at STADENSEN. The strength of the force can be gauged from the fact that one member of the Sqn counted no less than 3 Mk IV Tks, 8 SPs and 29 half-tracks going through the village to STADENSEN. It was obvious that the local inhabitants had given detailed locns of all the tps to the Germans, because as soon as the men left their billets to take up action stations on the alarm being given, Spandaus opened up on all exits, and almost at once SPs started shelling the buildings that were occupied by our men and set them alight. This meant that it was impossible for the men to get to their vehs, as these had been parked tactically around the houses that we had occupied. The 'B' Sqn patrol, after observing for some time from the edge of the woods in area 833802, pushed fwd into the village of NETTELKAMP with some inf carriers. Here they found considerable chaos, and 60 enemy gave themselves up from a school-house cellar without a shot being fired, in spite of having large quantities of weapons and bazookas still at their disposal. It is admitted that the village had been heavily shelled by our own guns, but even allowing for this it seems difficult to account for this docility in the demons of the night before - possibly the drug(?) had worn off. 6 half-tracks were also found abandoned in the village. The only opposition to the 'B' Sqn patrol and the inf carriers was a certain amount of shelling from the area of the woods about 9380 - 9480. 'C' Sqn casualties in this operation were:- Personnel:- Killed - 5. Wounded - 14. Missing - 39. Vehicles:- Carriers - 8. Armd Cars - 4. Half-tracks - 1. 'A' Sqn's orders were to recce NORTH and EAST of the rd HOLDENSTEDT 8884 - UELZEN. They began in the village of WRESTEDT reporting that it was bigger than on the map and that it would take some time to clear. Released PW reported that the enemy and possibly tks were in STEDERDORF 9283. The inf took on the job of clearing these villages and 'A' Sqn pushed NORTH towards NIENDORF.	

			One of 'A' Sqn's patrols got as far NORTH as HALLIGDORF 9186 where they contacted and withdrew. The enemy appeared to be all along the main rd between ESTERHOLZ and UELZEN. There seems little further that 'A' Sqn could do as the inf appeared to be permanently in contact and it was a pure inf task.	
	16.		Little happened until late in the evening. 'B' Sqn's task and locn same as before. 'A' Sqn located same as before: 'C' Sqn & RHQ at SUDERBURG. Most of the day was spent in re-organising and sorting out veh casualties, etc. However, late in the afternoon 'B' Sqn were ordered to patrol on the Northern flank round the Western edge of the UELZENER Forest to contact the enemy and also make any contact possible with the advancing 11 Armd Div. 'B' Sqn moved up to HOLTHUSEN 8188. They found that the edges of the forest were held, but that the roads round the outside were not held except at BARNSEN 8290 and BOLSEN 8389. 'A' Sqn moved up to HANSEN 8587. That evening 11 Armd Div cleared both these villages and drove the enemy back into the forest.	
	17		Sqns were in the same area. 'A' Sqn verified 'B' Sqn's patrols of the day before and in addition verified 'B' Sqn's patrol through the UELZENER Forest up to Track junc 871911 and found no organised enemy resistance. RHQ moved up to Kl SUSTEDT 8585 in the evening. Otherwise the day was uneventful. Contact was made with 2nd S.A.S. Regt at BOHLSEN, about 6 km WEST of UELZEN. As this force, (FRANK FORCE) was an independent command under Lieut. Colonel B.M. FRANKS, DSO, MC, it was decided that he should work in support of the Regt for mutual advantage during further operations.	
	18		The task for today was for the Regt to find the form NORTH and NE of UELZEN ~~and if possible~~ to get as far NORTH as possible. 'A' Sqn were employed on this task. They again recced the UELZENER Forest from SOUTH to NORTH and from WEST to EAST to the outskirts of the town itself. They reported the only enemy were those being chased out of the town itself by the advancing inf, and that these were in great disorder. They then went on NORTH to WESTERWEYHE 8793, KIRCHWEYHE 8397, and then up the main rd with the ultimate objective BEVENSEN 9002. 'A' Sqn's only opposition came from a few Spandaus in the area of EMMENDORF 9095, otherwise they continued up the rd and found great confusion amongst the enemy who were obviously trying to pull out as best they could. It appeared as if the village of BARUM was a collecting post for them as they kept coming in and the patrols there got a good bag. In the area of EMMENDORF 11 Armd Div personnel coming down from the NORTH met 'A' Sqn. From here they	

			motored on to BEVENSEN which they found to be clear. The remainder of the Regt was ordered to concentrate in BEVENSEN. Sqns were moving into BEVENSEN when the Germans attacked from the air, there were no casualties or damage.	
	19		The Regtl task was to recce fwd on two main routes towards the R. ELBE with 'B' Sqn on the right, 'C' Sqn on the left. 'A' Sqn to remain in reserve and bound up with Regtl Echelons behind Tac RHQ. The SAS remained with 'B' & 'C' Sqns for this role. 'C' Sqn on the left reported the villages of SECKLENDORF 9205 and EDDLESTORF 9309 clear by about 0930 hrs, and progressed very rapidly up the centre line through BAVENDORF, THOMASBURG and NEETZE without meeting any real opposition. A number of PW were taken, and a large PW camp of both AMERICANS and BRITISH was discovered just WEST of BAVENDORF 9415. 11 Armd Div on our left took over the responsibility of this camp. The Sqn continued to tap out from NEETZE towards the R. ELBE but on approaching the banks contact was made on the approaches to the small town of BLACKEDE 985248. It was clear that fairly strong outpost posns were established on rds running into the town. 'C' Sqn set up their HQ at NEETZE and remained in posn of observation on the rds running into BLACKEDE. RHQ bounded up 'C' Sqn centre line and set up temporary HQ at BAVENDORF about midday. A small party of HITLER JUGEND wearing Volksturm arm-bands attempted to stalk RHQ in the hopes of using the Panzerfaust with which they were equipped. They were spotted, fired on, and one PW taken, who on interrogation stated that they were in fact a small recce party which had been sent out to find any infm about the British posns, etc, and if they could, of course, to brew up HQs. Nothing further was seen of the remainder of this party during that day. 'B' Sqn on the right met far more opposition, on all the rds running into the large forest of GOHRDE. They made contacts in the following villages: STOITZE 0401, HIMBERGEN 0004, and Gr. THORNDORF 9807. That, in conjunction with civilian reports of enemy mov, made it clear that the Germans were using the forest as some sort of a collecting place for his remnants prior to getting them across the ELBE. In the late afternoon orders from Div HQ were received to the effect that the Regt was to protect the right flank of the Div from incl GARZE to incl BAVENDORF, a distance of some 14 miles. To do this the Regt was deployed as follows: 'A' Sqn, RHQ, and HQ SAS at NEETZE. 'C' Sqn at THOMASBURG, and 'B' Sqn BAVENDORF. The main difficulty was the disposal of PW which had been collected during the day, being some 10 miles ahead of the Inf who were in BEVENSEN	

			9002. However, we sent them down the rd under their own steam, walking towards the inf. The Div plan for tomorrow was for 46 Bde to adv up on the right flank along the general centre line of 'B' Sqn's axis and to seize the town of BLACKEDE. 227 Bde on the left to close up to the ELBE in the area of AHRENSBURG. The Regt spent a quiet night with nothing to report.	
	20		'B' Sqn were pushed out to recce the adv of 46 Bde and made contact as we thought on the main approaches into BLACKEDE from the SOUTH. 46 Bde making a plan for a 7 phase attack to reach the same posns as our fwd patrols. 'A' Sqn patrolled out from NEETZE and made contact again in the same sort of area as 'C' Sqn had yesterday on the approaches to BLACKEDE from the WEST and NW. The remainder of the day was quite uneventful, and apart from standing patrols in the approaches to BLACKEDE the Regt concentrated as follows:- 'A' & 'B' Sqns, RHQ, Echelons & LAD at NEETZE. 'C' Sqn THOMASBURG 9519.	
	21		Regt static. Nothing to report.	
	22		Locns unchanged. Nothing to report.	
	23		Command of the Regt devolved on Major P.T.I. MACDIARMID, MC, Lieut. Colonel K.C.C. SMITH going to the UK on a course and Privilege Leave.	
	24-27.		Locns unchanged. Nothing to report.	
	28		In conjunction with the Div plan for crossing the ELBE, the Regt was ordered to take over the area of 46 Bde on the ELBE bank. In view of the fact that there had been practically no enemy activity, 'A' Sqn were given this commitment, and took up their posns along the line of the ELBE. At about 2100 hrs in the evening a further force was asked for to relieve 227 Bde at TEPSE. A small mixed force from 'HQ' Sqn and the residue 'B' Sqn were sent up under Capt GRAY, MC. A quiet night with nothing to report.	
	29		During the night the Div made the assault crossing of the ELBE. 'C' Sqn Tac HQ and two patrols were standing by ready to cross the ELBE and recce from the B'head as soon as called fwd by Div. By mid-afternoon 'C' Sqn Tac HQ and patrols were across. They had a very unpleasant time in the marshalling area and crossing, due to enemy aircraft, and shelling. Both veh and personnel casualties were caused through enemy air activity. The Regt with under comd 2 Sqns 2nd SAS Regt were given the task of reconnoitring out from the B'head next day, and the Regt was allotted timing to cross the Cl 9 Br at first light on the 30th. Nothing further to report.	
	30		Regt with under comd 2 Sqns 2nd SAS Regt crossed the ELBE Br at 0630 hrs without incident and met up with 'C' Sqn and proceeded to	

			recce. 'C' Sqn on the centre line KOLLOW - SCHWARZENBECK. 'A' Sqn on the left - centre line HAMWADE - WORTH 7545. RHQ est at JULIUSBURG. 'C' Sqn progressed very well and by 0930 hrs were sitting in SCHWARZENBECK, having taken a fairly large number of PW. 'A' Sqn on the left made contact in HAMWADE and were generally held up in that area. 'C' Sqn held the southern half of SCHWARZENBECK and made contact with various enemy troops, incl S.S., in the Northern part of this town, on the left in BRUNSTORF 7847 and on the right in the small village 843480. Due to some fast talking on the part of a Troop Comd of 'C' Sqn and the I.O. of the SAS, negotiations were made for the surrender of some 1800 S.S. troops in the general area. These negotiations dragged out during the whole day and did not in fact come to fruition, but quite a large number of S.S. troops and offrs did surrender, although in fact the major part did not. By evening the Regt was relieved by 2 Inf Bns of 44 Bde in SCHWARZENBECK and an Inf Bn of 227 Bde came up to help. 'A' Sqn on the left flank. The Regt concentrated - RHQ & 'C' Sqn in KOLLOW, 'A' Sqn in HAMWADE, with the task of protecting the Div centre line up to SCHWARZENBECK during the night. During the day some four to five hundred PW were taken. The Regt by night-fall was located as under:- RHQ, 'A' Echelon & 'C' Sqn - KOLLOW 814445. 'B' Sqn (Residue Sqn) & LAD - NEETZE. 'B' Echelon in the Div Adm area BAVENDORF. Orders were received that night for patrolling NORTH and NW from the Corps B'head tomorrow.	

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Unit 15th Scottish Reconnaissance Regt
incl LAD att.

Month and Year MAY 1945

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. K.C.C. Smith

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		Regt located as under - RHQ KOLLOW 814445 with C Sqn and A Ech A Sqn HAMWADE B Sqn (Residue Sqn) and LAD NEETZE B Ech in Div Adm Area BAVENDORF. The main task today was to patrol outside the perimeter of the Corps brhead and to seize, if possible, the village of BRUNSDORF and to patrol out westwards from HAMWADE towards HAMBURG. C Sqn patrolled northward and finally took the village of BRUNSDORF at approx 1800 hrs, where they were relieved by 6 KOSB. A Sqn with under comd two patrols SAS patrolled westwards from HAMWADE and made contact in the general area of the woods some 5 miles further on. They had to withdraw for the night as the inf had not come up but remained static during the day.	
	2		Local patrolling from the brhead westwards to HAMBURG and northwards on the main axis towards LUBECK. Very little to report during the day except on the western side where A Sqn was approached by German Officers with the initial surrender of forces within the small town of BERGDORF. In point of fact this finally developed through various channels to the complete surrender of the German Armies in the NW of GERMANY. Otherwise this was a fairly uneventful day.	
	3		Ordered today to push on if possible to cut the HAMBURG - LUBECK Autobahn in the areas of BARGTEHEIDE 6673 and AHRENSBURG 6667, when we would be followed up by 44 Bde on the rt and 44 Bde on the left. Sqns set out at first light with two tps SAS in support; A Sqn on the rt and C Sqn on the left. By 1000 hrs A Sqn had cleared the general area in which the Bde was going to lie up, that is, TRITTAU, LUTJENSEE, C Sqn on the left had cleared up as far as PAPENDORF and LAGELAKE 6858. A Sqn made rapid progress on the rt and cut the Autobahn at HAMMOR at about 1130 hrs. They had a certain amount of trouble with a fair number of stragglers and one or two organised	

			posts of SS who appeared to be holding the general line of the Autobahn. C Sqn on the left, having cleared PAPENDORF and area were going to continue on to their objective when they were approached by a German Staff Officer with a Stop Line which he said had been arranged by Treaty and which briefly was a line drawn round the outskirts of the suburbs of HAMBURG. This was referred to Div for their guidance and after some delay it was finally found that this was in fact the initial surrender of HAMBURG. C Sqn were therefore unable to progress any further. A Sqn continued on the rt and captured BARGTEHEIDE, and C Sqn then side-stepped behind A Sqn so as not to interfere with the demarcation line and continued and captured AHRENSBURG. Up until about 1600 hrs the Regt had taken some 5 - 600 PW. About this time the Commander 2nd SAS Regt was called to Corps, and he and the CO motored up the Autobahn as far as LUBECK, and were able to report the whole line of the Autobahn clear. The remainder of the day was spent with the Sqns patrolling in a westerly and northwesterly direction from firm bases at BARGTEHEIDE and AHRENSBURG. No enemy were found within 7 to 10 miles from these firm bases. Contact was made with 11 Armd Div at BAD ODESLOE. The Regt harboured for the night, A Sqn BARGTEHEIDE, C Sqn AHRENSBURG, RHQ and HQ 2 SAS, A Ech at GROSS HANSDORF. Orders were received from Div to hold BARGTEHEIDE and AHRENSBURG for the night. At about 1900 hrs a flying patrol was sent to FRIEDRISK SRAH 730512 to guard documents of importance to the Allies which were located in the Schloss at this town, which was being used by the SWEDISH and NORWEGIAN Legations.	
	4		Regt remained in situ until Bdes took over from us at BARGTEHEIDE and AHRENSBURG, when the Regt less B Sqn, A Ech and LAD, were moved to ELMENHORST 669776. Regt spent a quiet day on maintenance, until at about midnight Comd 2 SAS, who had harboured his Regt at BORSTAL some 2 miles from ELMENHORST, came in to state that one of his jeeps had been ambushed in the area HEIDERFELD 6489. The Burgomaster of that village had come down by bicycle to tell him that a number of SS Tps had set up in the village and ambushed his jeep, and were remaining in the village. OC 2 SAS Regt requested assistance for an early strike tomorrow morning before the "cease fire" came into effect at 0800 hrs. Arrangements to this effect were made.	
	5		The striking force under the CO of 4 car patrols with mortars and A/Tk guns, and 2 Sqns SAS, RVd at LEEZEN 6588 at 0530 hrs. Patrols pushed into HEIDERFELD and met no opposition, but a jeep was found	

			abandoned and shot up. On enquiries locally it was confirmed that about 60 SS had been in the village the night before when the driver and co-driver of the jeep had been very badly wounded, if not killed. The remaining two occupants of the jeep were slightly wounded. The enemy had withdrawn from the village about 2 hours before we arrived. Patrols then pushed on through TODESFELD 6091 to BARK 6193 where they caught up with about 10 SS who were taken prisoner. They stated that the main force had withdrawn into the forest at SEGEBURG with strong posts in the villages of WITTENBORN 6395 WANSTEDT 6398. As the Armistice came into effect whilst we were clearing up the 10 SS in BARK it was decided that no further action could be taken and the force returned to LEEZEN. The remainder of the day was uneventful.	
	6		Nothing to report.	
	7		Locns as above. One Sqn required for force consisting of 46 Bde Gp who were to go and occupy KIEL. A Sqn were put under comd 46 Bde Gp and proceeded with them to KIEL. The occupation was entirely uneventful; the Sqn seized and held the various brs in the harbour area required of them without any opposition at all. Sqn HQ was est in KIEL. B Sqn (Residue Sqn) and the LAD were brought up from KOLLOW and were harboured at NERITZE 6880.	
	8		A further Sqn was required to form a stop on the brs over the KIEL CANAL to control the remainder of the German Armies from DENMARK who were coming South towards HAMBURG to surrender. C Sqn were sent out on this and seized and held without opposition the line of the KIEL CANAL from BRUNSBUTEL 5290 - br 0416, where they formed crossing patrols on all crossing places between these two points. Locns of the Regt for the night - RHQ, A Ech, LAD ELMENHORST 6777 A Sqn KIEL B Sqn NERITZE 6880 C Sqn BRUNSBUTEL 5290	
	9		No change in locns. During the day the CO was called to Div for an O Gp when it was stated that by arrangements with 8 Corps a GERMAN Force was to attempt to clear the forest of SEGEBURG of the SS who were still holding out in that area. Steps were required to ensure that the main axis BAD SEGEBURG 6896 - NEUMUNSTER 4711 was not interfered with, and the residue Sqn was put out to do this! They took up posns on the morning of the 10th.	

	10		Locns - "A" Sqn - KIEL. "B" Sqn - stops in the Wehrmacht - SS battle on the main SEGEBURG - NEUMUNSTER Rd. RHQ, A Ech and LAD - ELMENHORST. "C" Sqn - BRUNSBUTEL.	
	11		Nothing to report. B Ech joined RHQ at ELMENHORST.	
	12-13		Nothing to report.	
	14		C Sqn relieved from commitment on KIEL CANAL and returned to previous locn at ELMENHORST.	
	15		B Sqn relieved from commitment on axis BAD SEGEBURG - NEUMUNSTER and returned to NERITZE. A Sqn remained at KIEL. RHQ, A Ech, B Ech and LAD at ELMENHORST. Warning Order received from Div that the Regt would be required to take over a PW staging camp commitment on the BALTIC Coast, probably on 16 or 17 MAY. Orders to this effect were confirmed that evening.	
	16.		Lt. Col. K.C.C. SMITH returned from UK and re-assumed comd of the Regt, Major P.T.I. MacDIARMID reverting to 2 i/c. Regt less A Sqn moved to TIMMENDORFER STRAND 9905 preparatory to taking over PW Staging Camp Commitments in that area. Recces were made and camps set up in the large woods 9806 - 9905. Final arrangements were made to meet the PW who were supposed to arrive in US PW Tpt.	
	17		Locns - RHQ, B & C Sqns, A & B Echs and LAD - TIMMENDORFER STRAND A Sqn - KIEL The IO was sent to a co-ordinating conference at LUBECK and arrived back at RHQ at approx 1600 hrs with two LOs from the American 8 Div (18 Corps) with the infm that the PW were not now arriving by rd, but would, in fact, arrive by train. A complete re-shuffle of the staging area was therefore necessary and arrangements had to be made to receive PW from the trains and take them into the staging camp and then continue as before, marching to NEUSTADT. It was quite apparent that as the train had to be on to NEUSTADT to complete the circuit that it would be very much easier to detrain, if possible, in NEUSTADT and hand the German PW straight to the German control instead of staging them in TIMMENDORFER and continue to march them up the already overcrowded rd, overcrowding being caused by a very considerable number of DPs in the general area. Arrangements to second the motion with US 80 Corps to bring this about.	
	18		The first batch of 23,000 PW arrived by train without major incident and were staged for the night in the prepared camps. Permission was obtained during the day to change the plan and to detrain at NEUSTADT and hand PW straight to German Control without staging. Recces and arrangements were accordingly made for this. It was decided that the staging camp would be emptied as follows -	

			3,000 - 19 MAY. 10,000 - 20 MAY. 10,000 - 21 MAY. A Sqn were relieved of commitment at KIEL and reverted to comd of the Regt. They were located at NIENDORF 0401.	
	19		Detraining commenced at NEUSTADT 0116. The vehs of the German PW arrived by rd and had to be passed by us into the German area.	
	20-23		Regt continued with PW commitment at NEUSTADT.	
	24		Two Sqns ordered to take over from RA in the northern part of KREIS STORMAN in the towns of BAD ODESLOE and REINFELD 8185. A and C Sqns were ordered for this task and moved that day.	
	25		Regt located as under - RHQ, A and B Echs, LAD - TIMMENDORFER STRAND A Sqn - BAD ODESLOE - commitment of VPs and DPs. B Sqn - TIMMENDORFER STRAND C Sqn - REINFELD - commitment, control of DPs in that area.	
	26-27		As above with extra commitment of C Sqn producing 3 tps of Armd Cars to escort SS PW to Second Army SS Camp.	
	28-30		Nothing to report.	
	31		Nothing to report. Locns of Regt as under - RHQ, A and B Echs, LAD, B Sqn - TIMMENDORFER STRAND. A Sqn - BAD ODESLOE C Sqn - REINFELD.	

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Unit 97th Anti-Tank Regiment R.A.

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col K.L. BEDDINGTON R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STEYNING	1 -5		Final Waterproofing.	
Sussex.	6		D Day. Code word 'Adoration' received.	
"	8		Received code word 'Greyhound'	
"	9		" " " 'Bunch'	
"	10	1220 1530	Received message to move 159 Battery. 159 Bty proceeded to London Marshalling Area T1.	
"	11		159 Bty vehs loaded and Bty moved to S 54	
"	13	1430 0430	159 Bty embarked on SS Samont M.T.11. 161 Bty proceeded to London Marshalling Area Embarkation Camp 'T'	
"	14		159 Bty lay at anchor off Southend.	
"	15	1030	RHQ and 346 Bty proceeded to London Marshalling Area and were split between S 3 and S 6. 159 Bty arrived off Gold Beach and anchored. 161 Bty vehs loaded on S 80 M.T. S.	
	16		RHQ and 346 Bty vehs loaded on SS Emp Lankester. 159 Bty still at anchor off French Coast. 161 Bty sailed to anchorage.	
	17		RHQ & 346 Bty sailed to Southend. 159 Bty partly unloaded. 161 Bty set sail	
	18		RHQ and 346 Bty left anchorage at Southend. 159 Bty completed unloading and went to Concentration Area. 161 Bty anchored off 'Gold' and moved later to 'Juno'	
	19/20		No change RHQ, 346, 161 & 159. 286 Bty moved to C 3 Camp Southampton.	
	23		RHQ and 346 Bty disembarked on J Beach Gold Area and concentrated Vaux Sur Seulles. 161 Bty commenced to disembark.	
	24		RHQ and 346 Bty moved to area 'Colly'. 161 Bty completed disembarkation and concentrated area St Gabriel.	

B.L.A.	25		Preparation for Exercise Epsom. 159 Bty under Comd 44 Bde, 161 Bty under Comd 46 Bde and 346 Bty under Comd 227 Bde.	
	26	1515	H Hour Op Epsom. RHQ moved to Putot-en-Bessin.	
	27		159 and 161 Btys report each have destroyed 1 Pz Kw V	
	29	1530	286 Bty arrive in theatre of operations. 286 Bty do recce for deployment.	JM Ockleshaw Lt RA A/ADJ cv Lt Col 97 A/T Regt RA
	30		286 Bty deploy. Appx 'A' 159 Bty War Diary. Appx 'B' 161 Bty War Diary.) Appx 'C' 286 Bty War Diary.) Not here KLB 1/8/44 Appx 'D' 346 Bty War Diary.) Appx 'E' Summary of Events 26 Jun - 1 July 44 161 Bty) Not here Appx 'F' Summary of Events 26 Jun - 1 July 44 161 Bty) KLB Appx 'G' Copy AFs W 3008 and W 3009	

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Unit 97th Anti-Tank Regiment R.A.

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.R. Henderson R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1400	RHQ moved to new location 920746. During the day 159 Bty moved back into area BRONAY 8872 - PUTOT-EN-BESSIN 9072 - BRETTEVILLE 9272. This is the reserve position. 346 Bty went into harbour at 914740	
	2	1200	159 Bty ordered to harbour in area SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN 9274	
	3	1700	Lt Col K.L. Beddington R.A. retained in CCS.	
	6	1200 1430	CRA spoke to all officers and NCOs re lessons of recent ops. 2IC to conference under General Montgomery.	
	7	1330	Notice of move of 44 Bde received and 159 and two tps of 17 pr 346 Bty.	
	8	0200 1200 2000 2200	159 Bty with 346 Bty less K Tp under comd came under comd 59 A Tk Regt and at the same time in support of 44 Bde. At 1200 hrs above came under comd 71 A Tk Regt and remained in support of 44 Bde in TOURVILLE area. Minor adjustments required to close gap between 21 A Tk Regt at ST MAUVIEU and 286 Bty in NORREY-EN-BESSIN area. Above adjustment completed by moving one 17 pr into ST MAUVIEU area	
Field	10	1805	286 BC forward with Brig for recce Verson Area. 286 BHQ moved to 923729	
	12	0900 0400 1100 1600	161 Bty withdrawn to area 9173 less 1 gun. Major P.R. Henderson R.A. appointment as Commanding Officer confirmed Commanding Officer tried to arrange 159 and 2 Tps 346 relief. Major R.T. Ashby R.A. appointed Second-in-Command. Capt T. Fleming RA assumes command 161 Bty. Message received from 71 A Tk Regt 346 Bty can leave without relief.	
	13	0800	Priority residue arrive under Lieut Edwards.	

		0800 0900	Reported that 159 Bty and two tps of 346 Bty had withdrawn and were remaining on wheels NE of SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN. Commanding Officer to CRAs 'Jurga' Demonstration and trial of Churchills towing 17 pdrs.	
	14	0800	Move to 936677. 161 in reserve. 159 Bty in support of 44 Bde. 346 Bty in support of 46 Bde. 286 Bty in support of 227 Bde.	
	15/16		1st Phase of 'Greenline'	
Field	16	1200	286 Bty report 2 17 pr guns knocked out. 159 Bty report 1 17 pr gun knocked out. Also 5 Quads, 2 Carden Loyd Carriers, 1 Jeep and 1 MC. Missing at least 23. Battle continues.	
	17	0200	Remnants of G Tp return.	
	18	0930	RHQ locations now 898698. 346 Bty deployed overnight in area S of GRANVILLE SUR ODON. 286 Bty withdrawn with 227 Bde to New Area in action LE HAUT DU BOSC. 159 Bty to be withdrawn.	
	19		159 Bty being relieved by 71 A Tk Regt with 44 Bde.... to be completed by 1600 hrs.	
	21	1000	346 Bty still supporting 46 Bde, 159 Bty recce posn in reserve with 44 Bde, 286 Bty deploy still with 227 Bde. Major N.P. McLeod R.A. Bty Comd 159 Bty left for England to attend course No 14 at Camberley Staff College. Capt R.E. Wheatly RA assumed Temp Comd.	
	22	1200	Commanding Officer, 2 i/c and BCs to conference with CRA re taking over from U.S. Army. Div area E of St Lo.	
Field	23	1330 2215	RHQ move to 692692. 159 Bty move to 692690 in reserve. 161 Bty move to 682617 in support of 44 Bde. 286 Bty move to 702644 in support of 227 Bde. 346 Bty move out with 46 Bde to rest area La Bette 7370. 44 Bde relieve 10 US Regt. 227 Bde relieve 11 US Regt, 46 Bde rest. Capt T Fleming RA called to say 44 Bde reorganising and regrouping their positioning tomorrow which might necessitate moving guns. Present posn one tp in, other two going in after dark. Lieut M.I. Hore RA joined 161 Bty. Lieut C.T. Gillespie RA joined RHQ.	
	25	1100	Capt T Fleming RA reported that 46 Bde were taking over from 44 Bde on 26th. 1 bn at 1600 hrs 2 bns at night. 44 Bde joined by Combat Tp with two bofors and Recce with 4 6 pdrs.	
	26		46 Bde take over as above. 159 Bty deploy in area of 69 Grid line between Northings 59 & 64 in independent role.	
	28		Capt J. Carr R.A. posted to 161 Bty as Capt 'Q'	

Field	29		Preparation for operation Blue Coat. 159 Bty in reserve with 44 Bde. 161 Bty in support 46 Bde. 286 Bty in support 227 Bde. 346 Bty in reserve. 146/91 S.P. Bty under command and given to 46 Bde.	
	30	1200	RHQ move to 716626 completed. Appx 'A' 159 Bty War diary. Appx 'B' 161 Bty War Diary. Appx 'C' 286 Bty War Diary. Appx 'D' 346 Bty War Diary. Appx 'E' Copy AFs W 3008 and W 3009 Appx 'F' June Copy War Diary Appx 'G' Intelligence Summary 161 Bty for 23 Jul	H. Sharp Capt. RA.

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Unit 97th Anti-Tank Regiment, RA

Month and Year August 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.R. Henderson R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1		E Tp, 161 Bty claim 2 tanks knocked out, and 1 tank disabled.	
	2	1300	Major Gordon joined and took over command of 159 Battery RHQ moved to 685554	
	3		Continued advance all fronts	
	4	1600	RHQ moved to 682510	
	7		Capt Carr evacuated and off strength. Jeep accident. Lieut McGregor, RA posted to 286 Bty. Capt McDonald attached as Capt "Q" 161 Bty. 346 Bty relieved 161 Bty. 161 Bty in reserve. 346 Bty in support of 46 Bde.	
	8	1200 1600	RHQ moved to 682425 RHQ moved to 696463. 286 Bty G Tp claim two Mk IVs	
	10		Capt Carlisle R.A. posted to 161 Bty as Capt "Q". Capt McDonald now spare.	
	11		146 SP Bty who were under command 227 Bde and were going to 46 Bde on Code Word "Dunhill", now under command 3 Div.	
Field	12		Capt Masters RA promoted to Major and to be Battery Commander 346 Bty. Lieut Graham RA promoted to Capt "Q" of 286 Bty. Capt Sharp RA appointed Adjutant. Major Mason, RA posted to 159 Battery and to be Battery Commander 159 Bty. 346 Bty withdrawn from line.	
	13	1415	C.R.A's "O" Group attended by Commanding Officer. Lt. Gillespie, RA attached to 346 Bty in lieu of Lieut Whitby, RA who was admitted to Hospital sick, not battle casualty.	
	14	1245	RHQ move to new area 962577 Amaye-sur-Orne. Concentration Area. 161 Bty in support of 46 Bde who move to Corps Reserve Area on the 15th. 346 Bty in support of 44 Bde. 286 Bty remain in support of 227 Bde. 159 Bty withdrawn from line.	
	16		CRA inspected 159, 286 and 346 Btys. HQ 15 (S) Inf Div & HQRA 15 Div move fwd to 007542 but RHQ remained in same location.	
	17		161 Bty deployed in support 46 Bde, area St Martin-le-Mieux.	
	18	1600	RHQ and 159 Bty moved to area Fresney-le-Vieux 0048	

	19		HQRA move to area Le Hamel. Major Murphy, RA posted to the Regiment, surplus to establishment. Lt Ockleshaw evacuated sick, not battle casualty.	
Field	20		HQ 15 Div and RHQ move to Le Hamel (0939) plus 286 and 159 Btys held in Div Reserve. 161 and 346 Btys remain in support of 46 and 44 Bdes respectively. 129 SP Bty placed under command of Regiment. 11 O.R's posted as reinforcements.	
	21		Col Fletcher commanding 86 Anti-Tank Regt RA calls re employment of SP Bty under command of this Regiment. Orders received that 227 and 44 Bdes were to move to concentration area east of Falaise.	
	22		All moves for 227 and 44 Bdes cancelled. Authority received to draw an extra 30 r.p.g. HE for 6 and 17 pdrs. AP to be given in exchange.	
	23		227 and 44 Bdes move to concentration area east of Falaise, together with 286 and 346 Btys in support. Orders received for move of 129 SP Bty to concentration area, 2 Tps and BHQ in support of 44 Bde, and 1 Tp in support of 227 Bde. HQ 15 Div and HQRA move to area 252332. Orders received for Operation "Gallop". RHQ, 159 and B Echelons move on Sun Route.	
Field	24		RHQ, 159 Bty and B Echelons move up to area 252332. Div moving on 3 routes. Star Route 44 Bde and 346 Bty. Sun Route 227 Bde and 286 Bty, Div HQ and RHQ. Moon Route 46 Bde and 161 Bty. RHQ established at 185334 1900 hrs. Advance delayed due to demolitions.	
	25		Advance continues. RHQ, 159 Bty and B Echelons change to Star Route. Position at 2200 hrs, - 227 Bde and 286 Bty in area 022740. 44 Bde and 346 Bty in area 025838. 46 Bde and 161 Bty in harbour area 885769. RHQ established at area 834752.	
	26		HQ 15 Div and HQRA 15 Div move to Cambon 0078. 159 Bty and RHQ established 011786. 44 Bde and 346 Bty area 019838. 46 Bde and 161 Bty area 007727. 227 Bde and 286 Bty area 022740.	
Field	27		HQ 15 Div and RHQ move to area 185888. 44 Bde and 346 Bty area 206890. 46 Bde and 161 Bty 297844. 227 Bde HQ and 286 Bty BHQ area 245886. 10 HLI and 2 Gordons cross Seine. Attack starts 1830 hrs supported by 6 and 17 pdrs Tps 286 Bty from H.E. Crossing accomplished between bridges 2690 and 2788. 129 SP Bty to Div Reserve and harboured 159891.	
	28		HQ 15 Div, RHQ, move forward of Louviers prior to move over Seine. RHQ established 1900 hrs 246891. 159 Bty established 248919. 129 SP Bty and B Echelon remain in area 159891, 161 Bty 297844, 286 Bty 260895, 346 Bty 261921.	
	29		44 Bde and 346 Bty cross Seine and deploy in area 320953. 46 Bde and 161 Bty cross Seine and deploy in area Cuverville. 227 Bde and	

			286 Bty cross Seine and deploy in area 3390. RHQ, 159 Bty and B Echelon remain same location. Lt Ockleshaw RA rejoins from Hospital.	
	30		HQ 15 (S) Div, RHQ, 159 Bty cross Seine. RHQ established 329905, 159 Bty 325898, 161 Bty and 46 Bde area 367927. All other locations remain the same.	
	31		HQ 15 (S) Div remains same location. Orders received for Div to provide one General Transport Coy. (97 A.Tk Regt, RA providing 17 3-tonners, 1 Jeep, 3 M/cs).	Appendix A B C D War Diaries of 159, 161, 286 & 346 Appendix E Copy of Returns

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Unit 97th Anti-Tank Regiment R.A.

Month and Year SEP 1944

Commanding Officer Lieut Col P.R. HENDERSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Warning Order received for Div move to area SW Amiens preparatory to further operations across R. Somme. 346 Bty ~~under comd~~in support 44 Bde. 161 Bty ~~under comd~~in support 46 Bde. 286 Bty ~~under comd~~in support 227 Bde and 159 Bty in reserve.	
	2.		Div Recce and harbour parties leave for area 503136	
	3.		Div HQ and RHQ move to area 503136 - 503137 - established 1800 hrs. H Tp 286 Bty and 2 A.S.H. across R. Somme. 44 Bde and 346 Bty in area 492162. 46 Bde and 161 Bty in area 511147. 227 Bde and 286 Bty area Le Tranques.	
	4.		Div move to area Harcourt 6133 Btys regroup 44 Bde and 159 Bty 46 Bde and 161 Bty 227 Bde and 346 Bty RHQ established 1500 hrs 601325	
	5.		Div HQ and RHQ plus 286 Bty move to area 095049 San Pol Btys remain with Bde groups with the exception of 161 Bty who return to Div reserve.	
	6.		Orders received to move to area Thielt Roulliers Courtrai 8657. RHQ move to 890449 159 Bty 824510 with 44 Bde 161 Bty 882444 (Unattached) 286 Bty 905432 (unattached) 346 Bty remain in old location with 227 Bde 46 Bde ordered to join 7 Armd Div	
	7		161 Bty in support 278 Fd Coy R.E ordered to assist in mopping up SW of Alvelghen. Deployed with orders to use HE amn when required. 129 SP A Tk Bty placed under command this regt.	
	8		Regrouping for ops. 44 Bde and 159 Bty. 227 Bde and 346 Bty. 161 and 286 Btys Div reserve. 227 Bde and 346 Bty deploy in area Chrurshauten 0060. Div HQ established in area Petergen RHQ at 061564 159 and 44 Bde 947632 227 Bde and 346 Bty 161 and 286 Btys all in Div reserve.	
	9/10		Preliminary orders received for move of Division to area 5164. Lieut Gillespie posted from 346 Bty to RHQ. Div moves to area Ramsdonck 6174. RHQ established 625766. 44 Bde and 159 Bty area	

			645726. 46 Bde and 161 Bty area 5975 227 Bde and 346 Bty remain old location. 286 Bty remain in Div reserve.	
	11		227 Bde and 346 Bty move up to area Ramsdonck. Preliminary orders received for move on 12 Sep to area of Gheel. 129 SP Bty now to support 46 Bde. Capt Carlyle R.A. evacuated.	
	12		Div move to area Gheel 0888. RHQ established 041810 159 Bty 055843 with 44 Bde deploy SW of Gheel over Albert Canal. 161 Bty at 040845 with 46 Bde deploy over the Albert canal South of Gheel. 286 Bty go to harbour area 058778. 346 Bty remain in old area with 227 Bde.	
	13		227 Bde move up with 346 Bty to area Meerhout over Albert Canal. 159 Bty move to 058878. 129 SP Bty (under comd) one troop to each Bde	
	14		RHQ move to 092845 286 Bty to 093846	
	15		159 Bty and 161 Bty and 129 SP Bty engaged targets with H.E. amn. Orders received to expend no further HE amn. Capt MacDonald R.A. posted to 37 RHU.	
	16	0200	Frequency changed. B Echelon move to 085842. 346 Bty move to 179898. 159 Bty move to 080905. 161 Bty move to 058871. Lt Gillespie R.A. posted to 159 Bty from RHQ. Lieut Slater R.A. promoted to Capt and interposted from 159 Bty to 161 Bty.	
	17		346 Bty move to 109896	
	18		159 Bty move to 150913	
	20	0200	Fire Plan Two 17 pdrs from 346 Bty fire 60 rds HE into area Casterle. Capt Clarke R.A. attached to RHQ	
	20/21		227 Bde withdrawn from bridgehead North of Gheel.	
	21		44 Bde with 159 Bty move to area Steensel. 46 Bde with 161 Bty to West of Eindhoven RHQ and B Ech to area South West of Eindhoven.	
	22		227 Bde less 10 HLI with 346 Bty move to Veldhoven 3713. 46 Bde less 9 Cams force bridgehead over Wilhelmina Canal short of Best. 286 Bty to be in support 227 Bde. 346 Bty in Div reserve.	
	23	0930	Second in Command visits HQ 227 Bde at Veldhoven 3714 plan ascertained to be 227 Bde less 10 H.L.I. with in support 286 Bty and 129 SP Bty to concentrate in area Mensvoort 4123 in Second Army Reserve.	
	24		CO attended 'O' Group where it was decided that 46 Bde would slightly better the posn and that 44 Bde would then go through supported by armour fanning out North to North West on the road to	

			Boxtel 3335. 227 Bde placed under Army Command to proceed to Schindel (Move not made) Lt Firth Tp Comd of 129 SP Bty reported as wounded whilst being employed on HE shoot with 46 Bde.	See Trace No1 (44 bde and 159 bty A/T layout)
	25		Plan changed - 227 Bde to go through other Bdes. Further changes of plans not yet received. RHQ move to 405163 under cover as last two nights were very wet. 129 SP Bty to be in support of 46 Bde instead of one Tp in support of 46 Bde and two Tps in support of 227 Bde.	See Trace No2 (161 Bty and 46 Bde A/T/ layout)
	26		First light Coy KOSB Plus J Tp 346 Bty went to bridge ZON 4425 to defend it against counter attack.	See Trace No3 (J Troop layout)
	27	1700	RHQ move to Windmill 403228, HQRA 405225. Counter attack beaten off. 129 SP Bty uses HE in support of 9 Cams.	
	28	 1000	Lieut Bickerton RA reported killed in action by enemy mortar fire in early morning while accompanying RS into attack. B Ech move to area 3721 Second in Command visited J Troop 346 Bty deployed in def of Br over Wilhelmina Canal at ZON 4425. Coy KOSB had been relieved yesterday by one bty 119 LAA Regt who had 9 guns deployed in br area. In addition there are 18 LAA guns of an Army regt in the area but no inf. J Tp have been undisturbed since their arrival in the area and have no incidents to report.	
	29	0900 1230 1700 2400	Major Fleming RA Comd 161 Bty called at RHQ and reported no enemy patrolling or activity on 46 Bde front during the night. Inf are thinning out to-day to permit men to attend baths and cinema. Warning order that a move Northwards is probable in late afternoon or early evening. RHQ move to 464313 Div HQ to 395227. 346 Bty move to 465302 286 Bty move to 406294 B Ech move to 439299 278 and 336 Bty of 71 A Tk Regt RA put under Command this regt for ops. 278 BHQ location at 439307 336 BHQ located at 447344. Lieut (QM) Burgess R.A. reported wounded by mine and evacuated. LO from 278 Bty arrived asking for SPs as two Btys of SPs withdrawn by formation on our right. One Troop 17 pdr sent to cover this.	See Trace No5 (158 Bde A/T layout)
	30	2230	'A' Troop report small counter attack and engaged with brens.	

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Unit 97th Anti-Tank Regiment, RA

Month and Year October 1944

Commanding Officer Lt-Col P.R. Henderson, RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the Fd	01	0950	A Troop report taking two prisoners. L.O. 161 Bty called. He had nothing to report except a certain amount of mortar and MG fire during the night. No casualties. 153 Bde, 51 (H) Div relieve 44 Bde, 159 to Harbour Area 4631. J Troop 346 Bty relieved and withdrawn to Bty Area. C.O. recces Div Arty Rest Area with Staff Captain, in vicinity of Gemert. Btys of Regt allotted sub-areas.	See Trace No 1 ~~See Trace No 1~~
	02		"K" Troop take over position from 71 A.Tk Regt for two days area 4232. 346 Bty move to 609286. 159 Bty move to map ref 584307.	
	03		5 Interpreters sent to Regt. L. Visser to 161 Bty, J. Brouwers to 286 Bty, P. Deon (NCO) to 159 Bty, A. Beunger (NCO) to 346 Bty, Wim Van der Wal to RHQ. 227 Bde and 286 Bty withdraws, 286 Bty move to area 571298. SP Troop given job of knocking down two factory chimneys. As from 2400 hrs, 129 SP Bty, 278/71 and 336/71 Anti-Tank Regt, RA cease to be under command. 46 Bde and 161 Bty relieved, 161 Bty move to area 596292 to rest	
In the Fd	04		Div HQ and RHQ move to Rest Area. RHQ located map ref 591294 (Gemert).	
	05	1000 1500	C.O. attends Planning Conference Capt. J.P. Lane and RQMS T. Robson attend Q Conference in re Q matters in Germany.	
	06	1000 1630	Adjutant attends Conference at Div HQ on Administration and Documentation All officers addressed by Div Commander at Helmond.	
	07	1430	Div Commander addresses all ranks of the Regiment at RHQ. 144 SP Bty and 344 Bty of 91st Anti-Tank Regt to come under Command when they move into Area. Major Geddes, BC of 144 Bty. Two DRs attached from 144 and 344 Btys.	
	08		Nothing to report	
	09		Two DRs attached from 144 SP Bty and 344 Bty returned to their respective Batteries.	

			HQRA move to Area St Anthonis 7138 plus Div Arty less 97 Anti-Tank Regt, RA	
	10	1130	C.O is seen by Army Commander at Div HQ	
In the Fd	11		Nothing to report	
	12		Nothing to report	
	13		RHQ recce party plus 346 Bty recce party visit area Weert	
	14	1000 1100	Capt Aitken of 144 SP Bty informs us that he is in support 46 Bde and will move with them to new area Weert not before 151200A. Conference at 46 Bde on future plans. 46 Bde to force bridgehead over canal East of Weert. 46 Bde to go through in Armoured vehicles plus 161 and be prepared to be cut off for a day or two. S.Ps to be left in troops along the 46 route guarding the North approaches.	
	15	1615	C.O. 91st Anti-Tank Regt called to say he is prepared to supply Crusader drawn Bty for 46 Bde job. He thinks that SP Bty should not undertake lone role, but accompany 227 Bde and that he does not want to move S.Ps up to join the Regiment here, but will supply DR and subsequently join us in new area.	
In the Fd	16	 1130	C.O visits C.O 91st Anti-Tank Regt ref future plans. 46 Bde rehearsal for operation attended by C.O and 2 i/c. All Interpreters returned to their homes.	
	17		Future operations with 8 Corps cancelled. Div reverts to 12 Corps. Btys of 91 Anti-Tank Regt no longer under command. Lieut Van den Brenk, Dutch Army attached plus batman. Warning order received for move of 44 Bde and 159 Bty subsequently cancelled	
	18		Orders received for move of 286 Bty on 19 Oct to Best area with 227 Bde, with 9 Cameronians under command, to take over from 51st (H) Div, sector Best - St Oedenrode. C.O and Adjt visit 286 Bty. Dutch batman exchanged for L.P. Van Kugen	
In the Fd	19	 1000 1600	286 Bty moves to Best area with 227 Bde. G & I Tps (less one gun) deployed Boschkant and Donderdonk. G Tp in support 2 Gordons. I Tp in support 10 H.L.I. H Tp in harbour area with 2 A & S.H. C.O attends Planning conference at HQRA. C.O holds planning conference at RHQ for 159, 161, 346 Batteries. Lieut C. Chicken, RA posted this Regt from 102 Anti-Tank Regt, RA and interposted to 159 Bty. C.O visits 51st Highland Division and 61st Anti-Tank Regt RA	 See Trace No 2
	20		C.O visits 227 Bde and inspects G & I Tps, deployed in action	
	21	1030	C.O attends CRAs "O" Group. C.O and Adjt visit G & I Tps, 227 Bde HQ and 286 Battery HQ.	

			Two deserters arrested from 1st Bn KOSB. 14420177 Pte Curtis E and 6203711 Pte Beetlestone A.F. See Trace No 3 for Anti-Tank gun dispositions on 227 Bde front.	
	22		C.O visits HQRA. 2 i/c visits 286 Bty. Nothing to report.	
In the Fd	23		C.O visits G & I Troop, 286 Bty and 227 Bde. Nothing to report. 2 i/c procured five Welfare Wireless Sets on payment for the Regt. C.O discussed the proposed employment of 17-pdrs on Op Eric II with O.C. 190 Fld Regt RA.	
	24	1330 2130	C.O. attends CRAs "O" Group. 159 Bty move to area STEENWEG 3827 with 44 Bde. 161 Bty move to concentration area Aacht 3724. 286 Bty remain present location although 2 Gordons and 10 H.L.I. advanced clearing woods to north of Bde position. RHQ move slightly to map ref 385285. RHQ move to map ref 465515, 346 Bty move to area 466514. All these moves are for commencement of Op Eric II.	
In the Fd	25	 1610	Recce party for RHQ and B Ech, area Oirschot 3125 find factory for new location. As no orders for move come through and 44 and 46 Bdes have advanced with their Anti-Tank Batteries in support and are too far forward, a Tac HQ consisting of the C.O, Asst Adjt, Rear Link, Z, Z2, and a D.R are sent forward to map ref 316258. Orders received at Tac HQ to move 346 Bty and RHQ complete past start point X-rds Best 3726 by 1730 hrs. The C.O learns that 129 S.P Bty is under command and that RHQ has to administer them. They are placed in support 4th Gds Tank Brigade. 46 Bde with 161 Bty advance with little opposition. 227 Bde with 286 Bty move up short of Oirschot 3125.	
	26		161 Bty in support 46 Bde in area Oirschot - Moergestel 2330. Lieut M.I. Hore, RA wounded and evacuated in morning; two O.Rs killed and 4 wounded in afternoon. E Tp in support of 2 Glas H. 286 Bty harboured Moergestel area. 159 Bty harboured Houtakker area 2126.	
	27		161 Bty in support 46 Bde. 159 Bty in support 44 Bde in assault of Tilburg, but were not used. 286 Bty in support 227 Bde harbour in Hilvarenbeek area 1924. Tac HQ move to Laagspel area 1923.	
In the Fd	28	0845 1730 1900 2000	346 Bty and RHQ move to area Laagspel. Area recced near HQRA who moved to Tilburg. C.O instructed to move whole Regiment to area Geldrop - Heeze less 286 Bty who have moved with 227 Bde to area Asten. Whole Regiment to be in support 227 Bde. Recce Party leaves RHQ. Regiment passes S.P. and proceeds to new area. These moved to meet threat from Venloo area.	

			129 SP Bty ceases to be administered by the Regiment.	
	29	0600 0830 1100 1800	346 Bty moves to area Asten. C.O visits 286 Bty. Tac HQ moves to Asten. As 46 Bde have moved to Deurne, 161 Bty moved to same area in support. 44 Bde and 159 Bty move to Asten. HQRA and Div move to area Helmond. RHQ instructed to join them as soon as possible by C.O. 286 Bty and 346 Bty deployed area Asten. RHQ move to area Helmond 567234. 146 SP Bty come under Command.	
In the Fd	30	 1700	Whole Regiment deployed RHQ move to 594123 near Zomeren where HQRA and HQ 15 Div are now located. Tac HQ withdrawn to RHQ area. 146 SP Bty - 1 Tp in support of Coldstream Gds, 1 Tp in support of Grenadier Guards, 1 Troop in support of Scots Guards. 2 i/c visited CCA, 7 US Armoured Div at Weert which is the formation on our right. Americans stated that co-ordination of A.Tk defence is not centralised within the Div, Coys of the Tk Destroyer Bn being placed under Comd and NOT in support. ~~C.O of Tk Destroyer Bn said that he was not permitted to exercise Comd over his Bn when in action. S3 of CCA confirmed this, and both seemed in agreement that decentralisation of Comd had not proved satisfactory during recent ops.~~ 2 i/c considered that tie-up between 15 (S) Div and 7 U.S. Armd Div was adequate, but suggested that liaison between the two formations regarding A.Tk defence should be closer. S3 agreed to visit 97th A.Tk Regt on 31 Oct with this object. 2 i/c gave copy of our gun trace to CCA and obtained approx US dispositions. He returned to RHQ at 1900 hrs.	See Trace No 4
In the Fd	31		Lt. T.J. Hogarth, RA and Lt. G. Simpson, RA plus two Gun Fitters leave for Courses in England. 46 Bde plus 6 KOSB, less 2nd Glas H advance S.E against stiff opposition. 159 Bty report one O.R killed and one wounded. 161 Bty report one O.R killed, Carden Loyd Carrier burnt out and a Quad heavily damaged by shell-fire. 159 Bty report a Quad damaged by shell-fire. See Trace No 5 for 159 Bty's new position.	

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Unit 97th Anti-Tank Regt R.A.

Month and Year November 44

Commanding Officer Lieut.Col. P.R.Henderson R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the Field	1 Nov		46 Bde continue advance SE and reach hamlet of 6812 Hutter. 159 Bty move to 666148, 161 Bty to Loon 6615. 44 Bde "O" Group attended by Major Mason on next days proposed attack.	
	2 Nov		44 Bde advance to take all objectives and reach MOOSTDIJK 6908. E Tp encounter minefield in their position and lose one OR and a carrier	
	3 Nov		K Tp owing to U.S. advance on right, were in effect "L.O.Bd", but remain in situ. No further changes.	
	5 Nov		Major Napier leaves for course at HAIFA. 44 Bde attack against very stiff opposition and owing to boggy country make very little headway. Major Fleming R.A. suffering from slight concussion is rested. The following interpostings of officers took place - Lt Raby R.A. to 161 Bty as L.O. - Capt Lane R.A. to 286 as Capt (G) - Lt Geary to do Lieut Q - Lt Middlemiss R.A. D Tp - Lt McGregor H Tp. The following Tps were concentrated in reserve:- A C E I J K L Capt Lywood R.A. (203108) posted Regt, attached HQRA for all purposes	
In the Field	7 Nov		Major R.T. Ashby R.A. leaves for Staff Gunnery Course and is struck off strength 146 S.P. Bty under command are left in reserve at 630133. First intimation of probable reorganisation to include 12 S.P. Valentines.	
	8 Nov		F G H and L Tps only are deployed, other tps resting. 159 Bty less A Tp still at 645148, resting area Deurne. 346 Bty HQ move to 159 Bty billets	
	10 Nov		159 Bty HQ returns to old location. Lieut Raby R.A. returns to 159. C Tp relieves L Tp.	
	11 Nov		Lieut Horries R.A. (217547) attached from 3 Div and interposted to 161 Bty. B.C's conference. ~~Adjt to Brussels on duty.~~	

	12 Nov		2i/c 61 A Tk Regt of 51 (H) Div calls for information of future ops	
	13 Nov		C.R.A's "O" Group attended by C.O. 346 Bty relieve 159 Bty and take over their BHQ. 159 BHQ to Deurne. J Tp relieve C Tp. 346 Bty in support 44 Bde. G Tp relieved by I Tp	
	14 Nov		51 (H) Div attack on our right. D relieve F Tp.	
In the Field	15 Nov		I Troop concentrating in Troop Area. C.O. and A/Adjt attend demonstration of devices for dealing with German Schu Mines. G, I, and J Tps out of line.	
	16 Nov		D Tp relieved. 286 Bty move to 663098.	
	18 Nov		T/Capt Hunt R.A. (226892) to 161 - T/Capt G.G. Griffiths (92118) to 346 - Lt. A.S.H. Telfer R.A. (258490) to 159 - Lt. A.M. Cameron (242556) to 286 attached from RHU. 346 Bty to 601149, 159 Bty to 664148.	
	19 Nov		Lieuts Middlemiss, Shaw, Bates, and Sture attached 8 Corps ATk Regt for SP experience. 1 Tp moved with HLI to Beringen.	
	20 Nov		RHQ move to DEURNE 652198, 286 Bty to 754066. 146 SP cease to be under command. 0900 hrs	
	21/22 Nov		No great change, all formations advance in Mud and rain. 161 to area Hilvareen	
	23		H Tp with 227 Bde to Horst. Major Masters and Lieut Ockleshaw attend demonstration of 17 pr D/S and APCBC at Bourg Leopold Ranges. Mud and Rain still hold up speed of advance. T/Capt Hunt posted to 43 Div	
	24/25		227 Bde and 46 Bde continue slow advance on Maas meeting only mines and mud with little other opposition. 286 Bty and 161 Bty do not deploy but move in rear of Bdes	
In the Field	26		Tac HQ move to area SEVENUM on line to HQRA. C.O. and Major Masters visit Bourg Leopold on reorganisation and Heppen Demonstration of Windsor Carrier, T 16 and Carden Loyd. No material change in situation, but advance continues.	
	27		CRA gives permission for Regt to be concentrated as Tank threat this side of Maas deemed negligible. 161 Bty to area Liesel. A/Adj attends Welfare Conference at Rear Div. Tac HQ withdrawn.	
	28		227 Bde relieved by 9 Bde. Div now with 12 Corps.	
	29		Orders received that 97th Anti-Tank Regt is to be disbanded and is to join 50 (N) Div.	
	30		Div Commander addresses all ranks giving his farewell.	

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Unit 102 (Northumberland Hussars) Anti-Tank Regt RA.

Month and Year December 1944

Commanding Officer Lieut-Colonel R.W. JELF RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		1000 hrs. RHQ moved from OOSTERHOUT to the Barracks in NIJMEGEN to join 99 Bty preparatory to the move to DEURNE area. At 0930 hrs Lt F. MOORE L.O. at HQ RA 50 Div arrived at RHQ with the last instructions to the Regt from them. Everyone is feeling rather sad. The C.O. leaves at 0945 hrs to contact HQ 97 A Tk Regt RA and HQ RA of our new Division. 2000 hrs. Column consisting of RHQ and 99 Bty leave NIJMEGEN for new area. Fine moonlight night. Arrive area LIEROP 5715 at 0115 hrs. Good journey down. Park vehicles round farm buildings and settle for the night. Men in barns. Area does not seem too bad and the hot tea waiting for us cheers everyone up. Good work by Major BARNETT, Lt QM HUTCHINSON and RHQ B Echelon.	
	2.		Changeover with 97 A Tk Regt has been postponed for 24 hrs. So there is little to do except remain in our incredibly uncomfortable concentration area, apart from recce of the areas occupied by 97 A Tk Regt. Filthy wet day. Everyone is naturally rather depressed including 97 A Tk Regt. It is always sad when necessities of war make it imperative for moves which have recently come about to take place. ~~Attached Appx gives account of the recent changes.~~ Major-General BARBER DSO Commanding 15 (S) Div paid an informal visit with his AQ - Lt-Col LETHBRIDGE.	
	3.		RHQ moves from area LIEROP 571156 to DEURNE and is located at 650199. 97 A Tk Regt pulled out of Div area at 0900 hrs today. 288 Bty move from area LIEROP to area Locations are as follows :- RHQ Main/B Ech/LAD ... 650199 99 Bty ... 107 Bty ... 288 Bty ... 289 Bty ...	

			The Regt is at the moment concentrated in these areas. Troops are all under cover but areas are not comfortable. 44 (L) Bde is today clearing BLERICK and up to R. MAAS at VENLO. The Regt is not taking part in the battle as the area is waterlogged and not at a11 suitable for employment of tanks. Tank threat is nil. HQ 15 (S) Div is situated at PANNINGEN 7704. It is a very long time since the Regt was in a Division having a battle which it was not in, it is doubtful if it ever happened before. It is nearly as long since RHQ was as far from Div HQ (18 miles) during operations. Today has been spent settling in and trying to find out the workings of our new division. Much running about has been entailed for everyone and there is not a lot to show for it. Filthy wet day - with very odd bright intervals.	
	4.		Today has been taken up in settling in and getting to know the form in our new Division - 15 (S) Div. Already we have noted many differences from 50 (N) Div, which is only natural. It has not been decided yet what area the Regt is to occupy but the general form for the next few weeks seems to be that the Regt will remain in the rear of the Divisional area to rest and train. 288 Bty set up an Officers and Sgts Mess for the first time since landing (almost six months to the day).	
	5.		288 Bty find themselves concentrated and able for the first time since landing to lay on a Bty parade and to see all the men and vehicles in one place at one time. An orgy of maintenance and re-drilling is begun.	
	6.		C.O. visits range near BOURG LEOPOLD and sees Valentine SP Tp of 107 Bty shoot. OC 107 Bty and Capt F.R. ROBERTS accompany C.O. Maintenance in full swing.	
	7.		Nothing fresh to report. Second-in-Comd still trying to find an area for the Regt where we will have a roof over our heads and be able to do some training. So far the search has been exhaustive and fruitless. C.O. spends day co-ordinating B.Cs answers to the SP questionnaire preparatory to discussing the matter with representatives from Army tomorrow. For questionnaire and answers see Appx "A". Raining today.	
	8.		C.O. endeavouring to make arrangements for at least two Btys and Cadre Class to be accommodated in the Dutch Refugee Camp between LIESEL and DEURNE. This is an excellent camp and if we can get it we will be able to settle down in comparative comfort to training.	

			Accommodation is terribly short in the whole Div area and up to date the 2 i/c, I.O. and even the C.O. himself have spent the best part of five days recceing the area and having meetings with the AQ and his Staff in an endeavour to reach a solution. Lt-Col KING visits C.O. and the questionnaire on SP eqpts is discussed. Brig L. BOLTON (CRA 15 (S) Div) also attends. 288 Bty M.10 Tp depart for Re-organisation Centre at BOURG LEOPOLD for change-over to Valentines.	
	9.		It is now decided that the following moves will take place tomorrow. RHQ will move from present location in DEURNE to nearer HQ RA at PANNINGEN and 289 Bty will move from present location to RHQ's present location at DEURNE. L.A.D. will move from DEURNE into what we call the wilderness in area 7508. A bit of a crisis has also arisen in 99 Bty's area. The 15 (S) Recce Regt have to pull into that area and so we shall have to move 99 Bty and also 107 Bty. It is decided to move 99 Bty to the wilderness on 11 Dec and to try and find a place to put 107 Bty. C.O. visits AQ and is given the area of VOSBERG. It is decided to put 107 Bty in VOSBERG but meantime on a previous arrangement OsC 107 Bty and 289 Bty are out today looking at areas outside the Div area as also is Lieut MARRIOTT. After all these officers have done their recces they are to report to RHQ this evening at 1700 hrs. 1700 hrs. B.C's Conference about moves. Both Majors TRIPPIER and STALLARD have found excellent places for their Btys outside the Div area and Lieut MARRIOTT has found billets and good accommodation for whole Regt in VALKENSWAARD. However, we must not now go outside the Div area. It is finally fixed up 289 Bty move to DEURNE tomorrow. RHQ move to PANNINGEN and on 11th 99 Bty will move to wilderness and 107 Bty to VOSBERG. 288 Bty remain in present location during all this. After these moves have taken place it is still not firm that we will remain in these areas.	
	10.		RHQ move from DEURNE to PANNINGEN 781050. 289 Bty move to DEURNE 650198. LAD move to wilderness area 7508. There is a lot of work to be done in both RHQ and LAD's new areas as there are no lights and no heating. If there were lights there is no blackout!! Everyone now concentrates on getting stores of every description out of ADOS, AQ, EME etc.	

	11.		99 Bty move to wilderness (751086). 107 Bty move to VOSBERG (7706). Both areas are pretty bloody and there is a lot of work to be done to make them "liveable in". C.O. is still working on the Dutch Camp idea and sees innumerable AQ people to find out whether or not we are to have the Camp. It is a case of one day "Yes", another day "No", next day "Part". Nothing is definite in this world we know, but ..... !	
	12.		Major-General BARBER DSO, Cdg 15 (S) Div does an informal tour of the Btys accompanied by CRA (Brig L. BOLTON) and C.O. The General addresses the men in each Bty and welcomes the Regt to the Div adding that he expects us shortly to be wearing tam-o-shanters ! Shape of things to come. New Div signs for our arms arrive - 7¼d per pr ! These new signs become quite expensive as this is the fourth Div the Regt has been with. Greece 1941 ... 2 Armd Div Western Desert 1941-42 7 Armd Div Western Desert/Tunisia Sicily/Europe 1942-44 50 (N) Div Europe 1944 15 (S) Div 288 Bty can add more being with 4 Indian Div for a time as well and also for a very short time with 1 Armd Div, to mention two. We received news today that Major R. TAYLOR DSO MC who commanded 288 Bty has been promoted Lt-Col and is assuming comd of 8 Corps A Tk Regt which is being re-formed. Regt paints out its TTs and adopts the 15 (S) Div sign - Scottish Lion.	
	13.		Field-Marshall Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY held a presentation today at ZOMEREN. Sgt WHERRELL R.J. of 99 Bty received the M.M. for the BEMMEL party. C-in-C's Certificates arrived by post for the C.O. to present to Lieut GARNER, (289 Bty), S/Sgt BATES (RHQ) and L/Bdr GIFFORD (288 Bty). The C-in-C addressed officers of the DIV down to Second - in - Comd after the presentation. C.O. still endeavouring to get an answer about the Dutch Camp. Arrangements are made to go ahead and put the Cadre Class into the accommodation in the camp which is spare at the moment. C.O. is invited to spend the night with Lt.General BARBER at 8 Corps HQ near HELMOND.	

	14		C.O. goes straight from 8 Corps HQ to BOURG LEOPOLD to spend day with 288 Btys M.10. Troop which is at the RA Reorganisation Centre being reorganised into a troop of 3 SP 17 pdr Valentines. B.C. 107 Bty accompanied by Capt. E.R. ROBERTS visits Brigadier of 44 Bde.	
	15		Positions remain unchanged. C.O. Major G.R. BALFOUR MC and Capt. W.S. BRAMELD DSO visit 288 Bty SP troop at BOURG LEOPOLD and watch practice shoot with Valentines. B.C.'s conference at RHQ 1730 hrs on subject "Blighty" Leave. Officers ballot for leave.	
	16		Owing to general manpower shortage Regt has to post off as Inf reinforcements 29 men. These men must be A.1 and under 30 and must not hold a campaign medal. They will probably be replaced by A.2 personnel over 30. Draw for "Blighty" Leave.	
	17		Good deal of Air Activity over DIV area. DEURNE bombed. 289 Bty suffer a casualty and have a couple of vehicles damaged (A.P. bomb splinters). 289 Bty recce an area in LIESEL as they may have to move into that area.	
	18		It is now thought DIV will move from this area and concentrate 10/15 miles North of ANTWERP in V 1 & V 2 alley and fair ground.	
	19		Regtl Recce parties under Major R.A. BARNETT MC RA proceed to recce area North of ANTWERP. B.C. of 107 Bty and Capt ROBERTS do a recce in BLERICK area prior to shooting up two houses on other side of river suspected of being occupied by enemy HQ's. Fairly heavy shelling in BLERICK. 289 Bty moved to LIESEL 6714.	
	20		Regtl recce parties report on new area is very depressing. Buildings very badly damaged and not a pane of glass to be found anywhere. Heating arrangements nil. Major BARNETT MC RA was constrained to say a few pertinent words to a local Town Major who found that "troops coming out of the line did not mind what sort of area they occupied as any change was usually for the better".	
	21		Inf A/Tk plns of 46 Bde visit 288 Bty and arrangements made for them to use Miniature Range. All Btys now have a miniature range going.	
	22		Dull Foggy day. Slight drizzle.	

			C.O. visits HQ RA at 1200 hrs to discuss local defence with Lt-Col YOUNG and BMRA. Officers i/c Bty Recce parties visit RHQ and report result of their Recce's North of ANTWERP to 2i/c. 2i/c makes a trace of area and writes a description of the billets which is forwarded to HQ RA. Move to area North of ANTWERP now considered to be fairly definitely off. DIV taking over a bit more frontage. This is no doubt due to RUNSTEDTs unexpected and large counter offensive against the 1st American Army in the ARDENNES. It is rumoured that C-in-C 21 Army Group has now taken over Command of all operations in the threatened area and things are beginning to happen on a large scale.	
	23		C.O. leaves RHQ with Capt. C.S. SPENCE to see the Valentines of 99 Bty do their shooting. Major BARNETT goes to see CRA at 1000 hrs. DIV are worried about enemy patrols crossing the river and infiltrating. A mild flap. Major BARNETT sees OsC 99, 288 & 289 Btys and gives them areas to recce in case of enemy infiltration. Btys are to keep a Duty Troop with necessary tpt at short notice to move out in an Inf role. SP Troops are to be held available for special jobs and crews of SP's not to be used for the Inf role of the Duty troop. CRA visited and addressed the senior NCOs Cadre Class accompanied by Major R.A. BARNETT MC RA. A good show was put on and CRA expressed his pleasure. The following Officers arrived to be attached to the Regt. Major. TURNBULL MC) Capt . LANE) both late 97 A/Tk Regt RA. The idea behind the attachment is to keep them from rotting in RHUs. They will also be useful when leave starts. We are now considerably over-strength in Officers as follows:- 99 Bty 2 Subalterns 107 Bty 1 " 288 Bty 1 Captain 289 Bty 1 Subaltern and we understand still another Capt is on his way. Major. K. TURNBULL MC goes to 107 Bty and takes over from Major. A.T.F. STALLARD posted to 190 Fld Regt.	
	24		Cadre Class breaks up. Btys preparing for Xmas celebration. 1500 hrs. CRA thinks the enemy may definitely try something on over the festive season and it is decided by DIV that we had	

			better have at least the equivalent of 2 full strength Plns per Bty standing by at short notice to move. 1700 hrs. BC's conference and C.O. lays on the plot with Bty Cmdrs. C.O. inspects 289 Bty. 289 Bty play LIESEL at soccer and win 9 - 0.	
	25		C.O. visits Christmas dinners of 289 & 288 Btys. Major RA BARNETT MC visits Christmas dinners of RHQ 99 & 107 Btys. Rations are excellent.	
	26		Training carries on as usual. No change in location.	
	27		Second senior NCO's Cadre Class assembles in Maria School ASTEN. Other Training goes on as usual. Foggy frosty weather continues.	
	28		Division are still worried about the thinness of the Infantry on the ground. DIV front covers some 30,000 yards from 899148 (GRUBBENVORE) to 777942 (BUGGENUM). Positions are to be recced in the 3 Bde fronts for the Regtl or individual Bty (platoons) to take up and hold in event of a flap. BCs are to do recces and contact the Bde Cmdrs. Major BARNETT is to tie up the day after BC's have done their recces.	
	29		BC's conference 0930. Defensive positions for Regt1 or Bty Plns have been recced in 46 Bde Area (288 Bty) and 227 Bde area (289 Bty). BCs point out areas which are in squares 7496 & 7397 for 46 Bde and squares 8001 and 8405 for 227 Bde. Brig. of 44 Bde does not allot areas as he does not know definitely where threat will come from nor definitely that we will be available and in what strength if a threat does come.	
	30		C.O. visits A/Tk Range in LOMMEL near BOURG LEOPOLD and arranges for the Regts shoot on 4, 5, 6 and 7th of Jan. 289 Btys M.10 Troop (the last in the Regt for reorganization) is at the RA reorganization centre. Lt. MARRIOTT finds billets to be occupied by the Btys during the forthcoming practice camp. Second-in-Command recces Regtl defensive localities with B.C. 288 Bty in the morning and B.C. 289 Bty in the afternoon.	
	31		C.C.R.A. is going to visit Regt tomorrow at 1415 hrs to present C-in-C's Certificates. Regtl parade of 42 OR's per Bty and 12 from RHQ is laid on to take place on the Football ground at PANNINGEN at 780047. Shells continue to land in the general PANNINGEN area at the usual daily rate of about 12.	

			We are gradually finding our feet in our new surroundings but it is going to take us a while to get used to the new administrative ideas. The amount of paper seems to be terrific and peace time accounting the rule rather than the exception. This hits us particularly hard after Regts long period away from England. The six months in England prior to the invasion were rather too busy to learn up all multifarious orders, instructions, systems on administration and we just could not compete, so we really are hardly equipped to compete now.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		Considerable enemy air activity over Div area. 119 LAA Regt have a goodish day and get five certainties. Three of them quite near our HQ from which a good view was obtained. Major GR BALFOUR MC RA of 288 Bty is evacuated with malaria. This is his third attack. We are all hoping he will be back soon. CCRA 8 Corps, accompanied by Brig BOLTON CRA 15 (S) Div, visits Regt. A ceremonial parade of 4 offrs and 42 ORs per bty is laid on on the football ground in PANNINGEN. CCRA inspects the parade and presents C-in-C's Certificates to 980513 S/Sgt BATES CE and 1091029 L/Bdr GIFFORD JRC. Parade was at 1415 hrs and was a great success, the 'Noodles' living up to their reputation for "putting something on". Three Valentine SPs of 107 Bty were on parade for the CCRA to look at, which he did with interest. RHQ turned out 24 chaps and 4 officers including CO. CRA and HMRA visit RHQ Mess for dinner at 1915. Very pleasant and happy evening spent.	
	2.		Major RA BARNETT MC RA with Lieut JD MARRIOTT go off to LOMMEL (near BOURG LEOPOLD) to watch 289 Bty's SP Tp shoot their Valentines. Lieut QM goes off to BRUSSELS to do many routine jobs and pick up some welfare goods, boot polish etc. He takes with him the second deserter of 97 A Tk Regt and hopes to get rid of him to his own RHQ. G.1 rings up and signifies his intention of calling on C.O. at 1415 hrs. A Capt from Battle Research Section 21 Army Group to see the C.O. who was not available. He came to ask the following questions. How many tanks had been knocked out by the Regt in this campaign and what guns did the knocking out? What were our casualties in guns, vehicles and personnel? How many guns were deployed on the floor at the time of the battle?	

			He was given Appx 'A' to read and told as regards the last question that battles were so seldom set-piece that it was impossible to answer, and even more so months after. He was referred to the War Office records of the Battle of MEDENINE for answers to the last question.	
	3.		CRA visits NCOs Cadre Class at ASTEN. 288 Bty depart for MOLL for practice camp. C.O. departs for MOLL. Div Comd rings up and signifies his intention of visiting the range practice on 5 Jan. Thaw precautions instituted.	
	4.		289 Bty depart for MOLL. Foggy day. No shooting. Arrangements altered. 288 Bty with 46 Bde are now going to shoot on 5 Jan. 289 Bty with 227 Bde are going to shoot on 6 Jan. 107 Bty with 44 Bde are going to shoot on 7 Jan. 99 Bty are to try and shoot their 6-prs on the same day as Valentines are to shoot, i.e. 9 Jan. Recce Regt shoot cancelled. Great flap on because owing to thaw precautions being instituted we should not have allowed any tracked vehicles or 3-tonners on the road. Unfortunately one of 289 Bty's Carriers towing a 6-pr got lost and rolled into 8 Corps HQ to ask the way!!	
	5.		288 Bty and 46 Bde get their shooting in. Div Comd and CRA visit the range and watch the shooting. Brig of 46 Bde also visits range. Major BARNETT goes down to see how things are going. Move down of 107 Bty and 44 Bde guns is postponed 24 hours.	
	6.		107 Bty and 44 Bde move down to ranges at LOMMEL.	
	7.		107 Bty and 227 Bde shoot on ranges at LOMMEL.	
	8.		99 Bty moves down to LOMMEL.	
	9.		99 Bty shoots on ranges.	
	10.		Adjt and T/Adjt leave for rear areas to collect bits and bodies. C.O. returns lunch-time from MOLL and LOMMEL. The shooting has been quite successful in spite of snow, frost and fog, and the A/Tk pls of inf bns, as well as all our own detachments, had a shoot. In the absence of the CRA on leave, the CO is acting CRA. C.O. and 2 i/c dine with 2 Gordons.	
	11.		A four days course for all the subalterns of the Regt assembles at ASTEN.	
	12.		C.O. spends most of the day at Junior Offrs Course at ASTEN.	
	13.		Adjt and T/Adjt return, bringing with them L/Bdr Cox RHQ, who was wounded on 3 Sept. C.O. lunches at 227 Bde and meets Corps Comd.	

	14.		C.O.2 visits 44 Bde to discuss Regts emergency infantry role. B.C's Conferenoe at 289 Bty HQ : the following were discussed :- (a) The deployment of four guns. An SS Bde is coming to relieve each Bde in turn. It has no A Tk guns of its own. It is decided to deploy two half troops with it as under :- 99 Bty ... 18 - 25 Jan 288 Bty ... 1 - 8 Feb 107 Bty ... 25 Jan - 1 Feb 289 Bty ... 8 - 15 Feb (b) Training in indirect fire with 17-pr Valentines. It is decided to ask Fd Regts to assist. (c) Future NCOs Cadre Classes. It is decided to hold another 14 Day course, assembling at ASTEN on 17 Jan. (d) Other domestic matters. Lieut. M. DAVIES (288 Bty) falls on ice and breaks his ankle and evacuated. Lieut J. MARRIOTT returns from leave.	
	15.		Cold weather continues. Roads most treacherous. C.O. lectures to all W.Os and Sgts of the Regt on all duties required from them, then proceeds to Junior Officers Course, which is a great success. AQ coming to meet C.O. at 1730 hrs, later cancelled. Regt informed that the Inspectorate of Army Equipment will pay a visit in the near future. Demonstration of 17-pr SABOT at LOMMEL ranges postponed owing to weather.	
	16.		C.O. meets AQ at HQ RA. Major BARNETT holds conference with Capts Q and EME to discuss the visit of the Inspectorate of Army Equipment. C.O. is visited by Lt-Col STUART CO 131 Fd Regt and 2 i/c of Recce Regt. C.O., Major BARNETT and a number of other officers from the Regt, attended a lecture given by Lt-Col ANDERSON DSO on the eqpt of 79 Div. Lt-Col BAKER-BAKER comes to lunch.	
	17.		Weather continues bad after thaw of previous afternoon, sharp frost takes place, roads a sheet of glass. The A.S.H. cancel the arrangements regarding our instructors being loaned to them, reason their A Tk personnel being used as inf. Capts MASTERS and SPENCE call in RHQ to see C O. after making a recce of the front of 227 Bde. They state impossible to do anything with four guns - need at least a Bty. C.O. and Capt SPENCE go to see G.1. Arrangements made for the Valentine Tp to be moved further up in case of emergency.	

			Suggested 289 Bty go under care of 107 Bty at their location. 288 Bty to 99 Bty - same rule.	
	18.		C.O. with Col YOUNG and BM RA go to LOMMEL ranges to watch demonstration of VT Fuze in ground role - very successful. Major BARNETT visits 44 Bde. Leave allotment for U.K. first 14 days Feb disgraceful. 2 Offrs and 35 ORs. 50% cut on Jan figures - everyone mystified. Lieut K. JARVIS to be despatched to 33 RHU. 289 Bty report no accommodation for SP Tp in the area of 107 Bty. Start of NCOs Cadre Class.	
	19.		First day cancellation of leave to U.K. owing to gale in Straits of Dover. Bad weather continues, gale with sleet and snow. C.O. visited by Lt-Col FITZ-LEIGH and Lt-Col BATESON. 289 Bty's SP Tp move to accommodation in 99 Bty area. Leave for second part of Feb is 2 Offrs 31 ORs - receive long letter from HQ RA explaining why so few. NCOs Cadre have moved from ASTEN on AQ orders, go to billets vacated by 289 Bty SP Tp.	
	20.		C.O. visits CRA to glean any news of Major PUMPHREY and Major DUNKERLEY whose return would be a great help to the Regt. Learned that the former has passed medical board and has been instructed now to spend two months on A Tk course in U.K. before joining Regt. It is very mysterious trying to fathom out how the "Back Boys" in England work out such instructions. No news of Major DUNKERLEY. C.O. visits 289 Bty to see Lieut WILLIAMS and also to see Cadre Class in new accommodation. 288 Bty SP Tp now not to move. Rumours of move.	
	21.		Move now certain. The whole Regt less two SP Tps to move 22 Jan - rather short notice. Recce parties set off for BOOM 20 miles North of BRUSSELS. Instructors for inf cancelled. Artillery course cancelled. Cadre Class postponed. Considering the amount of re-fitting of vehicles, move in one is impossible. C.O's conference in connection with move with the following results :- Regt will move at 0730 hrs. Two SP Tps who remain behind under comd Lt O'NEILL. Route for move - MEIJEL - NEDERWEERT - DIEST - BOSCH - HAMONT - LOMMEL - MOLL - GHEEL - LIERRE - MECHLIN - WILLOEBROCK - BOOM. Order of march - 99 Bty, 107 Bty, RHQ, 288 Bty, 289 Bty.	

			First amendment arrives at 2130 hrs move postponed for 1¼ hours. Route changed, delete HAMONT, LOMMEL read HECHTEL, BOURG LEOPOLD.	
	22.		Duty Officer phones at 0400 hrs - plan once again changed. Major BARNETT who is at BOOM to report to Div Check Pt at HEINTHALS at 1530 hrs. Lt QM despatched to BOOM with this information. Regt moves at 0845 hrs, conditions bloody, roads like glass, will be tough going for carriers and SP guns have to be towed behind wheeled vehicles. We pass many vehicles in ditch, expect to have many vehicle casualties on arrival. March of Regt excellent, arrive at 1545 hrs, distance covered 96 miles, good going under conditions. Casualties to vehicles (RHQ Nil 99 Bty 2 carriers; 107 Bty 1 Carrier 1 15-cwt; 288 Bty 1 SP Gun 1 Carrier; 289 Bty 1 Slave. All Regt in BOOM, people of town excellent, everyone knows by past experience that Regt could not stop in such a spot for many days. Message from Major BARNETT who is attending Div Conference, Bty Comds to be at new Mess at 2000 hrs. Later, Div Conference now at 2100 hrs instead of 1530 hrs - Bty Comds to be at RHQ at 2300 hrs. Never has there been such a C.M.F.U. Major BARNETT arrives back at 2330 hrs, details as follows :- Btys will go with Bdes, 99 Bty and RHQ at HILVARENBEEK; 107 and 288 Btys at TILBURG; 289 Bty at POPPEL. Recce parties for new positions off at 0800 hrs on 23 Jan.	
	23.		Major BARNETT off to recce at 0800 hrs, a very trying and tiring four days for him. 99 Bty recce away at 0830 hrs. 107 and 288 Btys away at 0600 hrs. 289 Bty away at 0700. Major BALFOUR visits RHQ for information. Major BARNETT holds B.C's Conference at 2100 hrs, we shall perhaps move on the night of 24th. Considering state of roads this would be most difficult. An officer to be sent to TILBURG for details of move. Div say at Conference that rations are to be drawn at TILBURG - 70 miles away. Arrangements trying to be made to draw at ANTWERP. EME goes back to sort out vehicles left at PANNINGEN.	
	24.		Lieut JONES goes to Div Conference, returns at 1400 hrs. No move now before 26th. Good baths at 99 Bty location - all Regt got through. We draw 2 days rations and petrol from ANTWERP. Div cannot understand how we manage to get rations not going through them. We also manage to get one ton of coal - good work by 2 i/c and Lt QM.	

			Big scare in RHQ - one of our billets is occupied by girls returned from Germany with V.D. Officers' Mess is once again in a collaborator's house - pity we don't want any Mess equipment. Lot of work caused by changing money back into Belgian francs, bearing in mind that we shall need Guilders again in a couple of days. Two or three days lost through the fear of having to move any day. Recce parties are left at new area, getting everything squared up for move. No news of the two SP Tps we left behind.	
	25.		No fear of moving so the Regt got down to some real work. Still without news of the C.O. At 1830 the bomb falls, L.O. arrives at RHQ from Div, carrying enough bumph to sink a battleship, and also the orders for move, which were :- The Regt will move in Bty gps starting at 0830 hrs on 26 Jan. Most personnel were enjoying well-earned entertainment, so once again Major BARNETT was loaded with tons of work.	
	26.		Regt moves to new location, route ANTWERP, BREDA, TILBURG, HILVARENBEEK. Order of march: RHQ, 288, 99, 107, 289 Btys. Good progress was made and the first party arrived at 1230 hrs. Excellent organisation by recce parties, all personnel in civvy billets, which are very good. Btys with Bdes: 107 Bty with 44 Bde: 288 Bty with 46 Bde: 289 Bty with 227 Bde: 99 Bty in reserve with RHQ. Locations: RHQ and 99 Bty at HILVARENBEEK: 107 Bty at TILBURG: 288 Bty at TILBURG: 289 Bty 143283. C.O. at new location on arrival. The two SP Tps are on the way to us. SP Tps arrive plus 4 M/Cs left behind by RHQ.	
	27.		C.O. attends secret conference at Div. Orders received for disposal of Lieut JACKSON. At last we are in touch with Div with line although they are 30 miles away. All personnel very cold - Lt QM unable to supply any fuel. C.O. and the C.O. of 119 LAA Regt return to RHQ after conference. Everyone greatly impressed by Russian progress, a lot of money being laid on the end of the war. T/Adjt busy with Accident Reports owing to our long marches on bad roads. Lieut WILLIAMS sees G.O.C.	
	28.		C.O's conference on future operations. Subjects discussed :- Getting prepared for future operations. Dumping of M/Cs which are useless on these roads.	

			Have we to dump any more kit? Bty Comds think we can move in one. C.O. gets the changing of 6-pr Tps for 17-prs 'put off' for time being. We are supposed to receive 9 Valentines for BCs and Tp Comds. Impossible to cope with these at this stage. New W.E. discussed and we put in for amendment. C.O. goes to HQ RA, returns in good spirits, told he will fly home on 30 Jan. Lieut WILLIAMS sees the C.O. for compassionate leave and is sent to Second Army.	
	29.		C.O. goes on leave. Major RA BARNETT MC RA takes over comd. Div trying to take L.A.D. 15-cwt from us. Impossible to move without it so we put up a fight, many of our vehicles having been in wksps for many weeks and we are below W.E. Acting C.O. goes to HQ RA.	
	30.		Major WARD reports to RHQ to assist while the C.O. is away. Capt ROBERTS visits RHQ for maps etc for coming operations. Maps not yet received. The amount of 'bumph' being received is terrific, orders coming in one day to be amended or cancelled the next results in a lot of unnecessary and hard work. Bdes putting their Btys in full picture for coming events. EME and T/Adjt chasing new engines etc to get all vehicles on the road. RSM ROCKETT and BSM McCREEDY attend demonstration of blanket drying in 3-ton lorry.	
	31.		Complete change in weather, raining and nearly all the snow disappears. Major BARNETT goes to HQ RA for a ruling on a TOP SECRET letter, returns just the same in the dark, the reason being the staff could not explain their own letters. C.O.'s conference on future operations. Subjects discussed were what personnel and vehicles could L.O.B. in next operations. Lt QM collects three Tabbys, which are TOP SECRET, something to do with lighting in the dark. 289 Bty unable to attend conference as they are at a Bde Conference. Major BARNETT attends bottle party given by G.O.C. at TILBURG.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Transport still causing trouble. Unable to get vehicles from Wksps. Regt offered a quantity of champagne at 130 Belgian francs and white wine at 50 Belgian francs. Capt ROBERTS called to see Major BARNETT to discuss future operations. Sgts SPOWART, CULLEN and HYNES called to say goodbye - a sad blow to the Regt after such long and good service. SCRA visits Regt to put us in the picture - we still find we are looking through dark spectacles after he has gone. C.O. goes to HQ RA. Adjt returns from leave after being A.W.O.L. one day.	
	2		Locations unchanged.	
	3		Major RA BARNETT accompanied by Major TA WIGGLESWORTH went off and did a recce of the area allotted for our two SP Tps which are taking part in the "Pepperpot" fire plan. Rather unsuccessful as the area had already been allotted to Fd Regts in the Gds Armd Div. Major FW WARD recced assembly area for Tac/Main RHQ and A Bty. This is in the middle of a town and is going to be very cramped. Space for the forthcoming operations is going to be at a premium, and as much as possible is to be left back in the Admin Gp area which is being established for the Div in this area. We are leaving personnel and vehicles behind as follows :- RHQ/LAD 12 Vehs 21 O.Rs 107 Bty 3 Vehs 12 O.Rs 99 Bty 3 " 12 " 288 Bty 3 " 15 " 289 Bty 4 Vehs 19 O.Rs. Until some progress is made with the battle it is going to be very difficult.	
	4.		Lt—Gen HORROCKS Comd 30 Corps addresses all officers in 15 (S) Div in the ENSA Cinema, TILBURG, at 1030 hrs. He outlines the plan for future ops. This is the first time 15 (S) Div have been in 30 Corps. Maj—Gen BARBER gives a short address after the Corps Commander. Major BARNETT holds a B.C's Conference at 107 Bty HQ in	

			TILBURG at 1200 hrs. (After Corps Comd's talk). Major BALFOUR of 288 Bty tells Major BARNETT detailed plan for 46 Bde's effort. 288 Bty are moving up to assemb1y area tonight. Capt ROBERTS outlines 289 Bty's part in 227 Bde's effort. Arrangements for the Admin Gp are laid on. Still no sign of the Regt getting the various vehs of which it is deficient, i.e. 4 Carriers, one 3—tonner, 2 Jeeps. This is rather serious as we now no longer carry spares - having reduced our spare vehs over the past couple of months since joining 15 (S) Div. 288 Bty move off with 46 Bde Gp to assembly area in NIJMEGEN. Night move. Regt is still short of 4 Carriers Mortar, 1 Carrier AOP, 1 Jeep, 1 3-tonner 4x4. This is now getting serious as time is short. The position is aggravated by the fact that 3 of the Regt's 4x4 15—cwts are now only 4x2 because of shortage of spare parts of Cdn 4x4, which is chronic.	
	5.		Preparation for move. Move order received from HQ RA stating RA Gp and HQ RA move tonight. There is doubt as to whether this includes RHQ and 99 Bty. I.O. goes off to HQ RA, to find out. Meanwhile we prepare to move. I.O. returns from HQ RA and announces that we do not move until Div Tps move tomorrow night. 289 Bty with 227 Bde Gp move during night to assembly area in NIJMEGEN. Release for 1 Jeep and 3 Carriers (2 Mortar and 1 AOP) came through. Capt LESLIE spent the whole day getting them. The AOP had no towing attachment. It is disgraceful that in the sixth year of war vehs are still being issued to units about to go into action without towing attachments. As we are still short of 2 Carriers and 1 3-tonner 4x4 it is decided to send Capt LESLIE with the necessary driver to Veh Park at 30 Corps to wait for release coming through, while EME goes to Rear Div ADOS to sit there and wait for the release. Everyone is moving or has moved and it is now imperative to get these vehs. All the Regt's spare carriers etc have been handed in and if these vehs do not come through before the battle starts we may have to begin with a gun short.	
	6.		Major BARNETT leaves RHQ at 1100 hrs to attend a CRA's Co-ordinating Conference at NIJMEGEN. 107 Bty goes to NIJMEGEN with 44 Bde Gp. RHQ and 99 Bty leave HILVARENBEEK at 1900 hrs and proceed to NIJMEGEN, arriving at 0700 hrs 7 Feb.	

	7.		Concentration of the Regt now effected in NIJMEGEN. EME and Capt LESLIE report to RHQ at 1840 hrs having brought remaining 2 Carriers from OFP. Unfortunately these are Lloyd Carriers and are likely to be more trouble than they are worth. So far the Regt had succeeded in avoiding these gun towers like the plague.	
	8.		1030 hrs. 288 Bty move with 46 Bde. SP Tp is moving with 2 Bn Glasgow Highlanders. 289 Bty move with 227 Bde. The roads are in very bad condition and it is almost impossible to move 6-prs. Lt L.B. BATES of 289 Bty SP Tp is wounded and 2 O.Rs are also wounded. Valentine of 289 Bty is written off on a mine. Lt WRIDE takes over SP Tp. 107 Bty move to forming-up area. Bty HQ at SCHILDBROEK 783554. 2345 hrs. Plan of attack for 44 Bde changed and Axis switched from 'AYR' route to 'PEARL BLACK' route. 'AYR' is impassable owing to mud. Tp of 289 Bty 6-prs gets completely bogged.	
	9.		Lt WARD collects a replacement Valentine for 289 Bty at GRAVE at 0800 hrs. Major BARNETT goes off at 0730 hrs to visit Btys forward. He found the going very bad indeed - the roads are in bad shape. Lt WRIDE of 289 Bty badly wounded in the head by mortar splinter. 289 Bty also have 2 O.Rs wounded. 288 Bty HQ established in GROESBEEK MR 745560. 2200 hrs. 107 Bty HQ established in NUTTERDEN 8455.	
	10.		Major BARNETT goes off at 0745 hrs to visit Btys. Going now worse than ever. Major BARNETT goes off at 1315 hrs and visits 107 Bty, 288 Bty and 289 Bty, who are located at :- 107 Bty ... 843577 288 Bty ... 742566 289 Bty ... 835554 One 6-pr Tp of 289 Bty is completely bogged in the middle of a minefield and is unable to move. 43 Div start to pass through 15(S) Div. 1500 hrs. 44 Bde with 107 Bty in sp ordered to take CLEVE.	
	11.		C.O. arrives back from leave at 1330 hrs. Tac RHQ moves forward to area NUTTERDEN 8455 at 1000 hrs. Main Div and HQ RA move at same time but HQ RA only allow us to send a Tac. Tac consists of Maj BARNETT, Lt MARRIOTT and 10 O.Rs, M.14 and 2 Jeeps. C.O. leaves RHQ at 1500 hrs to take over from Major BARNETT at Tac HQ. Situation in CLEVE is still obscure.	

			An attack is laid on to take place this afternoon. 227 Bde with 289 Bty attacking from NW and 44 Bde with 107 Bty from West. 46 Bde with 288 Bty are moving up this afternoon to take over the ground East of NUTTERDEN. Usual heavy rain falling in intermittent showers of about 2 hours duration. Conditions for movement very bad. All roads from NIJMEGEN to KRANENBURG impassable except for the main road NIJMEGEN - CLEVE. 6 German Para Div has put in an appearance at CLEVE and is fighting well. Message received from Tac to send recce parties from Main RHQ and 99 Bty to Tac at 0930 hrs tomorrow. Div is being relieved by a Cdn Div and is going into Corps reserve. Regt is going to concentrate in NUTTERDEN/KRANENBURG area. 288 Bty HQ established in NUTTERDEN 854555.	
	12.		Only 3-tonners can now make the journey from NIJMEGEN to NUTTERDEN. Floods across road are up to 3 ft deep. Recce party consisting of 15-cwt, Jeep and M/C set off. 15-cwt just managed to get through the flood. Jeep, M/C had to come back. Move now out of question owing to floods. 15-cwt unable to come back because of floods. Water rising 1" per hour. Recce party except for driver of 15-cwt hitch-hike their way back on 3-tonners and DUKWs. Tac RHQ have a few requests. 2 i/c of 119 LAA Regt who have borrowed a Weasel take up a few things for us. Lt QM sets off in a 3-tonner with various things they require but after spending 5 hours on the road is turned back because floods are now impassable even by a 3-tonner. 43 Div, who have passed through 15 (S) Div and gone South of CLEVE, bump into 116 Panzers who have come up from VENLO area. Major APT MASON arrives. He has been posted to us from 31 RHU. He is ex-97 A Tk Regt RA. There is actually no vacancy for him as both Majors DUNKERLEY and PUMPHREY have been posted back by War Office and will arrive at end of this month. Capt J. LESLIE (T/Adjt) leaves for a 6-weeks course at RHYL followed by his leave. 288 Bty SP Tp moves under comd Coldstream Gds (Tanks) for a mobile column role. 288 Bty HQ at CLEVE 876553. 116 Panzer Div identified on 43 Div front in area of CALCAR and HAU. 107 Bty recce area of BRESSERBURG as long stop. 289 Bty deploy round 227 Bde HQ area 8656.	

	13.		Water still rising. 3-tonners not able to negotiate the floods. Amphibious vehs only. Locations as follows :- Main RHQ) NIJMEGEN — Tac RHQ NUTTERDEN 99 Bty) — 107 Bty NUTTERDEN 288 Bty 882570 Regtl Residue GOIRLE nr TILBURG — 289 Bty DONSBRUGGEN 8657 Battle going reasonably well in spite of floods. 289 Bty have a 15-cwt stolen in NIJMEGEN. 289 Bty 6-pr Tp at last gets out of bog and rejoins Bty.	
	14.		Still cut off by road from Tac RHQ in NUTTERDEN. Official mail received from HQ RA by DUKW DRLS. Amphibious vehs only able to maintain service between the forward tps and echelons, but it looks as if "peak flood" has been reached. 288 Bty move East of CLEVE 916537. 44 Bde with 288 Bty in sp attack towards MOYLAND. Bty deployed on right flank of Bde as flank protection. Very heavy mortaring and shelling by enemy. 288 Bty have an SP knocked out by a direct hit. No casualties. 107 Bty HQ move to CLEVE.	
	15.		Orders received from HQ RA via 119 LAA Regt that RHQ and 99 Bty will move up from present locn NIJMEGEN area to area of CLEVE. Owing to flooding route will be MALDEN - MOOK - HEKKENS - MATERBORN - CLEVE. At 1640 hrs further order received stating no move today but to be ready from 1800 hrs on 16 Feb. A detachment of 288 Bty surprise a party of Boche and take 17 prisoners. Enemy still shelling and mortaring heavily. 288 Bty lose a 6-pr from shell splinters.	
	16.		Leave to U.K. postponed further 24 hours. Leave parties assemble at RHQ at NIJMEGEN and are despatched to Residue at GOIRLE. Orders received that we shall move off past SP in NIJMEGEN at 2245 hrs. We follow 119 LAA Regt. We move off at 2245 hrs and are met at DP by Major BARNETT and Lt MARRIOTT. Arrive in new location at 0315 hrs. RHQ and whole Regt now in GERMANY less for residue parties at GOIRLE. 288 Bty take a further 7 prisoners. 288 Bty lose another 6-pr, this time mortar splinters. Shelling and mortaring continue on a heavy scale. Valentine of 289 Bty goes up on a mine. Detachment get out but SP unapproachable owing to heavy MG fire. 227 Bde with 289 Bty in sp given outline plan to capture GOCH, but this is later cancelled.	
	17.		Locations as follows :- RHQ 888560 : 99 Bty 893566 107 Bty - : 288 Bty 915537	

			289 Bty 863567 GOCH is to be assaulted tomorrow afternoon and we are to supply two SP Valentine Tps to take part in the "Pepperpot" shoot. Tps concerned are 99 Bty's SP Tp and 289 Bty's SP Tp. 2250 rds reduced charge HE 17-pr are to be dumped on gun posns. Majors MASON and WIGGLESWORTH attend conference at HQ 119 LAA Regt (who are also shooting) during afternoon. Major MASON attends final conference at HQ 119 LAA Regt at 2100 hrs for final laying of pepperpot party.	
	18.		46 Bde is to take MOYLAND. 288 Bty's SPs in sp. Party called off and Bde Gp concentrate in CLEVE area. 44 Bde start attack on GOCH with 107 Bty in sp. 289 Bty's SPs fire an indirect shoot. Two guns fire 260 rds each. 99 Bty's SPs also fire indirect shoot.	
	19.		288 Bty organising and doing maintenance in CLEVE. Bty area heavily shelled. Trucks are parked very close together and several amn and petrol dumps in area go up along with half a dozen Cdn vehs. 288 Bty personnel O.K. as there are good cellars, but B.C. decides vehs must be moved and moves Bty to an area 2 miles away. 44 Bde clear GOCH. 99 Bty relieve 289 Bty and 289 Bty go to CLEVE area and take over 99 Bty's billets. 99 Bty in sp 227 Bde for an attack to area of SCHLOSS CALBECK 941430 and rly crossing (941422). 99 Bty HQ established by 1200 hrs at 922471.	
	20.		288 Bty SP Tp takes part in an indirect shoot and fire 350 rds HE in sp 44 Bde. 107 Bty remains in area of GOCH. Mortaring and shelling fairly heavy. 227 Bde attack towards SCHLOSS CALBECK starts at 1030 hrs. Lt GERRARD of 99 Bty is slightly wounded but remains at duty. Heavy shelling and mortaring.	
	21.		A dry sunny day !! 44 Bde area have good deal of bombing by jet-propelled fighter bombers. M.O. inoculates a large number of 289 Bty.	
	22.		46 Bde attack woods East of GOCH with 288 Bty in sp. Major GR BALFOUR MC slightly wounded but remains at duty. 44 Bde with 107 Bty in sp prepare for an attack through 46 Bde. Objective GOCH - UDEN roads.	
	23.		It is now known that 15 (S) Div is to be relieved by 3 Brit Div during the period 24 - 26 Feb. It is anticipated that the Div will move to TILBURG area where for a period of 14 days it will	

			rest and re-fit. It is considered likely that the regt will re-organise on to an establishment of one Bty SP Valentine and three Btys of two Tps of towed 17-pr and one SP Valentine 17-pr_Tp. All Tps will be three-gun and the number of guns in the Regt will be reduced to 36. No-one is pleased at the idea of either three-gun Tps or towed 17-prs. 44 Bde pass through 46 Bde. 288 Bty concentrate guns in Tp areas. 107 Bty Valentines get a few shots at a Panther and an SP gun but results not observed. 107 Bty area subjected to fairly heavy shelling and mortaring all day. 99 Bty and whole area round SCHLOSS CALBECK heavily shelled. Several guns of 99 Bty have to be withdrawn slightly owing to the shelling and mortaring. Recce party from 45/20 A Tk Regt arrives in 99 Bty area.	
	24.		107 Bty area still being heavily shelled and mortared. A 15-cwt of Bty HQ gets a direct hit from an 88mm. Recce parties of 20 A Tk Regt (3 Brit Div) move in to start taking over from us. One casualty in 107 Bty. 289 Bty revert to 227 Bde for move out of area.	
	25.		RHQ, 99 Bty and 289 Bty leave CLEVE/GOCH area at 0930 hrs and proceed to TILBURG area via S'HERTOGENBOSCH. Village of HILVARENBEEK is to be Regtl Area and RHQ will be returning once more to billets. We left on 6 Feb to take part in the attack on CLEVE and the breaching of the Siegfried Line. We have now returned after "hanging up our washing" and arrive in HILVARENBEEK at 1700 hrs. Flying bombs continue to fly over regularly with the odd one dropping in the neighbourhood. TILBURG seems to be one of the objectives. Lt J. DAY joins Regt as a reinforcement and is posted to 288 Bty. Three casualties in 107 Bty during morning. Area still under heavy shell and mortar fire. Relief of 107 Bty completed by nightfall by Bty of 20 A Tk Regt.	
	26.		288 Bty move out with 46 Bde and proceed to DIESSEN in HOLLAND, SW of TILBURG. 107 Bty move off with Bde Gp to DIESSEN. 99 and 289 Btys in HILVARENBEEK. Maintenance. B.C's Conference at RHQ in HILVARENBEEK. C.O. tells BCs of the new establishment, i.e., one bty of nine SP Valentines and three btys of one tp of three Valentines and two tps of three towed 17-prs. 99 Bty is to be the reserve and SP Bty.	

	27.		The unanimous opinion of all officers of experience in the Regt is that it is not a good establishment to say the least. The towers for the 17-prs are to be M.14s. This would seem to be an improvement on quads. The present period is to be one of rest and maintenance. It is hoped to get every-one in the Div off for 48-hrs to BRUSSELS.	
	28.		Locations remain unchanged.	

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Unit 102 (Northumberland Hussars) Anti-Tank Regt RA.

Month and Year March 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt-Col R.W. JELF OBE RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		Regt gets large allotment of 48 hours BRUSSELS leave. It is hoped to get everyone through in a week.	
	2.		Rest, maintenance, Brussels leave. C.O. visits 1 Cdn Army to arrange release for M.14s.	
	3.		Rest, maintenance, Brussels leave.	
	4.		Maintenance still in full swing. Massed pipes and drums of the Div play in TILBURG. Wet day, of course.	
	5.		Information received in the early hours that 289 Bty are moving with 227 Bde to area LEUTH 602628. 289 Bty move off to new area with 227 Bde at 1545 hrs. Recce parties from Regt go to new area. Major G.W. DUNKERLEY MC RA having at last succeeded in breaking out of England arrives back in the Regt to take over 107 Bty. Major DUNKERLEY was wounded in the early NORMANDY days. He has been fit to return for some months but could not break loose. He tells us that Major J.M. PUMPHREY is also on his way back to join us. Tpt is immediately despatched to pick up Major PUMPHREY but as he is an ex-P.O.W. and not ex-B.L.A. he is not allowed to rejoin until the necessary forms have been filled in and the truck returns empty.	
	6.		107 Bty move to LOXBERGEN near DIEST. RHQ move to MOLL (near BOURG LEOPOLD). 99 Bty move with RHQ.	
	7.		289 Bty have to vacate present area and recce party goes to area of NEERHARAN. Regt gets down to re-equipping and try with new equipment as it becomes available. Carriers have to be handed in and all 6-prs. Regt has to re-organise on the new W.E. 17-prs and M.14s have to be drawn and also 6 Valentine SPs.	

			All this is accompanied by the usual order and counter order - avai1ability and non-availability. The Regt is well concentrated for just such work being scattered over about 300 square miles of BELGIUM!! Communication except by D.R. is practically out of the question. Major J.M. PUMPHREY rejoins the Regt. Major PUMPHREY was taken prisoner at MSUS Western Desert in 1942 and escaped from ITALY last year.	
	8.		289 Bty move to NEERHARAN. 17-prs begin to arrive and are issued to Btys. C.O. carries out a detailed inspection of 99 Bty.	
	9.		Major G.W. DUNKERLEY MC RA goes to 107 Bty and assumes comd. 99 Bty having drawn an additional 6 SP Valentines now begin intensive training, instructors being provided by the old SP tp of the Bty.	
	10.		C.O. C.O.2 and B.Cs attend a briefing conference at 12 Corp HQ. Subject - forthcoming operations. Training continues.	
	11.		B.Cs conference at MOLL. C.O. goes through the new establishment with B.Cs and appointments and promotions are brought up to date. Shortage of tpt in the Regt is a source of worry. We are six 3-tonners short. Workshops main pre-occupation seems to be rather more inclined to the trade of clerks than that of engineering and all our vehicles seem to be "Beyond local repair" although all that is wanted in most cases is the fitting of a new engine. It is decided that amount of 1st line amn carried can be reduced from 90 rds per gun to 60 rds per gun for towed 17-prs and 90 for SPs.	
	12.		289 Bty practice boating drill on the Meuse with M.14s and 17-prs. Lieut H.W. SMITH comes to RHQ from 107 Bty as I.O. Lieut J.D. MARRIOTT goes to 289 Bty from RHQ as L.O.	
	13.		Boating exercise on the Meuse. Regt supplies a composite tp of three 17-prs towed by M.14s and-three SP Valentines. The detachments are made up by personnel from all Btys so as to spread the knowledge. Lieut J. LANE who has been attached to the Regt from 31 RHU is absorbed into W.E. and is posted from 288 Bty to 107 Bty as L.O.	
	14.		Boating exercise continues and regtl composite tps under comd OC 289 Bty get on board Cl 50/60 rafts and are ferried over the Meuse.	
	15.		Night exercise cancelled for composite tps.	

			Lieut SAUNDERS is posted from 289 Bty to 107 Bty and takes over 17-pr tp.	
	16.		Maintenance and painting of new vehicles and guns. Major G.R. BALFOUR MC comes to RHQ from 288 Bty where he has been relieved by Major J.M. PUMPHREY. Major BALFOUR who has more than four years of actual fighting service to his credit is being posted to Home Establishment.	
	17.		Practice shoot at LOMMEL for all Btys. Towed 17-pr detachments use 288 Bty's guns. Performance of 288 Bty's guns brings up need for zeroing. Recce parties depart for area of SONSBECK to recce concentration area prior to Regt taking part in assault across RHINE.	
	18.		All Btys (less SP Bty) take their 17-prs to LOMMEL range and zero. BC's conference at RHQ at MOLL. C.O. puts BCs in the picture regarding the next operation which is to be the assault crossing of the RHINE. We are the assaulting Div of 12 Corps with the Highland Division (30 Corps) on our left assaulting REES and the Commando Bde assaulting WESEL on our right. 15 (S) Div assault is to take p1ace between BISLICH (1342) and VYNEN (0845). It is not anticipated that any A Tk guns will be across before D plus 2. It is decided to press for much earlier priority for at least one Bty which it is decided will be 99 Bty (SPs). The operation is to be carried out according to "12 Corps Assault Crossing Technique" which is no doubt an excellent and bulky volume. The Regt however is quite confident it will be able to compete and the pamphlet is not indented for. Lieut McGREGOR who has volunteered for airborne ops is posted from 107 Bty to 99 Bty while awaiting the result of his application.	
	19.		Orders are received that the Regt will be required to provide 2 offrs and 20 O.Rs to take over the job of running the Vehicle Marshalling Areas (SUN and STAR) which are to be established between the MAAS and the RHINE and through which all vehicles will pass and assemble on their way to the ferries. Capt E.J. BONSALL MM and Capt R.E. WHEATLEY are the officers who are to take on these jobs. SP 17-prs of Regt are to take part in the fire plan for next operation and gun posns are recced by C.O.2.	
	20.		Capt C.S. SPENCE goes up to new area (SONSBECK) to arrange for the deployment of SPs in their gun area for the PEPPERPOT shoot. SP Tps move off to new area. They are concentrating in area South of SONSBECK. Route is via MAESEYCK, VENLO, GELDERN to SONSBECK.	

	21.		Regt less SP Tps moves to concentration area South of SONSBECK. Leave MOLL at 2130 hrs with 288 Bty joining in column at BOURG LEOPOLD. 107 Bty at HECHTEL and 289 Bty at MAESYCK. Arrive in new area at 0600 hrs. Locations :- RHQ - 048341 99 Bty - 047341 288 Bty - 049344 107 Bty - 0734 289 Bty - 0734	
	22.		Capt BONSALL MM and Capt WHEATLEY go off to Div HQ to fix up the Marshalling area job. It now transpires that each of these officers requires a party of one subaltern and 30 O.Rs including cooks, DRs, wireless operators etc. Capt ROBERTS of 107 Bty is required to report to CRE with 12 M.14s and 24 men for the purpose of towing sledges containing raft bldg material from Rear down to fwd Bdes and thence on night of D-1/D Day to the river bank for assembly. It now looks as if all the initial A Tk work will be done by SPs. We have had and are having a lot of trouble with the Valentines - chiefly burnt out clutches. Unfortunately the Div Workshops are not able to effect repairs and when one goes to Div Workshops it is necessary for us to send in Craftsmen from our own L.A.D. The position at the moment is that 99 Bty are complete and all on the road. 107 Bty are one deficient in Workshops and have lent one complete with crew to 288 Bty. 289 Bty have two off the road and have lent one complete with detachment to 288 Bty who have two off the road. 288 Bty can therefore put a complete troop of three in the field but 107 and 289 have only a one-gun SP Tp each. In any case as the Marshalling Area parties have been found by 107 and 289 and also the M.14 sledge party 107 and 289 are out of the battle.	
	23.		This is D-1 and the assault is due to start at 2130 hrs tonight. It is now arranged that 99 Bty's SP guns will cross on first priority on the Cl 50/60 rafts. It is hoped to start getting them across about H + 10 hrs and not on D + 2 as originally estimated.	
	24.		289 Bty get one of their SPs back on the road and it is ordered to report to 107 Bty. SPs return to Bty areas after taking part in fire plan. H Hour for 15 (S) Div is 0200 hrs. Assaulting Bdes are 44 and 227 Bdes. At 0930 hrs the Airborne forces sail overhead and the sky is filled with aircraft all day. About 8 are seen coming down in flames from RHQ area. At 1100 hrs BC of 99 Bty and L.O. cross the RHINE.	

			See Appx "A" for account of 99 Bty's part in the RHINE battle.	
	25.		Orders are received from Tac that the Regt will move over the RHINE probably tomorrow. 107 Bty will concentrate on the other side in area of BERGEN with RHQ. 288 Bty will report to 44 Bde, 99 Bty echelon to 46 Bde and 289 Bty to 227 Bde. A Residue will be left to deal with U.K. leave personnel and L.A.D. will concentrate Bty sections in present Regtl area where they will finish the work in hand and rejoin Regt later. Regt is to cross the RHINE over a Cl 12 Br.	
	26.		Regtl column consisting of 107, 288, 289 Btys, RHQ and 99 Bty echelon move off at 1100 hrs. RHINE crossed between 1600 and 1700 hrs. Column got split up on the move and the Cl 12 br turned out to be a Cl 9 so the Regt had to cross at a different place over a Cl 40. 107 Bty goes off in sp of 157 Bde of 52 (L) Div. This Bde was put under comd 15 (S) Div and arrived without its supporting arms. 289 Bty location MR 122477 RHQ location BERGEN 1445 (Tac and Main join up again). 289 Bty SP Tp made up with an SP from 288 Bty which had been in L.A.D. move up from SONSBECK. 288 Bty location area 1147.	
	27.		289 Bty maintenance and preparation to sp a 227 Bde attack laid on for tomorrow. 289 Bty SP Tp Sgt reports to RHQ that his Tp have bedded down at side of road on this side of RHINE for night. Lt SMITH sent out to contact Tp Comd of 289 Tp SP and to tell him to join his Bty at first light. 288 Bty assist 44 Bde to clear woods at 170505. Day of fierce close quarter fighting and heavy mortaring and SP shelling on Bde front.	
	28.		289 Bty move to area MR 143497. SP Tp from 107 Bty joins 289 Bty. 227 Bde attack at 1400 hrs after 46 Bde had secured their objectives. 227 Bde on their objectives by 1800 hrs. 107 Bty take over from 99 Bty with 44 Bde in area NE of HAMMENKELN. Relief completed and all guns in action before dark.	
	29.		107 Bty SPs return from 289 Bty to 107 Bty.	
	30.		New Valentine SP issued to 289 Bty bringing their SP Tp up to strength. 289 Bty concentrate in 227 Bde area 1449.	
	31.		No change. Nothing to report.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		Locations unchanged except that 107 Bty Echelon moved up and joined the rest of 107 Bty. CRA 15 (5) Div visited Regt1 HQ at 1045 hrs and addressed a Regtl parade of about 300 strong. The CRA spoke for about 6 minutes in a b1inding rainstorm. The Regt has been given an area in which to collect and return all salvage.	
	2.		GOC 15 (S) Div visited RHQ and inspected and addressed a Regtl parade about 400 strong. Windy, dull day with occasional showers. Fortunately it remained dry during GOC's visit. GOC turned out and inspected the Regt1 Guard provided by 99 Bty. GOC thanked Regt for its efforts since joining the Div and regretted that we had had no tanks to shoot at since we joined the Div. He complimented the Regt, and particularly 99 Bty, for its part in recent assault across the RHINE. He then went on to point out the dangers of fraternization and to urge us to keep the Boche well and truly under during the military occupation. The CRA arrived just behind the GOC and accompanied him round.	
	3.		Locations unchanged. At 0830 hrs HQ RA inform us that Div is going to move to a concentration area prior to taking over a bridgehead over the DORTMUND - EMS canal in the area of IBBENBUREN (about 10 miles due West of OSNABRUCK). 227 Bde with 289 Bty in support are going to move up to a concentration area West of the canal and the remainder of the Div less Div HQ and HQ RA are going to concentrate in area NE of BOCHOLT. Div HQ, HQRA and a small Tac from us is going to area. Recce party for Tac leaves RHQ at 1030 hrs. Recce party for Main RHQ and 99 Bty leaves RHQ at 1300 hrs. 46 Bde with 288 Bty set off for their area NE of BOCHOLT at 1400 hrs. At 2300 hrs BMRA speaks to Adjt on phone and says that plans have been completely altered. The Div is leaving 12 Corps and coming	

			under comd 8 Corps forthwith. No moves are likely to take place tomorrow. 46 Bde with 288 Bty plus the recce parties for Tac and main will be warned of change by Div. 107 Bty with 44 Bde are moving to area BOCHOLT - RHEDE.	
	4.		0020 hrs. Duty Officer at RA speaks to Major BARNETT on phone and announces the fact that moves are likely to take place today. Div will be moving to area GREVEN 9288 to concentrate. 46 Bde with 288 Bty will move today and so also will 227 Bde with 289 Bty. 44 Bde with 107 Bty will not move until tomorrow. Main Div and HQRA will be moving at about 0930 hrs. RHQ will probably move with them. 99 Bty will move with RHQ. Recce parties for the above moves to meet at GREVEN at 0930 hrs. Recce party laid on with 99 Bty to meet 2 i/c at GREVEN at 0930 hrs. Bdes and supporting arms are moving as Bde Gps. 0800 hrs. RA phone over move table and order of march. RHQ and 99 Bty pass SP in HAMMINKELN at 1630 hrs. 1545 hrs. RHQ move off and arrive in new area at 2100 hrs. Route DINGDEN 2253 - RHEDE 2860 - GENEN 4063 - RAMSDORP 4366 - VELEN 4866 - GESHER 5073 - DARFELD 6881 - LAER 7484 - ALTENBERGEN 8283. 288 Bty move with 46 Bde to area North of MUNSTER. 288 Bty locn 795920.	
	5.		Wet day with bright intervals. Intervals getting less bright and considerably shorter as day progressed. 44 Bde with 107 Bty move to new area arriving 1600 hrs Locations as follows: RHQ 897919: 99 Bty 901889: 107 Bty 767915: 288 Bty 789931: 289 Bty 8898. Capt ROBERTS of 289 Bty visits RHQ at 0900 hrs and informs us that 289 Bty are moving up with 227 Bde to area LENGERICH 0899. The inf of 227 Bde are today combing the woods West of LENGERICH. It is thought that 46 Bde will clear the woods and ridge NE of LENGERICH tomorrow. Capt BRAMELD of 288 Bty visits RHQ at 1100 hrs. RHQ send out patrols to surrounding woods and by 1500 hrs have collected 1 offr and 34 O.Rs. On one occasion only were shots exchanged.	
	6.		Recce parties from RHQ and 99 Bty recce area North of MINDEN. Main axis North blocked with traffic all day. RHQ and 99 Bty leave present area at 2345 hrs and after a slow all night journey arrive at new area BRAMKAMP at 1000 hrs. Woods not clear of enemy so parties are despatched to beat them. A few prisoners taken.	

	7.		99 Bty take a party of seven prisoners including three very arrogant officers and all heavily armed. Locations remain unchanged. Beating the surrounding woods continues. Recce party from 107 Bty leaves BERGHORST area and recces area round LAVESLOH. 288 Bty move to HOLZ HAUSEN 749162.	
	8.		Locations unchanged. Maintenance. G.A.F. does a little road strafing. Odd sniping from woods, beating continues. 107 Bty arrives LAVESLOH.	
	9.		Locations unchanged. Maintenance.	
	10.		Recce party recces area of HAGENBURG. 107 Bty move to JOPPEN across river WESER. 288 Bty move to ROSENHAGEN 930231.	
	11.		RHQ and 99 Bty leave BRAMKAMP at 0700 hrs. Cross WESER at 0800 hrs and arrive HAGENBURG at 1100 hrs. Pull into a field at HAGENBURG. Recce parties go off again to recce FUHRBERG area and main parties pull out at 1500 hrs arriving FUHRBERG at 1800 hrs after usual slow journey. 107 Bty moves to MEITZE with 44 Bde. 288 Bty move to area of THONSE.	
	13.		RHQ and 99 Bty move to ESCHEDE. Progress of Div slowing down owing to demolitions and small rearguards covering them. Div directed on UELZEN. 107 Bty moves to CELLE with 44 Bde. 288 Bty in sp of 46 Bde prepare to clear routes running NE to UELZEN. 288 Bty HQ at 805625.	
	12.		RHQ and 99 Bty move from FUHRBERG to CELLE. Ghastly sights seen in a local concentration camp.	
	14.		RHQ and 99 Bty move to HOSSERINGEN. 107 Bty moves to SUDERBERG.	
	15.		RHQ and 99 Bty move to HAMERSTORT 8383 arriving at about 1600 hrs and find themselves on the extreme left flank of the Div. Weapon pits are dug and a 50% stand-to is ordered during hours of darkness. Patrols are sent out and a few prisoners taken. 288 Bty involved in a strenuous night party at STADENSEN. Capt WS BRAMELD DSO distinguishes himself. Appx A attached describes action. Div held up at UELZEN which appears to be strongly held.	

			The first news received by RHQ of the battle in STADENSEN was at about 0930 hrs on the morning of 16 Apr at HQ RA, and nothing was said or appreciated that the attack concerned had any significance apart from a vi11age skirmish. This of course was not the case and the German plan was to push through STADENSEN and cut the main Div and Corps axis. Fortunately the attack was held in STADENSEN as otherwise the Germans would have broken right through and cut the axis. Our reserve SP Bty (99 Bty) was not deployed to meet the attack, had it pressed on further because (a) No infm came to us until the party was almost over and (b) The object of the STADENSEN attack was not appreciated. 107 Bty move to MOLDERSTAR.	
	16.		Locations unchanged (RHQ and 99 Bty). 107 Bty sp 44 Bde's attack on GT LIERDEN and UELZEN. 288 Bty in sp 46 Bde attack UELZEN at 1900 hrs.	
	17.		Locations unchanged (RHQ and 99 Bty).	
	18.		RHQ and 99 Bty locations unchanged. 107 Bty with 44 Bde established East side of UELZEN. 288 Bty with 46 Bde move to UELZEN.	
	19.		RHQ and 99 Bty move up through UELZEN to BARUM. 107 Bty move to area EMMENDOR 9095. 288 Bty move North to area of BEVENSEN 905020.	
	20.		RHQ and 99 Bty move from BARUM at 0930 hrs and arrive at SCHARNEBECK (North of LUNEBURG) at 1130 hrs. Div concentrating for assault of ELBE river. 227 Bde at present deployed on the river bank round RAVENDORF and HOHNSTORF. ARTLENBURG on South bank still held by enemy. 107 Bty move to area ROLSTORP. 288 Bty in sp of 46 Bde who are ordered to take BLECKEDE 901260. 288 Bty HQ at SUTTORF 938210.	
	21.		Locations unchanged. 107 Bty moves to area LUNEBURG. 288 Bty move to VOGELSANG 9429. Enemy inf counter-attack during a bn relief broken up by Lt DAY firing HE. Enemy retire leaving a 20mm gun knocked out.	
	22.		Locations unchanged.	
	23.		Locations unchanged. Major J.M. PUMPHREY MBE is leaving the Regt to take up an appointment in SHAEF. Lt-Col R. TAYLOR DSO MC, Major J. COWEN MC and Major J.M. PUMPHREY MBE dine in Mess. Farewell dinner to Major PUMPHREY. Lt-	

			Col R.W. JELF leaves the Regt to take up an appointment as Col GS 8 Corps.	
	24.		Static. Major J.M. PUMPHREY MBE leaves Regt.	
	25.		Static.	
	26.		Proposal to cross R. ELBE today abandoned.	
	27.		Static. Usual lack of information on forthcoming ops.	
	28.		Operation ENTERPRISE for crossing of the ELBE to take place at 0200 hrs tomorrow. Regt to fire a PEPPERPOT with towed guns. 99 Bty to be in sp of 44 Bde for the initial assault. SPs to be rafted over when Cl 40/50 rafts built. Arty fire plan starts at 2350 hrs.	
	29.		D Day for ELBE crossing. PEPPERPOT successfully fired by one Tp each from 107 and 289 Btys and two Tps from 288 Bty. 99 Bty's SPs and SP Tp of 289 Bty cross ELBE in evening. Opposition slight but a fair amount of shelling of crossing places.	
	30.		Bridgehead expanded. RHQ, 288 and 289 Btys plus SP Tp of 107 Bty cross ELBE by Cl 40 bridge at ARTLENBURG. Some shelling on far bank while head of column crosses bridge brews up six amn 3-tonners just ahead and brings column to a standstill. RHQ arrive at JULIUSBURG. It is thought that a PEPPERPOT shoot will be required in sp of 158 (W) Bde's attack on GEESTHACHT. 107 Bty recce positions to fire from near bank of ELBE. Shoot later cancelled. 288 Bty cross ELBE during the afternoon and join 46 Bde in area of LAUENBURG.	

Appx 'A' to War Diary, 102 (Northumberland Hussars) A Tk Regt RA

An account of the part played by C Battery Northumberland Hussars when an enemy column attacked the village of STEDENSON during the night of the 14/15 April, 1945.

In the early hours of 15 April 1945, the battalion group of the 2 Glasgow Highlanders which was concentrated at STADENSEN was attacked by an enemy column of about 15 SP guns and 30 half-tracks. The enemy attacked from NETTLEKAMP (a little over a mile to the East) after surprising a squadron of the Recce Regt. The force in STADENSEN consisted of the 2 G.H., a troop of towed 17-pr guns and Bty HQ of C Bty Northumberland Hussars (in charge of Capt W.S. BRAMELD DSO), one tp of 63 A Tk Regt (M.10s), one bty of 190 Fd Regt, one pl of 1 Mx, one sqn Coldstream Gds Churchill tanks, and some R.Es etc.

The Bty received no warning of the attack and at about 0400 hrs half-tracks entered the village from East and South, infantry coming in from N.W. Until firing began they were thought to be American as they were shouting "O.K. Sarge!" and using other American slang. Capt BRAMELD went out of Bty HQ to get the 17-pr troop into action but found them cut off. The guns, which had not been sited to fire in the NETTLEKAMP direction, as this was held by the Recce Regt, could not be brought to bear and were over-run. The personnel of the troop joined and fought with the infantry. Capt BRAMELD then went to see what the tanks could do, and found that they were parked in a long double line. The front tank had been put out of action by a bazooka and they were unable to move. Capt BRAMELD next went to the M.10s of the 63 A Tk Regt, who were leaguered with the tanks. The officer of this tp had earlier become a casualty and so Capt BRAMELD took command and led one gun up to a position on the East side of the village where the infantry had said there was an enemy SP gun towing a damaged one. There were found to be several enemy SPs in the area and the towing one was engaged and knocked out first shot. The M.10 then pulled back and waited for half-an-hour and then went out again and shot up two half-tracks. Capt BRAMELD then left this gun, and went to make another attempt to contact the N.H. 17-pr tp, but found the enemy still in possession. On the way he met a Sgt-Major of the Glasgow Highlanders who was trying to get the assistance of another of the M.10s of 63 A Tk Regt to deal with some enemy SP guns on the N.E. side of the village. After some difficulty they brought the gun into position and killed two SPs. Capt BRAMELD then returned to the first M.10 and arrived just in time to see it reverse into a wood-pile and turn over after knocking out an enemy SP gun at 20 yds range. The third M.10 of the tp had meanwhile caught fire from a neighbouring house and jammed its turret. The driver could not be found, so Capt BRAMELD roped in a Sgt-Major of the Coldstream Gds to drive it. He then collected together the gun crew, put out the fire and sited the gun in a position where it could fire. He then went back to the other M.10 still in action and, personally directing its fire, accounted for three more S.Ps and some probables.

By 0900 hrs what was left of the enemy column had withdrawn. A captured map revealed that its objectives were far-reaching and that it was intended to take the whole division in the rear and then to disrupt the L of C. Capt BRAMELD's initiative in taking control of and directing all and every anti-tank resource in the village had been largely instrumental in foiling this ambitious plan. In a period of 5 hours he had been responsible for the destruction of at least 7 SP guns and 2 half-tracks.

The crews of the towed guns which had been destroyed also assisted greatly in clearing the enemy infantry from the village. The personnel of Bty HQ, under Lieut M.A. MAY, after finding an enemy SP gun parked outside their front door, left by the back entrance, carried out a patrol and, taking the enemy in the rear, accounted for a considerable number of Germans.

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Unit 102 (NH) A/Tk Regt R.A.,

Month and Year MAY

Commanding Officer Major.R.A. BARNETT M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		107 Bty less SP troop cross ELBE and proceed to SCHWARZENBEK where they relieve 99 Bty with 44 Bde. 158 Bde of 53 (W) Div come under comd 15 (S) Div and march into GEESTACHT which surrenders. It is announced that HITLER is dead. RHQ moves to BRUNSTORF. 288 Bty moved to GULZOW (8342)	
	2.		Continuous expansion of Bridgehead. SACHSENWALD cleared. Germans in Italy surrender. Negotiations started by 227 Bde for surrender of HAMBURG reach a high level. 99 Bty deployed eastern outskirts of SCHWARZENBEEK. 107 Bty moved to KASSEBURG. 288 Bty SP tp captured DASSENDORF by mistake - on false information from Tk Cmdr who they were supporting.	
	3.		HAMBURG surrenders. Div concentrates N.W. of SCHWARZENBEK. 99 Bty & RHQ on road ready to move at 1500 hrs when urgent message sent for C.O. to visit C.R.A. Major Barnett goes off to see C.R.A. and is told RHQ & 99 Bty are to move forthwith to LAUENBURG where about 10,000 P.W. are out of hand. RHQ & 99 Bty arrive at LAUENBURG and at P.W. collecting Centre find complete shambles. Prisoners are quite docile but wounded, women, DPs POWs etc are all completely mixed up, and there is no food or water at the same time more are streaming in. Eventually by dark some order is restored and rations have been issued. 107 Bty to RAMSDORF 288 Bty to TRITTAU 289 Bty to WARSEBURG	
	4.		Numbers in P.W. cage at LAUENBURG have now reached about 50,000. C.O. of 92 Fd Regt of 5th Div arrives and says they have been sent to take over from us. It is decided to hand over tomorrow. RHQ & 99 Bty are then to proceed to rejoin 15 (S) Div. 107 Bty to KL HANSDORF 288 Bty to FRANZDORF	

			289 Bty to area of AHRENSBURG at WITZHAVE.	
	5.		RHQ & 99 Bty leave LAUENBERG at 1100 hrs and proceed to Div conc area in BARGTEHEIDE N.E. of HAMBURG. Btys static, capturing prisoners. Fighting ceased.	
	6.		Major R.A. Barnett MC attends a COs conference at HQ RA at 1400 hrs. He is told some of the future form and comes away most depressed at the prospect before us of peace time soldiering. Everyone is rather depressed at what the future holds for us. The div is being divided into 4 Bdes i.e. 3 Inf and 1 R.A. RA Bde area is to be HAMBURG.	
	7.		Locations unchanged. Orders still awaited for moving to occupation area.	
	8.		V.E. Day celebrated by general holiday.	
	9.		Locations unchanged.	
	10.		Lt.Col P.R. Henderson D.S.O. assumes comd of the Regt.	
	11		C.O. visits 289 Bty	
	12		-	
	13		-	
	14		289 Bty move to BARGTEHEIDE.	
	15		107 Bty move to BARGTEHEIDE.	
	16		CRA inspected 288 Bty and 289 Bty	
	17		Regt given an area around BARGTEHEIDE and everybody settles down to organise German POW Camps DP Camps and restore law and order. (see Op - Eclipse No. 1 N.H. attd) 288 Bty to BARFELD 289 Bty to WESTEDT	
	18		Two Tps 99 Bty move to RUMPEL, rest of Bty to FISCHBEK. C.O. held BC's conference to clarify policy of organising Russian and German POW and administering the Regtl area. Btys concentrating on making themselves comfortable and doing maintenance.	
	19		Burgomasters are co-opted by all BCs to prepare nominal rolls of DPs, PWXs in their local areas. 289 Bty had slight trouble with Russians who are now beginning to revenge themselves on the Germans.	
	20		Regtl Church Parade held at BARGTEHEIDE. It got lost and went to the wrong Church. 289 Bty had 2 Germans shot by Russians.	
	21		Regtl Recce Parties sent to MOLLN but CRA had not finished his own recce, so recce party returned.	
	22		Regtl Recce parties go to MOLLN once more.	

	23		Regt prepares for move to MOLLN on 24th May.	
	24		Regt moves to new area. RHQ to MOLLN. 99 Bty to ROTHENBEEK, 107 Bty to SCHRETSTAKEN, 288 Bty to MOLLN 289 Bty to NUSSE. The reorganisation of the new area starts all over again. Nominal rolls of DPs, PWXs etc are made, wrecked or otherwise Wehrmacht vehicles are gathered in a central dump, and the area searched for hidden arms etc. Masses of German eqpt collected and disposed of. Capt E.R. Roberts appointed Regt Town Major of MOLLN.	
	25		A DP Camp (no 528) is started in MOLLN under LT PACKHAM - A polyglot mixture of DPs and PWXs. Stop Line of bridge over ELBE - TRAVE Canal started.	
	26		The NH Cinema opened in MOLLN but the Regtl commitments are so great that the audience is very small. C.O. holds BC conference on recreational training, and came to the conclusion that the Regt too busy for any play.	
	27-31		General admin of area. ELBE-TRAVE stop line gave a lot of trouble, holding up crowds of Germans wishing to return home or fleeing from the Russians. These were simply turned back. All Germans, discharged from the Wehrmacht after 1 May were sent to the POW Cage run by 119 LAA. Lt Col Henderson flew home on priv leave on 30 May. Major Barnett assumed command of the Regt.	

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Unit 119th Light Anti Aircraft Regiment R.A.

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.F. Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Lancing	1		Training & preparing for impending operations.	
Sussex	2		Nothing to report	
	3		" " "	
	4		" " "	
	5		Special code word for wireless silence sent to Btys 2300 hrs.	
	6		Soon after midnight 5/6 large numbers of gliders and tp carrying a/c passed overhead towards French Coast. About 0130 hrs LO returns from ADGB and with message that operations had commenced. All gunsites notified of special recognition features of friendly a/c. At 1700 hrs C.O. briefed all officers on operations.	JY
	7		Nothing to report	
	8		" " "	
Lancing	10		Just before midnight 10/11 message received calling for LO to Sussex Dis on behalf OC SP Tp. B Tp 390 Bty moved off to Marshalling Area 1315 hrs 11 June.	
	11		Message recd calling for LO to Sussex Dis 1200 hrs 11 June. Orders received for G Tp & F Tp to move 0430 12th. RHQ BHQs 391 & 392 to move with ACDHI Tps at 0600 hrs 13th.	JY
	13		Moved to Marshalling Area 18th arrived evening	
	14		Still in Marshalling Area Weather fair	
	15		" " " " " "	
London Docks	16		Moved in two groups to Docks and embarked RHQ, 391 BHQ & A, C, D tp on MT 76 (S81) and 392 BHQ with I tp and a few extras on S.59. Sailed during night to SOUTHEND, waited for convoy which moved off 17th.	
	17		Weather perfect no excitement arrived off French Coast near COURSEULLES at 2100 hrs.	
	18		Weather deteriorated high seas cannot land Enemy bombing slight at night	

	19		" " " " "	
	20		" " " " "	JY
	21		" " " " "	
	22		" " " " "	
	23		Weather improved transferred to an LST and landed at approx 1800 hrs. Some vehicle casualties. German pilotless plane passed over in direction of German lines at 1740! RHQ established at ~~St. Gabriel~~ Esquay sur Seulles.	
France	24		Moved RHQ to Cully at 1435 hrs. Weather good. Much friendly a/c activity.	
	25		Still at Cully. 2i/c (Maj Murphy in charge of mixed party recceing & clearing path for Bty to move fwd. Weather uncertain.	
	26		Div committed to attack. One officer (Lt Neate) wounded by mortar while working with 2i/cs party. One OR killed & 3 wounded. Rained hard during evening & night 26/27. RHQ established Putot en Bessin 1630 hrs	JY
	27		Weather changeable. Some enemy air activity	
	28		Still at Putot en Bessin. One SP 40mm of G Tp received direct hit from mortar. 3 ORs killed, one wounded. B Tp disposed of 3 enemy snipers and captured another.	
Putot en Bessin	29		Heavy gunfire at 0300 presumed directed at SW flank. Heavy enemy counter attack in CHEUX area repulsed, fwd sub unit withdrawn into A TK posns.	
	30		Tps redeployed in former posns. Indications that enemy was to counter attack again. One ME 109 hit and believed to have crashed. Two tps 392 Bty moved fwd to protect air OP. Enemy conc S of ODON successfully engaged by Fd Arty with no interference by E/AC.	JY

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Unit 119 Laa Regt RA

Month and Year July

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.F. Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BWEF	1		RHQ still at PUTOT EN BESSIN with tps deployed as before Weather very changeable.	
	2		Regt relieved by 116 Laa Regt. RHQ moved to rest area near Secqueville with Btys harboured nearby. Weather poor with rain. Some minor shelling.	FEL
	3		Still in rest. Quiet day. Rain followed by better weather in evening. Total battle casualties to date 1 offrs wounded. 4 ORs killed, 4 wounded Div Comd addressed all available tps at 1500 hrs with letters of congratulation from Army Comd & C in C 21 Army Gp.	
	4		Resting nothing to report.	
	5		" " "	
	6		" " "	
	7			
BWEF	8		Arty Tps move fwd with Div arty to area ST MAUVIEU Counter Mortar Scheme practiced. Single E/A over at night	
	9		C.O. prepared to move fwd with Tac HQ. No orders received by 1100 hrs	
	10		Tac HQ at St Mauvieu. Main HQ still at Secqueville. Weather poor	
	11		No change. Counter Mortar organisation working well. Eleven 1st line reinforcements arrived 1530. Btys almost complete. A Tp destroyed two ME 109s in Verson area	JY
	12		Weather improving nothing to report.	
	13		Nothing to report. Weather uncertain	
	14		RHQ moves to La Mare. Fair amount of hostile shelling. LT COOMBS wounded	
	15		RHQ moves back to St Mauvieu area	
St Mauvieu	16		RHQ still in St Mauvieu area. Weather improves.	
BLA	17		Nothing to report	
	18		RHQ moves at 1000 hrs to SOUTH of LE MESNIL PATRY	
	19		Cloudy, quieter in this sector.	

	20		Residue arrives from England. Weather dull, rain at 1700 hrs.	
	21		Nothing to report	
	22		" "	JY
	23		RHQ & Bty move u/c 15 Div in 30 Corps to BALLEROY	
	24		Nothing to report	
	25		" " "	
	26		" " "	
	27		Special deployment of A A Gps known as A/A islands.	
BLA	28		Nothing fresh to report	
	29		" " "	
	30		RHQ moves to area 2 miles NE CAUMONT	JY
	31		Nothing to report	

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Unit 119 Laa Regt RA

Month and Year AUG 1944

Commanding Officer LT COL J.F. Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA CAUMONT AREA	1.		Day opens with heavy mist after very quiet night. Trouble with enemy patrol near La Homme. Capt HOLDEN wounded, two ORs killed, two wounded. Total days casualties 3 killed nine wounded.	
	2.		R.H.Q. moves to new location just S of Sept Ventes Enemy shelling during night.	
	3.		Misty early, little activity up to 1000 hrs. Later nothing	
	4		RHQ & B ECH move to ST MARTIN DES BESACES	LPG
	5		Weather hazy still in situ. No activity. 54 ORs despatched to 38 RHU, authority 8 Corps TPM, & struck off strength	
	6		Nothing to report	
	7		Order received from 8 Corps that all 20mm Tps & one tp each Bty 40mm were to be despatched to UK via 38 RHU & struck off strength	
BLA ST MARTIN DES BESACES	8		RHQ moved to ST PIERRE TARENTAINE. Tps affected by Corps order harboured with respective Bty HQs at ST MARTIN DES BESACES	
	9		Nothing to report early, but evening orders received to delay departure of tps to UK by 48 hrs pending reconsideration concerning whether each bty should be left with 2 SP tps or one SP and one tractor drawn. Decision to be made at Army level.	LPG
	10		Nothing to report	
	11		Message from RA 15 (S) Div, timed 101730B, received about 1200 hrs ref departure of three 40mm & three 20mm tps, to the effect that the details of original order were in no way to be departed from. CO checked with HQRA who could only inform him that this latest order had been received from 8 Corps. CO ordered B D H tps (40mm) and X Y Z tps (20mm) to prepare to move forthwith, in accordance with original instructions, viz - to despatch tps to 38 RHU on 10 Aug 44. At 1850 intimation from RA 15 (S) Div that tps should NOT have been dispatched. LO from each bty sent off to harbour tps at earliest moment, but tps NOT contacted till	

			after reaching RHU, where eqpt had begun to be handed in. All further action frozen.	LPG
	12		Ref departure of tps, message from RA 15 (S) Div to effect that all action to be postponed from 12th to 13th August.	
	13		Ref departure of tps, message from RA 15 (S) Div that original programme to be restarted on 14 Aug. Capt FE Lywood [Adjt] to HQ RA 15 (S) Div as Counter-Mortar Officer. Lieut LP Gerrish [Orderly Officer] takes over duties of Adjt. Lieut A.S. Partridge [392 Bty Subaltern] takes over duties of Orderly Officer. Orders received, late evening, for move a.m. on 14 Aug to area Amaye-sur-Orne	
AMAYE-SUR-ORNE 9657	14		0600 hrs, the regt, in column with remainder of 15 (S) Div passes under comd 12 Corps. 1215 hrs Regt & bty A echs move off, joined on route by B echs, to area of AMAYE-SUR-ORNE arriving 1520 hrs. Sound of very heavy bombing to the South & SE heard during journey. Enemy air attacks seen and heard on areas SE and NE of location about 2400 hrs and intermittently till first light 15 Aug.	LPG
	15		Nothing to report till 2300 hrs when dog, attached to member of RHQ, ran out into middle of field round which Regt A ech was parked, and remained barking at something unknown; immediate investigation revealed nothing. 2345 hrs shots fired by sentry of 390 bty (at top of field) after challenging at movement in bushes. BSM & 4 OR patrolled immediate area, and during gunflash saw what might have been 4 figures crouched in long grass. CO organised systematic sweep across whole field; nothing found.	
	16		0100 hrs Regt A ech stood down. Approx 0130 hrs 3 anti personnel bombs in close vicinity of regt B ech. No damage or cas. C tp also report suspicious sounds in cornfield and woods adjoining site about midnight 16/17; nothing revealed by immediate investigation or later by day.	LPG
LE HUTRAY	17		1530 - 1700 A ech moves in small groups to area LE HUTRAY, 0054.	
FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX	18		1700 - 1800 A ech and B ech move to area FRESENY-LE-VIEUX 0048	
LE HAMEL	19		1900 - 2000 A ech moves to LE HAMEL 0939	
	20		1600 - 1700 B ech moves to VILLERS-CANIVET 1040. 2345 - 0030 hrs 21 Aug, air attack, with flares, seen and heard a few miles to NW NORTH and NE of location	
	21		As a result of air attack on previous night, when one bn of the div had 7 men killed and 4 injured, local relaxation of restriction on night firing by LAA authorised by 12 Corps. Now allowed to fire by night within div area at seen & unseen	

			targets provided hostile act committed and master gun (controlled by officer) appointed for each defended area, other guns to fire only when master gun fires. Flares to be engaged at 40° angle of sight or over. G tp 366 bty and C tp 364 bty of 112 LAA regt (12 Corps LAA) come under comd, but C tp 364 bty subsequently ceased to be under comd, during the day.	LPG
	22		Ref revised rules for LAA night firing. C.O. lays down that when tp is deployed in normal manner, 3 points shall be fixed, in or around the VA, to which AA fire from all guns can be directed - bearing & elevation for each point being worked out beforehand for each gun; fire to be in bursts of 8 rounds fast single shot, and the master gun to give the lead to the others. When tp is deployed in 2 'islands', i.e. 2 sections, each of 3 closely-sited guns, an officer at each island to control the fire of one gun, and the remaining 2 guns to direct their fire accordingly.	LPG
	23		One tp 344 SL bty and a second tp 112 LAA Regt RA come under comd for operation GALLOP ⊙ Op GALLOP to begin 0830 hrs 24th, LAA tps moving with bdes, fd regts & div HQ, and Regt A and B echs independently at H + 8 hrs 45 mins together with SL tp.	
FALAISE AREA	24		1735 hrs regt A & B echs move to area EAST of FALAISE, 172343 arriving 1950 hrs. C.O. forms tactical HQ consisting of C.O., I.O., 2 dvr-ops, batman, to be with and move with HQRA.	
BERNAY area	25		0745 hrs regt A and B echelons move EAST along given route to unspecified location. Ordered to harbour at 674741, arrived 1520 hrs. Ordered to move on to St Clair d'Arcey, left 1825 hrs, arrived (841766) 2020 hrs. CO and tac HQ rejoin A echelon. 2245-2315, enemy bombing attack visible several miles to the NORTH.	LPG
COMBON	26		1145 hrs A and B echelon move through BEAUMONT LE ROGER to COMBON, 0076.	
LOUVIERS area LOUVIERS area	27		1250 - 1430 hrs, A and B ech move through LE NEUBOURG to area of LE PARC, 1887, two miles WEST of LOUVIERS. Individual guns carry out ground shooting during evening and early part of the night at targets on right bank of R. SEINE. B tp / 344 SL bty, under comd, illuminate all night the area within loop of river SEINE at 3090. All guns and SLs operated from left bank. Both ops highly successful; complimented by Brig COLVILLE (OC 227 (H) Inf Bde) and Brig BOLTON (CRA 15 (S) Div)	
	28		Further ground shooting during the morning from left bank to targets on right bank of SEINE. 1750 hrs A ech moves to 247901, 1½ miles NE of LOUVIERS, followed at 1845 hrs by B ech, both echs moving in groups of 15 vehs, or less, to avoid impeding	LPG

			movement of bridging materials. At night B/344 SL tp illuminate axes of adv EAST from SEINE.	
LOUVIERS area	29		1200 hrs one offr (Lieut FLINN) and 8 ORs go back to 8 Corps Rest Centre for 3 days ⊙ 1800 hrs, C/364 and G/366 tps of 112 LAA Regt cease to be under comd, as 67 med regt and fd regt of 4 Armd Bde (to which the tps were in sp) ceased to be under comd 15 (S) Div ⊙ B/344 SL tp illuminate from 2200 hrs axes of adv EAST of R. SEINE and road from VENABLES 3186 to PT. ANDELY 3990	
MUIDS area	30		B/344 SL tp ceases to be under comd, and is placed under comd 4 Armd Bde ⊙ 1215 hrs A and B echelons leave to cross R SEINE and take up new location at 3190 ⊙ Much traffic congestion at start pt and at RE bridge across river ⊙ R SEINE crossed at approx 1930 hrs and new location entered at 1955 hrs ⊙ Weather dull and rainy, ideal for ops by ground-strafing fighter aircraft, but none seen operating against 12 Corps' densely-packed columns ⊙ 15 (S) Inf Div believed passing into 21 Army Group reserve.	LPG
	31		Tps remain deployed in div area but bty comds withdraw tac HQs from bde HQs and rejoin regt A ech ⊙ In view of improbability of any move in near future, CO orders time to be devoted to thorough maint of vehs, eqpt, clothing, etc.	

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Unit 119 Laa Regt RA

Month and Year September 1944

Commanding Officer LT COL J.F. Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LOUVIERS area	1		Regt A and B echelons remain at 317906, near MUIDS ⊙	
		1030	Orders received from RA by 'phone to increase amount of petrol carried in vehicle reserve in view of likelihood of long move shortly ⊙	Appx H
		1100	C.O. discusses with BCs and tp comds problems of ground-shooting with QF 40mm guns, using SP for demonstration	
		1430	Notification received that 15 (S) Div remains in 12 Corps and is to move towards R SOMME on 2 Sep 44 ⊙ Postponement of move,	
(ap	prox)	1800	later learned by CO at HQRA ⊙	
		2000	Decision taken by CO in conjunction with SCRA and Lieut QM to attach tps as follows for supplies, in view of future likelihood of lengthened comns ⊙ A & C tps, 390 bty tac HQ, 3 REME personnel (in jeep), att to 181 Fd Regt (44 Bde group) ⊙ E & F tps, 391 bty tac HQ, 3 REME personnel, att to 131 Fd Regt (227 Bde group) ⊙ I tp & 392 bty tac HQ & 3 REME personnel, att 190 Fd Regt (46 Bde gp) w.e.f. drawing rations 3 Sep 44 for consumption 4 Sep 44 ⊙ G tp (protecting Div HQ) remain based on regt B ech	
LOUVIERS area				Appx H
	2	1230	Notification from HQRA of move tomorrow, NE; SP 406950, route via ECOUIS (4298) to dis P 471084 ⊙ Regt to pass SP 1230 - 1300 hrs 3 Sep.	
		1400	2IC and recce parties report to Div HQ to recce new area.	
		1630	Confirmation by phone from RA that NO aircraft are to be fired on during 3 Sep 44 (infm already received by BCs via bde HQs)	
		1920	Written message (ref above) that restriction on AA fire applies only to daylight hours of 3 Sep 44	Appx E
Area LYONS-LA-FORET	3	1130	Regt A and B echs left for new location ⊙ Met by recce party at dis P 471084 at 1315 hrs ⊙ arrived 1345 hrs at 524132	
		1730	Message from HQRA prohibiting AA fire by day till further notice	Appx E
		1845	Orders received for move on 4 Sep	Appx E

Area LYONS-LA-FORET			During the day, bty comds each with small tac HQ attach themselves till further notice to HQs of inf bdes to which their tps are in sp:- viz OC 390 to 44 bde, OC 392 to 46 bde, and OC 391 bty to 227 bde	
(ap SELINCOURT (18 miles WEST of AMIENS)	4 prox)	0920 1220 1600 1700 2100	CO called for interview with CRA ⊙ Informed that on arrival in new location later same day, regiment is to be concentrated and guns and stores to be grounded, while load-carrying vehicles of regt are withdrawn to form supply-transport, and signal vehicles are withdrawn for traffic control duties ⊙ CO arranges to give detailed orders at new location Regt A and B echelons moved along AYR route (see appendix E) until met by personnel of recce party and guided to harbour area at 622337 ⊙ Tps and bty HQs, after moving with fd regts and inf bdes, also harboured at same location ⊙ 2IC fwd to recce location in area HORNOY 8154 for regt to dump its guns and stores ⊙ CO gives orders to BCs etc concerning provision of tpt as follows:- 1 ⊙ For supply-tpt column, regt provides 23 3-tonners and 10 Tractors, LAA, for loadcarrying, each with driver and mate; also two 15-cwt trucks and one water-truck, each with driver and cook; also 3 motorcyclists ⊙ Offr in charge, Capt BEATTIE [bty capt 391 bty] travelling in Jeep with batman and clerk ⊙ In addition, one sjt, six bdrs, and 21 men for loading work ⊙ Total, one officer and 106 OR, to report to RASC offr at 2130 hrs at RV 808541 near HORNOY 2 ⊙ For traffic control, nine 15-cwt trucks fitted for wireless, each carrying an offr, 2 driver operators and a batman/cook ⊙ Offr in charge, Lt Col YOUNG travelling in Jeep with Orderly Offr and driver operator ⊙ In addition, one spare WT vehicle with dvr-op and batman, one water truck with driver and cook, one 15 cwt truck with driver and sjt for Q duties, one 15 cwt truck with driver-mech, instrument-mech, and electrician signals; and 3 motorcyclists ⊙ Total, eleven offrs and 40 OR, to be ready at present harbour area (8233) at 1800 hrs 3 ⊙ All personnel to have 2 days res rations and the day's ration as issued Vehicles and personnel NOT concerned in traffic control org, move off to area HORNOY and harbour in grounds of CHATEAU DE SELINCOURT 810582 about 1915 hrs ⊙ Vehs required for supply-transport are unloaded, and stores, amn, etc, placed in stables and outhouses. Sup-tpt vehicles under Capt BEATTIE leave for RV	

			Major A.T.W. MURPHY, second-in-command, is given powers of det comd in absence of commanding officer.	
SELINCOURT (AMIENS district)	5	1000 1145 1600 1915	OC det holds conference of all offrs ⊙ Lays down period of 48 hrs intensive work on cleaning and maint of guns, vehs and all eqpt incl clothing, small arms etc; to be followed by a period of work in mornings and recreational training in afternoon CO and Orderly Officer arrive en route to new div location in area HAUTE COTE, 1204, approx 11 miles NORTH of DOULLENS ⊙ Accompanied by I.O.R.A. and by S.C.R.A. to finalize adm details ⊙ IORA & SCRA leave, 1215 hrs ⊙ CO and Orderly Offr leave, 1315 hrs ⊙ Lieut FLINN and 5 OR return from 8 Corps Rest Centre, having been delayed in returning through tpt difficulties ⊙ Remaining 3 OR, travelling independently to rejoin div in new area, could NOT be diverted to regt's harbour-area location ⊙ Call for help in fighting fire in village of AUMONT, 838592, caused by explosion of amn on passing Bren carrier of 6 KOSB ⊙	 See Appx. J
SELINCOURT	6	 1200 1945	Maint of guns, vehs, weapons, eqpt, stores, continues. QM experiences difficulty in obtaining rations & supplies 2IC leaves to contact C.O. ⊙ Finds him moving with 15 (S) Div towards area ROULERS - THIELT - COURTRAI, but expected to harbour for the night, short of that area ⊙ 2IC returns ⊙ During the day, Entertainments Offr & Sports Offr make local contacts, to arrange welfare matters for the men ⊙	 (See Appx. J)
	7	0600 1700 1800	QM leaves to contact CO and 15 (S) Div, and to attempt to draw rations from div sup pt Regt football team plays a team from HORNOY & wins 3 - 1 Ration lorries return with supplies drawn from RASC 12 Corps	
SELINCOURT	8	0200 0800 2300	QM returns ⊙ Message from CO that regt vehs being used for sup-tpt may be expected to return tonight OC 391 Bty leaves to contact CO at div HQ ⊙ Meets him midway and both return to regt location approx 1730 hrs, followed by 3 bty HQ subalterns from traffic control party Tpt hitherto on sup-tpt duties returns to regt location ⊙ One truck and driver missing - believed to have lost his way 5 miles NORTH of ARRAS	
	9		Day spent in reloading stores etc on to tpt and preparation for move next day ⊙ Search for missing truck & driver unsuccessful ⊙ Restriction on AA firing (see appendix E)	
J 610755	10	0700	Regt moves by tps followed by regt & bty A ech followed by B ech, all at ¼ hour intervals; route - DOULLENS - ARRAS - LENS -	

area of MALINES			AUDENARDE - ALOST - ASSCHE - MERCHTEN - WOLVERTHEM - new area (see Appendix A) Enthusiastic welcome by local inhabitants, especially on BELGIAN side of border ⊙ Temporary relaxation of ban on AA fire (see Appendix E) Remainder of traffic control party also moved and joined up with main body of regt at new location	
MALINES area	11	1300 1730 2000 2350	CO attends CRA's conference CO holds conference for BCs ⊙ Ref move of div next day, orders 2 tps for defence of fd arty area, one tp for div HQ, 3 tps in support of bdes (one each) ⊙ bty comds to recce for opportunities of ground-shooting in area of Albert Canal (I 08) ⊙ 2IC to coordinate tps with fd arty LO called to HQRA to receive orders for move following day as follows: SP X rds 599665 at 0855 hrs, via VILVORDE, DIEGHEM, HAECHT to Dis P at AERSCHOT (J 9669) HQRA order recce parties to Div HQ by 0730 hrs tomorrow	
WESTERLOO area WESTERLOO area	12	0715 0830 1730 -	Recce parties leave ⊙ Tps subsequently move with fd regts, bdes, HQs, etc, to which they are in support Regt A & B echs leave, and move, on route as ordered, to I 042798 near WESTERLOO Order received lifting ban on AA fire; transmitted to btys During the day, CO in charge of traffic control party (offr and wireless set at each) on Cl.40 bridge 045855 and Cl.9 bridge 073842 over Albert Canal	(see Appx E)
	13	 1200 1945 2100 2200 - 2315	Gun of E tp stood by for groundshooting across Albert Canal, but no target presented itself OC 392 led a patrol across the canal into 3 villages, area 0189 - 0086 - no enemy encountered Orders received from HQRA for recce parties to RV at 0800 hrs tomorrow for move of regt with div HQ 5 enemy aircraft, and flares, engaged by A and I tps CO decides to leave B ech in situ when A ech moves, because supply pts will remain SOUTH of the canal During the day A & I tps move across canal with fd regts to area of GHEEL, 0888, and E tp and 391 tac HQ with 227 bde group to area of MOLL, 1790 Orders received from HQRA to move tomorrow crossing SP [bridge 0485] head 1015 hrs, tail 1025 hrs, via X rds 080882 to dis P at rd junc 093860	
GHEEL area	14	0745	Recce parties left ⊙ 0945 Regt A ech moved, via route ordered, to new location 100852, crossing Albert Canal 1015 hrs &	

			arriving 1040 hrs. During the day tps moved with fd regts, bdes, and div HQ and guns of C and G tps carried out groundshooting across the MEUSE-ESCAUT canal at targets on the NORTH bank ⊙ Local inhabitants continue everywhere to be enthusiastic in their welcome and extremely generous with gifts of fruit, eggs, etc, which they insist on being accepted despite firmest refusals	
(ap GHEEL area	15 prox)	 1830 2200	Tps remained deployed ⊙ Guns of C and G tps sited singly or in 3s carried out groundshooting tasks with considerable success at targets on far (NORTH) bank of MEUSE-ESCAUT canal, incl harassing fire, observed fire on MG nests and OPs, and conc fire in support of inf attack ⊙ E tp prepared to give directional fire in sp of 227 bde attack, night 15/16 ⊙ Several tps reported unidentified plane, believed enemy jet-propelled, in area GHEEL - HERENTHALS flying EAST-WEST at 15-20,000 ft, estimated speed 600 mph. B ech, less certain vehs, joins A ech at 100852	
	16	 1740 1815	Tps remain deployed ⊙ Considerable groundshooting by A C E and G tps using both direct and indirect fire Officer called for by HQRA, to report at 1815 hrs with Jeep, 15 cwt, NCO and 5 men. Capt SARGEANT (390 bty capt), detailed for above assignment, briefed at HQRA (with reps from fd and A tk regts) for task of laying out fluorescent strips by 1200 hrs 17 Sep along line of main rd from LOMMEL (K 3095) - rly crossing (1791), thence line of rly - 0789 - thence cross country to HOOGBUUL (0187) ⊙ Strips to be taken up by 1430 hrs ⊙ 119 allotted right hand sector, up to rly crossing 1791 ⊙ Purpose: indication of area to tactical air force on occasion of large-scale attack ⊙ Forward gun positions to be warned to display yellow celanex strips from 1200 - 1430, 17 Sep 44.	
GHEEL area	17	0845 0900 1300 1700	Instructions received ref op 'GARDEN' limiting AA fire Party leaves under Capt SARGEANT to lay fluorescent panels as ordered - 1345 Waves of DAKOTA aircraft passed over location approaching from WEST and veering to NE ⊙ each wave consisted of 30-45 aircraft, the last few waves towing HADRIAN (WACO) gliders ⊙ very considerable fighter support, mostly LIGHTNINGS and MUSTANGS ⊙ One DAKOTA crashed at 058886 and was burnt out ⊙ E tps 391 bty mounted guard over wreckage 266565 Capt J.M.B. POOLEY, RAMC, leaves regt to go to 6 RSF, from whence 131304 Capt RJG HOGG RAMC comes to take his place.	(see appendix E)

		-	Groundshooting during hrs of darkness along line of road running from Albert Canal at K 0792 to CASTERLE 0697, one gun on duty each hour, firing 50 rounds	
GHEEL area	18	0001 0130 - 1600 2130	Orders received ref restriction on amn expenditure hrs onwards, E tp guns came under MG fire each time they opened up on harassing fire task During the day groundshooting continued ⊙ Subunits moved with bde groups when 227 bde relieved 44 bde in bridgehead at 0793 Ju 88 observed over I tp area 1091 ⊙ No firing, in accordance with orders Harassing fire tasks during hours of darkness, as for previous night ⊙	(see appendix H)
	18/19		One gun of tp damaged through firing with defect which caused side door of breech casing to open ⊙ sent to unit wksps	
	19	0600 1430 -	Maj COPELAND, T.C. (97992), OC 392 bty, to 110 LAA Regt RA, 43 Inf Div to take up post as 2 IC in accordance with instructions from BRA, 2nd Army. - 1500 hrs considerable allied airborne force passed overhead from SW to NE ⊙ DAKOTAS, some towing HADRIAN gliders; and STIRLINGS, some towing HORSA gliders ⊙ some fighter cover seen ⊙ During the day CO helps to evolve fire plan in sp of night attack, incorporating Bofors fire in ground role (Op CRABS)	 (see Appx E).
GHEEL area	20	0005 0200 0930 0930 1215 1405	Message from HQRA prohibiting fire on 064926 and AART (0893) after H + 20 H hour for Op CRABS CO orders no further groundshooting on harassing fire tasks till further orders owing to amn shortage in 2nd line Infm received from HQRA that Maj COPELAND may return from 110 LAA to 119 LAA Regt RA under arrangement by 12 Corps. Permission given by HQRA to dismount E tp guard on crashed DAKOTA at 058886. CO receives orders from RA (by telephone) for future LAA tasks ⊙ Detailed orders on visiting HQRA 1430 hrs ⊙ Holds own O Gp (BCs 2IC Adjt QM) 1630 hrs as follows:- Three SP tps to accompany 15 (S) Div on advance tomorrow, mainly for use in ground role ⊙ To be controlled and administered by Tac HQ consisting of C.O., Orderly Officer, one subaltern, 5 driver operators and batman (in Jeep, WT veh and spare), 3 signallers in WT veh (rear link to HQRA), 3 15 cwts (with BQMS, cook, 3 drivers, one gnr), water truck (with driver and electrician signals), and Jeep with fitter from REME and veh	

			mech REME ⊙ Total 3 offrs & 19 ORs, to form up in RHQ lines (100852) at 0800 hrs 21 Sep 44 Tpt for RASC duties to be organised under Capt BEATTIE and Lieut LIDDLE with clerk & batman in comd veh ⊙ 21 3-ton lorries and 9 tractors LAA each with driver and mate, 2 15 cwt GS and one water truck, each with driver and cook, 3 MCs, and loading party of one sjt and 15 ORs ⊙ Total 2 offrs and 87 ORs to form up at 115887 at 0800 hrs 21 Sep 44, & report 093860 at 1030 hrs. Tractor drawn tps to be relieved on present commitments by SP tps and to deploy at bridges 200928 (2 tps) and 193892 ⊙ bty HQs to be established (with bty B ech) in neighbourhood of now SP tps ⊙ RHQ to be est in area MOLL (1790)
		1800	hrs onwards, tps, btys, and RHQ arrange dumping of stores under guard at new locations, to leave required load carrying vehs empty	
GHEEL area	21	-	During the morning the org of RHQ & bty HQs into A and B ech ceases and bty HQs move off, each with their own B ech, to locations in the area of MOLL 1790	
		1030	Capt Beattie reports with load-carrying column, as detailed, to RASC offr at 093860.	
EINDHOVEN and MOLL		1210	CO and tac HQ move off with three SP tps, previously harboured, in div column to area EINDHOVEN 4218	
		1500	RHQ (incl wksps) moves to 172910 arriving 1640	
		1700	Orders from 12 Corps via CO to redeploy one tractor-drawn tp at bridges (Cl 40 & Cl 9) at 308978 ⊙ Other 2 tractor-drawn tps remain deployed at bridges 200928 and 193892	
	22	1200	CO and tac HQ perform traffic control duties in connection with bridge 389249	
		1500	OC 391 leaves, in response to message, to go fwd with tac bty HQ, to act as CO's rep at HQRA [CO & tac RHQ being on traffic control task] and to be ready to act as OP to Bofors firing in ground role	
	23	2045	Notification by DR from CO that restriction, imposed on AA fire at the time of first airborne landings 17 Sep, is now lifted	
		-	CO & tac HQ continue traffic control duties ⊙ load-carrying vehs continue to work as sup-tpt column	
EINDHOVEN and MOLL areas	24 25 26	) -))	CO and tac HQ continue as traffic control; & load-carrying vehs as sup-tpt coln ⊙ C E & G tps, fwd with main body of div carry out extensive groundshooting by day & night ⊙ A F & I tps remain deployed area MOLL	

EINDHOVEN - ZON area	27	1000 1130 1230 2100	CO returns to order A and I tps to take over ground defence of canal bridge at ZON (E 4425) under 2IC and 390 bty HQ, relieving inf coy there by 1600 Vehs used since 21 Sep for sup-tpt return to regt. - 1500 hrs RHQ, bty HQs and A F and I tps leave MOLL area for new area EINDHOVEN - ZON ⊙ RHQ A ech joins tac HQ, while RHQ B ech [incl wksps] remains with 391 & 392 bty HQs 1½ miles away Directional fire given in sp of attack by bn of 44 bde	
	28	1500	CRA visits LAA OP at factory 380240 to see effects of Bofors shooting at ground targets with indirect fire.	
ZON - ST OEDENRODE area	29	1445 1640	Inspector of Arty, with BRA CCRA & CRA visits LAA OP 380240 to see ground-shooting by Bofors ⊙ Expresses himself favourably impressed by results RHQ and 391 & 392 bty HQs leave for area 4329 arriving 1730 hrs ⊙ HQs (less 390) reconstituted into A and B echs, both sited in same area ⊙ 390 bty HQ with under comd A and I tps still remains in (ground) defence of ZON bridge (4425)	
	30	1100 1800	- 1130 hrs, LAA OP at 380240 shelled intermittently ⊙ One fatal DR casualty ⊙ Groundshooting continues Orders from RA ref relief by 51 (H) Div 1 to 2 Oct 44	 See Appx E

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Month and Year Oct 1944

Commanding Officer LT COL J.F. Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZON - ST. OEDENRODE area	1	0713 1400	and 0800 hrs, groundshooting on harassing fire tasks G2AA 12 Corps visited LAA OP at 380240 to see groundshooting (indirect fire)	
ST. OEDENRODE and GEMERT areas		1730	390 bty HQ with A and I tps under comd, relieved of ground defence of ZON bridge 4425 by tps of 51 (H) Div, moved to harbour areas 5829-5830 ⊙ C tp moved to same area at 1735 into harbour	
	2	0530	2 guns of G tp engaged suspected mortar posn at 1200 yds range ⊙ same target, engaged at 1400 hrs, flew white flag ⊙ However, no sign of enemy coming out to surrender ⊙ Signal was therefore ignored	
		1000	390 bty resumed comd of C tp, and 392 bty of G tp	
ST. OEDENRODE and GEMERT areas	3	1030 1645 1700	Three Dutch (civilian) interpreters picked up from HQRA for att to regt ⊙ 2 to rank as Lieuts, one as sjt ⊙ All to be clothed, armed, rationed and paid by unit ⊙ One (Lieut) to be att 390 bty and one RHQ ⊙ sjt to be att B ech B ech moved to harbour area at GEMERT Orders to move remainder of regt tomorrow at 1115 hrs via NIJNSEL, LIESHOUT and BEEK to GEMERT area (E 5730)	
GEMERT area	4	1105	RHQ and bty A echs with E tp moved to harbour in GEMERT area ⊙ F tp moved independently with 131 fd regt and G tp independently when relieved by tp of 51 (H) Div LAA	
	5	- 1505	Start of period of rest to be devoted to cleaning and maint of all eqpt incl clothing and personal eqpt, with as much as possible of recreational trg, baths, concerts, etc. Orders from HQRA to provide AA protection at HELMOND 5622 where div comd is to address all offrs of div pm 6 Oct 44 ⊙ CO detailed A and I tps, 2IC to coordinate	
	6	1000	C.O. discussed groundshooting with offrs ⊙ 1430 hrs C.O. spoke to dvr-ops on new arrangement for regimental wireless nets: all	

GEMERT area			tps and bty HQs to be on one net to RHQ, and BC and tps to flick off on to bty when required, for fire orders, etc	
		1645	1500 hrs A and I tps in action at HELMOND till last light GOC 15 (S) Div addressed all offrs in HELMOND ⊙ Massed pipe bands of div sounded retreat in grounds of HELMOND castle, after GOCs address	
	7	0745	10 3-tonners, 4 tractors, 2 DRs reported to FMC to assist in dumping programme of fd arty	
		1415	GOC addressed regiment at RHQ ref discipline, turnout, etc	
		-	Vehs used for dumping fd arty amn returned later same day when operation concerned was indefinitely postponed Lieut R.S. MADDOCK returned from 31 RHU ⊙ Posted to I tp 392 bty as tp leader	
	8	1300	CO left to contact 43 div in NIJMEGEN area to find Maj COPELAND (392 bty) at 110 LAA Regt RA ⊙ Found that Maj Copeland was not to return to 119 LAA as had been supposed hitherto, on infm of 15 Div ⊙ CO reported to CRA	
	9	0815	10 3-tonners, 4 tractors, 2 DRs reported to fd arty reps for moving of dumped 25 pdr amn to new gun area near OPLOO (E 7136)	
		1100	Orders from HQRA to redeploy four tps, partly for AA, partly for ground defence of new gun area & of HQRA in new location approx E 6939	
GEMERT and OPLOO area		-	For this op in sp of div arty, A & G tps under comd 390 bty; C and I tps remain harboured under comd 392 bty ⊙ 391 and RHQ send fwd tac HQs, sited with E & A tps respectively	
	10	1130	G.O.C. comd 2nd Army at HQ 15 (S) Div to meet regt comds ⊙ 2IC attended in place of CO absent on duty	
	11	-	Considerable intermittent shelling & mortaring of fwd tps	
	12	-	390 bty sends fwd tac HQ, sited with A tp	
	13	1245	Parties leave to recce locations in area WEERT 5897	
	14	0715	3 gunners leave for 48 hrs BRUSSELS leave	
		1000	The 3 attached Dutch interpreters called to Town Hall EINDHOVEN for interview by Dutch authorities ⊙ Only one allowed to remain with unit, the other two being required in other capacities.	
	15	1430	Groundshooting task begun but cancelled before completion	
	16	-	Two sections from fwd tps move to new posns when fd arty leapfrog fwd	
		1415	Major J.B. LIDDELL (166986) from 105 CRC to take up appointment of OC 392 bty (posted 11 Oct 44)	
		2100	(approx) 3 gunners return from 48 hrs BRUSSELS leave	

GEMERT area	17	1115	Regt and bty tac HQs and A,E,F and G tps return from OPLOO area to harbour in GEMERT area ⊙ C tp reverts to under comd 390 bty, G tp to 392 bty	
	18	-	Nothing to report ⊙ All tps in harbour carrying out maint	
	19	1000	2IC attended orders gp at HQRA: the regt to deploy 9 guns in AA role and 15 guns in islands of 3 guns for ground defence, in new arty area centred round 4544: also one tp for AA defence of bridge over canal at 389249: deployment to begin 20 Oct 44	
GEMERT, DINTHER and BEST areas	20	- 1130	A and I tps deployed in arty area, E tp at canal bridge ⊙ 391 bty sent forward tac HQ - 0330 approx, E tp gun posns heavily shelled intermittently, esp posns NORTH of bridge at 389253 ⊙ 2 fatal cas (1 sjt, 1 gnr), 2 wounded (1 gnr, 1 dvr-mech) ⊙ fatal cas occurred during attempt to evacuate one of the wounded	
GEMERT, DINTHER ST. OEDENRODE and BEST areas	21	0600	E tp posns again shelled ⊙ Fresh posns subsequently dug a few hundred yards to the NORTH. RHQ, 390 and 392 btys sent fwd tac HQs ⊙ C and F tps deployed in arty area, G tp harboured near future deployment area	
	22	-	G tp deployed in ground role in DONDERDONCK area ⊙ Extensive and successful indirect groundshooting by E tp guns	
	23	-	Nothing to report	
	24	1600 2330	Rep called to rear div HQ, received orders for A and B echs to move, at unspecified time next day to approx area 4022 Orders from div HQ to move past SP 578300 at 1100 hrs.	
ACHT area OIRSCHOT - ACHT area	25	1040 1640	Tac HQ, A ech and B ech moved to 400226 arriving 1245 ⊙ CO reorganized echeloning of regt as follows ⊙ A ech to consist of RHQ (less QM MO and Padre and their vehicles) and 3 bty HQ subalterns each with batman and jeep ⊙ Duties of subalterns, to keep contact with tps and with own bty tac HQ (at bde HQs), and to take turn with Adjt & RHQ subaltern in manning wireless by night ⊙ B ech to consist of bty HQs (less BCs with their tac HQs, and less bty HQ subalterns), QM MO and Padre A ech left, arriving 313245 at 1730 hrs	
	26	0715 1000	2IC and Lieut Newton (with driver) left for 48 hrs BRUSSELS leave hrs onwards, B ech moved up in small groups to area 340257	
HILVARENBEEK - OIRSCHOT areas	27	1010 1205	A ech moved in two groups to HILVARENBEEK 1924 - 1235 Successful groundshooting by C tp guns, in support of 44 (L) Inf Bde attack on TILBURG, firing as a tp of 5 guns	
	28	0900	B ech moved to DIESSEN 2222	

TILBURG - DIESSEN		1500 1530 1800 2215	F tp and 391 bty tac HQ moved with 227 bde gp to go under comd 8 Corps ⊙ E tp placed under operational comd 392 bty A ech moved to TILBURG 158332 ⊙ 5 tps [in secs] for AA defence of TILBURG Maj MURPHY (2IC) and Lieut NEWTON (C tp) returned from 48 hrs BRUSSELS leave I.O. called to RA, received orders to send off recce party at 0500 hrs to GELDROP 4816 ⊙ Main Body to pass Start Pt in HILVARENBEEK (1923) at 1600 hrs, thence via MIDDELBEERS, VESSEM and EINDHOVEN	
HELMOND (5521)	29	- 1515 1910	48 hrs leave for ORs, at the rate of 2 or 3 every 2-3 days, commenced again. A ech left location, joined by E tp at outskirts of TILBURG and by B ech at DIESSEN ⊙ Arrived HELMOND area 1830 hrs ⊙ Other tps moved with units to whom they were in sp - 1930 Tps engaged enemy aircraft which dropped bombs and flares in HELMOND area ⊙ One bomb which fell in B ech location set fire to amn lorry, caused leg wounds to one DR and damaged several vehicles	
LIEROP - ZOMEREN	30	1415	A ech moved to ZOMEREN, and 1500 hrs B ech (less wksps) to LIEROP and VLERKEN	
	31	1500 2200	- 1600 hrs, groundshooting on harassing fire tasks and:- - 0500 hrs, harassing fire programme in conjunction with fd arty 14 out of 18 NCOs and men, hitherto attached to HQRA for counter-mortar duties, now posted to 15 (S) Div as from 2 Sep 44	See Appx J

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Unit 119 LAA Regt RA

Month and Year November 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col JF Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN - LIEROP - ASTEN area	1	-	Fwd tps carried out groundshooting tasks during the day in sp of fwd Bde's attack, and, in conjunction with field arty, an extensive harassing fire programme by night, 2200-0500 hrs	See Appx J
	2	-	Tps remained deployed and in some cases moved forward, but owing to advances by fwd inf and restriction of arty fire on certain areas, no groundshooting targets within range	
	3	-	C tp in redeploying one sec of 3 guns in fwd area, found new posn to be in minefield ⊙ The sec located and lifted 47 Tellermines and reported to RE coy who swept and checked area	
	4	1520	CO received orders by phone from CRA to fire in ground role in fire plan in sp of div attack next day	See Appx J
ZOMEREN - LIEROP - ASTEN area	5	0730	C tp guns carried out task in above fire plan ⊙ Attack was held up and Task 16 was continued, fire being kept up intermittently until darkness about 1800 hrs, approx 1800 rounds expended	
	6	1940	Flares and bombs dropped in ASTEN - ZOMEREN area ⊙ Aircraft engaged by all troops ⊙ Three flares shot down, no planes ⊙ Aircraft not seen, believed 3 Ju 188s	
	7	1200	- 1700 hrs C tp groundshooting ⊙ Nothing further to report	
	8	1200	C and E tps harboured for 48 hrs rest ⊙ 2 tps at a time to be at rest for 48 hrs during next six days in accordance with div arrangements to have each bde rested for 48 hrs in that time	
	9		Nothing to report	
	10	1200	C and E tps relieved A and F tps who harboured for rest	
	11		Nothing to report	
ZOMEREN - LIEROP - ASTEN area	12	1200 -	A & F tps returned to previous tasks ⊙ C and E tps relieved G and I tps which harboured for rest 3 tps of 121 LAA Regt (8 Corps tps) came under comd for operational purposes only. These 3 tps were deployed in gun areas and, together with the 3 tps of 119 LAA Regt engaged on task of AA protection of div arty, were linked by WT to a GL Mk II linked in turn to 151 AAOR ⊙ Duty officer at the GL to order	

			the appropriate one of sixteen prearranged barrages to be fired, according to the course of the plane as plotted by the GL ⊙ Duty officer at GL provided alternately by 119 and 121 LAA Regts.	
	13	1000	CO attended CRA's O group to receive infm concerning future ops ⊙ In consequence, ordered G tp to recce posns protecting arty in 6414 area for occupation following day ⊙ E tp when relieved by I tp on 14 Nov to be held in harbour ready for groundshooting task, if necessary, in sp 227 bde.	
	14	1200	I tp returned to previous task relieving E tp to harbour, as above ⊙ G tp deployed area 6414	
ZOMEREN -	15	-	G tp incorporated into barrage-fireplan, making 7 tps in all	
LIEROP - ASTEN area	16	1600 1905	Harassing fire task detailed by CRA allotted to one gun of G tp; to fire 60 rounds per hour, 1900-2200 and 0500-0700 hrs, along line of double canal from 719090 to 729073 ⊙ Gun positioned at 693112 Harassing fire programme cancelled [enemy pulled out]	
	17	1400 1530	(approx) E tp deployed round Cl 9 bridge 710039 Accident to jeep of A tp in area 6908 ⊙ Schu-mine blew wheel off jeep, and after replacement of wheel, another Schu-mine injured seriously Gnrs Burren and Hugill ⊙ While the casualties were being carried on stretchers into an ambulance, a third mine exploded injuring Lieut MARSDEN and killing a medical orderly of 181 Field Regt RA, who was giving assistance ⊙ Gnrs Burren and Hugill evacuated, Lieut Marsden remained at duty, with injury to hand	
ZOMEREN - LIEROP - ASTEN area	18	- -	Lieut Marsden, injured previous day, evacuated for minor operation on injured hand ⊙ Expected to return shortly Lieut RS Maddock posted to 20 LAA Regt via 46 RHU to fill captain vacancy	
	19	1910	Orders from RA to move A ech at 1100 hrs tomorrow via ZOMEREN br and ASTEN to DEURNE area	
	20	1030 1100	Water trucks of I tp blown up by mine, no casualties RHQ A ech moved to VREKWIJK area, arriving 1145 hrs	
DEURNE - HELENAVEEN - BERINGEN area	21	1000 -	Regt and bty B echelons moved to DEURNE area The 3 tps of 121 LAA Regt ceased to be under operational command, and tps of 119 LAA Regt ceased to be linked to GL	
	22	-	Bad weather making movement difficult, except on main rds	
	23	-	Movement increasingly difficult, especially in HELENAVEEN area and in fd arty area (approx 7708).	

DEURNE -	24	1830	Permission from RA to take part of RHQ to HORST area on 25 Nov when Div HQ and HQRA move there	
HORST area	25	1100	Operational half of RHQ moved to 804175 arriving at 1355 hrs ⊙ Joined by remainder of RHQ about 1630 hrs	
		1545	1555, 1730 hrs and subsequently, launching of rocket-bombs (V2) visible from vapour trails & flash, bearing 64° magnetic.	
HORST area	26	1400 1400 2215	B ech moved up to join RHQ in area 8071 - 1630 hrs, guns of I tp successfully engaged targets on EAST side of R. MAAS Small no. of enemy fighter bombers flew over area, machine-gunned roads and dropped few bombs ⊙ All tps engaged with harassing fire ⊙ No hits recorded	
	27	1400	- 1600 hrs, guns of E and G tps engaged enemy OPs on EAST bank of MAAS ⊙ Hits observed ⊙ Retaliatory enemy fire caused no casualties to own tps	
HORST area	28	1400	Enemy OPs on EAST bank of MAAS successfully engaged by guns of G tp ⊙ Operation curtailed when steady rain caused prematures in area held by own tps	
PANNINGEN area	29	1100 1400 -	Regt A ech moved to PANNINGEN, arriving 1230 hrs Bty B echs moved to DE HEIBLOEM 7101 15 (S) Div, including 119 LAA Regt RA, passed from 8 Corps to under comd 12 Corps	
	30	1215 1500 -	CO attended at HQ 15 (S) Div when Gen O'CONNOR, hitherto comd 8 Corps, bade farewell to senior officers of 15 (S) Div Regt B ech moved to DE HEIBLOEM 7101 Henceforth A ech (viz:- G and A branches of RHQ, plus LO from each bty) to be known as RHQ ⊙ The bty HQ's (less BCs and their tac HQs) to be known as (bty) A ech ⊙ The remainder of the regt, less tp F groups (viz:- Q vehs of regt, btys & tps) under Lieut QM, to be known as B ech	

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Unit 119 LAA Regt RA

Month and Year December 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col JF Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN area	1	1300 1400 1500	(approx) E tp deployed round Div HQ, Panningen, 7704 1 sjt and 11 OR joined from 97 A tk regt (being disbanded) Future tasks allotted by CRA (1) neutralization of enemy OPs (towers, churches, etc) on EAST bank of R MAAS, to begin 2 Dec, (2) harassing fire tasks on likely enemy supply routes leading towards EAST bank of R MAAS, to begin at H hour (0745) 3 Dec ⊙ For first task, one med gun (59 AGRA) and 129/86 (SP) A tk bty (12 Corps tps) placed in support	
	2	0930 1000 1100 1230 -	W/Lt SHAW (and batman) joined from 97 A tk regt, to take up appointment as tp subn (and batman-driver) in I tp 392 bty. The 11 OR, who joined on 1 Dec, returned to 97 A tk regt on orders from higher authy, in view of alteration in arrangements for posting personnel for training as infantry. hrs approx, engagement of enemy OPs commenced ⊙ Also registration with aid of Air OP on future harassing fire targets, but soon abandoned owing to bad weather approx, supporting med gun missed route, in looking for gun posn, and fell into enemy hands, in spite of warning delivered by own fwd tps. One gun of super heavy regt placed in support to deal with very strong tower at 876054, probable enemy OP ⊙ Subsequently fired and scored 7 or 8 hits causing damage and fire Regt groundshooting fireplan composed and issued	 See Appx J.
	3	0745 1150	Groundshooting programme fired [subsequently extended for further 2 hours, and later extended until amn expended] in sp of 44 Bde attack on BLERICK area 8908-8909 Retaliatory enemy shellfire caused casualties (DC, L sjt & 4 ORs) at E tp groundshooting position After amn expended, groundshooting guns withdrew to previous AA positions ⊙ Approx 5000 rds had been fired, and most successful results observed	

	4	1030 1245	G tp came out of action to harbour at B ech, and I tp to conc round 190 Fd Regt who had conc, since 46 bde gp (to whom they were in sp) were going back to rest area and 1810 hrs, shelling of C tp caused total of 3 cas	
	5	1200 - 1315	I tp came out of action to harbour with 190 Fd Regt near ASTEN Lieut MARSDEN (A tp subaltern) rejoined 2 Me 109s engaged by F, A and C tps ⊙ No claims	
	6	1100 1630 <

			391 bty OP manned from before first light till after dark, and to continue to be so manned until further notice	
	12	0955	Two Me 109s in area 8307, at approx 2000 ft, engaged by all guns of A and F tps ⊙ 3 hits claimed and one plane last seen diving and emitting smoke ⊙ CO subsequently ordered every gun to be manned with minimum det from 0800-1100 hrs daily as planes during morning believed spotting for likely arty targets (normally only one gun per sec is manned with minimum det, and remaining guns in sec have air sentry on gun and det at close call)	
	13	-	391 bty OP ceased to be resourced	
	14	-	Div Comd agreed to policy of leaving LAA (in ground role) to deal with enemy OPs, saving 25 pr amn	(See Appx J)
	15	1000	CRA's O gp, attended by CO 119 ⊙ Reserve bde gp to deploy shortly in area held by flanking bde of 53 div ⊙ LAA tp to accompany (190) fd regt to new deployment area, leaving only one LAA tp at rest, one harboured but ready to send guns fwd to groundshooting positions, remainder deployed in AA role	
		-	140 rounds fired in ground role at OPs on EAST bank of R. MAAS	
		-	One gun attached to B Sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt for engagement of enemy OPs in area VELDEN 9014	
	16	1430	- 1630 hrs 144 rounds fired in ground role, particularly successful against VELDEN church (47 hits out of 51 rounds)	
	17	0800	2 bdrs, 2 L bdrs, 27 ORs left regt, posted to 46 RHU for training as infantry - all A1, aged 20-25 (or volunteers below 32), to be replaced by lower category personnel	
		1000	onwards, considerable enemy air activity, Me 109s and 262s (jet propelled) in twos and threes flew over div area intermittently throughout the day, sometimes at zero feet ⊙ Me 163s also believed seen, but enemy aircraft were mainly Me 262s ⊙ Small number of bombs dropped ⊙ Approx 1500 rounds expended and several hits claimed	
		1100	I tp deployed in AA def of 190 Fd Regt, area 7698	
		1100	- 1600 hrs, 236 rounds fired in ground role, included registration by air OP on road targets, and 61 hits on BELFELD church, as well as many on other likely enemy OPs	
		-	In view of increased air activity, CO ordered the period during which all guns deployed are manned by minimum manning det (hitherto 0800 - 1100 hrs), to be extended to include all hours of daylight	

	18	0930 1200 - -	hrs onwards, considerable air activity but less than on 17 Dec ⊙ Me 262s (usually in small groups) were the main target, approx 700 rounds being fired, several hits claimed C tp deployed to increase AA def of PANNINGEN area During the day 237 rounds were fired in ground role; 76 hits scored on church at BELFELD, and nearby house set on fire; other enemy OPs and MG posts also engaged, and casualties caused Capt HOGG (Regt MO) left, posted to 31 FDS, replaced by 226544 Capt WALKER, W.A.	
	19	- 0930 - 1500	Groundshooting cancelled owing to misty conditions making observation impossible C tp deployed one sec 7102 (later, 7294) in defence of guns of 59 med regt engaged in calibration ⊙ Sec remained on this task till midday 20 Dec A tp officially credited with one Me 109 category 2 at 1000 hrs on 17 Dec Arrival of 18 gnr rfts, ex-116 LAA Regt ⊙ Few duty gunners (which was main requirement), mainly drivers, motorcyclists, storemen, etc	
	20	- 1100 1130	Capt Walker (Regt MO) left, posted to 162 Fd Amb replaced by Capt Willbush [attached pending arrival of 306068 Lieut Hicks AC posted from 153 Fd Amb. Tps reverted to normal state of manning - one gun per sec, only, manned after 1100 hrs daily - 1330 hrs, E tp fired 50 rounds at road and rly targets in VENLO ⊙ Results not observed because of mist	
	21	1400 1600	B ech, forced to move owing to arrival of HQ 8 AGRA, joined 390 bty HQ at 793078 Five rfts arrived from 31 RHU, all either of rank or of trade such as to be surplus to regt WE.	
	22	- 2030	General concern owing to boldness of enemy patrols and raiding parties on WEST side of R MAAS ⊙ Defence plan for whole of PANNINGEN area coordinated at higher level ⊙ RHQ given a sector of village perimeter on which to dig [and, in emergency, to man] defence posns ⊙ Area of responsibility also allotted to scattered secs, bty & tp HQs ⊙ Work of digging was begun p.m. Maj HOOS and Lieut HOWARD injured when their jeep collided with bren carrier in SEVENUM area ⊙ Both officers evacuated through 23 FDS ⊙ Replaced by Capt Sargeant and Lieut Goodman who, with det of G tp, att themselves to 181 Fd Regt for possible ground tasks	

	23	1015 1700	CRA 15 (S) Div presented C-in-C's certificates [for good conduct] to RSM Carr and Sjt Standen at a representative parade of all ranks from all sub-units - 2300 hrs RHQ and tps in immediate vicinity of PANNINGEN sent out patrols intermittently to round up civilians not in possession of passes authorising them to be out after curfew ⊙ Civilians handed over to FSP	
	24	1000 1300 2215 -	- 1100 and 1530 - 1630 Groundshooting at targets on EAST side of R MAAS ⊙ 100 rounds fired Orders from RA to maintain increased state of vigilance for 48 hr period commencing 1600 hrs today, in view of possibility of enemy across R MAAS GOC, CRA and other offrs of Div HQ visited offrs mess and remained till 2330 hrs During the day Lt Partridge left the theatre to attend photo interpretation course at School of Mil Int, Matlock	
	25	-	Excellent Christmas dinner enjoyed by all troops and HQs ⊙ Civilians everywhere helped to give extra cheer by providing hospitality, etc ⊙ Nothing further to report	
	26	1415	All guns put on the alert when report was received of 300 enemy fighters approaching area ⊙ Fighters did not appear	
	27	0905	Two Me 262s, flying over area, at extreme range, engaged by C E & F tps without any hits being claimed	
	28	1030	CRA requested one section for demonstration of ground firing for CCRA 8 Corps on 1 Jan 45 ⊙ Also directed two sections to be available as mobile reserve, with 102 A tk Regt, in case of enemy attack across R. MAAS	
	29	-	Intermittent shelling of PANNINGEN - HELDEN area during afternoon and evening	
	30	1100 1300 1600 1300	Trial demonstration [for CRA] of groundshooting with sec of 3 guns (ground and air OPs) in preparation for demonstration before CCRA, arranged for 1 Jan 45 Three shells [122mm] fell behind buildings occupied by RHQ in PANNINGEN ⊙ One OR cas evacuated RHQ moved to join B ech at 793078 One gun in ground role silenced enemy mortar, and engaged tpt (by sound bearing) during the day.	
	31	-	Groundshooting during the day by one gun	

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Month and Year January 1945

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PANNINGEN area	1	-	During the first 20 mins of the New Year, considerable activity along the front - fd arty & AA arty fire, flares, small arms & MG fire, low-flying planes, etc.	
		0920	- 1000 hrs, considerable enemy air activity over the div area, mostly low-flying recce, but also low-level bombing and ground-strafing ⊙ Me 109s, FW 190s, and jet-propelled aircraft were engaged by all tps ⊙ Six planes (Me 109s and FW 190s) were claimed shot down by the regt during the morning, and the CO later received congratulations, on behalf of the regt, from the GOC and from other units of the div	
		1130	A successful demonstration was given for CCRA 8 Corps - a sec of three guns engaging operational ground targets, as a section, and controlled by Air OP ⊙ CCRA met 2IC, BCs, QM and RSM before the demonstration	
	2	1500	63401 T/Maj SUGDEN arrived to take up appointment as OC 390 bty, bringing batman, driver and jeep.	
		1530	20 rounds expended in ground role at target EAST of R. MAAS	
	3	) -	Slight thaw giving rise to mist which cut down groundshooting	
	4	) -	activities	
		0700	Thaw precautions caused limitation of all except light (and priority) transport ⊙ Restrictions relaxed later in the day (approx 1800 hrs)	
	5	1500	18 rounds expended in ground role at target EAST of R. MAAS	
	6	1430	17 rounds fired at ground target EAST of R. MAAS	
	7	1000	onwards, CREME 15 (S) Div carried out inspection of vehicles of the regiment	
		1300	- 1415 hrs, groundshooting at targets EAST of R. MAAS ⊙ Direct hits included two on house, which caught fire and burned out	
		1600	Enemy SP gun engaged and hit by one 40 mm groundshooting	
	8	1340	Enemy strongpoint engaged ⊙ Buildings hit, but not set on fire	
	9	-	Nothing to report	

	10	1000 1400 2135	Groundshooting gun, hitherto deployed with 181 Fd Regt, withdrawn to harbour when 181 Fd Regt were relieved by 25 Fd Regt B ech moved to PANNINGEN Extreme frost warning received and passed on ⊙ Minimum temperatures of 5 - 10 degrees Fahrenheit expected	
	11	-	Frost continued throughout day - slow thaw predicted for 12 Jan	
	12	1015 -	One gun fired 16 rounds into TEGELEN to test gun which had had minor defect repaired by unit wksps Slight thaw only in afternoon; low temperatures again by night	
	13	-	Nothing to report	
	14	1415 2130	CO held conference of BCs to lay down training programme for coming 6 weeks ⊙ Policy-training on det and sec basis to bring rfts up to standard and to train reserve Nos 1 and layers ⊙ Training and inter-det competitions to include gunnery, aircraft recognition and modelmaking, mechanism, general military knowledge Extreme frost warning received and passed on ⊙ Thaw predicted for following day	
	15	-	Thaw did not materialize, but night slightly less cold than 14/15	
	16	1930	hrs, 2020 hrs & 2135 hrs, concs of enemy shellfire in close vicinity of RHQ location, probably aimed at nearby med regt ⊙ No cas in this unit	
	17	-	Training periods, decided on 14 Jan, now functioning	
	18	-	Wind rose considerably ⊙ Gale warning issued during evening and departure of UK leave party a.m. 19th cancelled	
	19	- 1100 1600	Wind often at gale force until dropping during afternoon Lt-Col Ackland arrived from School of AA Arty, Manorbier, to spend 24 hrs with the regt to find out latest trends in tactical handling of LAA 214250 Lt HE CRANE joined regt on attachment from 31 RHU ⊙ Attached to E tp 391 bty	
	20	1830	Recce parties ordered to leave Div HQ at 0830 hrs 21 Jan for HERENTHALS - LIERRE area	
	21	1645	Orders from HQRA to move a.m. 22 Jan to area SOUTH of ANTWERP, leaving behind 3 tps deployed with fd arty, to follow later	
PANNINGEN and GHEEL -	22	0915	Regt less 3 tps left PANNINGEN area for WAVRE ST CATHERINE (J 7579) but were halted short of HERENTHALS by officers who had gone fwd to contact recce party in new area ⊙ Owing to change of div plan, future area now being TILBURG (E 13), regt	

HERENTHALS areas			harboured in villages between HERENTHALS (J 99) and GHEEL (K 08) ⊙ Accommodated in small groups mostly in civilians' houses, great kindness shown by the inhabitants	
	23	a.m.	Reconnaissance of TILBURG and HILVARENBEEK (E 1924) areas for concentration of regt by btys	
	24	0930	A and F tps ceased firing and moved to TILBURG area ⊙ On information (subsequently found to be false) that I tp were moving also, permission was obtained for 392 bty HQ & G tp to move into TILBURG, which they did 1500-1700 hrs	
	25	- 2015	I tp moved to TILBURG area, arriving 2030 hrs Orders received to move remainder of regt to TILBURG area a.m. 26th in small groups	
TILBURG area	26	1010	Regt (less 3 tps) left GHEEL area for TILBURG - HILVARENEBEK - DIESSEN area; all in new locations by 1530 hrs	
	27	1000	C.O. attended conference at RA on future ops, followed by recce, lasting till last light.	
	28	-	Wireless working period 281500A-291100A for deception regarding future op	
	29	-	Confirmation from 8 Corps of 5½ out of the 6 category 1 claims made by the regt in respect of aircraft shot down on 1 Jan 45	
	30	-	Nothing to report	
	31	0600	Wireless working period till 012200A for purpose of confusing enemy intercept with regard to future op	

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Month and Year Feb 1945

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TILBURG -	1	1000	214250 Lt H.E. CRANE left to rejoin his present unit, 31 RHU.	
HILVARENBEEK and DIESSEN area	2	1130 1900	260309 Rev J.P. MARSDEN, Ch Cl IV left unit for attachment to HQ Second Army tps, to be replaced by 266827 Rev L.R. EARNSHAW from HQ 8 Corps. BCs briefed for forthcoming op by 2IC (CO being on UK leave).	
	3	0900	2IC and reps carried out recce of future regt area and fd gun area to which the regt is to give LAA protection in future op.	
	4	1030	All officers attended a briefing by GOC 30 Corps and GOC 15 (S) Div given to all officers of the div in TILBURG	
	5	1600	Three tps affiliated to Fd arty joined fd regts and moved with them to harbour in new deployment area early on 6 Feb ⊙ Small regt residue formed to adm leave parties etc and guard unessential stores left at GOIRLE on Div Adm Gp for duration of op.	
NIJMEGEN area	6.	1845	The regt, less 3 tps, moved from HILVARENBEEK - TILBURG area in div column via S'HERTOGENBOSCH and RAVESTEIN to NIJMEGEN area ⊙ Many delays on latter part of journey where route went cross-country on minor tracks ⊙ Arrived in new area approx 0545 hrs, tps to harbour close to future deployment positions Information received (via RA) of the award of BEM to 6350326 Sjt KEMPSTON, for gallantry in FRANCE	
	7	-	Day of preparation for attack following day ⊙ OC 392 bty in charge of 7 traffic-control WT trucks for use on gaps in minefield and anti-tank ditch ⊙ One tp LAA (C tp) to take part in "PEPPERPOT", a mass of MMGs, Bofors, A tk guns, tanks, mortars, designed to neutralize selected areas of enemy FDLs for approx 5 hours before the attack ⊙ Remaining five tps of this regt to deploy over fd arty areas of 15 (S) Div and of Guards Armd Div, the LAA regt of the latter being entirely committed in a ground role in the Pepperpot	

		2235	CRA 15 Div rang up with infm that 94 LAA Regt (Gds Armd Div) would not now take part in Pepperpot ⊙ As many guns as possible of 119 LAA Regt would therefore fire Pepperpot tasks ⊙ OC 119 LAA Regt conferred with OC 1 Mx (OC Pepperpot), ordered (1) E tp to take on tasks with one sec from present position (2) G tp to move immediately by night to new posn from which the majority of the pepperpot targets could be engaged (3) A and F tps to take on certain tasks at extreme ground range from present positions [N.B. Not possible for tractor-towed guns to move and redeploy by night under such difficult conditions] ⊙ C tp to make no alteration in Pepperpot tasks already allotted to the tp	
	8	0530	- 1015 Pepperpot tasks fired as ordered ⊙ Later report by eyewitness in fwd OP stated that LAA fire appeared extremely effective and set ablaze one or more houses ⊙ Approx 13500 rounds fired	
		1200	OC 392 reported to div HQ with LOs in jeeps fitted with WT, for traffic control duties	
		1300	Lieut PARTRIDGE returned from course and leave in UK having reported to 44 RHU (in UK) on 19 Jan 45	
		1730	Four SP guns of C tp moved fwd with 44 (L) Inf Bde to support tanks with directional fire through gaps in minefield, but not able to reach destination owing to roads being blocked and whole area badly bogged ⊙ Went into action in area BOERSTEEG where considerable numbers of AFVs were bogged down	
	9	1830	Traffic control posts were stood down, but to be held in readiness for employment again soon ⊙ Complimented on their work	
		2200	- 2230 Single enemy bombers flew over NIJMEGEN area, dropping flares and a few bombs probably aimed at moving tpt columns ⊙ Damage not known ⊙ Engaged by A, E, F, G and I tps firing approx 450 rounds ⊙ No claims	
		-	During the day 1/LT HEYBROCK, attached as interpreter since 3 Oct, left to take up another appointment, and was replaced by FRANS VAN DRIEL, holding rank of sjt	
	10	1500	The 4 SP guns of C tp, deployed at BOERSTEEG, returned to original deployment position at 7457 & all tp harboured	
	11	1000	2IC and I.O. left to establish tac HQ with HQRA in their new location at NUTTERDEN 8455 (first entry into Germany)	
		1430	C tp moved into quarters in NIJMEGEN	
		2300	Orders received from tac HQ to warn C and G tps to stand by for possible move on 12 Feb and for Adjt to take fwd RHQ office vehs to join tac HQ.	

	12	1255	Orders from RA by RT to cancel all today's proposed moves, timings for which were being brought back by 2IC in a "WEASEL". Reason for cancellation, flooding over 3 ft deep between WYLER and KRANENBURG preventing any vehs smaller than 3-ton trucks from getting through ⊙ C E & G tps (all SP) to be prepared for possible move 13 Feb if conditions permit	
	13	1400 -	E tp, to obtain shelter and some degree of comfort for the men, allowed to move from former fd gun area [now unoccupied] to SE outskirts of NIJMEGEN, keeping one section deployed No move fwd for SP tps	
	14	1030 2130 2255	Again, warning order from RA for move of SP tps Orders received for SP tps to leave NIJMEGEN at 0600 hrs on 15th and travel via MOOK and HEKKENS to CLEVE area Orders received from Rear Div HQ for move of remainder of regt [less residue still in GOIRLE] not before 151800A Increased air activity during the day, owing to better weather ⊙ Small number of Me 262s engaged at 0830 & at 1630 hrs	
NIJMEGEN and CLEVE area	15	0600 1515 2340	Three SP tps moved to deploy around div fd arty fwd of CLEVE Orders received, no move before 161800A for remainder of regt, but 119 to be responsible for move of entire RA group still in NIJMEGEN area [incl 102 A tk regt less three btys, elements of 131, 181, 86 fd regts], in the absence of any rep of HQRA - 0100 hrs, two guns of G tp gave directional fire for attack by 46 bde	
	16	0700	- 0730 hrs, two guns groundshooting at wood 9650 RHQ, bty HQs, A, F & I tps moved by night to CLEVE area arriving 0230 - 0330 hrs at new locations	
	17	1000	OC 119 LAA ordered to be in charge of two 'pepperpots', of LAA MMGs & mortars, to fire in support of 15 (S) Div attack on GOCH early 19 Feb ⊙ Timing subsequently put fwd to p.m. 18th	See Appx J
	18	1300 2145	Pepperpots, incl C & E tps LAA firing in ground role, engaged targets as arranged ⊙ C tp engaged further targets after H hr and remained in situ when E tp returned to redeploy as part of LAA defence of CLEVE ⊙ Approx 8,000 rounds of 40 mm fired CO called to HQRA to arrange 'pepperpot' in sp of 227 bde attack p.m. 19th, to incl LAA, A tk & MMGs ⊙ Attack subsequently postponed to a.m. 20th	
	19	0800	E tp/391 bty moved into fwd area, ready for 'pepperpot' groundshooting ⊙ C tp engaged ground targets, during the day, from their 'pepperpot' location	

CLEVE - BEDBURG area		1515 1530	WO II Morton, sjt-major of F tp/391 bty, killed by shellfire while travelling through CLEVE (the town & environs being constantly under intermittent shellfire) - 1700 RHQ moved in two sections to join Div HQ in area BEDBURG	
CLEVE - GOCH area	20	1030	C & E tps fired in 'pepperpot' commanded by OC 119 LAA Regt	See Appx J
	21	- -	Increased air activity (fine weather) ⊙ Raids by small groups of Me 262s at 1130 - 1145 and 1720 - 1745 hrs ⊙ Several small bombs dropped - no cas to this unit ⊙ Several hits claimed - one aircraft claimed destroyed and one severely damaged ⊙ Also, one Ju 188 engaged by moonlight at 2100 hrs - no claims ⊙ Approx 2500 rounds expended in all CO 119 in charge of 'pepperpot' of LAA, MMG & A tk, to fire in sp 46 (H) bde attack on 22 Feb ⊙ A tk subsequently cancelled, as amn not available	 See Appx J
	22	1400	'Pepperpot' fired, but in modified form, as decision had been made to reduce the depth of 46 (H) bde's attack in view of increased local enemy strength ⊙ Approx 2000 rounds 40mm HE expended ⊙ G & E tps (both SP) remained in situ after firing, available for tasks in sp of 44 (L) bde attack 23 Feb ⊙ 3 guns F tp (non-SP) which had fired in ground role from 931431 returned to original positions in fd arty area 9346	
	23	0930 1600 1825	- 1010 hrs, E & G tps fired 750 rds at area targets in sp of 44 (L) bde attack 10 rfts arrived, including 8 much-needed trained gun-numbers C tp HQ shelled ⊙ Water truck damaged but no cas	
	24	0545 1800 1845	- 0645 hrs, G & E tps fired 1675 rounds at ground targets area 930390 in sp of attack by 53 (W) Div Orders received for move on 25 Feb, less 4 tps, to area TILBURG ⊙ Three non-SP tps to remain deployed with div fd arty and to come out of action with them later, one tp (SP) to remain deployed round div HQ F tp HQ shelled ⊙ 3 gun tyres and 1 MC badly damaged ⊙ No cas	
	25	1000	Regt less 4 tps left BEDBURG for move to TILBURG area, passing SP in GOCH 1105 hrs ⊙ Some shelling in GOCH area - no cas to this unit ⊙ Arrived in harbour locations in OISTERWIJK (2334) and surrounding area approx 1615 hrs	
	26	- -	C tp left GOCH area, when Div HQ moved, and arrived to harbour in OISTERWIJK approx 1615 hrs Remainder of the regt (less 3 tps still deployed with fd arty) began rest period to be devoted to thorough cleaning and maintenance of vehicles, equipment, etc	

	27	0900	RHQ occupied location vacated the previous evening by 92 LAA Regt (3 Brit Div), and btys and B ech adjusted their layout in the village and surroundings of OISTERWIJK	
	28	-	A F & I tps warned for move not before 2000 hrs, from GOCH - CLEVE area to OISTERWIJK, when div fd arty pulls out	

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Unit 119 LAA Regt RA

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Commanding Officer Lt Col JF Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
OISTERWIJK	1	0400	- 0700, A F & I tps arrived from GOCH - CLEVE area	
	2	-	Training and care & maint of eqpt continued ⊙ Nothing to report	
	3		Nothing to report	
	4	a.m.	35 representatives sent to Div Church Parade at TILBURG	
	5	0900 -	Warning order received for move to MOLL - BOURG LEOPOLD - DIEST area ⊙ Recce parties despatched 1130 hrs Instructions received for probable conversion of two dets per troop to .5" MMG detachments instead of Bofors ⊙ One officer, two det comds and two layers despatched for course on .5" MG eqpt at 21 Army Gp Practice Camp (AA) MIDDELKERKE near OSTEND	
MOLL - BERINGEN	6	0830	- 1900 RHQ, btys & B ech moved to new locations	
- ZONHOVEN -	7	-	Training and care & maint of eqpt continued	
DIEST area	8	-	Instructions received for 5 detachments to report to 21 Army Gp Practice Camp AA for trg as .5" MG dets ⊙ Subsequently altered to 2 detachments only, to report on 14 Mar	
	9	-	Preliminary instructions received for exercise BUFFALO (assault river crossing) to be held in near future ⊙ Training for this unit to include backing of vehicles on to mock-up rafts, etc	
	10	-	Nothing to report ⊙ Capt Beattie (bty capt 391 bty) admitted to hospital	
	11	-	Nothing to report	
	12	p.m.	Two SP guns and two guns & tractors took part in loading trials with Class 9 rafts	
	13	a.m. -	Two detachments despatched to 21 Army Group Practice Camp AA, for trg as .5" MG dets. CO received during the day preliminary infm at HQRA regarding future operation ⊙ Air photos received	
	14	0700	CO left with OC 391 bty for recce of area of future op, returning 1805 hrs	

	15	1000	- 1100 hrs, C.O. and OC 1 Mx discussed "pepperpots" to be fired in support of future op ⊙ 1215 - 1245 hrs, C.O. discussed details of future op with OC 102 (NH) A Tk Regt.	
	16	1800	CO gave preliminary briefing to bty and tp comds on LAA tasks in future op, as follows:- 3 tps to take part, one in each of three "pepperpots"; 1½ tps to gve directional aid for craft crossing river in darkness, 1½ tps to deploy in AA role over 3 AGRA area (Remainder of area being given AA defence by 100 AA Bde)	
	17	a.m. p.m.	2IC contacted LVT comd ref location of LVT crossing points and tp comds carried out detailed recces for pepperpots Warning order received for harbour parties to go to new area on 18 Mar	
	18	1000 1030	Harbour parties left for new area A 0738 CO held coordinating conference of reps from all units concerned in "pepperpots", to fix siting of weapons and amn dumps	
	19	1000 2000	CO infm by CRA of fresh tasks for "pepperpots" and increased allotment of weapons ⊙ Fireplan accordingly extended and finalized, after discussion with OC 1 Mx Orders received from RA for move to new area by night 20/21 March	See Appx J
SONSBECK - XANTEN area	20	1800	approx - 0400, regt moved via MAESEYCK and VENLO to concentration area	
	21	1430 -	CO briefed all officers of the regt on plan and timings of future op Pepperpot fireplan extended, to include 9 guns 108 LAA Regt, but reduced, as to A tk gun tasks, owing to shortage of amn	
	22	1200 1700	A tp moved to lie up in future deployment area (u/c 3 AGRA) 0638 C, E & F tps moved (4 guns each) to lie up close to Pepperpot areas	
	23	0800 1400 - 1625	approx, 3 guns each of G and I tps moved to positions from which to give directional fire for LVTs crossing RHINE by night A tp and 3 guns of I tp deployed in 3 AGRA area ⊙ Four guns each of C E & F tps deployed in Pepperpot areas During the day btys established tac HQs fwd, one to control directional night-firing, and two (with 2IC) to control three pepperpots Message from RA that the operation is to take place tonight	
	24	0100	- 0145 & 0220 - 0330, pepperpot fireplan fired - 1347 rounds 40 mm HE expended, in support of 15 (S) Div assault crossing of RHINE	

		0155 1000 a.m.	- 0215 Directional fire given by 3 guns each of G & I tps to guide 6 crossings of R RHINE [3 on 44 (L) bde front and 3 on 227 (H) bde front] British & USA Airborne divisions passed overhead, followed up by supplies at intervals during the day Tac HQs of 392 bty & 2IC, and guns of G & I tps returned to harbour having completed their functions	
MARIENBAUM - BISLICH - SONSBECK area	25	a.m. 1200 1430 p.m.	A, F & I tps joined 181, 131 and 190 Fd Regts ready to cross R RHINE with them and to be in sp ⊙ A tp crossed a.m. with 181 Fd Regt ⊙ I tp deployed in 190 Fd Regt area, as not likely to cross before 26 Mar 45 CO received orders to send three tps [less 40 mm eqpts, vehs and drivers] to hold rd juncs at 158415, 159416, 158426, 160425 and 161419, in infantry role, to protect bridge building operations in 1341 area from possible interference from any enemy still at large in woods 1742 - 1843 ⊙ C E & G tps under comd 2IC took up positions, as ordered, before last light, having crossed river in Buffaloes (LVTs) - 1700 RHQ, 391 and 392 bty HQs and B ech moved by small groups to MARIENBAUM - WARDT area Single enemy aircraft overhead on several occasions after dark attacking probably gun area and bridging ⊙ One Ju 188 engaged by F and I tps about 2000 hrs - no claims ⊙ I tp also engaged approx 2300 hrs.	
	26.	0115 1200 1630	Orders received from RA for move of 60 vehs of regt across R RHINE, 1100 - 1130 ⊙ But timings subsequently put back, and cancelled for the day ⊙ Bty HQs and SP tps vehs nevertheless harboured at RHQ location in preparation for move ⊙ Recce parties crossed river to recce new area, 1147 C E & G tps released from infantry role 2IC established tac HQ with HQRA at BERGEN	
Near REE	27	1000 1400 2130	CO took tac HQ across R RHINE - 1540 RHQ, bty HQs, tpt of SP tps, B ech and REME moved by small groups to cross by Class 9 bridge at 090470 and harbour in fields 1½ miles beyond - 2200 hrs, personnel of C E & G tps who had been employed in infantry role rejoined tpt at regt harbour location ⊙ E and G tps moved off in preparation for groundshooting against woods at 1352 in support of attack early 28 Mar ⊙ One gun of C tp also taken forward for possible use in ground role in sp 44 (L) Bde	
	28	0815	E & G tps commenced ground firing in support of attacks by 46 (H) bde a.m. and by 227 (H) bde p.m. to clear woods in area 1352	See Appx J

			⊙ Approx 2600 rounds expended, and all infantry objectives gained	
		1015	- 1200, one gun of C tp fired approx 60 rounds HE and SAP at church tower at 196537, scoring about 30 hits ⊙ Inf of 44 (L) bde who had been held up, subsequently advanced 3000 yds	
		1100	- 1500 RHQ, B ech and Wksps moved in small groups to LOH area, joined there subsequently by 390 & 391 bty HQs	
		1730	Recce parties left for harbour area, 1748, into which the regt is to move 29 Mar 45, when div has passed into Corps reserve	
BISLICHER WALD	29	1400	- 1600, C E & G tps, all bty HQs, RHQ, B ech & Wksps moved to harbour area 1748 ⊙ A tp remained deployed in area and F and I tps subsequently moved to same approx area with 131 and 190 fd regts respectively, F tp to harbour and I tp remaining deployed	
	30	-	Regt credited with one Me 262 damaged (Category II), and a share in one Me 262 destroyed, on 21 Feb 45	
		-	Day devoted to maint of all eqpt, especially vehicles, in preparation for possible long move shortly	
	31	-	Cleaning & maint of eqpt	

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BISLICHER WALD	1	1130	CRA 15 (S) Inf Div addressed the regt, to congratulate them on past achievements and to exhort them to an equally high standard when the fighting is over and the more tedious task of clearing up is still to be done.	
	2	1030	GOC 15(S) Inf Div, accompanied by CRA, visited the regt, inspected the men on parade and the 18 SP guns of the regt, which were lined up on the parade ground ⊙ He congratulated the regt on their turnout and past exploits [in both ground and AA role] and warned against the far-reaching dangers of fraternization	
	3	1800 1500 2240	Regt recce parties left for WINTERSWIJK area (approx) I tp moved with 190 Fd Regt in 46 (H) Bde Group to harbour area south of WINTERSWIJK Move to WINTERSWIJK area cancelled owing to div coming under comd 8 Corps ⊙ Move to GREVEN area now probable for 4 Apr	
BURGSTEINFURT - GREVEN area	4	a.m. 1500	A & F tps moved with fd regts in 44 (L) & 227 (H) Bde Gps to BURGSTEINFURT - GREVEN area ⊙ I tp also moved, with 46 (H) Bde Gp. Remainder of regt moved to harbour west of GREVEN arriving approx 2200 hrs	
GREVEN - TECKLENBURG area	5	a.m. p.m. -	F and I tps deployed by sections to give protection in combined AA and infantry role at bridges over RIVER EMS at 929948 and 911886 and over DORTMUND-EMS Canal at 960027 and 978892 ⊙ In action before 1200 hrs ⊙ One sec C tp added later at 960027 A tp moved with 181 Fd Regt, and remainder of regt moved to harbour near TECKLENBURG Instructions received from Div HQ that future standard layout will be that Div HQ is surrounded by HQ A tk regt and one bty, HQ LAA Regt and one bty, HQ Recce Regt and one sqn, and HQ Sp Bn and D Coy [or one pl, if remainder committed] ⊙ Rep of 119 LAA	

GREVEN			Regt [2IC] to sub-allot areas and coordinate defence arrangements	
LAVELSLOH and TECKLENBURG areas	6	1100	RHQ, 391 & 392 bty HQs, E & G tps B ech & Wksps moved to LAVELSLOH area arriving approx 1830 hrs ⊙ E & G tps took up posns around & in defence of Div HQ area in conjunction with A Tk Regt & Sp Bn	
GREVEN - LAVELSLOH - PETERSHAGEN areas	7	0115 - 1200 1800 2100	Orders received from 8 Corps via RA 15 (S) Div to deploy 2 tps at first light in AA role over bridges across RIVER WESER at PETERSHAGEN ⊙ E & G tps detailed During the early morning C tp moved up to new area and took over ground defence task from E tp, and A tp moved up to remain harboured with 181 Fd Regt On orders from division, Regt & bty HQs carried out local house-to-house search for arms & military personnel, while 2IC organised clearing of woods 2-3 miles SE of LAVELSLOH (FOREST MINDEN), in conjunction with tanks & SP guns of 102 A tk Regt, and rounded up eleven prisoners hrs approx, E & G tps [deployed at bridges at PETERSHAGEN] placed under comd 6 Airborne Div, ready to be moved fwd to newly-won bridges over RIVER LEINE hrs approx [last light] F and I tps relieved of tasks on bridges over RIVER EMS and DORTMUND-EMS Canal	
LAVELSLOH and NEUSTADT areas	8	a.m. 1000 1415 2000	E & G tps moved to RIVER LEINE and deployed at bridges at BORDENAU [intact] and NEUSTADT [blown, and under reconstruction] - 1345 hrs, 390 bty HQ, F and I tps moved up to LAVELSLOH area and deployed in AA and ground defence respectively A tp provided party to reflush woods of FOREST MINDEN into which small numbers of enemy were suspected to have filtered back ⊙ Task not completed owing to orders from RA to have RHQ and one complete bty [390 bty] at short notice to move under comd 6 Airborne div (1515 hrs) ⊙ LO despatched to HQ 6 Airborne Div, returned 2130 hrs with orders for move next day Small numbers of enemy fighters engaged by E & G tps at bridges over RIVER LEINE ⊙ One FW 190 claimed destroyed by E tp - plane seen to crash in flames	
LAVELSLOH - STEINHUDE - NEUSTADT areas	9	0800 0830 2000	A & C tps moved fwd to take over AA defence of bridge at BORDENAU relieving E tp to deploy with G tp at bridge at NEUSTADT Regt HQ, 390 & 391 bty HQs, and a wksp det moved to STEINHUDE area - 2100, small numbers of enemy fighters engaged in area of bridges over RIVER LEINE ⊙ No claims [extreme range]	

ALTENHAGEN - STEINHUDE - NEUSTADT areas	10	a.m. 2000	392 bty HQ, F & I tps moved fwd with HQ 15 (S) Div to ALTENHAGEN & tps deployed in AA role ⊙ B ech and remainder of wksp to follow next day - 2045, small numbers of enemy fighters engaged over and in rear of bridge areas, incl jet propelled ⊙ G tp claim one fighter destroyed ⊙ Pilot seen to bale out	
     NEUSTADT - CELLE area	11	0730 a.m. 1615 1900 2030 2100	F & I tps deployed at bridge at NEUSTADT, releasing E & G tps to advance with the leading elements of the division along northern axis in sp 227 (H) Bde and southern axis in sp 46 (H) Bde respectively. B ech and remainder of Wksp moved fwd to STEINHUDE RHQ, all bty HQs, B ech and Wksp moved to FUHRBERG approx, F & I tps relieved at NEUSTADT by bty of 121 LAA Regt [8 Corps tps] but remained in action till after last light ⊙ [Hoping for usual dusk targets] C tp claim hits on Ju 88 claimed destroyed by F tp jointly with tps of 121 LAA Regt. A & C tps claim one Ju 188 [or 88] destroyed - seen to crash	
CELLE area	12	a.m.	RHQ, bty HQs, B ech & Wksp moved into CELLE; and all tps moved to CELLE and surrounding area to deploy in defence of bridges and tp concs	
	13	0730 1200 1500 2200	F & I tps redeployed in AA defence of Class 40 bridge across R. ALLER in CELLE E tp moved fwd in sp 227 (H) bde [leading bde, advancing NE], and regt less E, F & I tps and 392 tac HQ, crossed R. ALLER to harbour just NORTH of river ⊙ Wksp left in CELLE Regt [less dets mentioned] moved fwd to ESCHEDE where A, C & G tps deployed in primarily ground defence role of div HQ area - 2300, enemy recce plane heard ⊙ Engaged by A tp after commission of hostile act [MG fire]; no claims	
CELLE - UELZEN area	14	a.m. 1540 1950 2030 -	E tp (in sp 227 (H) Bde) deployed in AA defence of 61 Med Regt Regt & bty HQs, A, C & G tps, & B ech moved to HOSSERINGEN On arriving in new area, A C & G tps did a "crash-action" to engage jet-propelled enemy fighter plane on recce - 2100, small numbers of enemy fighters engaged During the day, I tp collected 15 PW in assisting to flush woods NORTH of CELLE	
	15	0700 0730	A tp spotted one offr & 4 OR enemy in vicinity, captured two and wounded one who escaped with remainder and evaded subsequent search - 1030, intermittent engagements by A C E & G tps of single enemy fighter planes, apparently on recce	

		0900	- 1000, E tp engaged enemy OP situated in UELZEN, firing 37 rounds & scoring 34 hits, of which 12 went into windows of the building concerned	
		1545	Regt & bty HQs, A, C & G tps moved to HAMERSTORF ⊙ Joined by Wksp	
		1700	- 1830, engagements mostly of single jet-propelled fighters over HAMERSTORF area by A, C & G tps, G tp claiming two hits on a Messerschmitt 262, and A tp claiming a hit on an ARADO 234 ⊙ Fighters also engaged over HOLDENSTEDT area by E tp, who destroyed one FW 190 [wreckage later found] ⊙ I tp claim hit on FW 190 in CELLE area	
		-	Copy received of Supplement to London Gazette dated 20 Mar 45, notifying 'Mention in Dispatches' awarded to Maj. ATW MURPHY (2IC) and WOII KEMP [I tp sjt-major]	
UELZEN area	16	0730	F and I tps, having been released from commitment at bridge in CELLE, redeployed in 131 and 190 Fd Regt areas respectively ⊙ Layout coordinated with that of E tp to give adequate protection to bde HQs in HOLDENSTEDT	
		1945	- 2030, spasmodic engagements in HAMERSTORF and HOLDENSTEDT areas, I tp claiming a hit which knocked a piece of structure from a FW 190	
		-	Notification received of award of Croix de Guerre with gilt star to Capt. L.J. DIMOND (OC G tp) and Croix de Guerre with silver star to WOII KEMP (Sjt-Major, I tp), French decorations awarded for gallantry WEST of the SEINE	
	17	1130	CO attended conference at HQRA to receive orders for support of div attack on UELZEN early 18 Apr ⊙	
		1230	Returned to give orders for one gun of A tp to give directional fire along axis of 44 (L) Bde attack on Eastern side of town, and for 3 guns of I tp to fire, during first phase of 46 (H) bde attack on WESTERN half of town, to deny enemy the use of roads leading from centre of town to enemy FDLs	
		1630	I tp guns registered on targets by means of Air OP	
		1730	Timings for 46 (H) Bde attack brought fwd to p.m. 17 Apr and fireplan as such [incl LAA task] abandoned	
	18	0400	- 0445, one gun of A tp gave directional fire in support of 44 (L) Bde attack on Eastern half of UELZEN	
		1915	CO held O Gp and gave orders as follows:- 390 bty to move at once to deploy by first light in AA defence of approaches exits and bridges of UELZEN ⊙ 391 and 392 btys to harbour in area of regt HQ, ready at half an hour's notice to move under comd 11	

			Armd Div, if necessary, to provide AA defence of bridge at LAUENBURG if captured intact	
		2130	Redispositions completed, as ordered by CO.	
		2135	Single enemy plane machine-gunned road in regt HQ area ⊙ Engaged by G and I tps ⊙ No claims	
LUNEBURG area	19	0630	Enemy fighters attacked without success 227 (H) Bde column moving just NORTH from UELZEN ⊙ 390 bty, deployed in the town, shot down one FW 190	
		0830	F & I tps moved to rejoin 131 & 190 Fd Regts moving with 227 and 46 (H) Bdes respectively	
		1000	Regt HQ, 391 & 392 bty HQs, B ech & Wksp moved through UELZEN to BARUM, guns of E & G tps being dispersed down the div column for move & deploying in div HQ area on arrival	
		1530	E tp moved to sp 227 (H) Bde, deploying at canal bridge 8427; G tp readjusted deployment to take in complete div HQ area	
		-	390 bty left at UELZEN till morning in order to provide mil sp for Mil Govt, preventing looting rioting etc, till 5 Div take over town	
		2255	Orders from RA to move remainder of regt through LUNEBURG to SCHARNEBECK area 0900 hrs 20 Apr 45	
	20	0700	390 bty were relieved of task in UELZEN ⊙ A tp moved fwd with 181 Fd Regt, and C tp took over AA protection of canal br 8028, from which E tp had been taken to deploy with 131 Fd Regt while F tp had left 131 Fd Regt to defend canal br at 8826	
		0840	RHQ, bty HQs, B ech & Wksps moved to SCHARNEBECK, G tp guns being dispersed along the div column for movement and deploying in div HQ area on arrival	
		-	I tp moved with 190 Fd Regt in sp 46 (H) Bde ⊙ During afternoon, groundshoot was begun against enemy strong-point, but called off after only 2 rounds had been fired since supporting tanks broke through on to objective	
		2020	Two FW 190, apparently on recce, engaged by C & E tps in BRIETLINGEN area ⊙ One plane shot down, pilot baled out and was captured [injured] & evacuated	
		-	During the afternoon, woods in SCHARNEBECK area were flushed by HQ personnel ⊙ 2 German soldiers taken, and one civilian with underground hoard of food and supplies [incl wireless], believed Obersturmbannfuhrer of SA, handed over to FSP	
	21	1530	F tp ceased firing at canal bridge and redeployed in div HQ area, in addition to G tp	
		1500	- 1700, further flushing of woods in SCHARNEBECK area brought to light considerable quantity of explosives [enemy] apparently	

		-	hidden for later use by saboteurs or guerrillas, and 4 suspects of whom one proved to be soldier in disguise I tp also took 5 prisoners during the day, and moved with 190 Fd Regt	
	22	1515	A tp engaged two Me 109s and claim damage to one	
	23	0930 1400 -	CO attended CRA's O Gp to receive preliminary briefing on proposed future op across R. ELBE CO briefed bty & tp comds on general plan of proposed future op, and detailed areas to be recced by night 23/24 Apr for possible ground-shooting positions close to R. ELBE to support assault crossing of river After dark tp comds carried out recces as detailed	
	24	1300 1400 2130	Eight 3-tonners reported to amn pt to assist in RA dumping programme for future op ⊙ Expected to be required for latter half of each day for several days to come Tp Comds reported to CO on results of previous night's recces CO left to recce in river bank area with OC G tp returning at 2300 hrs having made preliminary survey of 'pepperpot' areas	
	25	-	Five enemy aircraft destroyed and two damaged [category II] during period 8 - 5 Apr - officially credited to the regt.	
	26	0900 1700 2125 - 2130	CO visited CRA with plans for 'pepperpots' ⊙ Informed op possibly brought forward to night 26/27 Apr ⊙ Fixed details with BCs on return and presented finished plan to CRA at 1400 hrs ⊙ Informed them that op would NOT be night 26/27 Rep of 11 R Tks called on C.O. to ask for directional fire for 'buffaloes' [LVTs] carrying assaulting infantry across R. ELBE for future op ⊙ Firing on three lines arranged E tp engaged Ju 88 at 3000 ft and A & C tps engaged a FW 190 ⊙ Small number of rounds fired ⊙ No claims During the day, unit tpt again assisted in RA dumping programme, and after dark bty capt 392 bty supervised dumping of 5000 rounds of 40 mm HE for pepperpot on right of div front. I tp shot down one FW 190 which crashed at 970277	
	27	- 1600	During the day, unit tpt gave further assistance in RA dumping programme, and, after dark, bty capt 390 bty supervised dumping of 5000 rounds of 40 mm HE for pepperpot on left of div front CO attended CCRA's conference at HQRA; and, 2245 hrs, received from CRA details of tasks for pepperpots.	
	28	a.m. 1400	Fireplan for LAA and A tk of pepperpots prepared by this unit; Fireplan for mortars and MMG of 'pepperpots' prepared by 1 Mx Final conference of bty & tp comds to arrange last details and distribute fireplans	See Appx J See Appx J

		1730	onwards, tps began to move fwd as far as possible, but not so as to come under observation, and after last light moved right fwd to take up and dig in groundshooting positions	
	29	0100	Pepperpot was fired in accordance with timed programme, and directional fire given to guide the buffaloes [LVTs] across river for initial assault ⊙ Harassing fire on railway bridge at 899350 was continued until 0530 hrs, with the result that the bridge, although extensively mined for demolition, was captured intact	
		1230	- 1430, E & F tps fired in ground role in support of 227 (H) Bde's exploitation to NW from bridgehead across river	
		1300	- 1330 hrs, considerable enemy air activity over area of river crossings ⊙ Own fighters also up in force but enemy aircraft were engaged at this period and also about 1645 hrs	
		1315	In view of increased enemy air activity, CO raised the state of readiness to 4-man manning on every gun till further notice, and ordered C & G tps to deploy respectively on route protection of main axis SOUTH of river and on Class 9 bridging site at LAUENBURG	
		p.m.	E tp deployed in div HQ area, and A, F & I tps rejoined 181, 131 & 190 Fd Regts respectively, crossing the river with their fd regts during the night 29/30	
	30	0645	, 1015 & 1400 hrs, scattered enemy fighters were engaged, one Me 109 being claimed Cat. 2 by C tp	
		1400	RHQ, 390 & 392 bty HQs moved with div HQ to JULIUSBURG where I tp adjusted layout to cover div HQ area ⊙ 391 bty joined its tac HQ at AVENDORF, and B ech and Wksp moved to LUDERSHAUSEN	
		2000	- 2100, enemy fighters in considerable numbers attacked area of Class 9 bridge at LAUENBURG ⊙ Several bombs were dropped, without damage to bridge ⊙ F & G tps each claim one fighter shot down ⊙ AA fire caused remainder of aircraft to take evasive action	

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Unit 119th Light Anti Aircraft Regiment R.A.

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col JF Young RA

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LAUENBURG area	1	0445	G tp, released from bridge protection task at LAUENBURG, moved to JULIUSBURG to continue with I tp in AA protection of Div HQ area	
		1000	The increased state of readiness on the guns [brought into force 29 Apr 45] was reduced to normal manning	
		1050	Enemy fighter, engaged by A, F, G & I tps, shot down over Div HQ and accredited to I tp	
		2115	- 2130, C, G & I tps engaged enemy fighter-bombers which had dropped bombs to the south of div area, probably in vicinity of river bridges	
	2	0500	391 Bty HQ, B ech & wksp crossed R ELBE to join regt HQ; and C & E tps crossed with them to go in sp 44 (L) and 227 (H) Bdes respectively	
		1100	- 1145, F tp carried out groundshooting task in sp 227 (H) Bde, engaged 2 strongpoints in edge of wood ⊙ Fires were started and subsequently infantry, who had previously been held up by the strongpoints, were able to march in	
		1600	Regt HQ, bty HQs, B ech & wksp moved with div HQ to BRUNSTORF, guns of G & I tps being dispersed along the length of the div column on the move	
		1710	FW 190 engaged by A and C tps)	
		1740	Ju 88 engaged by G and I tps)	
		2130	Me 109 engaged by I tp) no claims	
		2145	Ju 88 engaged by A and C tps)	
		2150	FW 190 engaged by G tp)	
	3	-	Information received of award of D.S.O. to Commanding Officer	
		1600	Regt HQ, bty HQs, B ech and Wksp moved with div HQ to GRANDE, with guns of G & I tp moving dispersed in div column	
KREIS STORMARN	4	1500	Regt HQ, bty HQs, B ech and Wksp moved with div HQ to HAMMOOR, guns of G & I tps moving dispersed in div column	
		1630	C tp engaged single Me 109 - no claims	

		2050	News received via BBC of enemy's agreement to cease hostilities on all Second Army fronts w.e.f. 0800 hrs 5 May 45	
	5	0325 -	Official notification, by phone from RA, of cessation of hostilities at 0800 hrs on all Second Army fronts Notification received from RA 8 Corps of official confirmation of this regt's claims of one FW 190 destroyed on 19 Apr 45, one FW 190 destroyed on 20 Apr 45, and one Me 109 damaged (Category II) on 22 Apr 45	
	6	0945 1400	CO gave orders for each tp to harbour its guns under a double sentry at one tp location CO attended CRA's O Group on further activities of the div and the div arty	
	7	1400 1500	CO held conference of bty & tp comds, bty capts, QM, Padre, MO & EME, to give details of future moves of div and div arty in the coming 3 weeks approx, and to discuss programme for succeeding period of static occupation, during which the regt would be responsible for policing, enforcing mil govt, etc, in part of HAMBURG ⊙ Training, education & recreation discussed, and committees appointed for the various activities projected During the above conference, infm was received via BBC that all German forces in NW Europe had surrendered unconditionally	
	8	-	Day celebrated as VE day. Padre held Thanksgiving Services at RHQ and troop locations. Recreation during the afternoon. All listened to Prime Minister's speech at 1500 hrs and HM the King at 2100 hrs	
	9	1730	CO attended address by GOC at Div HQ, receiving fresh details of future tasks	
	10	p.m.	Bty HQ subalterns, hitherto retained at Regt HQ as LOs returned to their respective bty HQs	
	11	1050 p.m.	C tp, hitherto conc in 2 islands, concentrated at new tp HQ Orders received to conc regt in HAMMOOR, probably 14 May; move to final location not likely for further 30 days	
	12	0930	CO attended conference at HQRA on implementing of Army Education Scheme within the div arty	
	13	- - 2030	Thanksgiving Sunday, for cessation of hostilities in Europe Btys and tps carried out recce in village of HAMMOOR into which regt was under orders to conc on 14 May B ech moved into fresh accn in HAMMOOR	
	14	a.m. 1430	The regt, less C and F tps, moved into conc in HAMMOOR expecting to remain for approx 30 days RA and HQ of 15 (S) Div having left HAMMOOR, CO 119 LAA Regt became local comd of village and area	

		1730	CO held conference on details of future trg, incl education	
	15	a.m. -	C and F tps moved into conc in HAMMOOR Day spent in interior economy in newly taken-over accn, and beginning to set up semi-permanent installations [guard room, PW cage, etc.]	
	16	0940 1100 p.m.	Fresh orders received from RA to take over new area, approximately a triangle incl LASBECK DORF (S 7374) - incl FORST HAHNHEIDE (S 7862-8161) - excl BERGEDORF (S 6546) CO held conference, dividing area into three parts, allotting northern sector to 392 bty, central sector to 391 bty and southern sector to 390 bty. CO explained details of duties, incl rounding up of German PW, and of itinerant Russians, listing of static Russian PW, PWX & DPs to enable future collection to be carried out at 24 hrs notice, collection of arms and amn, location of dumps of foodstuffs, maintenance of order, and enforcement of regulations by means of frequent and irregular mobile and static patrols Subunit comds carried out recces of new area	
	17	1300	- 1500, all btys and tps moved from HAMMOOR to new areas. B ech moved into fresh accn in HAMMOOR	
	18	-	Occupation duties commenced. Static and mobile patrols organized to carry out duties as laid down	
	19	-	Duties as above, and in addition all available load-carrying tpt given over for the day to assist in moving 227 (H) Bde	
	20	- 2100	Occupation duties. Load-carrying tpt used for moving PW. Notification of move to take over part of KREIS LAUENBURG probably 24 May	
	21	- 1400	Part of unit tpt utilised to convey German PW northwards 2 IC carried out preliminary recce of new area	
	22	0830 1730	2IC and subunit comds carried out detailed recce of area to be occupied, approx as follows:- inclusive RATZEBURG (T 0071) - excl FORST RHENE (T 1273) - incl BERNSTORFF (T 1365) - incl TECHIN (T 1358) - excl GUDOW (T 0155) - excl MOLLN (S 9563); N and NE sector to 392 bty, West and Central sector to 390 bty, South and Eastern sector to 391 bty. Orders from RA to provide one subaltern, 2 bdrs on MCs, 4 dvr-mechs & 14 dvrs 1C to go to NIJMEGEN, leaving 23 May with parties from other regts of div arty; pick up in NIJMEGEN a total of 59 3-tonners, and return to work as sup and tpt platoons under HQRASC 15 (S) Div, while RASC coy vehicles and personnel are away transporting large numbers of German PW being released for harvesting.	

	23	p.m.	Adv parties despatched to take over accn in new area, and guards to relieve existing guards [of 15 Inf Bde] on VPs in area. 2IC also went to new area to take over duties of Town Major at RATZEBURG.	
RATZEBURG area	24	1100	- 1430, regt moved to RATZEBURG area, taking over area from 15 Bde of 5 Brit Div. Tasks included establishing of check posts to prevent westward movement of unauthorized personnel [especially displaced persons], and control of camp containing 1300-1400 German PW, in addition to routine occupation duties	
	25	1800 -	Duty tp (F tp) mounted guard at CRA's mess, KOGEL, 040647, from 1200 hrs 26 May; this guard to be one of the normal commitments of the duty tp. F tp guard complimented by CRA. E tp moved during the day to the peninsula of STINTENBURG in the SCHAAL SEE, and tp areas of responsibility were adjusted accordingly	
	26	0915 1100 1700	CO held conference of BCs to discuss local welfare amenities, including running of regimental canteen and rest rooms, to open tonight at 1900 and succeeding evenings at 1800 hrs CO attended conference at HQRA on government org of the Kreis, operational role and probable increased future area of responsibility for each regt. CO held conference of bty and tp comds with agenda as for CRA's conference at 1100 hrs.	
	27	2245	LT (QM) T BAKER (260551) accidentally wounded in the head by revolver bullet, and evacuated through 34 CCS	
	28	-	Occupation duties continued. Nothing to report	
	29	0930	C.O. attended CRA's bi-weekly Mil Gov conference	
	30	-	) Occupation duties continued. Nothing to report	
	31	-	)	

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Unit 624 Field Park Coy RE

Month and Year June 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Storrington	June 1st		2i/c to GHQ 2nd Ech to discuss personnel deficiencies. Informed would not be made up until Assault Corps completed & that no ops excavators could be expected. Lt Lodge to E St ref spares & deficiencies for ME.	MDW
	June 2nd		4 mine detectors & various odd stores arrived	MDW
	3rd		Surplus clothing, 180 earth augers despatched. RE dump at Rowlands Castle visited & S.W.R. for tow ropes etc collected.	MDW
	4th		Workshops making 56 tow ropes for Div HQ	MDW
	5th		T.D.9 exchanged for D4 with 866 ME Park Coy. Spares for additional D4 ordered from War Office. Arrangements made to collect two sets Plastic Armour for D6 & D4	MDW
	6th		D day - news heard over wireless 0930 hrs. OC to HQRE 1430 to collect messages from Supreme Commander & C in C 21 Army Gp.	MDW
Storrington	June 7		OC to London to buy Jacks for Br equipment. Work started on armouring D6. Mech Equip adviser from 8 Corps visited & advised throwing away of PCU fitted to new D4. Spares for D6 arrived. 4 RAF bomb disposers perm att to unit.	MDW
	June 8		OC to London to buy outstanding stores. Armouring of bulldozers proceeded with.	MDW
	June 9		PCU returned to E. Stores, armouring of bulldozers completed. Mine Detectors collected. 4 op excavators arrived	MDW
	June 10th		Bulldozers & Tech Stores trucks reweighed.	MDW
	June 11th		Reloading completed. Awaiting orders to move.	MDW
	12		Still waiting.	MDW
	13		Weather foul until pm when cleared. Still waiting. 278 & 279 away	MDW
	14		Weather better. Still waiting. 20 Fd Coy away	MDW

	15		OC to District to see if any news available. Should have according to plan moved to-day. Appear to have missed boat.	MDW
	16		OC to District to receive orders for move	MDW
Emsworth	17		Coy moved to marshalling area A 2 - no casualties en route.	MDW
	18 -25		Waiting in Marshalling Area split into 7 LCT 4 craft loads	Appx B. MDW
	26		All craft loads called to Embarkation Area.	MDW
Cully	27	0900 1000 1400	OC's craft load (14 vehs) 2i/cs craft load (5 vehs) arrived. Dump taken over from HQRE. Lt Field's craft load (6 vehs) arrived ASM Brown's craft load (6 vehs) arrived with one in tow. Vehs under repair by evening. Various stores & equipment issued	MDW MDW MDW
	29	1130	One 15-cwt truck arrived in harbour area. Informed by dvr that other two vehs in Cpl Fairman's party were also disembarked but these have not yet arrived in unit harbour area.	MDW
	31	1900	Lieut Lodge's craft pty arrived in harbour area complete. Lieut Light's craft pty arrived, less one grillage lorry.	MDW
Cully	30	2359	Coy now complete, except for one grillage lorry. Stores Pl have been operating dump since arrival in this area. Workshop Pl not yet operating as Machinery Lorry arrived only this evening - will be operating tomorrow. Coy up to strength in personnel. In a small number of cases deficiencies in Tradesmen are covered by men of other trades. All inoculations and vaccinations completed. M.D. Wilkinson Major RE	MDW

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Month and Year July 44

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Cully (France)	July 1		Workshops Pl & Pet Pl now complete and in operation. Issue of stores continued.	MDW
	July 2		Division drawn into reserve. All attached vehs (bridging & stores vehs) left this unit. Ordered to construct showers for division.	MDW
	July 3		Orders re showers cancelled. Mobile Bath unit on way ⊙ Given task of repairing road N of Secqueville en Bessin Div Comdr addressed all ranks 1700 hrs.	MDW
	July 4		Mobile Bath unit arrived & put under command ⊙ 2500 baths given ⊙ work on road commenced. Workshop Pl making sign boards.	MDW
	5		Mob Bath unit - 3000 ⊙ all coy had shower. Work on road continued. Workshops still making signs.	MDW
	6		Mob Bath Unit 2500 ⊙ work on road continued ⊙ workshops making signs and stands for Provost.	MDW
	July 7th		Mob Bath Unit 3000 ⊙ Workshops making signs, grave crosses and cow identity discs (sic) and stands for signs ⊙ work on road continued.	MDW
	8		As above. Trial pit dug by D6 & D4 to give cover against shell & mortar splinters for Div HQ. Not a success	MDW
	9		Workshop Pl making signs, crosses, provost sign stands. Stores Pl making new entrance & exit to water point at Secqueville. Bridging continuing with road.	MDW
	10		Weather deteriorating. Stores continuing with entrance & exit to water point. Workshops on crosses. Bridging on road.	MDW
	11		Mech Equip to CARPIQUET area to dig in portions of new Div HQ area. Spr Westrop (op Ex) wounded by shellfire. Entrances to water point completed incl hardcore. Work continued on road. Workshops still making crosses and signs plus odd 'comforts' jobs for Div HQ.	MDW
Cully	July 12		Work continued on new Div HQ at CARPIQUET. Work on road continued. Workshops pl on crosses and odd jobs.	MDW

Cully	July 13		Stores Pl formed adv dump area St MAUVIEU. Mech Equip own - digging in Div HQ plus one to 279 ⊙ 2 Armd D7's drawn from 25 M.E. Sec. Priority residues arrived.	MDW
ST MAUVIEU	July 14		Stores Pl moved to another area St Mauvieu and dump formed (approx 40 lorry loads on ground, 12 on wheels + 15 tippers + 6 empty Div RASC vehs). Remainder of coy moved up to new area	MDW
ST MAUVIEU	15th		Issue of stores continued. Mech Equip all issued to coys for Operation Green Line. 6 CONGERS drawn and being maintained	MDW
	16th		One arm D4 + 2 operators reported missing 0800 hrs. One sec Pioneers reported for duty. Congers being put in working order. D4 & operators reported safe 1500 hrs.	MDW
St Mauvieu	17		Issues of stores continued. 3 Bulldozers maintained & repaired. Petter engines of water supply equipt overhauled. New sec of Pioneers arrived to replace the other. Whole company out in evening stripping damaged houses in St Mauvieu to collect timber to provide overhead cover for inf in line. 2 lorry loads ready by 2200 hrs. 12 new S tanks arrived flown from England to meet urgent demand. 6 Congers ready less filling explosive. German bomb disposed of by RAF personnel - 50 Kg 55 Fuse.	MDW
	18		Div drawn back & relieved by 53 Div. All attached br vehs, tippers and Corps RASC vehs withdrawn. Pioneers withdrawn	MDW
	19		Coy resting. Further timber gathered from houses, workshops and stores continued with skeleton staff.	MDW
	20 -22		Rest period ⊙ workshops & stores pl continued with skeleton staffs	MDW
St Mauvieu	22		Coy received orders to move next day to area S of Balleroy.	MDW
	23.		Coy moved to S of BALLEROY without incident leaving pty at St Mauvieu to guard stores which could not be lifted	MDW
BALLEROY	24		Convoy 22 vehs sent back to St Mauvieu to bring up remaining stores & congers. OC with CREME to recce veh washing sites.	MDW
	25		Two veh washing sites under constr by stores & br pls. Workshop pl constr showers, signs etc. REME inspection of all vehs.	MDW
	26		Veh washing sites completed.	MDW
	27		Shower bath (for Div RE) completed. Consignment stores collected Corps Fd Pk. ME all in use. 3 Lorry loads trees collected Forest de 'Cerisey' to rip down as no timber available thro' E channels	MDW
	28		Collection of stores continued ⊙ construction large number notice boards ordered	MDW
	29		Collection of stores ⊙ urgent constr of notice boards & duckboards (solid timbered) to provide overhead cover for inf against air bursts.	MDW

			1 op excav injured, one sick, now only 4 left instead of 8.	
CAUMONT	30		Move to CAUMONT area ⊙ complete dump 150 tons moved with 6 RASC lorries ⊙ 2 additional arm D7's collected. Move took 12 hrs due to large number of trips necessary & 'bank holiday' condition of roads.	MDW
	31		Issue of stores continued. Notice board production continued. 6 Congers handed over to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy RE. M.D. Wilkinson Major	

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Month and Year Aug 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
CAUMONT	1st		Issue stores continued ⊙ considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting mech equip operators' blankets and kit carried to their harbour area. Especially on small machinery (ie D6 & D4) there is NOT room for 2 operators kit and blankets ⊙ they frequently work with different pls & units during one day and have not time to send back for their kit before moving on ⊙ it is recommended that a small trailer (about size of a small handcart) be provided for each D6 & D4 so that when they are working for long periods away from their transporter they can take kit, blankets, rations, maintenance equip etc with them. This unit has captured a small German horse drawn trailer which is proving ideal. There is room to carry it on the transporter when the mech equip is travelling on the transporter.	
HERVIEU	2		Coy moved complete with 150 tons stores from dump to area HERVIEU starting 1600 hrs and all being in by 2200 hrs. Loading pty 30 men & 20 RASC lorries provided. New design for tank track notice boards brought out ⊙ experience shows nothing less than 4' x 4' timber or 6' x 3' CGI is any good for size. The former takes an immense amount of timber and the latter is very slow to paint. Recommended large size notice boards (Provost type) be made an ord issue. These require tripod (like blackboard easel) each leg made out of 1½ angle iron pickets welded together, the three legs being wired together with snake lashing of 14 gauge wire. Large scale production of these tripods started but painters a serious bottleneck.	
	3		Painting new design signs ⊙ very unsatisfactory as CGI difficult and slow to paint ⊙ issue stores carried on	
	4		Orders received to move following day first light. 30 load stores returned to Corps Fd Pk. 15 loads sent fwd with CSM to form adv pty. RAF disposed of U.S. A/P bomb dropped Gordons during afternoon. Home made Div RE shower bath erected.	

Le Tourneur	5		Coy moved during morning in 2's & 3's as roads very congested. RAF disposed 2 U.S. A/P bombs one at Main, one at rear div. Air strip completed. Jar air O.P. opposite coy locn.	
	6		Issue of stores continued ⊙ ME much in demand. 1½ pls Bailey Br from Br Coy RASC under command. RE 15 (S) Div Op Instr No 5 received 0730 hrs.	
	7		Issue stores and ME continued up to 2200 hrs. Otherwise quiet day. Making and painting signs as usual. Could do with at least 3 more painters permanently as painters are bottleneck in this. 50 sheets 22 gauge sheet metal 6' x 3' arrived from Corps for experimenting as signs (see my suggestion on 2nd Aug). These require stiffening - experiments in hand.	
	8		Experiments successful with 2 battens down back. Started on production. Other types notices continued in production	
	9		Production signs etc continued ⊙ semi rest period - coy shower in full blast for 4 days now bathing other coys ⊙ ME, Stellar trailers and Petter pumps overhauled and repaired	
	10		1½ pls Bailey, FBE & 2 Arm D7's all reverted from under command this unit ⊙ Production of signs continued. Estimated signs made since arrival 6' x 3' - 100, 4' x 4' 300, 2'-3" x 2'-3" 500. Miscellaneous smaller signs 500. Since most of these were made of timber, the value of the circular saw has been enormous. It has seldom worked for less than 8 hours a day.	
	11		Painting signs, repairing ME & Stellars, & generally getting ready for next move fwd expected soon.	
	12		Received warning order to move near future as Div leaving 8 Corps & joining 12 Corps. Returned certain stores & packed up	
	13		Move postponed one day - rested coy.	
AVENAY	14		Coy moved to AVENAY. 8 lorries sent back to lift remainder of dump	
	15		2 secs FBE under command for br over ORNE built by 279. 2 - 500 lbs and one 1000 lbs (British) bombs removed by RAF	
	16		Resting, visit by Div Commander	
	17		OC recced new area near FRESNAY LE VIEUX. Half dump moved out in evening with adv pty under CSM. RAF disposed 4 Allied Bombs (one - 1000 lb British 3 - 500 lb British & American)	
FRESNAY LE VIEUX	18		Coy moved new location arriving 1400 hrs ⊙ digging in not possible due to rock at depth 6" ⊙ however long way from front so not worried	
	19		One 500 lb bomb (Brit) removed by RAF. RE 15 (S) Div Op Instr No 8 issued for next operations. One pl Bailey under command	

VILLERS-CANIVET	20		OC recced new area 0600 hrs, coy started moving 0900 hrs and all in incl extra 10 loads. 6 extra lorries from Div RASC, 4 Cl II angledozers and 2 tptrs. 4 Landing Stage units and 2 centre panel units under command. Operation postponed 48 hours.	
	21		Very heavy rain from midnight till late afternoon.	
	22		Received orders to make 20 brackets for assault boats, new General's caravan from a TCV (unfortunately the general is very tall), new G.3 I's office ⊙ fixed up details and ordered stores, received RE Op Instr No 10 allotting stores etc.	
	23		Issued br equip and stores to coys as follows: to 279 Fd Coy, 26 Br Pl, 1 Arm D7, 1 Arm D6, 5 stores vehs, 4 Landing Stage Units & 2 Centre Panel Units FBE, to 20 Fd Coy, 1 Pl Bailey, 2 unarmd TD 18's, 4 stores vehs. Drew 6 more RASC lorries and was able to become fully mobile in one shift. Work proceeding on signs brackets & caravans	
FALAISE	24		H hour for Op GALLOP 0830. Coy moved to 4 miles E of FALAISE. 10 Assault Boat lorries under command plus 45 Seagull engines. Difficulty in keeping ME on move as one transporter did not turn up, one was bogged and one was lost.	
GRANDCHAIN	25		Coy moved 0750 destination being unknown. OC ahead & moved 278 Fd Coy. Bridging equip (incl refilled 26 Br Pl and new pl from Br Coy picked up en route) & rest of coy in priority convoy to GRANDCHAIN. One pl Bailey immediately sent fwd 2 secs each to 278 279 fd coys ⊙ new Bailey pl drawn & 2 secs FBE night 25/26 ⊙ own Br pl in reserve	
ECANDEVILLE	26		Coy moved 1200 hrs to ECANDEVILLE ⊙ 26 Br Pl moved 0700 hrs to LOUVIERS with pl 20 Fd Coy ⊙ additional 8 Panels 4 Decking 2 Accessory from att br veh sent fwd 1800 hrs to same location. Mech equip collected & reissued	
QUATREMARE	27		Empty br vehs returned ⊙ 26 Br Pl made up from remaining loads of att 147 Br Coy vehicles ⊙ this pl returned to GRANDCHAIN and new pl 147 Br Coy drawn in lieu. Coy moved to QUATREMARE	
	28		Att Br Pl returned to 147 Br Coy. Empty Assault boat vehs returned 85 Can Br Coy. ME collected in	
	29		Weather broken - heavy rain. Maintenance of equipt whilst waiting to move across SEINE.	
HEUDEBOUVILLE	30		Informed not to move across until div relieved of responsibility of maintaining crossings. Coy moved to HEUDEBOUVILLE afternoon. Attached ME returned to 6 ME SEC	

	31		Coy at normal work. Collected assault boats from R Seine and decking from demolished German brs and transported to Cl 40 Bailey Pontoon site Coy at full strength and with additional captured tpt, 1 - 15 cwt, 2 3 tonners, 1 6 tonner, 2 trailers. M.D. Wilkinson Major RE	

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Unit 624 Field Park Coy RE

Month and Year Sep 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HEUDEBOUVILLE	1		12 RASC Br vehs returned to RASC. Collected assault boats from R SEINE and decking from demolished German br transported to BAILEY PONTOON site.	
LORLEAN	2		Coy moved afternoon across BAILEY PONTOON br at LES ANDELYS to LORLEAN. Now leading unit in div by about 20 miles with no other tps near. ~~6 RASC stores vehs sent to RASC to transport~~ 4 tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk RE. Strong armistice rumours due to message received on NO account to open fire on enemy aircraft to-morrow. Enemy vehs acquired by coy during last 4 days stood journey successfully.	
	3		Days work got in on General's caravan. OC obtained permission to move ahead of Div following day instead of short move	
LE QUESNOY SUR AIRAINES	4		Coy moved at 0600 hrs being in harbour by 1130 hrs. Work continued by workshops - remainder having rest.	
FREVENT	5		Coy moved to FREVENT arriving mid-day.	
NECHIN (BELGIUM)	Sept 6		Coy moved off 1230 hrs and travelled all day finally harbouring NECHIN just over frontier. Tremendous cheering crowds all way impeded progress. Distance approx 80 miles, no breakdowns	
	7		Composite pl under Lt Lodge under command 278 Fd Coy to guard bridge over canal at BOSSUYT in case of enemy break through	
AUDENARDE	8		Pl returned. Coy moved to AUDENARDE area	
	9		Remained AUDENARDE, bathed coy, work continued on General's caravan	
BREENDONCK	10		Moved to S of BREENDONCK	
	11		Remained BREENDONCK. Div Concert Party for Div RE, party allowed into BRUSSELS in liberty truck. Pay & NAAFI rations for first time for long period	
WOLFSDONCK	12	1400	Coy moved to WOLFSDONCK. On arrival proved to be totally unsuitable and inadequate area.	

WESTERLOO		1800	Coy moved to WESTERLOO along verges of main rd running E from WESTERLOO. Told by CRE likely to remain several days. One FBE pl under command 2100 hrs.	
	13	0900 2000	One Bailey pl, one Assault pl under command. Baths erected, workshops LAD & stores all at proper work 2 secs FBE issued 20, 2 secs FBE 1 close support raft, 3 loads assault boats 279, 2 loads assault boats 227 Bde, 1 46 Bde, 1 44 Bde	
	14		1 Bailey sec less 1 Panel lorry to 279 Fd Coy. 2 Armd D7's under command & issued to 279, 20 Fd Coy 2 D4's to 263 Fd Coy (Corps Tps). Some FBE dumped at new site Albert Canal. Coles crane damaged, 1 Assault Boat lorry damaged & dvr killed.	
GHEEL	15		Coy moved 3 miles SE GHEEL across ALBERT CANAL. One Pontoon Pl, one FBE pl came under command.	
GHEEL	16		Issue of Br equipment, collection of spares from old sites in order to overcome shortage. Three separate columns prepared & despatched up to 0300 hrs 17. Far the busiest day so far for all concerned since we landed.	
	17		Collecting & sorting out br & re-issuing incl One Bailey Pl, One FBE pl & ½ Assault pl to 53 DIV. Refilling assault boats. Repair of assault boats & Cl 5 rafts & re-issue. One extra FBE pl under command. Watched airborne tps passing overhead for 1½ hrs at lunch time on way to Rhine. Attached tps in morning brought numbers up to over 500. However exodus of br equip in afternoon reduced this to about 320. Fd Pk Coy working under these conditions definitely requires better communications, telephones or wireless to br col essential. All captured enemy vehs less trailers returned under protest to 2 Army.	
GHEEL	18 - 19		Issue of br equip & stores continued. Collection of assault boats & repair. Repair to Cl 5 rafts. Refilling br equipment from salvaged parts	
	20		General's caravan finished & delivered. Issue of br equipment continued. Night 20/21 recovery of all possible FBE & assault boats from GHEEL bridgehead. Pontoon Pl to Corps Fd Pk.	
EINDHOVEN	21	0300 1100 2300	All odd loads FBE, all damaged assault boats, 4 loads stores to Corps Fd Pk ready for move. Coy moved to EINDHOVEN area with following equipt. 2 secs FBE, 1 pl Bailey, ½ Assault Pl. Further equipment arrived in new location 1 Pl Bailey, ½ pl FBE	
	22 - 27		Coy issued br equipment to 53 Div, 7 Armd Div & own Div + 12 Corps tps. On 25th Major Christie RASC arrived to assist in	

			controlling br equipt. On this only br under our control is 26 Br Pl plus 2 secs Bailey Pl and one sec FBE pl. Workshops employed on maintenance work on equipt & assault boats plus work on G3(I)'s office truck. All members of coy to either cinema shows or ENSA concerts in EINDHOVEN. Coy living mainly on German rations. Amount of work eased night 25th on being relieved of control of br equipt. Up to then all ranks working all day & most of night for 5 days on end.	
	27-30		Workshops continued on notice boards, caravans & repair of equipt stores on issue of stores. All coy attended cinema or ENSA shows in EINDHOVEN. M.D. Wilkinson Major RE	

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Unit 624 FIELD PARK COY RE

Month and Year OCTOBER 1944

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
EINDHOVEN	OCT 1		All attached Br Equip and ME reverted to Corps Fd Pk Coy RE OC on recce for new area	
GERWEN	OCT 2		Coy moved to GERWEN. All ranks under cover in schools, barns etc. 5 Tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy. Division now under 8 Corps.	
	OCT 4-8		Period of overhaul of equipt. Cleaning up of men, vehs & equipment. All water supply stores called in Attached RASC vehs returned to RASC	
	9-13		Buying & preparing stores for 2 RSJ & timber bridges erected by 278 & 279 Fd Coys. This greatly assisted by DUTCH interpreter acquired on 6 Oct - a Mr EYKELESTAM from EINDHOVEN. Permanently attached to unit & lives with officers.	
	14-16		Preparing br equipt & stores & ME for new operation in WEERT area.	
GERWEN	17		Operation at WEERT cancelled. Under command 12 Corps All attached stores & equipt returned to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	
	18-21		Coy continued on normal works overhauling of equipt etc + fair number of entertainments etc	
	22-23		Preparing for next operation ⊙ collecting stores etc completing work in hand. 2 armd D7's & 12 Div RASC lorries attached.	
	24	0900 2100	Coy making & delivering fascines for AVRE Sqn Coy received orders to move early 25. Br Pl sent fwd to ACHT to r.v. with 279 Fd Coy	
EINDHOVEN BEST	25	0730 1630	Coy moved to N. outskirts EINDHOVEN. Empty br vehs (4) sent back to reload. Remainder to 278 Fd Coy. Following came under command ½ FBE pl + part assault pl, 1 Pontoon Pl. Workshops pl to EINDHOVEN to load BAILEY PL which reached us 1800 hrs. Coy moved to BEST. Lt LODGE + a Divisional RASC pl to BOURG LEOPOLD to load another BAILEY PL. Lt Meredith joined as OC Br Pl.	

	26		Lt Lodge + Bailey pl arrived 0400 hrs. Unloaded & dumped. Other Bailey pl - ½ to 278 ½ to 279. Autopatrol arrived. Empty BAILEY PL reloaded from dumped equipt.	
	27		Recced & built Cl 9 130 ft D.S. Bailey Br at OIRSCHOT Recce pty arrived 0830, Adv & Main Pty 1000 hrs, Br Equip 1100 hrs. Br completed & opened 2100 hrs. OC injured	
DIESSEN	28		Wearing surface put on br & approaches improved. OC out of hospital. Coy moved 1400 hrs to DIESSEN. OC recced TILBURG for RSJs & wearing surface. Warning order to move back HELMOND area received late at night	
STIPHOUT	29		Coy moved to STIPHOUT having got rid of attached ME, Bailey Pl and odd BAILEY stores	
	30		Resting. Coy bathed.	
	31		26 Br Pl used on Bridge across canal E of HELMOND and refilled from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy RE at MILL. Weather very poor. Present location down long track which is rapidly breaking up. Trying to move Coy to HELMOND. M.D. Wilkinson Major RE OC 624 Field Park Coy RE	

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Unit 624 Field Park Coy RE

Month and Year Nov 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STIPHOUT	Nov 1		Coy at normal works. OC recce for new billets in HELMOND area as rd to billets breaking up.	
HELMOND	Nov 2		Move to HELMOND. All men under cover and workshops in proper workshops. Large scale sign production undertaken especially mine marking signs.	
	3		Part of br pl used for br over canal. Refilled. D6 out to 279.	
	4-7		Coy at normal works, maintenance etc. Billets made more habitable by building of brick fireplaces	
	7-13		Following works done. A mess caravan completed, CRA's new caravan started, made blowers for disclosing schu mines to work off compressor, made small spiked roller to detonate schu mine, signs and furniture for Div Club. Decorator to paint murals at Div club. Purchasing & supplying large quantity timber, nails etc to various units	
ASTEN	Nov 14		Move to ASTEN. Drew 30 tons Defence stores & with further 30 tons miscellaneous stores formed dump. Demonstration of anti-schu mine devices ⊙ compressor blower and roller fairly successful. New improved roller started on	
	Nov 15 -16		Following came under command - 1 Bailey Pl, 1 Ass Pl, 1 Tipper Pl, 2 D7's, 1 Autopatrol. 4 Congers fetched & delivered to 222 Ass Sqn. Mobile Bailey parts fetched & delivered to 222 Ass Sqn.	
	17		Excavator to fill Tippers under command, ½ FBE pl under command. Ladders constructed for infantry.	
	18-22		40 RASC lorries attached for carriage of Sommerfeld Track and PBS & delivery to 278 & 20 Fd Coy. Loading & unloading proceeded thro' 24 hrs each day.	
	22		Congers & explosives returned to 508 Corps Fd Pk. RASC drivers got some sleep as roadmaking & carriage of S Track suspended for night	
	Nov 23-24		Collection & delivery of S TRACK continued and issue of tippers to coys	

	25		2 att Bailey pls fwd 2200 hrs ⊙ coy warned to be prepared to move next day	
	26		Unable to find area to move to due to swamps. Third Bailey pl sent fwd. 20 RASC vehs returned to their coy	
	27		Area recced BERRINGE ⊙ coy received orders move at 0730 28 Nov whether new area found or not to let infantry rest in our billets	
BERRINGE	28		Coy moved to BERRINGE. All br equip less FBE reverted from under command	
	29		2 secs tippers sent back. Order for 500 minefield signs on 7'-6" stakes received - to be ready by Dec 3	
BERRINGE <u>GENERAL</u>	30		2 new secs tippers arrived. Started reclaiming unused Sommerfeld Track. During the month coy received one reinforcements and lost no men. Strength 4 off. 112 ORs During the month 24 men proceeded on leave to BRUSSELS and 6 men to Div Rest Camp at TILBURG Strength of 26 Br Pl 1 off 41 ORs LAD - 12 ORs During the month total ration strength was seldom less than 190 & usually about 230. Strong representations have been made about the grossly inadequate scale of cooks, cookers & cooking apparatus for both the basic fd pk & the br pl. The br pl is actually supposed to cook for 42 people when detached with nothing more than 2 camp kettles (no frying pans, no containers, etc) on 3 No3 cookers. Although the LAD is permanently attached it is not counted against our WE for scaling in regard to cooks, and as we have almost invariably a minimum of 20 - 40 other men attached the situation is further aggravated. Further, the LAD recovery vehicle a Chevrolet Light recovery proved to be useless for 50% of its work and a Heavy Recovery Vehicle Scammel is being obtained. Additional tentage for workshop pl was also obtained but an Aldershot shelter is really required so that vehs may be got under cover as one of our permanent tasks is building in vehs for commanders etc. M.D. Wilkinson Major RE	

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Unit 624 Fd. Pk. Coy.

Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BERINGEN	Dec 1		Two Order Groups at H.Q.R.E. re Op GUILDFORD. Advance Dump site recced by O.C. 500 signs completed at 2130 hrs. 1000 hrs Coys fetched from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy, other stores from 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy RE. O.C. told to take over 20 FD COY on departure of Maj Gillington to Staff College, & to take over before operation begins	WA
	Dec 2		O.C. handed over to Capt Archibald. Advanced dump of Mech Eqpt, Tippers, Sommerfeld TR, Culverting & Sandbags near Rooth. Advanced dump under periodic shell fire from VENLO.	WA
	Dec 3	1030 1145 1800	Two vehs, loaded with culverting & mine warfare stores destroyed by shell fire Mine warfare veh repaired, culverting veh replaced from Coy Pool Personnel returned from Adv Dump to Coy locn	WA
BERINGEN	Dec 4		Bailey Pl & ½ F.B.E. Pl left command. All Mech Eqpt less Autopatrol from 12 Corps returned to 6 M.E. Sec.	WA WA
	Dec 5		One Sec Tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	WA
	Dec 6	1400 2345	26 Bailey Br Pl placed under command 279 Fd Coy. Eqpt unloaded during darkness at Map Ref 889122 Map Sheet Q1 ESSEN. 26 Bailey Br Pl returned empty to Coy locn.	 WA
	Dec 7		26 Bailey Br Pl reloaded at Army Dump in HELMOND. Large majority of Coy personnel employed in making road for Stores Dump & in repairing billets	WA
	Dec 8		Coy still employed on roads & repair of billets Annual dose of anti-typhus inoculation completed. First consignment of stores for repair of damaged houses fetched from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	 WA
BERINGEN	Dec 9	0900	Two secs tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy. First allotment of stores for repair of buildings collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	 WA

	10 Dec		First allotment of Defence Stores collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. Main items were Sandbags, Barbed Wire, Screw & Wood Pickets, Trench Boards, Camouflage Nets & Garnished Wire Netting. Autopatrol returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	WA
	11 Dec		Issue of defence stores, & stores for repair of buildings commenced. 2 no D7 Angledozers Armd returned to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. All available personnel employed on road making & drainage of dump 1 no Cl V Raft arrived from 106 Br Coy R.A.S.C. & 3 no Cl III Rafts. 66 ft KAPOK collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. Autopatrol collected from 25 Mech Eqpt Sec.	WA
BERINGEN	Dec 12		Continuation of normal work & repair of billets.	WA
	Dec 13		As for Dec 12. A/O.C. to lecture & medal presentation by Field Marshall Montgomery	WA
	Dec 14		Experimental work on TROMBONE cooker commenced. C.R.E. ordered 2 no hand operated snow ploughs to be constructed.	WA
BERINGEN	Dec 15		100 no hand operated snow ploughs ordered by C.R.E. to be made	
"	Dec 16		3 charges each of a 5 gal oil drum filled with explosive & sealed against moisture discovered in road beside Coy Office. Immediate steps were taken to remove these.	WA
"	Dec 19		Cl V Raft returned to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. Billet Recce Party sent to recce area GROBBENDONCK - ANTWERP Sheet 3, 9092. Suitable accn found & party returned same evening	WA
	Dec 20		Adv Party warned to stand by, but no movement orders received.	
	Dec 22		100 no hand operated snow ploughs completed. 20 no issued to each Field Coy & H.Q.R.E.	WA
BERINGEN	23 Dec		C.R.E. ordered 400 hand operated snow ploughs to be made for use by Inf Units. Also ordered two Assault Boats Mk II to be modified to accommodate 4 oarsmen & a cox.	WA
	24 Dec		26 Br Pl vehs unloaded & used for General Tpt duties.	WA
	25 Dec		Coy holiday	
	26 Dec		O.C. 48 hrs leave in Brussels. LT S.H. LIGHT took over command of Coy.	WA
	27 Dec		Large quantities of defence stores collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. These comprised Concertina Wire, Screw Pickets, Wood Pickets, Barbed Wire, Sandbags, etc. Modified Assault Boats tested in canal & found to be impracticable using paddles in lieu of oars.	WA

	28 Dec		Search of district made for oars suitable for modified Ass Boats - none could be found. C.R.E. asked to obtain F.B.E. oars which would be modified. Weather - foggy.	WA
BERINGEN	29 Dec		O.C. returned from Brussels. Defence stores being issued continually to Inf Bns. Weather - frosty with slight thaw in evening.	
BERINGEN	30 Dec		C.R.E. ordered one snow plough, to be towed behind a 3 ton 4 x 4 lorry, to be constructed. Design made out & work commenced. One 3 ton 4 x 4 lorry with snow plough permanently attached in front collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. C.R.E. issued instructions that all R.E. personnel proceeding on leave should report previous evening to this Unit, have all docs etc checked & be despatched following morning in 624 Fd Pk Coy tpt to DIV Check Point. First Leave Party for U.K. arrived. Weather - frosty. Machinery lorry broke down. When stripped it was found that armature bearing on generator was faulty. Temp repairs carried out by reversing bearing, & new bearings indented for. Armature etc thoroughly overhauled. 278 Fd Coy experimenting with Bosch Sign Light. They hope to replace carbon arc by an electric bulb. 4 no 70 volt 250 Watt lamps obtained from PHILIPS EINDHOVEN & issued to 278 FD COY.	WA WA
	31 Dec		First leave party to U.K. despatched. Repairs on machy lorry continued. Welder with cutting apparatus sent to 20 FD COY, who are removing a demolished Girder Bridge. Large type Oxy-acetylene cutter received. This was obtained as it was found that type issued was not powerful enough for the cutting of large girders on demolished bridges Weather - frosty. W.E. Archibald Capt	WA

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Unit 624 Field Park Coy RE

Month and Year Jan 45

Commanding Officer CAPT W.E. ARCHIBALD

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BERINGEN	1		C.R.E. visited Coy to watch tests carried out on Mk II Assault Boats converted to accommodate 4 no oarsmen & 1 no cox. Was satisfied with test & ordered 1 no additional Mk II & 2 no Mk III Ass Boats to be converted. Weather - Frosty.	
"	2		Large quantity of hardcore, cement, timber, poles etc collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy for use of 20 FD COY who are building a Bailey Br on timber piles.	
"	3		Snow plough to be towed behind 3 ton 4 x 4 lorry completed. Weather - thaw setting in.	
"	4		Maj J.B. Kelsall new O.C. arrived. Thaw precautions imposed on roads. Stores unable to be collected or issued	
	5		CREME inspected vehicles on charge.	
"	6		Concrete Mixer 10/7 delivered to KELPEN br site 647947 for use by 20 Fd Coy.	
BERINGEN	8		Received orders to make mobile shower bath for each Bde.	
"	10		Padre's Hour commenced also Church Service.	
"	13		OC visited DCRE EINDHOVEN and local firms to obtain timber.	
"	14		D4 and D6 A/dozers sent out to 279 Fd Coy.	
"	15		Misc craft incl rowing boats, FB w/propn unit, storm boat w/Evinrude motor and Asst Boats delivered to 20 Fd Coy at OBBACHT 6272 for trg inf parties in watermanship on R MAAS.	
"	17		4 Bailey Crib Sets Type "A" collected and delivered to KELPEN Br Site. One 3 ton 4 x 4 winch lorry and one 180 galls water trailer collected from 8 Corps Veh Park for 26 Br Pl - these authorised by Amdt 3 to W.E. II/196/1	
BERINGEN				
"	18		2½ ton roller received from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy and sent to 279 Fd Coy.	

"	21		Recce Party to new location near HERENTHALS 9790 - subsequently directed to TILBURG 1632 area and reconnoitred MOERGESTEL 2230 on 23 Jan.	
"	24		Coy moved to MOERGESTEL	
MOERGESTEL	26		Remainder of stores arrived from BERINGEN - move now complete.	
	28		One Sec Br Pl used by 30 Corps Tps RE. O.C. attended conference at H.Q.R.E. and was briefed for Operation VERITABLE - work required construction of 500 tripods with gap marking signs and notice boards.	
MOERGESTEL	29		Sec of Br Pl refilled. Design for gap marking tripod approved.	
	30		Copy of Stores Demand for VERITABLE received - whole stores lift will require 27, 3 ton lorries	
	31		Special Int Summary for VERITABLE received Admin Instructions for VERITABLE received - new locn in Assembly Area is MARIENBOOM HOTEL, NIJMEGEN 720601 JB Kelsall Maj R.E.	

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Month and Year Feb 45

Commanding Officer Maj J.B. KELSALL, RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MOERGESTEL	1		O.C. recced new location at NIJMEGEN - MARIENBOOM HOTEL M.R. 720601 - very short of space 15 sq ft per man - adequate veh standings and Stores Dump - no Workshop facilities - they will have to remain at MOERGESTEL and complete work in hand for ops.	
"	2		CSM and 2 men sent to new locn to start making place habitable. 4 Armd D7 A/Dozers arrived on tptrs. Preliminary Movement Instructions received. Adv Party 3 Feb Main Body night 4/5	
" MOERGESTEL	3		Adv Party of 1 NCO and 3 ORs sent off. O.C. and 2i/c visited new locn and tied up details. Release for first lot of stores for VERITABLE received. Will be collected when first 6 RASC 3 ton lorries arrive tomorrow. Collection from 1 Cdn Army Dump TILBURG - L.O. sent tonight to arrange details of collection.	
	4	1030 1230 1800	Offrs attended talk in TILBURG at which G.O.C. 30 Corps and GOC 15 (S) Div gave the picture of the op "VERITABLE" Conference at HQ RE attended by O.C. Main Body left MOERGESTEL at 1800 hrs for new locn. Route OISTERWIJK 2234 - S'HERTOGENBOSCH 3246 - HEESCH 4751 - OSS 4754 - HERPEN 5554 - RAVESTEIN 5657 - WIJCHEN 6158 - BEUNINGEN 6464 - NIJMEGEN 7062. Side lights only to S'HERTOGENBOSCH after there only differential lights. Rds well sign posted but surface badly broken up in many places. This made going very difficult. Whole convoy of 55 vehicles arrived at destination by 050100 hrs less 3 vehicles and Mech Eqpt. Latter consisted of 2 Armd D7s A/Dozers with Hyster winches on 20 ton Albion semi-trailer tptrs and 1 D6 w A/dozer and 1 D4 w A/dozer and Hyster winch each on 18 ton Carrimore Trailer towed by Mack 6 x 6 tractor. Classn of trains first two Cl 39, third Cl 37 and fourth Cl 34. These were refused	

			entry to a Cl 40 bridge at RAVESTEIN for purely psychological reasons as the Clns were marked on the vehicles.	
NIJMEGEN	5		Missing vehicles arrived. Collection of stores and organisation of Dump began. O.C. briefed all officers for VERITABLE	
"	6		Stores collection contd. Issues made to Fd Coys for loading on AVRE sledges and Kangaroos. 12 RASC 3 ton 4 x 4 arrived - total now 18. 2 Armd D7s w/Adozers arrived. 6 Sherdozers arrived and sent out to Fd Coys. All special stores being made by Wksp Pl collected incl sand sprayer, gap marking signs, tripods, notice boards etc. All culverting being made up into 10' lengths.	
" NIJMEGEN	7		During day Fd Coys drew their stores allotments. Two loads culverting sent to 20 and 278 Fd Coys. They retain vehs - leaves 16. H.Q. RE 15 (S) Div Op Order No 4 received. O.C. spoke to all O.Rs and briefed them. C in C's and Army Cmd's personal messages read out. Received 18 tippers loaded with ballast. Sent out straight away to 20 Fd Coy for urgent work. Were out all night. 20 working nos. with shovels sent from Br Pl to load hardcore. O.C. attended final conference at HQ RE at 1700 hrs. We are to send fwd 11 lorry loads of stores to an adv dump on night 8/9 Feb. To consist of:- 5 logs, 2 culverting, 1 flexboards & logs, 3 chespale - all RASC. Also one Mine Warfare Stores lorry.	
"	8	 1045 0830	Wireless net opened 0800 hrs. Div Res of Tools lorry ordered up to HQ RE. Lorry left at 1120. Tippers 18 all returned and were re-sorted. Six went to 278 Fd Coy. Br Pl returned to billets.	
NIJMEGEN NIJMEGEN	9	0130 0730 1500 1430 1600	Received orders to send out vehs for Adv Dump at first light. To be at KRANENBURG STA 803558. All vehs already loaded. Convoy for Adv Dump left. Arrived destination safely. Fd Stores sent out 6 men to mark Tank Track "EGG" under supervision of F.E.2. This required for move through of tracks of 43 Div at 1800 hrs. O.C. at Adv Dump - mine warfare stores only items being issued so far - these will be replenished tomorrow. O.C. met A/CRE at HQ RE and agreed to send out Br Pl to work on rly from level Xing at KRANENBURG 801558 towards GROESBEEK. Work	

			is to fill northern pair of rails with ballast so that rly can be used for tracks.	
		1715	20 Fd Coy collected 6 loaded tippers.	
		1730	Br Pl left for KRANENBURG - personnel only.	
"	10	1700	Br Pl returned having worked almost continuously	
		1730	Wksp Pl arrived from MOERGESTEL	
		1800	O.C. attended CRE's conference.	
"	11	2130	Warned that 26 Br Pl will be required tonight.	
		2345	2i/c returned to say Br Pl reqd to report to 20 Fd Coy at KRANENBURG as soon as possible.	
NIJMEGEN	12	0400	Br Pl arrived 20 Fd Coy after difficult journey on flooded roads.	
		1200	OC visited HQ RE after travelling in 4 x 4 winch lorry along rds flooded up to 2ft deep.	
		1300	Adv Dump returned to this locn, having been flooded out of KRANENBURG Sta.	
"	13	0930	OC visited SO RE 30 Corps and got latest battle picture - now out of touch with HQRE except by wireless through 278 Fd Coy.	
		1100	6 tippers despatched to 278 Fd Coy.	
		2200	Part of Br Pl returned remainder came in later.	
"	14		Br Pl refilled from Army Dump.	
"	15	1400	Warning order to move received. OC with Adv Party left for HQ RE in CLEVE. Locn recced at DONSBRUGGEN E8757.	
DONSBRUGGEN	16	0830	Coy arrived after difficult journey through REICHSWALD FOREST and outskirts of CLEVE. Enemy shelling entrances to and exit from REICHSWALD. Accommodation good on whole.	
"	17		Stores Pl went back to NIJMEGEN to collect and dispose of remainder of Dump. D4 A/dozer and 3 loads of culverting sent to 279 Fd Coy.	
"	18		Stores Pl collecting Sommerfeld Track from Army Dump NIJMEGEN. Br Pl collected a 15 cwt truck for completion of vehicle establishment. Following eqpt from 86 Cdn Br Coy arrived under cmd 2 Secs FBE, 4 Asst Boat Units, 2 Cl 5 Rafts, 2 Kapok Units.	
DONSBRUGGEN	21		O.C. and 2i/c did recce for new locn but no suitable site found.	
"	22	1200	LO from HQ RE arrived to say Coy must move. O.C. and 2i/c recced again and found harbour area in fields at E907459 North of GOCH.	
		1600	CRE said Coy move at once.	

		1930	Coy completed move - all men bivouac - no billets available.	
E907459	23		Lt Lodge Oi/c Fd Stores Pl posted to 20 Fd Coy. Lt Meredith at present Oi/c 26 Br Pl will take over Fd Stores and new officer Lt Thompson will be Oi/c 26 Br Pl. Small amount of br eqpt sent out to 278 Fd Coy for br at E923432.	
E907459	24	 1400 1730	Wksp Pl ordered to stand by to move to LOUVAIN as Adv Pty. Wksp Pl ordered out to assist 278 Fd Coy with br at E932423. Br completed Wksp Pl returned. Ordered to send Adv Party to TILBURG tomorrow. Coy to move following day.	
"	25	0530 2130	Adv Pty left. Rep 3 Br Div RE arrived to arrange hand over of Dump stores, Mech Eqpt, tippers and attd br. Orders received to move tomorrow at 1630. OC visited CRE - move cancelled. 278, 279 Fd Coys, HQ RE and this Unit remain present locns to carry out rd work for 3 Br Div - approx 48 hrs work. This Coy reqd to supply rubble on 6 tippers and baulks and planks on Br Pl vehicles. In absence of Fd Pk Coy of 3 Br Div this Coy issuing stores and Mech Eqpt to Fd Coys of 3 Br Div.	
"	26	 1330	Wksp Pl providing rubble and loading tippers. Br Pl collecting and carrying timber for rd u/con by 278 Fd Coy. Rep from 15 Fd Pk Coy, 3 Br Div arrived and took over stores etc.	
"	27		Wksp Pl again working for 278 Fd Coy. Br Pl completed delivery of timber. 15 Fd Pk Coy arrived. Orders received to move at 0910 tomorrow to s'HERTOGENBOSCH	
E907459	28	0910 1245	Coy moved off for s'HERTOGENBOSCH Arrived new location. Accommodation in large Tech School - quite good. Vehs parked in streets. Great difficulty in keeping local civilians from pilfering. JB Kelsall Maj R.E.	

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Unit 624 Field Park Coy RE

Month and Year Mar 45

Commanding Officer Maj J.B. KELSALL, RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
S'HERTOGEN BOSCH	1		Coy in rest area. Work to be done incl checking of all plant, eqpt and vehicles and necessary repairs, checking of individuals kit and making good, bringing inoculations etc up to date. Baths for all.
			Propn of unit get afternoon off with tpt to TILBURG or other places within 30 mile radius.
		1345	Br Pl refilled 3 Panel & 2 Decking - complete now.
		1600	OC visited CRE - received orders re GOCs parade on 7 Mar - we must find parade ground and erect flag pole also get made a RE flag with Div sign.
			Vacancies for Brussels leave received 1 or 2 offrs and 52 ORs every 4 days.
			Now under 1st Cdn Army for RE stores etc.
S'HERTOGEN BOSCH	2	1630	CRE called - we are to collect Storm Boats and Mk III Asst Boats for trg of Inf Bdes.
			Br Pl offloaded 6 vehs to provide reccy tpt for recreational journeys etc.
"	3	1000	Stores Pl left for Army Dump at TILBURG to collect Boats and deliver to Bdes. Evinrude motors will be held here until required for actual use.
"	4		First leave party left for BRUSSELS - 1 offr and 52 O.Rs - greatly depleted Unit's working capacity.
		2315	CRE called to say we would be moving on 6 Mar to DIEST area K16. Storm boats etc to be collected from Bdes and taken. Means using 6 Br vehs and returning for br eqpt. Will also have to allow for leave personnel returning from BRUSSELS pm 6 mar.
S'HERTOGEN BOSCH	5	0830	Stores Pl collecting in Storm Boats etc. Other Pls loading up.
		1000	Ordered to send Adv Pty to HQ 2 A Tps near LOMMEL K39.
		1200	Adv Pty left.
		2345	Orders for move received. Pass S.P. at 1330 tomorrow.

"	6	1830	Coy arrived at new locn HEPPEN K2583. Delayed 2 hours at Dis Pt through not knowing exact locn. Rep had to go to Div HQ to find this. Rear Pty left with 2i/c.	
HEPPEN	7	0800 0900	Storm Bts etc off-loaded and vehs returned to s'HERTOGENBOSCH to collect their normal br loads and other stores. Welding set (elec) left for 18 GHQ Tps Engrs - to be there 2 days.	
"	10		Storm Boats and engines reissued to Bdes. Preliminary instructions for Exercise "BUFFALO" received.	
"	11		Ordered to provide 2 offrs & 2 Sgts as umpires for Ex "BUFFALO".	
"	12		Ordered to make 20 Storm Boat sledges. Stores available from 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy (12 Corps). Sledges to be completed by 20 Mar.	
"	13		O.C. and others briefed at EELEN K6176. Visited sites for Exercise "BUFFALO".	
" HEPPEN	14		O.C. and other umpires attended exercise "BUFFALO". Asst crossing by 2 Bdes of R MAAS in LVTs and Storm Boats, Cl 9 and Cl 50/60 rafts. Dutch Interpreter sent out to obtain stores for Storm Boats sledges - many items not available from 12 Corps e.g. sheet metal, bolts etc. All were requisitioned from LOUVAIN or BRUSSELS.	
"	15		Wksp machinery lorry not available. Timber for sledges cut by local contract. Umpires went out for night version of BUFFALO.	
"	16		O.C. out all day - visited 508 Fd Pk Coy to obtain timber for sledges.	
"	17		OC and 2i/c recced new location near SONSBECK A0635 - very congested but found a possible site - on return asked Div to confirm and were told we had been given wrong locn.	
"	18		Oi/c Br Pl left early with small Adv party for new locn area A0164. Oi/c Stores Pl left to collect 14 RASC lorries and then load stores at WEERT K5997 and take them to new locn. Work on sledges progressing well. Collected 7 weasels for Fd Coys & HQ RE. Coy will move on 21 Mar.	
HEPPEN	19		Stores Pl collecting Storm Boats and engines from Bdes and delivering to 12 Corps Dump.	

			20 Storm Boat sledges completed - also navigation signs for Rhine ferries. Move to new locn now 21 Mar - new locn will be near KEVELAER A0033	
"	20		Coy packing up & preparing for move.	
"	21		Move at 220040 - O.C. went on ahead.	
ALT WETTEN A0033	22	0730 1630	Coy arrived in new locn, after tiring journey. Two accidents Ramp Lorry of Br Pl and compressors of Stores Pl both complete write-offs. Large programme of stores collection from 12 Corps Dump nearby. Received 18 more RASC lorries - total of 24 now. OC attended CRE's "O" Gp.	~~See Appx "A"~~ JBK
"	23	 1200 1400	Stores continued collection & preparation. OC attended CRE's "O" Gp - received detailed instrs re sending fwd of stores vehs etc to far bank of RHINE. 40 RASC lorries arrived for loading with Br Eqpt from 12 Corps Dump as follows - 30 Bailey, 3 Asst Boats, 2 Kapok, 5 LSUs (FBE eqpt). 26 Br Pl organising this - completed by 2000 hrs.	~~See Appx "B"~~ JBK
"	24	0200 0600 0730 1300 1330	Op TORCHLIGHT commenced. Ordered to send fwd first 10 stores vehs. Stores vehs left. Next 5 stores vehs to go fwd. Vehs left.	
	25	0130	Ordered to send up a LSU to meet rep 20 Coy at Cl 9 FBE Br at 0600 - left at 0400. Ordered to collect replacement veh for 26 Br Pl.	
MEHR 191248	26	0200	Recd order to move across R RHINE. Head of col to pass Cl 9 Bailey Pontoon br at M.R. A0846 at 0845 hrs. New locn in area A1248. Large propn of Dump Stores to remain also Mack 6 x 6 tractors with Carrimore trailers, latter too heavy. Collected in stores and lorries sent across river previously. CRE called and gave verbal orders - Div Br Pl to 278 Fd Coy and Bailey Pl on 30 RASC lorries to 20 Fd Coy - also reallocation of Mech Eqpt.	
"	27	 2230	Br Pl returned - RASC Bailey lorries as emptied returned to Div Maint Area. CRE called and gave allotment of stores & eqpt to 20 Fd Coy for tomorrow's task. Wksp Pl erected Water Point.	
"	28		Div Br Pl refilled. All surplus br eqpt dumped at Corps Dump and empty vehs returned.	

		1700 2130	Recd orders to move to area 1648 - to be clear by 2359 tonight. OC did recce - found locn in area but approaches sand & earth tracks in fair condition. Coy complete in new locn - Mech Eqpt had returned.	
A1648	29		OC visited CRE - latter agreed to our returning all bulk stores and br eqpt still on RASC vehs - to retain 6 of latter only. Water Point closed - had issued 34000 galls water in 2½ days.	
	30	0800	Br Pl went out to 12 Corps Tps to build a br at BOCHOLT A26. O.C. visited 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy (12 Corps) and arranged to return surplus stores & br eqpt. Also to return refill Div Br Pl. CRE said we could look for a locn with Coy accom under cover and if found move there. Locn found at A199571.	
	31		Coy moved to new locn. JB Kelsall Maj R.E. 31 Mar 45	

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Unit 624 FD PK COY

Month and Year APRIL 1945

Commanding Officer Maj J.B. KELSALL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BOCHOLT	1		O.C. Coy departed on U.K. leave 31 MAR. CAPT W.E. ARCHIBALD assumed command. Coy carried out maint on all eqpt.	
"	2		DIV R.E. inspected by G.O.C. 15 (S) DIV.	
"	3		Movement orders received - Coy packed up.	
"	4		Move cancelled.	
GREVIN	5		Coy moved to A851893 near GREVIN.	
"	6		All G1098 Bulldozers & two oxy-acetylene cutting teams attached to 278 Fd Coy for work on Br site at 960027 over DORTMUND-EMS CANAL. Bulldozers dammed & completed track across canal. 6 no attached tippers despatched to R.E. 8 Corps.	
HILLE	7		Coy moved to Map ref W685180 near HILLE	
"	8		Cl III Armd bulldozer & Coles Crane despatched to 279 Fd Coy.	
			Cl IV " " despatched to 278 Fd Coy for work on Brs over R. WESER.	
HILLE			Three German Trailers (3 ton) found & repair work carried out - now useful load carriers. 6 no R.A.S.C. lorries returned to C.R.A.S.C.	
"	9		Wearing surface for 400 ft Bailey Br obtained, cut, & delivered to 279 Fd Coy. Maintenance on Unit eqpt carried out.	
"	10		Br Pl & G1098 Mech Eqpt joined 20 Fd Coy & moved to WUNSTORF (W1527). Orders to prepare for move received by Coy.	
WUNSTORF	11	0600	Coy moved to WUNSTORF (W1527)	
			1 no Cl II Armd Tractor attached to Coy.	
		1330	Cl II Armd Tractor despatched to 20 Fd Coy.	
			5 no Decking, 6 no Panel, 2 no Ramp, 2 no Accessory, 8 no Bow Pontoon, 3 no Centre Pontoon, & 6 no Floating Bay Units, 4 no Landing Stage Units, 2 no L.S. Centre Panel Unit, 2 no Asst	
WUNSTORF			Rafting Units attached to Coy. Br op in view - crossing of R. ALLER in area W5850	
			17 no Mk III & 7 no Mk II Assault Boats collected from crossing site at W9132. Large number of bullet holes in canvas repaired.	

			Carrimore Trailer carrying bulldozer hit by mortar shell - Trailer rendered u/s.	
FUHRBERG	12		Moved to FUHRBERG X4343	
"	13		O.C. returned from leave. Coy moved to SCHARNHORST X7262	
SCHARNHORST	14		Recd one Cl II one Cl III one Cl IV dozers and two 10 RB excavators - all issued to 279 Coy and 100 Fd Coy of 8 Corps Tps. Many prisoners taken from nearby woods and many came in voluntarily. Greatly embarrassed by numerous freed Poles Russians and other nationalities.	
SCHARNHORST	15		Moved to near RABER X8079. Br Pl returned and empties sent away to refill. D4 dozer with Mack Tractor & Carrimore trailer destroyed by enemy action while attd to 278 Coy at STADENSEN X9079. All personnel escaped but lost all kit. Wksp Pl repaired partially demolished Br near RABER. Coy located on extreme left flank of Div - nothing on West of us - listening posts occupied at night.	
RABER	16		Br on vehs of 90 Coy RASC returned to this Coy - now hold equiv of RASC Pl. Wksp Pl assisted 278 Coy in building Water Point.	
"	17	1200	Wksp Pl took over op of Water Pt. OC attended CRE's "O" Gp - reallocation of Br Eqpt and other resources - this effective by evening.	
"	18		Standing by to move.	
"	19		Moved to EPPENSEN X8898 - good locn in large farms Wksp Pl set up Water Pt at BUNSTORF X9199 - pt in last area dismantled.	
EPPENSEN	20		Moved to near SCHARNBECK S8626 - no covered accom - Coy bivouacked.	
"	21		Wksp Pl off-loaded and started to work normally. Fd Stores & Br Pl carrying out check and maint of eqpt. 6 attd RASC lorries ordered away during night.	
"	22		Coy almost back to normal employment. Off-loaded 6 Br Pl vehs for gen use. 2 3 ton lorries left to take leave party to GENNEP - they will be away at least 4 days. CRE called in evening - we are to start making small fascines (2 man load) for crater filling in fwd areas.	
"	23		3 Br Pl vehs called away for 3 days to help produce a composite Pl for RASC - we are now completely immobile.	

"	24		Coy employed on maint & repair of vehs & eqpt. Also making small fascines for crater-filling, timber dogs, cutting wearing surface and 5ft pickets and making up culverting.	
"	26	2000	OC attends CRE's "O" Gp - outlines plan for crossing Elbe. A fwd Mech Eqpt Park established at this locn for 11 AGRE. No less than 18 dozers of all types arrive here and are sent out. Incl are 4 Clark Cl V airborne dozers - very small and doubtful if they are of much value but they can be carried in L.V.Ts. Even so if they arrive on enemy bank of a river early in an asst their noise will make them conspicuous and there is no protection for the operator.	
	27		Nine vehs of Br Pl had dumped loads fwd during night for br to be built by 278 Fd Coy tonight. Br Pl now refills.	
"	28	0900	CRE's "O" Gp. Final orders received. We are to load 9 RASC lorries with stores for op ENTERPRISE due to start at 0200 hrs tomorrow. All Mech Eqpt now disposed of except own three and two attached.	
"	29	1000	Five dozers sent fwd to cross ELBE by Cl 40 rafts at ARTLENBURG S8334. Last one crossed at 1745 after spending day under shell-fire & bombing. Considerable enemy air activity all day. Br Pl and 15 cwts from Store Pl left at 2000 hrs to cross by Cl 9 br. Remainder of Coy require Cl 40 on account of trailers.	
"	30	 2100	Br Pl still in Marshalling Area - do not cross till 1200 hrs today. Find locn in LAUENBURG S8835 to which Coy will move tonight. We are to cross Cl 40 br at 2300 hrs. Much enemy air activity - several are shot down. A Spitfire makes a forced landing through engine trouble near us. Pilot OK and we take him to LUNEBURG. Move cancelled as we are about to move off. 11 Armd Div have been given full use of br. JB Kelsall Maj RE.	

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Unit 624 Fd Pk Coy RE

Month and Year May 45

Commanding Officer Maj J.B. KELSALL RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHARNEBECK S8525	1		Standing by all day to move.	
"	2	0300	Coy left for GULZOW S8342 via Cl 40 br over ELBE. Great deal of traffic congestion - arrived locn 1030.	
GULZOW	4	0800 2100	Coy moved to OTJENDORF S7268. Wireless stated all resistance ceased on this front.	
OTJENDORF	7		Inf Maj arrived from 5 Br Div & stated he had to put 3000 P.W. in this area - not a pleasant prospect and we must move. O.C., Br Pl offr and 18 ORs attend parade at LUBECK where Corps Cmd addresses all RE who took part in Elbe crossing.	
"	8		A new C.S.M. arrives for this Coy. This is VE day and the Coy has to move. We find a good locn at BARGFELD-STEGEN	
BARGFELD	9	1700	O.C. attends a conference at which Div Cmd sets out his policy for occupation.	
"	13		Started recce for new permanent locn for Coy. We must have a good workshop and carpenters shop, also a stores dump. A suitable place found at BAD SEGEBERG, a very good metal workshop with lathes, forge, welding gear, drill, cutters and tinsmiths' tools. There is also a good carpenter's shop with adequate machinery.	
"	14		Detailed recce of new locn carried out. We decide it is the place. Wksp Pl to move on Wed 16 May and rest of Coy on 17 May. Only drawback Wksp Pl is a mile from rest of Coy and will have to be detached.	
BARGFELD	15		Visit HQRE - CRE has large order for manufacture of camp structures for 8 Corps. We shall have to carry out this programme.	
	16		Wksp Pl move to BAD SEGEBERG S6997.	
	17		Rest of Coy " " " "	
BAD SEGEBERG	21		Stores Pl start collecting into the Dump hutting and other desirable stores.	

			Wksp Pl still getting organised and putting new machines in.	
"	25		OC informed by CRE that he is being posted back to HQ 8 Corps as SORE (Tng).	
"	28		CE 2 Army and CE 8 Corps call to look at Wksp Pl. Production of Camp structures has just started today.	
"	30		Posting order for new OC received. JB Kelsall Maj RE. 31 May 45	

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Unit 26 Div BR PL RE

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Lieut B.E. FIELD RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Storrington	Jun 1	0001	Still under command 624 Field Park Coy R.E. Second battle dress handed in.	 B.E.F.
	" 2		Pl off collects mine detector from C.O.D. Greenford.	B.E.F.
	" 3		Sappers assist wksps platoon.	B.E.F.
	" 6		"D" day. All ranks delighted to hear news. Trucks loaded and ready to move at short notice.	 B.E.F.
	" 7		3 jacks returned from Field stores pl.	B.E.F.
	" 8		Platoon on training.	B.E.F.
	15		Platoon made up to strength with sappers in lieu of drivers. Should have moved to day according to plan.	 B.E.F.
	16		OC 624 Fd Pk Coy receives order to move.	B.E.F.
	17		Pl moves to marshalling area.	B.E.F.
	18		) Waiting to be called to embarkation area.	
	- 25		) Weather excellent.	B.E.F.
	26		Arrive embarkation area and embark L.C.T. 4 with part of LAD ATT 624 FD PK COY. No difficulties in loading. Five hours wait in embarkation area.	B.E.F.
~~CULLY~~ La Riviere	Jun 27	1400 1500 1700 2300	Arrive beachhead. Landed on wrong beach. No transit area or signs. No beach group. 3 vehs drowned out of 6. Reach assembly area. Leave after putting bulldozer on trailer. Arrive map reference given. No sign of company. Middle of American area at Blay, W. of Bayeux.	 B.E.F. B.E.F. B.E.F.
CULLY	28	0900	Arrived coy location at CULLY. Difficulty experienced with tractor and trailer in French lanes. 8 trucks arrived all told. One requires towing. Remaining six missing.	 B.E.F. B.E.F.
	30		5 of remaining six vehs arrive location. STRENGTH 1 officer 40 ORs Platoon ready for use. B.E. Field Lieut R.E.	B.E.F. B.E.F.

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Unit 15 (S) DIV SIGS

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer Lt-Col F.C. SEELY R Sigs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shermanbury	1	1000	Lecture by 2ic to 1 & HQ Coys on 'Organization of Beaches, Transit & Assembly Areas' with aid of cloth model.	LB LB
do	3	1030 1400 1700	Mines demonstration by C Section. Test of reception of MET broadcasts and ARTY/R AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon	LB LB LB Appx 'A'
	5	1000 2000	Lecture by 2ic to 1 & HQ Coys on Movements 15 (S) INF DIV SIGS 'OVERLORD' SIG INSTR No. 1.	LB LB Appx 'C'
do	6	0200 1000	Code-word 'ADORATION' received - all wireless closed down EME lectured all drivers on 2nd stage waterproofing and driving through water	LB LB
do Shermanbury	7	0900 1000 1500 1600 1000 2000 	Letter from Supreme Comd recd & issued to troops Operational maps issued AMDT No. 3 to OVERLORD FREQ ALLOTMENT ISSUED OVERLORD SIGS INSTR No. 2 issued Code word 'EDINBURGH' - Advance Party on 2 hrs notice to move Code word 'CASTLE' - Advance Party concentrated at Div HQ Waterproofing of Sig Eqpt completed.	LB LB LB Appx 'C' LB Appx 'D' LB LB LB
do	10	1700	AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon	LB Appx 'E'
 West Grinstead Southampton	11	0015 1000 1200 1800	Orders to concentrate at Div HQ by 1000 hrs. Concentrated (Main Body) - Residue left at Shermanbury. Moved off to Marshalling Area Arrived at Marshalling Area. Stage 2 waterproofing commenced	LB LB LB LB
	12	1500	Stage 2 waterproofing completed. Officers briefed. Embarkation documents completed.	LB LB
do do	13	1000 1200 1300 2000	Officers i/c Unit Parties chosen. Men formed up and checked. 321 Officers & ORs (incl 14 Staff Offs & 16 attached ORs) 68 vehicles 12 motor-cycles Left for Embarkation Area, arrived 1300 hrs. Completed Stage 3 waterproofing at dock-side Embarked on LST (American)	LB LB LB LB LB
do English Channel	14	0100 1130	Sailed Anchored off LE HAMEL (O Sheet 7E/3 7786)	LB LB

LE HAMEL BUHOT O 864850		2200 2230 2400	Disembarked - waded 3 feet of water. Air-raid alert - smoke screen laid Arrived Assembly Area - bivouac-ed.	LB LB LB
ST. GABRIEL O 880795	15	1100 1330 1400	Left for Concentration Area Established HQ. Picked up end of line to ST CROIX-SUR-MER O 9383 (Assembly Area 'GOLDSMITH')	LB LB LB
do	16	1600 1500 1830 1200	Line laid to 44 Bde (BRECY 879782) Line laid to 46 Bde (Wood 886794) Line laid to 227 Bde (Wood 830784) Line to HQ 49 Div (CANCAGNY 8475)	LB LB LB LB
do ST GABRIEL	17	1400 1545 1700 0800	Line laid to BUHOT (864850) Assembly Area SHELLEY Line laid from ST CROIX-SUR-MER to BANVILLE 0183 AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon Commenced daily strength return to 'A' Branch.	LB LB LB Appx 'F' LB
do	18	1000 1600 1000	C.O. visited 51 (H) Div Sigs Visit of S.O in C 21 Army Group and CSO 8 Corps. Established Wireless Comn 44 Bde	LB LB LB
	19	1200 1800	Established Wireless Comn with 181 Fd Regt, 62 Coy RASC Established Wireless Comn on all rear links	LB LB
	20	0900 1800 1900 1800 1900 1400	Corps R/T net on permanent listening watch. Line to Regulating Pt for dumping programme (876746) Three lines to CULLY (9176) Line into CULLY from 8 Corps HQ Switchboard now established at CULLY Line into CULLY from 8 Cdn Bde Rear W/T links opened for test successful, & links closed again	LB LB LB LB LB LB LB
  ST GABRIEL	22	1200 2355	Wireless silence except for netting Line through to PUTOT-EN-BESSIN 9072 and BRONAY 8872 Sigs Instr No. 1 OP 'EPSOM' issued	 LB LB Appx 'G'
	23	1500 1800 2230	Links (W/T) to 227 Bde & 190 Fd Regt successful - closed down Link (A/Q) to 227 Bde netted & closed down Amendment No.1 to Sigs Instr OP 'EPSOM' issued	 LB LB Appx 'H'
    CULLY	24	0900 0900 1400 1700 1700	1 Mx, 193 Fd Amb, 194 Fd Amb, 278 Fd Coy, 279 Fd Coy netted & closed down Amendment No.2 to Sig Instr No.1 issued Moved MAIN HQ to CULLY 9176. REAR HQ remains at ST GABRIEL. 1st stage of Line plan as per Sig Instr No.1 completed AF 3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon	LB LB Appx 'J' LB LB LB Appx 'I'
	25	1400 1400	Line plan as per Sig Instr No.1 completed All sets now netted, with exception of 153 Fd Amb, HQ RASC and RASC link to DDST 8 Corps	LB

CULLY		1500	CO to Corps for conference re Signal Plan	LB
		1900	All ranks briefed for OP EPSOM	LB
		2000	46 Bde Sig Sect reports White Scout car lost at sea	LB
	26	0230	Sigs Instr No.2 OP EPSOM issued	LB Appx 'K'
		0730	All nets opened - comn successfully established	LB
		0930	Considerable interference on R/T Comd Net - Codes & Secy infm	LB
		1100	Interference checked - net now OK	LB
		1330	Line through to TAC/HQ 227 Bde & 46 Bde	LB
		1530	Moved off to new location PUTOT-EN-BESSIN 9072	LB
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN		1630	Arrived PUTOT-EN-BESSIN & set up HQ. Shelled on way, with several near misses. No casualties to vehs or men.	LB
		1630	All wireless through. Line comn poor, with frequent breaks.	LB
		2345	Call from 181 Fd Regt for 10 miles D3 cable immediately	LB
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	27	0005	Corps will provide cable - delivered at 0230 hrs	LB
		0900	Line State - locals, Corps, Rear Div, 43 Div, 31 Armd Bde Forward Control Point, 49 Div Sig Centre	LB
		1030	Line in from 11 Armd Div	LB
		1300	CRA given new frequency for link CRA to IO	LB
		2000	Lines forward to Bdes. These to be poled and extended SOUTH, to provide main artery for new advance.	LB
		2230	CO back from tour of battalion	LB
		2230	All demands for replacement of controlled signal equipment met	LB
	29	0900	Signal Centre opened at 906679. Line continued SOUTH to 46 Bde HQ MONDRAINVILLE 9164	LB
		1500	153 Fd Amb & 15 Recce Regt sets netted. Build up now complete	LB
		2230	159 Inf Bde under comd. Netted in to Comd Frequency	LB
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN		2000	Signal Centre withdrawn owing to development of tank battle in immediate vicinity	LB
	30	0900	Signal Centre re-opened	LB
		1000	151 Fd Regt netted to RA comd net	LB
		1200	REAR DIV moved to BRONAY 8872 & line to ADM HQ in REAR old location.	
		1700	Line in from 53 (W) DIV	LB
		2235	Sig Instr No. 3 issued	LB See Appx 'L'
		2245	Freq Allotment No. 19 issued	LB Appx 'M'
		2300	Closed down all wireless in 46 Bde on their being relieved by 160 Bde	LB
			L Black Capt RSigs Adjutant 15 (S) Inf Div Sigs	

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Unit 15 (S) DIV SIGS

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Lt-Col F.C. SEELY R Sigs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	1	1000	Addendum to 15 (S) Div Sigs Instr No. 3	LB Appx 'A'
		1700	AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon	LB Appx 'B'
		2300	158 Bde under comd - netted in accordance with Sigs Instr No. 3	LB
		2300	227 Bde sets closed down on going under comd 53 (W) Div	LB
	2	1200	Div HQ sets closed down on Freq Allot No 18 List 'A'. 53 Div assumed 15 Div List 'A'. 15 Div assumed List D1.	LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN		1300	MAIN HQ arrived at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN 9174. Lines to 8 Corps picked up.	LB
		1400	REAR HQ arrived next to MAIN HQ.	LB
		1400	44 Bde relieved by 71 Bde, and assumed List D1	LB
		1400	Div now controls 44, 46, 227 Bdes again. Now out of line for re-organising & re-equipping.	LB LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN		1500	Casualties for OP EPSOM - 5 ORs wounded & injured. No Offrs or ORs killed	LB
		1600	Line Diagram as at 1st July handed to 53 Div Sigs	LB Appx 'C'
		2030	RE comms closed down indefinitely	LB
	3	0800	Changed freq to List A. Allot No 19	LB
		1200	Closed down all forward nets except ORD & RASC	LB
		1800	Closed down all rear links except CCRA - CRA.	LB
		1800	Issued Line Diagram as at 3rd July	LB Appx "D"
	4	1200	Line from 53 Div strapped through to Signal Centre line	LB
		"	All men bathed.	LB
			CO to conference re points arising out of OP EPSOM.	LB
	5		Men rested. General tightening up of discipline etc	LB
	6	1000	A/CAPT L BLACK relinquished the appt of Adjutant which is assumed by T/CAPT DG HEILBRON formerly OC HQ COY which A/CAPT BLACK now becomes	DGH
		1230	CWO1 talks to men re recent op followed by talk by C.O. to all ranks Sigs	DGH
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN		1430	CO attends talk by C-in-C	DGH

		1445	C.S.O. 2nd Army visits and remains approx 50 mins with Adjt. Advises re application for 4th cable det	DGH
		1700	Line laid to 53 Div at PUTOT-EN-BESSIN by means of experimental cable plough	DGH
	7	0735	R/T link to Rear Corps (CV14) closed until 0700 hrs 8 Jul 44	DGH
		1700	Line laid to 32 GDS BDE at 906713 in conjunction with 8 Corps Signals	DGH
		1730	Adjutant attends lecture by ADJAG 2nd ARMY on discipline in the field	DGH
		2000	44 Bde move to relieve 130 Bde of 43 Div. Wireless nets Main & Rear open to them	DGH
	8	0200	44 Bde Gp under comd 43 Div	DGH
		1200	32 Gds Bde under comd. Netted on R/T and C/W links and "Q" link	DGH
		1430	Fullerphone on line to 32 Gds Bde	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & 3009 submitted to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx D(i)
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	9	0200	46 (H) Inf Bde Gp now under comd 43 Div for Op "JUPITER"	DGH
		1210	Amendment No 1 to Frequency Allotment No 19 issued	DGH Appx E
		1700	CV3 nets on Corps Armd Cars & closes	DGH
		1800	R/T control set nets on 43 Div net for listening purposes and also CV4 (to accompany GOC & G1 to Corps for conference 10 Jul) CV1 & CV4 on inter-comn frequency to each other.	DGH
	10	0430	CV3 opens on Corps Armd Cars net	DGH
		1400	CV14 opens Rear Div - Rear Corps	DGH
		1400	Line section engaged on laying main artery for projected move South	DGH
		1900	227 Bde moves in (926740) - existing lines adjusted to suit	DGH
		2100	43 Div Sigs contacted & trace obtained of line between their Rear & Main HQ's at present for possible use by Div HQ in next move	DGH
	11	1200	Issued Line Diagram as at 11 July 44, also line trace	DGH Appendix F
		1400	44 Bde back in usual location under Comd 15 Div - using former lines	DGH
		2200	Arrangements made to adjust former lines to 46 Bde returning under Comd 15 Div in slightly changed location from previously.	DGH
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN			This completes change-over and the Division has its own Bdes back again.	DGH
"	12	0930	Visit from 34 Armd Bde Bde O.C. Signals & 2 i/c for liaison purposes	DGH
		1500	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals Sig Instr No 1 & Addendum in connection with 15 Div leaving 8 Corps and coming under comd 12 Corps	DGH Appx G
		1600	34 Tk Bde under comd 15 Div	

		1800	Visit from CSO 12 Corps	
	13	0200	15 Div changes from List "A" Inf Div Freq Allot to List B. All groups netted incl 34 Armd Bde in accordance with 15 (S) Div Sigs Instr No 1 15 Div comes under comd 12 Corps	DGH
		0500	Line section engaged, as on previous day, on extensive 'line' programme for forthcoming op "GREENLINE"	DGH
		1700	158 Bde under comd 15 Div - netted with spare set on to 15 Div R/T Comd net	DGH
	14	0800	158 Bde netted on all groups and closed	DGH
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN		1000	Issued 15th (S) Div Signals OO No 1 OP GREENLINE together with Appxs B & H	DGH appx H
		1400	Issued Amendment No 2 to Freq Allotment No 19	DGH appx I
			Line sections still working full pressure on lines for new area.	DGH
			11 Armd Div Sigs are providing detachment for lines for traffic control organization necessary for crossing RIVER ODON. Plough proving a great success. LT RADWAY O.C. "C" SEC wounded in left arm on previous day, was evacuated today to 30th GEN HOSP BAYEUX.	DGH
		2100	All control stns on listening watch in accordance with O.O. No 1	DGH
		2300	Plans for move on 15 Jul may be changed - alternative line plots arranged	DGH
	15	0315	Line through to 227 Bde in new location	DGH
		0915	Main Div H.Q. moves - comms as per 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 1	DGH
LA MARE		1100	Main Div H.Q. established at LA MARE 935676. H.Q. main offices incl S.O. dug in for first time by means of R.E. "bull-dozers".	DGH
			Wireless groups all satisfactory - line problem still acute. All lines ready for action but constant trouble, even with the plough, due to shelling & tanks. 12 Corps also experimenting with plough which successfully cut several 15 (S) Div Signals lines	DGH
LA MARE				
		1300	Rear Div H.Q. also being moved, established at NORREY-EN-BESSIN	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & AFW 3009 submitted to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx J
		1700	Line situation acute but remedying itself. 2nd Army det laying lines for 344 Ind S/L Bty under Div Comd. 3 2nd Army dets on loan until mid-day 16 Jul for maintenance purposes	
		2145	Zero hour for operation "GREENLINE"	
	16	0001	Appx L2 prepared to 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 1 "GREENLINE"	DGH Appx K
		0600	Visit by CSO 12 Corps	DGH
		0615	CAPT J.J. GIROTTI and LT M. STEARS both reported casualties at 44 BDE. CAPT J.J. GIROTTI, after having had piece of shrapnel	DGH

			removed from his leg is able to carry on. LT M. STEARS evacuated.	
LA MARE			The line situation throughout this period is calling for the most intense efforts on the part of the cable section, now under the command of 2/LT J.W. FULLARTON since the evacuation of LT P.O. RADWAY.	DGH DGH
			The wireless throughout is working highly satisfactorily - one of two cases of interference due to sets being off frequency have had to be adjusted	DGH
		1730	C.S.O. 12 Corps, accompanied by O.C. 53 Div Signals arrives to discuss relief of 15 Div by 53 Div.	
	17	0530	Conference of a/m officers on a/m subject	DGH
		1430	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 2 Op "GREENLINE"	DGH Appx L
		1500	Report from 227 BDE that CAPT N. MACLEAN, BDE SIG OFF has been missing since 0730 hrs. CAPT MACLEAN was in the forward area on a visit to 2 G.H.	DGH
		2335	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 3 Op "GREENLINE" - refers to relief of 15 (S) Div less 44 Bde by 53 Div	DGH Appx M
	18	0200	Hand-over of lines and work on wireless nets satisfactorily	DGH
		-0230	completed as per O.O. No 3	
LA MARE		0900	Main Div H.Q. moves from present location to LE MESNIL-PATRY 902704 and is established there by 1000 hrs	DGH
		1030	Rear Div H.Q. moves from present location and establishes itself in PUTOT-EN-BESSIN by 1200 hrs 903725. The Div is now on wireless minimize	DGH
		1500	Div H.Q. resting. Sigs bath in private bath acquired & fitted up by "M" Sec.	DGH
			LT T.E. KNOTT and LT J.P. BROWN arrive as re-inforcements. LT KNOTT to 44 BDE SIG SEC and LT BROWN to 'H' Sec.	DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY	19	1000	Unit residues arrive complete	DGH
		1030	G.O.C. & GI address all ranks and GOC compliments Signals on their work during recent operation 'GREENLINE'	DGH
	20	0730	CAPT N. MACLEAN SIG offr 227 BDE now officially reported missing, having been missing 72 hours.	DGH
			44 Bde returns under comd 15 (S) Div during preceding night.	DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY		1800	Issued line diagram as at 1800 hrs today. Lines have actually been completed as per this diagram for preceding 24 hours.	DGH Appx N
		1800	W/LT R. WALKER promoted A/CAPT to fill vacancy in 227 Bde Sig Sec caused by casualty of CAPT MACLEAN.	DGH
		1800	All wireless nets at Main HQ are now closed except CW link to Main Corps and CRE to CE link, with exception of HQRA nets Rear Div has Rear Link to Rear Corps, Med & RASC nets & from	DGH

LE MESNIL PATRY	21	0200	12 Corps new frequency allotment in effect, causing only a few changes in frequencies of Div Rear Links	DGH
		1400	Numbers of men attended film show	DGH
	22	0800	C.O. and O.C. 3 Coy leave for 30 Corps and HQ 5 (U.S.) Div for discussion re 15 Div coming under 30 Corps and relieving a/m Div in the CAUMONT area. This relief to be completed by 0600 24 Jul at which hour comd will pass. 46 (H) Inf Bde are remaining & coming under comd 59 Div until 1200 hrs 25 Jul	DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY		1430	Advance party of Sig off det linesmen & DRs leave for HQ 5 (US) Div under O.C. 3 Coy and Signalmaster together with Rear Div Recce party	DGH
			Line trace issued of lines in present area & copy sent to 59 Div Sigs	
		1830	OC 59 Div Sigs visits CO in connection with taking over lines of 15 Div in this area	DGH
		2150	Issued 15 (S) Div Sigs Sig Instr No 1 on change over to 30 Corps	DGH Appx O
		1700	AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx O(1)
	23	0930	Div HQ leaves present location, followed by Rear Div HQ at 1000 hrs & Main and Rear are established in new location 698690 by 1200 hrs (1 mile S.E. of BALLEROY). Liaison with U.S. Signals of 5 (US) Div Sig Coy excellent and the mutual arrangements regarding the lines are working very smoothly. 15 (S) Div are now on complete wireless silence.	DGH
	24	0600	15 (S) Div takes over from 5 (US) Div. All lines taken over that are going to be used by this Div. See forthcoming line diagram	DGH
BALLEROY		0900	CO attends conference on Counter mortar net about to be formed	DGH
		1430	CO's conference on a/m subject attended by Bde etc officers	DGH
			"H" Sec to be assisted with operators for RA exchange and also in the forthcoming Div Counter-mortar organization. See diagram att.	DGH Appx "P"
		1800	Issued amended Freq Allot No 19 on new system. Issued current LIST B only at present.	DGH Appx "Q"
	25	0001	Issued Line Diagram as at 1800 hrs 24 Jul 44	DGH Appx "R"
		-	Men are resting and are doing P.T. etc and attending various film shows etc. At the same time, the Unit is having a week of concentration on saluting & general smartness.	DGH DGH
	26	1000	Counter mortar nets open up as per diagram at Appx "P". Sets work efficiently after a little trouble with frequencies	DGH
		1200	Issued Amdt No 1 to new Freq Allot	DGH Appx "S"
		1900	44 Bde moving to new location 713636 - 46 Bde move in to former	DGH
BALLEROY			location of 44 Bde. Lines laid and adjusted accordingly	DGH
	27	1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx "T"

	28	1200	- onwards. Rest period comes unexpectedly and abruptly to its close. Personnel just despatched to 30 Corps rest camp recalled & other plans for 8 Corps rest camp cancelled. 15 (S) Div returning under Comd 8 Corps with 6 GDS TK BDE under Div Comd. Preparations for ops, to commence Sunday 30th inst. Line laid for dumping programme for tonight & afterwards for use by 6 GDS TK BDE. Line laid for 11 Armd Div Sigs to their new location in this area.	DGH
	29	0800	11 Armd Div passing through have destroyed the bulk of our lines, taken over from U.S. Reparations urgently undertaken. 15 (S) Div is about to change from Inf List "B" to Inf List "C" issued as per att. appx	DGH Appx "U"
		1700	AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "V"
		1800	15 (S) Div ceases to be under Comd 30 Corps & returns under comd 8 Corps	DGH
BALLEROY		1800	The division is hastily being got ready for operation "BLUECOAT" with 11 Armd Div, 6 GDS TK BDE, 43 Div (30 Corps) on the left and later Gds Armd Div. It is not possible to prepare either line diagrams or Sig instr and all orders are being given verbally. The line situation is changing constantly and the best use of lines both by ourselves and 8 Corps demands momentary adjustments at every turn.	DGH
	30	0355	H-3 hours of op. "BLUECOAT". Wireless silence relaxed and all nets open as per standard layout with 6 GDS TK BDE on the "C" lines but under Corps on "Q" nets. List "C" operating reasonably satisfactorily and List "B" has been recalled from all users.	DGH
		1600	Main Div moves to LA CHAPELLE (712629) followed by Rear Div to 713636. Established quickly, but line situation difficult and with a vast number of W/T sets functioning, a steady stream of complaints re interference is coming in. Action taken wherever possible but all-round satisfaction out of the question.	DGH
LA CHAPELLE		2200	Fluctuating situation re comms as before but today's advance has been so rapid that better results might perhaps have been considered miraculous.	DGH
	31	0900	44 & 46 Bdes having moved in the night, line comms out. 227 Bde having frequency troubles also R.A. but these are being sorted out	DGH
		0900	- onwards. Line section fully extended to keep comms up with fast-moving battle. Assistance from Corps later in the day with 2 pairs in quad from Main Div to Sig Centre of great value. Wireless working well. Slight trouble with 227 Bde forward net cleared after change of frequency.	

			David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (S) Inf Div Signals	

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Month and Year AUG 1944

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LA CHAPELLE	1	0800	Issued Amdt No 1 to List "C" Freq Allot No 19 (Amended) Another day full of difficult line problems due to the speed of the advance. 2 i/c MAJOR JOHNSON now permanently based on the Sig Centre under present conditions.	DGH Appx "A"
ORVA	2	1000 1700	Main Div H.Q. moves to ORVA (690568). Rear Div H.Q. moves to 700563 nr. AUBIGNY, slightly in advance of Main H.Q. Extensive line work again in progress all day and the Div Sig Centre has now moved on to the area ST MARTIN DES BESACES (6750). OC 3 Div Sigs visits C.O. in connection with 185 Bde who are to relieve 46 Bde tomorrow & come under comd 15 Div.	DGH
ORVA	3	0900 1000 1400 1700	185 Bde not now coming under comd 15 (S) Div, 44 Bde going under comd Gds Armd Div at 1800 hrs today. Wireless O.K. (44 Bde remains on "Q" link). Lines holding up well & new sig centre establishing itself at 680465. Issued Line Diagram as at 1600 hrs. Preparations for moving again tomorrow. Signal Centre now est at 682572 and next layout of lines begun G.O.C. slightly wounded when travelling in his rover jeep, a Sigs veh. L/Cpl op (who is also his driver) rather seriously wounded and L/Cpl op who is his driver of the jeep (GOC rover, link to Corps) very slightly wounded. Mortar shell landed between the two jeeps. Lucky escape by all.	DGH DGH Appx "B" DGH DGH
ST MARTIN DES BESACES	4	0200 1500 1650 1700 1800 2359	Change of ops on Rear Link to Rear Corps (CV14) due to mistake on part of control op. Main Div moves to 684508 (area ST MARTIN DES BESACES) Rear Div moves to 688510 New sig centre established 685475 Lines through to all Bdes except 46 Bde. Wireless OK all round Rear Link CRASC - DDST ceases to operate (see below)	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	5	0600	44 Bde returns under comd 15 Div & nets OK R/T and C/W comd links	DGH

		1700	AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "C"
ST MARTIN DES BESACES	6	1000	- onwards. An unsatisfactory day, great uncertainty prevailing throughout the day as to whether Div is going to move or not. The C.O. anxious not to have to move into the shadow of the hills in front of us and the battle situation not permitting, as had been expected, Div HQ to move over the hills. Lines stretched considerably but holding up well - H.P. telephones in use helping out - and Sig centre moved to 755425 (LA MAJURE) which is the projected next HQ. Wireless OK hence CO's refusal to move a short distance into the valley	DGH
	7	0730	Div Recce Party under the comd MAJ HOUSTON (O.C. 3 Coy) out again but results not satisfactory. Move still in the air, much to the anxiety of Corps Sigs.	DGH
	8	1000	Main Div HQ moves, followed 1½ hrs later to 695425 (Pt 266 near LE BENY BOCAGE. Rear Div about 300 yards away, but Rear Div never left the road as the site was immediately considered unsuitable & the Recce party sent out to find another location	DGH
Pt 266		1330	Main Div HQ moves to LA PLISSONIERE (695458). Rear Div returns to previous location but moves forward later in the day. Main Div in new location by 1600 hrs and Rear Div by approx 1830 hrs to LA BOURDONNIERE (695468). Wireless excellent throughout the day and line layout adjusted with comparative ease. Thanks to location of Sig Centre & help by Corps Signals in providing one pair from Main Corps to our Sig Centre.	DGH
LA PLISSONIERE	9	1700	Issued Line Diagram as at 1600 hrs. Bdes moving small distances today, unlikely to upset this diagram	DGH Appx "D"
	10	1000	Issued Amdt No 2 List "C" Freq Allot No 19 (amended)	DGH Appx "E"
		1600	Inns of Court Regt, now under comd, net correctly on R/T comd net	DGH
	11		Rather a quieter day with only patrol activity in fwd areas. 6 GDS TK BDE cease to be under comd, except 4 The GREN GDS u/c 44 Bde.	DGH
LA PLISSONIERE		1200	6 GDS TK BDE, therefore, no longer on Comd net.	DGH
		1400	Recce party out for new location Div H.Q. Area MAISONCELLES (7139)	DGH
	12	1300	Word suddenly received that Div leaving this area and going u/c 12 Corps, 46 Bde to be relieved by 29 Bde of 11 Armd Div who are taking over our present area. Conference 1430 with CSO 8 Corps & reps 11 Armd Div Sigs to arrange details. 44 & 227 Bdes to be relieved by 159 Bde]	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "F"

	13	0000	Preparations under way for 15 Div to move EAST of R ORNE. 46 Bde on relief by 29 Armd Bde conc in area ST PIERRE TARENTAINE prior to move out. Wireless silence imposed as soon as reliefs completed.	DGH
		1400	Det of 11 Armd Div Signals tees in on lines at our Sig centre & our Recce party leaves for new area.	DGH
		1800	TEV of 11 Armd Div Signals tees in on lines at our Sig office.	
LA PLISSONIERE	14	1000	Wireless silence - all nets close. Deception plan being put into operation & making a bogus 76 Division and a bogus 15 (S) Div. All operators on Div R/T Comd net have their voices recorded by special wireless section. These records to be used subsequent to our move to give impression of Div still being in 8 Corps. R/T rear lines to Corps ops staying behind until the evening to work bogus set to 8 Corps.	DGH DGH
		1030	Main Div followed by Rear Div move to AMAYE-SUR-ORNE (967577) & come under comd 12 Corps. "C" section having moved previous day all lines are in readiness. 46 Bde having been relieved first are in new area already. 44 & 227 Bdes do not arrive until the evening.	DGH
AMAYE-SUR-ORNE	15	0900	Wireless silence relaxed to some degree - links to Main Corps only net & then to make 4 hourly tests in accordance with 12 Corps orders	DGH
		1000	46 Bde having already moved forward again are provided with new line laid from their new location to 12 Corps REAR, Corps HQ being well South of us at present.	
			15 (S) Div on relaxing wireless silence will be on Inf List "A" issued to all concerned	DGH Appx "G"
AMAYE-SUR-ORNE		2300	News of main Div HQ moving the following day received	DGH
	16	0800	Recce party out - main Div HQ moving with HQRA only, leaving 44 Bde and 227 Bde in rear. 227 Bde is still in rear of Rear Div HQ. 46 Bde already gone forward.	DGH
		1000	Lines teed in to temporary Sig Centre at Main HQ	DGH
		1130	Main Div HQ moves to LE HUTRAY (007542)	DGH
LE HUTRAY		1400	Main Div HQ established & sig centre at old location closed, leaving the anomalous situation of Rear Div HQ having the bulk of the lines on their board. In this connection, 15 Div Sigs cable section have laid the Corps lines to this location.	DGH
	17	1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx "H"
		1600	Issued Amdt No 1 to Freq Allot No 19 (amended) - List "A"	DGH Appx "I"
		2300	Issued Amdt No 2 to Freq Allot No 19 (amended) - List "A"	DGH Appx "J"
	18	1000	Main Div HQ moves to FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX (014496) and Rear Div follows at 1130 to approx same location. 44 & 227 Bdes move in	DGH

FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX		1500	to nearby areas. Lines have been laid on previous day for this layout. At present 1 pair only to Corps for both Main & Rear Div. Wireless silence continues except for Corps Rear links	DGH
	19	0600	All nets open to 46 Bde who are moving at 0630 hrs to relieve 158 Bde of 53 Div. Comms satisfactory.	DGH
		0700	Recce party out for move of Main Div HQ. Problem of line comms to 46 Bde in their area. To take over 158 Bde - 53 Div line - thence back to Corps & so to us.	DGH
		1000	CV1, CV7, CV8 net all other stations on group & close them	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "K"
	20	0001	4 Armd Bde now under comd 15 Div for forthcoming ops	DGH
		0700	All nets fwd to Bdes open. All OK except 4 Armd Bde on "Q" link which is not heard, nor is their 14 LFA on Med net, which also opens	DGH
		1000	Main Div HQ moves to LE BOUT ES VIEL (0940) to be followed at 1500 hrs by Rear Div HQ to 095403	DGH
LE BOUT ES VIEL		1300	Spare TEV sent back to old location to establish Sig Centre there on move of Rear Div to take 44, 227 Bdes, Recce & Admin Gp. This now of great importance as forthcoming op now postponed 48 hours and these two Bdes remaining in present locations. 46 Bde still in 53 Div area and reached by line from 53 Div. Line laid to 53 Div. Line (Corps line) to Sig centre giving trouble.	DGH
		1700	Move of 53 Div. Line strapped through to 46 Bde direct. Line also laid to 4 Armd Bde to 46 Bde. 4 Armd Bde do half the laying and doing half the maintenance. 4 Armed Bde now flicking on to "Q" net 20 mins in every 3 hours and their LFA is on the Med net every hour from H+30 to the hour	DGH
	21	2359	4 Armd Bde temporarily under comd 53 Div but remain on Adm nets.	
	22	1000	Line laid from Rear Div HQ to HQ RASC (Adm Gp)	DGH
		1500	4 Armd Bde section under comd but in new location, too far for a line to be laid (MERRI 2530). Up again on R/T & CW fwd nets	DGH
LE BOUT ES VIEL		1600	Issued Line Diagram as at 1600 hrs.	DGH Appx "L"
	23	1100	227 Bde moves down into FALAISE area, followed by 44 Bde and 15 Recce Regt at 1500 hrs. No lines laid. Lines are not having to be laid in forthcoming rapid op. Wireless comms as per standard diagrams OK.	DGH
		2030	Main Div H.Q. moves to LA BOURDONNIERE (252334) - first night move since landing in France. All tpt arrives safely and is established before midnight. Road movement slow due to congestion in FALAISE. Rear Div HQ remaining in present location - moving tomorrow. This move of Main HQ is only an interim one, getting the Div HQ up with the Bdes & on the axis of advance.	DGH

		2200	CO & Adjt visit CSO 12 Corps - CSO informs CO that no further lines will be laid under present conditions	DGH
LA BOURDONNIERE	24	1400	CO & Adjt visit 44 & 227 Bdes. Line laid to 15 (S) Recce Regt.	DGH
	25	0630	Main Div HQ moves to CORNEVILLE LA FOUQUETIERE (878572) arriving at approx 1700 hrs, after halting for 2 hrs in the BROGLIE area	DGH
CORNEVILLE LA FOUQUETIERE		1700	(717685) for a meal. Rear Div follows into this location. No lines laid. W/T comms working satisfactorily over extended ranges and hold all through the night.	DGH
	26	1030	Main Div HQ moves to COMBON (007783) to be followed later in the day by Rear Div HQ	DGH
COMBON		1300	Lines begin to be laid to all three Bdes. W/T comms O.K.	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "M"
		1900	Lines through to 44 & 46 Bdes.	DGH
	27	0200	Line through to 227 Bde. Line of approx 15 miles in length	DGH
	28	1030	Main Div HQ moves to LE PARC (185870) followed at 1130 by Rear Div HQ	DGH
LE PARC		1300	Lines begin to be laid to all three Bdes.	DGH
		1700	Line through to 44 Bde & Recce Regt.	DGH
		2000	Line through to 227 Bde	DGH
		2100	Wireless O.K. Heavy static interference - thunderstorm	DGH
LE PARC		0900	Issued Amdt No 3 15 Div Sigs Freq Allot No 19 (Amended)	DGH Appx "N"
		1300	Issued 15 (S) Div Sig Instr No 1 - crossing of R. SEINE (Traffic Control)	DGH Appx "O"
		1530	Main Div H.Q. moves to VIEUX ROUEN (255897). Wireless O.K. incl T.C. group line layout becoming difficult with Bdes making the river crossing. Lines laid to 44 & 227 Bdes but line did not reach 46 Bde in time before they crossed. Line also laid to Regulating HQ of Traffic Control	DGH
VIEUX ROUEN	29	0930	Rear Div HQ moves to 253883 (nr LES MONTS). Lines laid ready for their arrival and Sig centre which was in area of Main Div closes. Main Div hand over by strapping through to Rear Div line direct to Rear Corps	DGH
		1030	C.O. and Adjt visit site of next Sig Centre & probable site of next Main Div HQ at CHATEAU DES BUSPINS (322923)	DGH
		1300	Signal Centre established at CHATEAU DES BUSPINS and lines are being laid to all Bdes.	DGH
VIEUX ROUEN		1800	Lines through to all Bdes, with two lines from Main Div to Sig Centre. Lines stay up well in the night & wireless all O.K.	DGH
	30	1030	Main Div HQ moves to CHATEAU DES BUSPINS arriving at approx 1400 hrs, taking over lines from Sig Centre which closes. Rear Div HQ leaves at 1015 hrs to HERQUEVILLE (293917)	DGH

HERQUEVILLE		1630 1900	After the troops have fed, Main Div HQ also moves to HERQUEVILLE (291916) and Sig Centre reopens at CHATEAU DES BUSPINS Main Div arrives & lines formerly in use between Main & Rear Div HQ now in use between Main Div & Sig Centre. New lines laid to Rear Div and Corps lines diverted. This line layout is adjusted. Wireless O.K.	DGH
	31	1200	Issued Line Diagram as at 1100 hrs. David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (Scottish) Inf Div Signals	DGH Appx "P"

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Month and Year SEPT 1944

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HERQUEVILLE	1	1030	C.O. and Adjt visit 227 Bde in connection with difficulties they have been having with their wireless. C.O. operates their command set personally from the Bde C.V.	DGH
		1400	Party attends cinema show. Quiet afternoon. Move proposed for tomorrow is postponed until following day	DGH
	2	1000	Men bathing and generally cleaning up. Further party to cinema show.	DGH
		1000	Corps was at some 60 miles distance - often aerials tried on Corps nets but results no better than with extra lengths on ordinary rod aerials. Other wireless at Main Div closed except to Recce Regt on CW net, who have no line	DGH
	3	0900	Main & Rear Div HQ's move to LES CORNETS (515132) arriving at approx 1200 hrs. No lines laid to Bde. Wireless very poor except lines to Corps, some 50 miles away. These lines all through however by approx 1400 hrs	DGH
		1830	All ranks not on duty both from Main & Rear HQ attend church service at Main H.Q.	DGH
LES CORNETS	4	1030	Main and Rear Div move to HAUCOURT (621335) arriving at approx 1300 hrs. Once more no lines to be laid except to Rear Div, where instead of the usual pair of lines being laid, one twisted pair is laid & the one plus ones, usually in use to Main & Rear Corps are utilized. Wireless satisfactory, with one exception of links to Corps, which are still being handicapped by distance, Main Corps, for example, moving to BETHUNE (3825)	DGH
HAUCOURT	5	1000	Main and Rear Div HQs move to NUNCQ (120038). Layout as for previous location.	DGH
NUNCQ		2100	A special force known as "LYS FORCE" leaves. Signals are providing for it one 12 set H.P. as rear link to Corps (R/T). This set worked satisfactorily at 2030 hrs before leaving. The Div-Bde CW rear link of 46 Bde (who are commanding LYS FORCE) later nets to Corps as C.W. link	DGH

		2300	Step-up at departure for benefit of 46 Bde. Comms rather difficult tonight due to interference.	DGH
	6	0745	Counter-Mortar C.V. employed as control for Traffic Control net working to sets of 119 LAA Regt. Their organisation is now personally under comd O.C. LAA Regt RA. Using CRA alt freq nets satisfactorily at 0800 hrs	DGH
		0800	Step-up Armd Car set sent to accompany 44 Bde who are moving again, some being in advance of rest of Div	DGH
		1130	Main and Rear Div HQ's move into BELGIUM to TRIEU COUSINE (896450) arriving at approx 2000 hrs.	DGH
TRIEU COUSINE		2100	ROYALS come under comd 15 Div and net satisfactorily on Comd R/T net. Not coming on CW net	DGH
		2300	Line through to 46 Bde who are coming under comd 7 Armd Div at 070800B	DGH
TRIEU COUSINE	7	1200	Sig centre established at previous location 46 Bde, who moved off at 0800 hrs under comd 7 Armd Div. Two lines laid to Sig Centre and lines from Sig Centre to ROYALS and Recce. Line begun from Sig centre to 44 Bde but stopped owing to that Bde moving again	DGH
		1600	ROYALS O.K. on "Q" net - scheduled to come on at 0800 hrs but not up till now.	DGH
		1700	Line through to Rear Div from Main Corps, using existing civil means - speech requires to be guarded as the line at certain points passing through territory still in enemy hands	DGH
		1800	C.O. and Adjt visit 44 Bde, largely to congratulate the Signal Officer, CAPT J.J. GIROTTI on his recent award of the M.C.	DGH
	8	1100	C.O. and Adjt visit 227 Bde to discuss the matter of frequencies for Bde Comd net, which are O.K. now - they have been lent one of the frequencies of the Div Comd net	DGH
TRIEU COUSINE		1330	Recce Regt of 53 (W) Div come under comd 15 Div and are through Div Comd R/T net. Message sent to them by Wireless Officer re C/W net and "Q" net.	DGH
		1445	Main Div HQ moves to BEVERE (073582) and Rear Div HQ to PETEGEM (052555) arriving at approx 1615 hrs. Line already under way between the two HQ and line also being laid from new location to new location 227 Bde at CRUYSHANTEM (0464)	DGH
BEVERE		1630	Line through to Rear Division	DGH
		1700	Line through from Main Corps and 1+1 put on	DGH
		1730	Line under way to 227 Bde at NAZARETH (0970) to take in Recce Regt as well, 227 Bde having moved on from u/m location	DGH

		2100	Wireless not as good as usual tonight - distances fairly great, especially from Rear Div who are having trouble on the "Q" net. Recce Regt 53 Div are the most remote. Main Comd net O.K. A night of very low cloud and pouring rain	DGH
	9	1300	ROYALS and 53 Recce Regt cease to be under comd 15 Div	DGH
BEVERE		1330	46 Bde return under comd 15 Div from 7 Armd Div. All on comd R/T and CW nets. Late in coming up on "Q" net.	DGH
		1600	LT G.O.S. SCHREIBER is posted to this Unit from 2nd Army Sigs as Cipher officer. LT J.A. RITCHIE is posted from this unit to 2nd Army Sigs	DGH
	10	1100	Main Div HQ moves to RAMSDONCK (610744) and Rear Div HQ to 615740 arriving at approx 1500 hrs. Quad is in from Corps. Three lines laid to Rear Div (pair) and line under way to 44 Bde.	DGH
RAMSDONCK		1600	Step-up set out to 46 and 227 Bdes. The latter not moving until tomorrow. CV5 and CV6 (lines to Corps) still at old location in use by G1 who is remaining there for a few hours due to last minute change of plan by Corps. CV4 (flank) and CV3 (Tac R) respectively are doubling for these lines.	
	11	1000	C.O. and Adjt proceed to visit 50 Div, which area this Div is	DGH
RAMSDONCK			taking over tomorrow. Line layout is being handed over complete and still be able to be used almost entirely although Div HQ's are not going to quite the same places as those occupied by 50 Div.	DGH
		1730	2 liberty trucks proceed to BRUSSELS as recreational tpt. Rear Div personnel utilising Camp arrangements.	DGH
	12	0930	Main Div HQ moves to BERGUM (030788) and Rear Div HQ to VEERLE (075780) both arriving at approx 1400 hrs. Quad in from Main Corps.	DGH
BERGUM		1600	Lines through to 44 and 46 Bdes via 69 and 151 Bdes of 50 Div respectively. Line to 46 Bde also gives 50 Main.	DGH
		1730	1 line through to Rear Div and line laid to new location of 227 Bde who are not moving in until tomorrow.	DGH
		1830	Line to 44 Bde now direct - 151 Bde now gone	DGH
		1900	Line through to Recce on to Rear Div exchange and 46 Bde line direct (69 Bde gone) also giving direct line to 50 Div Main	DGH
BERGUM		2000	Signal Officer 3/4 CLY visits Adjt. 3/4 CLY now under comd 15 Div. Arrangements made for netting on all gps at 2300 hrs	DGH
		2311	3/4 CLY OK on R/T net but not on C.W. nor on the "Q" net	DGH
	13	0700	3/4 CLY OK on "Q" net	DGH
		1000	3/4 CLY OK on CW net.	DGH
		1000	50 Div gone - their line to us now utilised as 2nd pair to Rear Div.	DGH DGH

BERGUM		1010	Usual line laid by 1 Mx to Div faulty.	DGH
		1030	Permission given by Adjt to Recce to close CW link (not usual - only R/T link when line through) to Div until 0800 hrs tomorrow for set maintenance. Wireless position OK - during the night, 227 Bde still in former area, worked satisfactorily by means of step-up. Now through O.K. direct.	DGH
		1100	C-in-C visits Main Div HQ and talks to Bde Comds etc, certain of the Heads of Services, O.C. Signals, O.C. Recce Regt	DGH
		1230	CSO 12 Corps arrives for lunch with C.O. after which they go	DGH
		1415	together on visit to 44 and 46 Bdes. The first time that the CSO has been round any of the Bdes of the Div	DGH
		1500	Line through to 227 Bde now in new location and laterals between 44 and 46 Bdes and 227 Bde and Recce	DGH
		1500	3/4 CLY off on Main Div nets as LO at Div with set still on "Q" net	DGH
		1700	44 Bde move, but re-establish line comms shortly afterwards to 46 Bde by means of extending lateral.	DGH
		1730	227 Bde off line - on move, also Recce, so their line utilised as third link between Main and Rear Div HQ's	DGH
		2100	Line section, taking armd car with their armd car as link, move off to new location to which Div is moving tomorrow, in order to proceed with line layout as soon as possible	DGH
GASTHUIS HEIDE	14	1000	Main Div HQ moves to area GASTHUIS HEIDE (103852) with Rear Div HQ at 102858 arriving at approx 1115 hrs.	DGH
		1300	3/4 CLY now back on R/T comd net but are not coming up on C/W net	DGH
		1600	Line situation - Quad to Corps with 1+1 - one pair split at Rear Div giving Rear Div direct line to Rear Corps, 2nd pair used as line between Main & Rear Div HQ's. 2nd line from Main to Rear Div. Line to 44 Bde, line from 44 Bde to 46 Bde. Party line to 227 Bde and Recce. Line to 1 Mx.	DGH
		1800	Adjt addresses all offrs on orderly officer roster on disciplinary matters	DGH
		1800	Letter sent out on subject of small OR's messing committee, to be formed forthwith under presidency of RSM, consisting of 6 ORs, 3 from Sigs and 3 from Comp personnel fed at Main Div by Sigs	DGH
	15	1030	C-in-C arrives to present decorations and medals. Capt J.J. GIROTTI receives his M.C. from the C-in-C.	DGH
		1100	Signal officer 158 Bde visits Adjt to discuss arrangements. 158 Bde now arriving in this area and coming under comd 15 Div	DGH
		1125	Direct line through to 46 Bde with spur off to 3/4 CLY	DGH

GASTHUIS HEIDE		1205	158 Bde all in R/T comd net. Not yet up in CW net. Probably not coming up. Therefore, on "Q" net	DGH
		1500	CSO 12 Corps visits CO to discuss forthcoming op	DGH
		1900	Lines under way for forthcoming moves of 44 and 227 Bdes	DGH
	16	0200	15 (S) Div changes frequencies from Inf List "A" to Inf List "B". All nets O.K.	DGH
		0800	Lines through to 44 & 227 Bdes in new locations	DGH
		1100	53 Div having moved into this area 158 Bde now no longer under command 15 Div	
		1100	C.O. attends "O" gp on forthcoming op "GARDEN" in which 12 Corps and 30 Corps are jointly involved in advance NE	DGH
		1200	O.C. 53 Div Sigs visits CO	DGH
		1430	Move of Main & Rear Corps resulting in the following line situation which is unchanged for rest of day. Quad to Main Corps, one pair strapped through at Main Div & Corps respectively to Rear Div & Rear Corps respectively. Rear Div are utilizing now both pairs of the previous Corps quad, thus still leaving 2 lines between Main & Rear Div	DGH
GASTHUIS HEIDE		1430	- et seq. Direct lines to all 3 Bdes, Recce and 3/4 CLY	DGH
		1600	Two new CV's recently acquired now fit for use - one to "B" sec for HQRASC releasing 1 gin palace to be held spare at Main Div for step-up work etc, the other spare at Main Div in use as wireless office.	DGH
	17	0930	Church parade attended almost entirely by Sigs personnel	DGH
		1100	All white stars on vehs uncovered, all cleaned. Three requiring repainting attended to. This in preparation for forthcoming immediate airborne ops. Slit trenches also dug	
		1200	C.O. attends co-ordinating conference re Div op "FLOOD" in which the Div is holding the line of the JUNCTION CANAL. For results of conference involving opening of Signal Centre etc see 15 (S) Div Signal Instruction No 1 of even date issued at 1700 hrs	DGH Appx D.1.
GASTHUIS HEIDE	18	0900	LT P.O. RADWAY rejoins unit from ENGLAND on recovering from wound and re-assumes former appointment as O.C. "C" Sec, the present O.C. section LT J.W. FULLARTON remaining attd to the Line Section. 11 reinforcement OR's also arrive, the largest single batch to arrive since operations began (8 ops W&L, 2 linesmen, 1 DR).	DGH
		0600	- onwards. Line sections all fully engaged on lines as per yesterday's signal instructions with slight variation due to move of Recce at 1345 today	DGH
		1000	C.O. and O.C. 3 Coy pay routine inspection to Bde Sections	DGH

		1200 1600	O.C. Sigs Rear to BRUSSELS for 48 hrs i/c Party of JEWISH personnel attending festival of JEWISH NEW YEAR C.O. and Adjt pay routine visit to "R" section and to Recce Regt HQ. Admin side of "R" Sec not satisfactory. CO revisiting tomorrow	DGH DGH
	19	1000	C.O. and Adjt revisit "R" Sec and find improvement though not fully satisfactory yet. Visit also new location 44 Bde. Lines now as per Appx L1 to yesterday's Sig Instr.	DGH
GASTHUIS HEIDE	20	0930 1330 1800	Adjt visits Rear Div and inspects lines, billets etc 46 Bde, remaining under comd 15 Div for Admin, pass under comd 53 Div and so leave Div R/T & C/W comd nets. Codes offr visits with necessary papers etc 227 Bde remaining under comd 15 Div for Admin, pass under comd 7 Armd Div and so leave Div R/T. Line laid from 7 Armd Tac HQ only a short distance away. Line also laid to 284 Coy RASC to be strapped through to 227 Bde on move of 15 Div	DGH DGH DGH
ZEELST	21	0900 1030 1830	Signal Centre closes 46 Bde having already moved off. 227 Bde line strapped through to line to 7 Armd Tac and 227 Sig Centre line to 284 Coy RASC Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ move into HOLLAND to ZEELST (390167) and Rear Div to AKHEREIND (409160) arriving at approx 1800 hrs. 46 Bde revert to 15 Div and line immediately laid to them. 2 lines to Rear Div one strapped straight through to Rear Corps, Corps quad being in very shortly after arrival of Div	DGH DGH DGH
	22	0700 0900 1000 1200 1330 1600 1800	Line through to Recce Regt. 5 RTR now under comd 15 Div - O.K. on R/T comd net, which is the only net on which they are appearing. Heavy interference on wireless nets due to 3 (Br) Div in 30 Corps being on same freq allotment. Corps through Army have arranged for them to minimize today & to change to List "D" at 2359 hrs tonight 46 Bde and Recce on move. Spare gin palace out on sector control work on R/T Comd net. Line through to new location 46 Bde & line to 46 Bde from Sector Control 227 Bde revert under comd - OK on all nets LO 5 RTR visits Adj for link signs etc CO & Adjt pay routine visit to 46 Bde	 DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
ZEELST	23	0800 1000	All line dets engaged on extension of line layout, culminating in line layout as per Line Diagram issued as at 1800 hrs Sig Centre opens at 399205. Wireless situation OK throughout day. 5 RTR at 1400 hrs cease under comd 227 Bde and leave Div nets	DGH DGH Appx I folio 2 DGH

		1800 1830	CSO visits C.O. to discuss current problems, especially lines CO and Adjt visit Sig centre and find all in order	DGH DGH
ZEELST	24	0930 1000 1015 1400 1800	Large attendance of Sigs personnel at church parade 5 DG come under comd 15 Div and net satisfactorily on R/T Comd net only CO and Adjt pay routine visit to OC 53 Div Sigs and to OC 12 Corps Sigs Signal centre moves up to same location as Corps cable-head, which is 403226, thus necessitating certain minor readjustment of the line layout as from yesterday's diagram Heavy intermittent interference of unknown origin on practically all nets - affecting Corps as well. Lessening as evening progresses. Noise like that of several unsuppressed vehicles in the vicinity completely swamping all but the strongest signals. Corps investigating	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
ZEELST	25	0900 0900 0900 1430 1600	5 DG no longer under comd 15 Div - off R/T comd net Wireless officers Main & Rear engaged throughout day in efforts to track down this peculiar interference - assistance of Phillips Radio works at EINDHOVEN worthy of mention. Not yet discovered Line layout in constant state of adjustment throughout day, but in general layout as for yesterday, except that Corps required their pair of the quad 12C/20 which we were using, still leaving us quad 12C/21 in toto. Other arrangements made - 1800 Large numbers of ORs attend one of the periodical film shows. Arrangements made for securing billets of one kind or another for all Sigs OR's. This practice will be followed from now on, the Admin officer for Rear Div Sigs and the Cipher officer at Main being in charge respectively. Here the bulk of the men are being accommodated in a large cigar factory.	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	26	0800 1000 1100 1400	Line section again fully engaged. Moves of 44 and 227 Bdes to be catered for and subsidiary lines such as traffic and sector controls. Wireless O.K. No reoccurrence of strange interference which would appear to be brought on by wet weather MAJOR R.N. HOUSTON granted the T.D. Recce parties out but find no suitable site for move of Div HQ. Area very congested forward with 7 Armd Div Films, an ENSA show and a football match Div HQ & EINDHOVEN Div HQ wins 6-1. 4 Signals reps in Div HQ team.	DGH DGH DGH DGH
ZEELST	27	0100	Corps changes frequency list from Corps List "C" to List "B". Change effected smoothly	DGH

ACHT		0800 1430 1800 Wireless situation OK since arriving, but further interference of a/m nature - N.B. weather wet again	Line maintenance etc as normal and preparations for impending move of Main Div HQ in afternoon. Interesting new line laid is one direct from office of G2 to the air-field at EINDHOVEN for air support purposes. Main Div HQ moves to ACHT (396227) arriving at approx 1530 hrs. Rear Div HQ not moving. Line situation - 3 lines to Sig Centre + 1 pair of Corps quad lines from Sig Centre to all Bdes. Line 44 - Recce. Line 44 - 227. Line S.C. Sector Control. Line S.C. - 119 LAA Regt. Direct line Div - 46 Bde. 2 lines Rear Div. Pair to Main Corps. Pair Rear Div - Rear Corps. Lines S.C. - 227 and one of the Rear Div lines faulty for lengthy periods, giving cause for concern.	DGH DGH DGH DGH
ACHT	28	0900 1000 1500 1600	Signal Centre moved forward first beyond the WILHELMINA CANAL (397253). 3 pairs of Corps quads are laid between Main Div & Sig Centre. New line laid between Main Div HQ and ALG CO and Adjt pay routine visits to 44 Bde, 227 Bde and Recce, taking in Signal Centre Rear Div HQ moves to STICHTING WOENSEL (410210). 2 lines between Main HQ and Rear - 1 pair (extended) of a Corps quad and one of our own lines. Direct line between Rear Div - Rear Corps CO and Adjt revisit Sig Centre	DGH DGH DGH DGH
ACHT	29	0900 1000 1030 1500 1900 Section sgt 44 Bde Sig Sec killed today by shrapnel (SGT BROWN RW)	158 Bde of 53 Div under comd 15 Div except for Admin. O.K. on R/T and C/W comd nets 8 HUSSARS of 7 Armd Div (22 Armd Bde) under comd, except for Admin. O.K. on R/T Comd net only C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 44 Bde and 227 Bde arranging about lines for move of Div HQ this afternoon Main Div HQ moves to NEINSEL (439301) arriving at about 1630 hrs Lines to all concerned, except to 8 HUSSARS. To be done tomorrow by means of Corps pair. Rear Div via Main Corps - Rear Div moving in the morning. Signal centre pushed forward, Recce acting rather as forward sig centre to our sig centre tonight. All wireless OK.	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	30	1000 1100 	CO and O.C. 3 Coy attend funeral of Sgt Brown at HQ 44 Bde. Rear Div HQ move to ZON (442259). Line laid between Main & Rear. Now also Main Corps - Rear Div and Rear Div - Rear Corps. Line laid Main Div - 8 HUSSARS.	DGH DGH

		1500	onwards. Preparations of line diagrams, line traces etc preparatory to 51(H) Div taking over here from 15 (S) Div and return of 15 (S) Div to 8 Corps. O.C. 51 Div Sigs visits C.O. David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjt 15 (S) Inf. Div. Signals.	Appx J folio 28

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NEINSEL	1	0930	Church parade with reasonably large attendance. Corps Comd present.	DGH
		1400	O.C. 3 Coy 51 Div Sigs visits CO to discuss arrangements for 153 Bde who are relieving 44 Bde tonight	DGH
		1500	C.S.O. 8 Corps visits CO to discuss arrangements for the return of the Div to 8 Corps	DGH
		1710	153 Bde O.K. on R/T comd net only and in place beside 44 Bde and taken over their lines. L/T comms to 44 Bde by means of local from 153 Bde exchange	DGH
		1900	New line laid to Recce as Corps repaired quad pair formerly utilized. Now no line to 8 Hussars, instead direct line to Corps RA Sig Centre. Corps have also brought in line from 101 U.S. Div. C.O. holds conference with Signalmaster Main & Rear & wireless officers on future policy of Div HQ operating from buildings instead of from the debrises.	DGH
		2345	44 Bde move off (under comd 8 Corps until Div arrives), maintaining comms, however, on Div R/T comd net only & otherwise on Corps nets	DGH
NEINSEL	2	1000	Commencement of new system of checking A.B's 412 of vehs of sections in addition to monthly AB's 406. One section per week by Adjt	DGH
		1030	Adjt produces orders for frost precautions so that all will be ready as soon as required.	DGH
		1300	2-in-C leaves for new area (GEMERT 5730) to which Div is proceeding on the 4th to prepare line layout. Certain civil UG's are being utilized - details to follow. 2-in-C takes wireless set with him so that orders and changes of plan, if any, may reach him	DGH
		1400	O.C. 3 Coy as recce officer for Div HQ pays third visit to the new area with G1.	DGH
		1600	C.S.O. 12 Corps visits C.O. to discuss arrangements for the changeover and is joined by OC 51 Div Sigs for same purpose	DGH

		1700	Direct line to Corps RA sig centre transferred from Main Div exchange to HQRA switchboard	
		1800	C.O. visits O.C. 51 Div Sigs at their HQ a short distance from here	DGH
NEINSEL		2000	It should have been mentioned that all formations and units of the Div are coming on to wireless silence as soon as they leave this area so that all Bde and its group are now off the air	DGH
	3	0800	- onwards. Lines personnel busy (a) under 2-in-C in new area fixing up details and ends for civil U.G. lines to be used between Div HQ-46 Div HQ-227 Div HQ-Recce and laying normal lines between Div HQ-44 and Main Div HQ-Rear Div HQ. All work completed by 1600 hrs, (b) putting finishing touches to arrangements between ourselves and 51 Div Sigs for tonight's handover (originally scheduled for 2359 hrs, when 15 Div pass under comd 8 Corps but brought forward to 1800 hrs)	DGH
		1800	Hand-over begins. Line to Rear Div and line from HQRA to 12 Corps RA Sig Centre not being strapped through to 51 Div until move of 15 Div tomorrow morning, so that we may have two lines	DGH
NEINSEL			between ourselves and 51 Div until we move off. Lines handed over - 2 to Sig Centre (now manned by 51 Div Sigs) one of which is delayed through going faulty at 1715 hrs. Corps line. Corps line from Div to 101 US Airborne Div still to be handed over as faulty. Line to 153 Bde. Line to 158 Bde not being handed over as they have laid their own. Two lines (one strapped through from 46 Bde - 153 Bde) 153 Bde - Sig Centre. 46 Bde, 227 Bde and Recce all to new area by 2000 hrs - Recce being the last.	DGH
		1800	Wireless - Div Comd nets now closed. Rear lines to Corps remaining on 12 Corps nets until midnight and reopening on 8 Corps nets at 040110 hrs	DGH
		2359	15 Div comes under comd 8 Corps and closes rear links to 12 Corps	DGH
	4	0110	Rear links open to 8 Corps. All O.K. by 0135 hrs	DGH
		0945	Hand-over with 51 Div completed. All lines O.K.	DGH
NEINSEL		1000	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ move to GEMERT. Main to 577304, Rear to 577297, Main established by 1130 and Rear by 1230. All lines as scheduled yesterday ready and waiting, plus Corps lines leaving only line to 1 Mx to be completed. This is being done tomorrow, when a further PO pair will be available	DGH
GEMERT		1200	Rear lines to Corps close - to be reopened if lines fail when no wireless working. Division is in a rest period. All personnel of Div HQ very adequately housed in monastery at HQ and "make and mend" activities begin.	DGH

		1230 1600	CSO 8 Corps visits C.O. and stays to lunch C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 46 and 227 Bdes and final general maintenance of all kinds under way	DGH
GEMERT	5	1500	A quiet day of maintenance, recreation, and general repairs and preparations for forthcoming ops. 1 Mx line in by 1100 hrs. Cable section engaged today in reeling in cable in former areas. Lt Q.M. attends A/Q "Q" Conference at Main Div HQ	DGH DGH
	6	1000 1000 1100 1200 1400 1630 1950	C.O. attends "O" Gp conference on forthcoming operations Adjt attends "A" Conference on general "A" matters. LT M. STEARS rejoins unit on return from U.K. Has been a month getting here from relanding in France. Apptd 2-in-C "A" Sec 3 SCOTS GDS of 6 GDS TK BDE come under comd 15 Div. Sig Offr visits C.O. and Adjt but not known yet to which Bde the Bn is going to be attached Instruction sent out to all concerned in the Division on wireless discipline (closing of nets when line comms exist) All officers attend Div Comd's address in HELMOND, followed by performance by the Massed Pipe Bands of the Division. The band was magnificent With assistance of civil U/G pair GEMERT-GELDROP, line through to 3 SCOTS GDS in RIEU, with 6 GDS TK BDE in parallel on it.	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	7	0930	C.O., 2-in-C and Adjt visit O.C. Sigs 3 (Br) Div beyond R MAAS as 15 Div are scheduled to take over from them in forthcoming ops. Line layout in that area begun and Recce party out but in afternoon "Holdfast on all movement" comes through and plans left in abeyance. Half cable section left in the area in case original plans proceeded with. This visit occupies most of the day. Remainder of unit still engaged on general admin of various kinds. Frost precautions come into effect tonight.	DGH
	8	0930 1000 1100 1400	Church parade - exceptionally large attendance. C.O. reads lesson as usual. O.C. 1 Coy addresses all ranks 1 Coy and others on general matters, especially on conduct in GERMANY Skin inspection for all other ranks at Main Div HQ 12 Corps Officers' Shop visiting Div HQ for three days - in great demand. Adjt visits Rear Div HQ - routine check-up with O.C. Sigs Rear	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	9	0900	Arrangements begun for line to HQRA who on sudden orders are moving this afternoon to 693394 to do a Corps Shoot or Shoots in sp 3 (Br) Div. This line completed at approx 1700 hrs - 14 miles of cable. Not possible to obtain any assistance in the shape of a civil pair in this case.	DGH

		1500 - 1800 1530	One Australian and one British Signals Major arrive - touring Sig Units of 8 Corps - prior to rejoining Australian forces and are shown around Main and Rear HQs by the Adjt and Signalmaster. HQRA move off and the two usual lines to them from Main Div board are extended to take in 97 A Tk Regt and 119 LAA Regt.	DGH DGH
	10		An uneventful day. Weather grim - rain continuous. Normal line maintenance. New line laid to 97 A Tk Regt after original goes faulty. Fault on long HQRA line at 1625 hrs not repaired until 2020 hrs.	DGH
GEMERT	11	0900 1200 1215 1600	Another quiet day. Maintenance and general marshalling of equipment O.C. Sigs 11 Armd Div visits C.O. and Adjt - ready to see us on our return to our own 8 Corps O.C. Recce Regt to see C.O. Arrangements concluded re the attachment of 1 Cipher Sgt to Recce Regt to work principally with the I.O. to relieve him of cipher duties. Cipher officer taking him out this afternoon. Also arrangements for O.C. 3 Coy and O.C. "N" Sec to sit tomorrow on Recce Regt trade-board of Drs-ops LT J.J. ADEY R. SIGNALS arrives on attachment this Unit for one month from 31 RHU. He will spend a fortnight in "C" Sec and a fortnight at one of the Bdes.	DGH DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	12	1200 1630 1000	New basic freq lists from CSO 2 Army - such changes as are necessary worked out with O.C. "A" Sec Parade of all ranks available outside Main Div HQ to watch and cheer H.M. the King on his way from 8 Corps to Brussels Draft of 12 reinforcements arrives. Men have been on bath parades this afternoon and many also to ENSA Shows at Div HQ	DGH DGH DGH DGH
	13	0900 1100 1430 1530 1730	C.O. attends Div Comd's "R" Gp on forthcoming ops C.O. briefs 2-in-C on lines necessary in new area (WEERT 5897) and line sec with div signs etc obliterated proceeds to that area O.C. 3 Coy and party out on recce of Div HQ in a/m area C.O. attends Div "O" Gp on forthcoming ops Adjt attends A/Q conference on forthcoming ops, known by new general name of op "CONSTELLATION". The degree of secrecy attending the preparation for this op is outstanding	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	14	0900	- Preparations in hand for forthcoming ops continue. Line layout well under way and all arrangements proceeding as normally. Bde recces out today which will enable "C" sec to finish off their lines	DGH

GEMERT		1800	Sig Officer 3 (Tk) SG (under comd) visits Adjt re frequencies etc LT JW FULLARTON leaves today for three weeks to 3 (Br) Div Sigs	DGH DGH
	15	0930 1400	Church parade as last week - conducted on this occasion by RAF padre C.O. and Adjt proceed to HQRA, pick up OC 2 Coy and visit all three Fd Regts and Sig Secs. Very satisfactory reports all round	DGH DGH
GEMERT	16	0500 1400 1800	Signal office veh "J" Sec destroyed in fire - accident with Tilley lamp exploding and setting off phosphorous bombs for destruction of documents. Replaced by loan of TEV from Corps while new 3 ton G8 veh is obtained and fetched C.O. and Adjt pay routine visit to 46 and 227 Bdes - 227 area changed for forthcoming ops. This holding up line laying programme, also uncertainty as to Recce location - otherwise all going well. Div now on complete wireless silence A/CSO 8 Corps visits CO to inform him of wireless deception plan starting this evening to simulate 15 Div nets during this period of wireless silence up till H-1 hrs - whenever that may be. Date of commencement of ops still unknown. RA are <u>not</u> yet on wireless silence - but will come on same on move from their present area when role of 3 (Br) Div will terminate	DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	17	0700 0800 1500 1800 2215	All plans changed - 15 Div going under comd 12 Corps again forthwith. 3 (Tk) SG cease to be under comd. Recce Regt return under comd - have been under 11 Armd Div for the past three days. Line programme stopped - O.C. 1 Coy returns and the Line Section now reeling up the lines they have laid in the WEERT area. Future plan as yet unknown - wireless silence continues. HQRA returns this location and come under wireless silence and take over 97 A Tk and 119 LAA lines again - splitting them for their two locals and thence out to the two regts. CSO 8 Corps visits CO in connection with the sudden switchover. He explains that 12 Corps have laid a quad up to a point in the 15 Div - 8 Corps line and are splitting it at 2200 hrs tonight, thus giving 12 Corps us and 8 Corps Line split as above takes place - nothing yet as regards Rear Div - Rear Corps line	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	18	1600	Information that 227 Bde are moving tomorrow back into the BEST - ST OEDENRODE area and line is necessary. Arrangements for civil PTT pair (or perhaps two pairs) made with 8 Corps GEMERT - HELMOND - EINDHOVEN - BEST. OC 1 Coy laying tails to this etc tomorrow morning. Corps comms not yet properly arranged. At	DGH

			present Corps line 15 DIV - 12 CORPS terminates at 8 Corps having been changed back from last night.	
		1800	Line section returns from reeling up in the WEERT area, having reeled up 24 miles.	DGH
			All Sigs personnel have been issued with new battle dresses etc in the last 48 hours.	DGH
GEMERT	19	0800	Corps lines not OK. Main Div - Main 12 Corps with 1+1. Rear Div - Rear 8 Corps with 1+1 and carrier strapped through to Rear 12 Corps. This is a suitable arrangement, as 15 Div still being administered by 8 Corps up till 20th incl.	DGH
		0830	Lines to 227 Bde now under way. 2 PO pairs secured to ACHT (3922) only, leaving lengthy lay up to 408290, new loc 227 Bde, with second pair to Recce (389289) who have moved with Recce. This line to Recce will not be put through until tomorrow as OC 1 Coy only has 1 det available today, 1 det in reserve at this HQ and two on loan to Sigs 227 Bde to help them with their own very extensive Bde layout	DGH
		1000	Infm received from Corps - change of frequency list forthwith from Inf List "B" to Inf List "A". New list immediately issued	DGH
		1100	Wireless silence relaxed to 227 Bde only - netted on all nets on new frequencies and then closed.	DGH
GEMERT		2010	Line not yet through to 227 Bde. Wireless reopens - Command R/T up to them immediately and Command CW at 2030 hrs. Command "Q"	DGH
		2200	following at 2200 hrs. All O.K.	
	20	0710	Line through to 227 Bde. A very difficult night for the carrier section.	DGH
		0800	All wireless to 227 Bde closed again	
		1105	2nd line through to 227 Bde and 2nd line from 227 Bde to Recce. This now not being strapped through	DGH
		1400	Information received 6 GDS TK BDE now under comd 15 Div and moving into former location 227 Bde. Arrangements for line comms - already existing line to 6 GDS REAR teed in to their Main - a most suitable arrangement both from our point of view and theirs - line through to them by 1710 hrs	DGH
		1730	Codes and Secy Offr takes freqs, code-signs etc to 6 GDS, who arrived in their new location at approx 1700 hrs	DGH
GEMERT	21	1000	Changeover completed today of O.C. 3 Coy going to Rear Div as O.C. Signals Rear and O.C. H.Q. Coy up to Main, responsible, almost as Camp Comdt, for all the Admin at Main HQ with the RSM leaving Camp Comdt i/c Admin at Rear HQ	DGH

		1100	Recce party out for new location - in ST OEDENRODE (4131) area. Recce now i/c suitable "G" offr if available with O.C. "A" Sec - if "G" offr not available O.C. 3 Coy will be i/c as before	DGH
		1200	3 new vehs acquired today to increase number of dets in "C" sec. "M" Sec are supplying 2 fitters to drive, third one from "A" Sec	DGH
		1645	Lines faulty to 227 Bde. R/T comd net open and immediately through - before other nets opened. Lines OK again	DGH
	22	0600	All wireless nets open - all net O.K. (except for Recce u/c 227 Bde) and close except links to Corps, RASC and Med nets which remain open	DGH
		0930	Church parade as usual	DGH
GEMERT		1000	Personnel on bath parades - OC HQ Coy and 2 ORs on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS. These vacancies are occurring quite frequently now.	DGH
		1400	C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 227 Bde and Recce, in the line, returning by way of ACHT exchange where one of the "C" Sec maintenance dets are based on the two long 227 Bde lines	DGH
	23		A quiet day, with much preparation going on though for future ops.	DGH
		1100	Party attends lecture by War Office rep on the demobilisation plans	DGH
		1500	Line Diagram issued as @ 1500 hrs	DGH Appx J.2
	24	1100	CO and Adjt attend "O" Gp on forthcoming ops, which are being greatly hastened due to the German movement along this line "C" Sec engaged on full layout since early in the morning	DGH
		1300	All wireless nets open - only listening unless operationally required	DGH
		1530	Main Div HQ moves to ST OEDENRODE (419315) arriving approx 1700 hrs	DGH
ST OEDENRODE		1700	Rear Div staying GEMERT overnight - direct line to Main Div and all the former Corps lines on Rear Div. All new Main lines to all Bdes & Recce & laterals between from Sig Centre. 2 lines to Sig Centre - half phantom on one metallic pair. 3 lines Sig Centre - 227 - 2 SC - 6 GDS. 1 pair new Corps line on to RA Sig Centre - strapped straight through to HQRA. Extremely good & quick work by the line section today and all lines working well & holding up. All wireless OK.	DGH
	25	0800	All lines held up throughout the night, but from now on Bdes are peeling off and moving on to next area. "C" Section away on new line programme with OC 1 Coy on wireless to Comd C/W net. Spare CV out on TC duties. Div Recce party out.	DGH
		0945	Rear Div on the move to tempy harbour area near ACHT	DGH

		1400	Main Div HQ moves to OIRSCHOT (314257) with Rear Div also in OIRSCHOT at 320267, Main arriving approx 1515, Rear 30 mins later	DGH
OIRSCHOT		1700	Lines to Rear Div and to all Bdes except 46 Bde	DGH
		1730	C.O. and Adjt attend Div Comd's "O" Group	DGH
		1835	Line through to 46 Bde - this is the important line tonight as with 46 Bde as the only Bde forward. Linesmen's post est midway on the line.	DGH
			No lines from Corps as yet.	
		2105	Corps line in O.K. to Main Div but not able to do anything for Rear	DGH
	26		Signal Centre now est at MEERGESTEL (2330) since last night and all Bde lines (except, of course, 6 GDS) from there.	DGH
		0800	Bdes on the move again with one line sec full out coping. New Bde locations not too difficult to link up from Sig Centre	DGH
		1100	CSO visits C.O. and discusses several points - chiefly, however, the line situation and the Corps difficulties at the present time. All wireless O.K. throughout the day	DGH
		1400	C.O. and Adjt visit all three Bdes, finding out future plans etc	DGH
OIRSCHOT	27	0915	Main Div HQ moves to HILVARENBEEK (195240) arriving approx 1030 but Rear HQ remaining in OIRSCHOT until tomorrow. Signal centre remaining in present location to cope with Rear Div and 6 GDS who have moved up quite near and are themselves laying in to the Sig Centre but chiefly with 46 Bde, where new HQ on the outskirts of TILBURG means a very long line.	DGH
		1200	TILBURG captured by 15th (Scottish) Div	DGH
		1800	After a day, like so many others at present, of changed intentions on the part of the Bdes, apart from the above lines, Main Div has Sig Centre line, line to 44 and 227 Bdes (with lateral between), 141 RAC (crocodiles under comd), and lateral to 4 Armd Bde. Signal Centre also has 131 Fd and 181 Fd. Not been possible to do more than one SC line - considerable delays unavoidable. No Corps line as yet. Rear Div have old Corps line. Recce and 1 Mx Wireless O.K. throughout day, some slight	
HILVARENBEEK			interference on R/T Comd net from some "Q" stuff of 7 Armd Div.	DGH
			Corps Comd R/T net nothing great at present, not a very good frequency	DGH
	28	0900	OC 1 Coy proceeds to TILBURG to investigate civil comms but exchange etc demolished	DGH
		1300	Main Div HQ moves into WILHELMINA PARK, TILBURG, followed by Rear Div HQ to 168320. Some purely local short extensions laid -	DGH

			all Bdes within easy reach of Main Div HQ. Rear Div helped out by Corps lines (which arrive at approx 1800 hrs)	
TILBURG		1500	CSO 12 Corps visits CO.	DGH
		1700	Information received that the Div is moving back on to the 8 Corps front East of Helmond at first light in the morning to counteract German thrust against 7 U.S. Armd Div. 44 and 227 Bdes already away, followed by 6 GDS TK BDE.	DGH
	29	0600	Main and Rear Div HQ's move out of TILBURG to HELMOND arriving	DGH
HELMOND		1030	approx 1030 hrs. Corps nets (except to Rear Corps as the Div is being administered by 12 Corps up till 31 Oct) net satisfactorily to 8 Corps. Main Div at 565215 and Rear Div 545211	
		1100	CSO 8 Corps visits C.O. followed by 8 Corps lines officers. Most helpful with line assistance but O.C. 1 Coy on ahead in the morning has much of it arranged already. Wireless excellent throughout a day of rather feverish line activity - the evening finds lines to all Bdes (44 through 227) including 6 Gds Tk Bde, line to 11 Armd Div, 7 U.S. Armd Div, two lines to Rear Div, Recce, line to Main Corps and to Rear Corps	DGH
		1900	Air raid over HELMOND. Slight casualties at Rear Div HQ, only rather serious casualty among Sigs personnel being 1 cipher sgt evacuated with cuts from anti-personnel bombs. This will refresh in the minds of all ranks the still very necessary slit-trench being dug on arrival in a new location.	DGH
HELMOND	30	0900	OC 1 Coy and usual train of line section personnel leave for 7 U.S. Armd Div area, which 15 (S) Div is today taking over. To ascertain line-layout and commence new Div lines.	DGH
		1130	Main Div HQ moves to ZOMEREN (598108) arriving at approx 1245 hrs, followed in the afternoon by Rear Div HQ to 586120.	DGH
ZOMEREN			Wireless excellent throughout the move. On arrival here, a complete HSSU FCP is found to be working, having been handed on to us, as it were, by 7 U.S. Armd Div, who left without even giving them the day's routines.	
		1300	Signal Centre established at ASTEN (6113) and together with that and 8 Corps "SWAN" Signal Centre in DEURNE (6419) today's line layout makes good progress. At the end of the day there is a most comprehensive layout to everyone except 1 Middlesex and nothing to Rear Corps. One line only to Main Corps - lateral to 7 US Armd Div, but not to 11 Armd Div as expected. Some of the officers in the HQ buildings for first time - extensions both telephone and W/T satisfactory	DGH

ZOMEREN	31	0800	O.C. "C" Sec (LT RADWAY) sick - section temporarily under comd LT STEARS and engaged today on further consolidation of yesterday's line layout (sec line diagram issued as at 1500 hrs today). Line to 1 Mx, further line to Signal Centre and extensions to 46 Bde who moved forward in the course of the day	DGH Appx J.3
		1000	"R" group officer to see Wireless officer and codes offr to discuss characteristics of the various Div wireless nets for their deception work	DGH
		1230	C.S.O. 8 Corps visits C.O.	DGH
		1600	O.C. 8 Corps Signals visits C.O. and Adjt and stays to tea with Adjt and Signalmaster. David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjt	DGH

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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS (incl LAD attd)

Month and Year NOV 1944

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN	1	0930	C.O. and Adjt visit all three Bdes and ascertain future plans C.O. makes arrangements from Signal Centre for extensions to 44 and 46 Bdes who are moving this afternoon	DGH
		1100	Line Section engaged on these new lines for the two a/m bdes and on improving long line to 1 Mx, which has not been too good. Line to 141 RAC on to 6 Gds Tk Bde.	DGH
		1800	Wireless O.K. throughout day	DGH
	2	1100	C.S.O. 8 Corps visits C.O. bringing with him new CSO 8 Corps, present one leaving, much to everyone's regret.	DGH
		1500	Observer officer attached to the Division to see C.O. for purposes of compiling short biographies of all the heads of services	DGH
		1400	- onwards. Men to baths in HELMOND	DGH
			Line situation pretty well as yesterday - today a reasonably quiet day for Sigs. Line section still fairly well extended, building up on present layout.	DGH
ZOMEREN	3	1000	Heavy hum on some of the Bde lines. Line Sec and indoor linesmen out endeavouring to rectify this and the further building up on lines in general. During the course of the day new direct line laid to 44 Bde by new route - also likely to be of value when 44 Bde move on.	DGH
		1600	C.O. considers shifting signal centre to new location but decides against.	DGH
		1900	Routine check by Codes and Security offr reveals rather a lax state of affairs on ADMS net - a Signals matter, group not properly controlled. C.O. in view of the fact that NCO i/c det has just been dealt with by OC 1 Coy for similar matter orders a further two days' monitoring and further report prior to further action. Codes and Secy officer submitting excellent reports, which have proved of great value in the disciplining and general	DGH
		X	efficiency of the running of practically every Div net	

ZOMEREN	4	1200 1900	Line layout considerably altered as from last diagram - see diagram issued as at 1200 hrs In the afternoon second line laid to 1 Mx and first line improved, not having been particularly successful Otherwise, reasonably quiet - both C.O. and 2-in-C rather unwell and confined to quarters Alteration to line diagram - 46 Bde provided with direct line (strapping through at Sig Centre).	DGH Appx J folio 25 DGH
ZOMEREN	5	1130 1200 1230 1800 2000	Church parade as usual - quite a reasonable turnout C.O. leaves for 23 FDS in HELMOND - not serious probably only severe chill, or influenza. Only expected to be absent approx 48 hrs. MAJOR GF JOHNSON (2-in-C) assumes temporary Comd Party leaves for TILBURG to see Div football match against TILBURG (Div wins 3-1). LT JW FULLARTON rejoins unit from attachment to 3 (Br) Div Sigs LT J.J. ADEY now attached to "A" Sec for remainder of his attachment During the course of the day, line layout extended in the HEUSDEN (6211) area to cover possible move of 227 Bde into that area. Certain of these lines kept "warm" at the moment by being utilized as a further pair to the Signal Centre	DGH DGH DGH DGH
ZOMEREN	6	0900 1100 1400 1600	New line under way south along the canal for possible move in that direction by 227 Bde. One of their bns probably going there ahead of remainder of the Bde fixed for line comms via 7 US Armd Div Combat Gp - 15 Div - 227 Bde and another of their Bns withdrawn to HELMOND for brief rest fixes UG DEURNE - HELMOND on party line with 4 GREN GDS of 6 Gds Tk Bde Adjt proceeds to HELMOND to visit CO in 23 FDS and finds him making good progress O.C. Fd Hygiene Sec inspect admin layout Main Div HQ with O.C. H.Q. Coy and RSM 2 lines to 6 RSF on Sig Centre board by O.C. Sigs 46 Bde and at 1800 hrs 6 RSF under Div control (in Div reserve) are netted satisfactorily on R/T Comd net and closed shortly afterwards for the night	DGH DGH DGH DGH
	7	0800 1000 1200 1400 1630	Heavy wind blowing at gale force, creating havoc with lines - "C" Sec on repair work throughout day 6 RSF now through on Div pair - Bde lines abandoned O.C. Sigs 51 Div to see C.O. on 51 Div moving into adjoining area - stays for lunch 6 Gds Tk Bde moves into HELMOND - through to Swan on UG pair 152 Bde of 51 (H) Div up on Div Comd R/T and CW nets - coming under comd 15 Div 080600 A	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH

		1630	CSO 8 Corps visits CO regarding dealings with 51 Div	DGH
		1730	Line through to 152 Bde - line already laid most of the way	DGH
		1800	Direct line to 51 Div	DGH
		1800	152 Bde have under comd 2 A&SH - line being fixed by "C" Sec as per previous arrangement (an American line being taken over) to help 227 Bde as, originally, this Bn was proceeding to this area under comd of its own Bde.	DGH
ZOMEREN			On move of 6 Gds Tk Bde - separate line to "C" Sqn 141 RAC was laid	DGH
		X	All lines now OK and wireless has been excellent throughout a reasonably difficult day	
	8	0800	Gale abated. Line situation eased and generally quieter. Day of normal line maintenance and patrolling	DGH
		1100	Wireless situation O.K. - 2 A&SH on Div Comd net to assist 227 Bde. 6 Gds Tk Bde on Div Comd C/W net to help in traffic clearance - only line outlet to them from "SWAN" Corps Sig Centre often blocked	DGH
		1500	44 and 227 Bdes change places - no complications	DGH
		1700	Line to 153 Bde of 51 Div - temporary expedient only, to assist 51 Div who are going to take this line themselves	DGH
			Line diagram issued correct to 1200 hrs.	Appx J folio 26
ZOMEREN	9	0800	No fresh construction on hand for today - day of maintenance, line patrolling, men at baths etc. Wireless activity normal.	DGH
		1800	Corps closing R/T and C/W links at 1800 hrs, to reopen if L/T comms fail. Several stns on Div nets closed also.	
			152 Bde now no longer under comd - 154 Bde in their place. Line on the board (being taken off by 51 Div).	
	10	0800	As for yesterday. 51 (H) Div remove 154 Bde line and we now have two lines to their main div. 154 Bde still have 2 A&SH on their board (under Div comd) but we are responsible for the maintenance of this line. "C" Sec det out on building up this line in an effort to ensure no faults on this line in the night	DGH
		1500	44 Bde and 227 Bde again change places without causing any confusion	DGH
	11	0800	All line pts out on patrolling. Div R/T Comd net and links to Corps closed except for certain daily test calls	DGH
ZOMEREN		1600	Adjt goes to fetch CO from 23 FDS and CO returns to the Unit	DGH
	12	0800	O.C. 1 Coy and Codes & Secy ORs depart on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS	DGH
		1000	LT J.J. ADEY finishes att of 1 month to the unit and returns 31 RHU	DGH
			Church parade as usual - attendance satisfactory	DGH
			Normal day of line maintenance etc	DGH

		1730	Mess meeting of reconstituted Sigs mess - present messes too large - which O.C. Sigs is joining. CAPT J. ORR elected PMC.	DGH
	13	0800	Normal day commences again - line patrolling etc. One or two minor faults in the course of the day. Parties are proceeding to Brussels on short 48 hours leave at irregular intervals	DGH
		1400	Sigs now responsible for co-ordinating PAD schemes of all units in ZOMEREN - OC HQ Coy nominated as Comd by CO	DGH
		1700	Adjt and OC HQ Coy attend small G2 conference to draw up PAD scheme for Main Div HQ. Signals to be responsible for all billeting and messing buildings	DGH
ZOMEREN	14	0800	Line section on line patrolling again. Line 8 AGRA - Main Div put straight on to RA board and new pair laid Main Div - HQRA. O.C. 2 Coy closes 15 Div RA Sig Centre and makes all his lines direct.	DGH
		1200	Nothing further to report this morning	DGH
		1800	Quiet afternoon - one or two line faults - otherwise nothing to report	DGH
	15	1100	C.O. and Adjt take G1 and A/Q to Rear Div Sig Officer for a trial demonstration of new "scrambler" (privacy) equipment which is to be fitted in GOC's, G1's and A/Q's caravans. Trials to Corps successful	DGH
		1200	Line section have laid new section of direct line to 46 Bde (Div - Sig Centre). Line to 2 Gdns now direct by means of one of the former 51 Div lines (they have now moved). Other line extended to 51 Div new location	DGH
		1230	O.C. Sigs 49 Div and his Adjt arrive on liaison visit (now in 12	DGH
ZOMEREN		1300	Corps on our right flank). They stay to lunch, the two C.O's and Adjts in their respective messes	DGH
		1500	C.O. and Adjt attend demonstration of mine detecting and clearing devices	DGH
		1700	227 Bde have now moved to 640105 (former Div res Bn loc) and have taken over these lines (1 direct to Div - 1 to Sig Centre) Former lines now out of service, except one to Sig Centre in use for 227 Bde A2 echelon	DGH
	16	1100	Several officers to see CO on normal routine matters	DGH
		1030	CSO 8 Corps arrives intending to visit Bdes but Brigs all at Div Comd's conference so does not go	DGH
		1145	Adjt and OC Sigs Rear attend A/Q conference on domestic matters at Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1400	On move of 51 (H) Div line to them ceases. Line section busy on normal patrolling and "shooting trouble" on and off through the day	DGH

ZOMEREN	17	1030	C.O. holds conference with OC 2 Coy and the three Bde Signal officers to discuss comms layout for a fairly involved TC layout, required for the forthcoming advance of the Div across difficult country. Each of the Bdes and RA are responsible for 1 of the 4 Sector Controls, with Regulating HQ at Main Div. Each can cope - "C" section to do the two longest lays for the line part. All four say they can provide the necessary wireless but CO is trying to borrow four from CSO for the purpose	DGH
		1100	OC 1 Coy joins conference and considers lines both for this purpose and for forthcoming ops and sets line section off on new 46 Bde line for use both for them and for Sector Control "A"	DGH
		1700	Arrangements made with 51 (H) Div for them to put a set on our Div R/T Comd net and also on 227 Bde R/T Comd net	DGH
ZOMEREN	18	0900	Issued 15 (S) Inf Div Signals Op Instr No 1 (Op NUTCRACKER) in connection with above. Line section engaged on programme as per a/m instruction and complete new 46 Bde line started yesterday	DGH Appx D folio 11.
		1330	CO and Adjt pay routine visits to 44 and 46 Bdes in connection with forthcoming ops	DGH
	19	0730	Line section out on new layout for impending move of Div. Signal Centre closes today and does not reopen yet. At end of day two direct lines to each Bde, 46 Bde having moved at 1430 hrs	DGH
		0915	Church parade with normal turn-out	DGH
		1100	T.C. net opens and nets Sector Control nets A & B and closes	DGH
		1300	Signals Mess as such reopens, after having been merged with Div "B" mess for some months - messes too big. CO joins his own mess from "A" Mess.	DGH
DEURNE	20	0945	Main Div HQ moves to DEURNE (hutted camp 655170) arriving at approx 1100 hrs. Line section, since an early hour, engaged on extension of line layout. No difficulties, with the exception of	DGH
		1130	227 Bde and Recce, due to whose almost constant moving throughout the day, it is impossible to move on. Line eventually through to Recce at 2200 hrs. No line to 227 Bde.	DGH
		1345	Rear Div HQ moves to VLIERDEN (623183) arriving at approx 1600 hrs. Lines through approx 1 hr later. Corps line OK to Main and Rear Corps	DGH
		1700	A most difficult day for wireless. Appalling interference on both R/T Comd net and Traffic Control net. 227 Bde out of touch, also Recce from approx 2000 hrs. Step-up out	DGH
	21	0700	Line section on extremely busy day, building up and maintaining existing lines and struggling in the face of appalling going and increasingly difficult traffic jams to reach 227 Bde. Line finally through 2120.	DGH

DEURNE		0900	A much better day for the wireless. Last night's interference gone and all comms OK	DGH
		1030	CSO visits OC Signals and meets GOC. Discusses routine matters with CO	DGH
		1330	Sector Control "C" opens. Wireless OK. Line through per Corps quad 1420	DGH
		1700	Line to Sector Control "B" faulty. Difficulty in faulting, not through again until 1900. Same troubles as with 227 Bde (as above)	
		1900	Traffic Control net closes for the night. All lines OK	DGH
	22	0700	Div Recce party out to HELENAVEEN (7311) with Main Div scheduled to move there at 1100 hrs and Rear Div HQ coming in here. Move cancelled 1000 hrs. 46 Bde must be allowed to go to Helenaveen. Road conditions appalling. Nowhere else at present for Div HQ to go	DGH
		0900	All wireless OK - line section out on layout for Helenaveen which will not be wasted. 46 Bde through in the late afternoon	DGH
DEURNE			and Recce shortly afterwards. 227 Bde who have moved twice in the course of the day OK by wireless but state of roads so awful that the line section have to be recalled without being able to	DGH
		2100	reach them. This approved by G1 at 2100 hrs	
	23	0900	A day of line maintenance on existing lines with the exception of extension on line to Sector Control "B" who were closer to BERINGEN (7507) and are now linked with second line down lateral route "B" via 46 Bde	DGH
		1600	Plans made for forthcoming move of Div HQ to SEVENUM area (8114) but move subsequently postponed for 24 hours but original plans stand	DGH
		1700	Tests carried out on new "scrambler" telephone equipment to Corps. Appears to be satisfactory	DGH
		1900	Wireless OK throughout day and holding up well	DGH
DEURNE	24	0800	Line section out laying between HORST (8318) and SEVENUM (8114) in view of new positions. This turns out to be an excellent bet as Main Div's new location is in the middle of this line, with 227 Bde at the northern end of it and 46 Bde at the Southern. Rest of the day line maintenance and fault-finding	DGH
		1400	C.O. and O.C. "O" Sec busy on "scrambler" test (OK) and on re-designing signal office vehs. Signal centre now housed in gin palace and 2 TEV's now available for Main Div. One to be fitted out with 2 party-line F&F boards and linesmen's compartment and Signalmaster's office and the other counter-clerks etc.	DGH
		1800	Wireless OK throughout day. TC not now finally closed	DGH

HEGELSOM	25	1030 1800 1900	Main Div HQ moves to HEGELSOM (819156) followed by Rear Div HQ at 1230 hrs to VOORSTE HEES (810141) arriving at approx 1400 and 1700 hrs respectively. Line situation on completion of the day, 2 lines 227 Bde, 1 line 46 Bde, 1 line 1 Mx, 2 lines Rear Div, line Rear Div - Recce, 1 Quad to Corps, with both 1+1 equipments up at Main. The four speech channels are used as follows - 2 direct to Main Corps, 1 Rear Div - Rear Corps, the fourth pair available at present as a third line Main - Rear Div, but likely to be used later for RA - AGRA. 44 Bde who are still in former area have 2 lines to Swan and the fourth speech channel from Main Div terminates there, thus making 44 Bde available Wireless OK throughout day (slight interference on Corps CW net from 1 Mx) but 44 Bde fading in the evening and step up goes out to roughly midway between, just beyond AMERIKA and situation OK	DGH DGH DGH
HEGELSOM	26	0930 1100 1400 1530 1900	Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ on several matters 46 Bde move - line ready for them, also lateral to 227 Bde CSO visits CO for general discussions. 2 new quads in by Corps - 1 to RA Sig Centre (1 pair on Main Div, 1 on to HQRA), other quad to be strapped through here and through RA Sig Centre, giving quad 8 AGRA - 146 Med Regt but affording alternative routing in case of breakdown Wireless OK throughout day - step-up out to 44 Bde again	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	27	0830 1030 1400 1500 1900	227 move again. New line extended to them, also later lateral to 46 Bde. Line section out laying line to 56 Bde of 49 (WR) Div from whom 44 Bde are taking over night 28/29. Line through to 56 Bde at approx 1600 hrs C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 46 and 227 Bdes Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs C.O. and Adjt routine visits to Sigs Rear Div Wireless state as for yesterday	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
HEGELSOM	28	0800 0830 0845	Div preparing to go under 12 Corps tomorrow and to take over present area of 49 Div from them, but continuing to be administered by 8 Corps (Rear Div nets staying on to 8 Corps nets) Div Recce party to PANNINGEN (7704) present HQ 49 Div - next 15 Div loc, also 2i/c, OC "C" Sec and 2 line dets to recce their lines and duplicate same when necessary. Signal centre out there also to set up 'H' pole and be ready to take over lines 227 Bde move right back to rest in ASTEN - "C" sec det there to connect them on to 8 Corps Sig Centre (SWAN) - speech OK and will remain so for use by us from 12 Corps	DGH DGH DGH

HEGELSOM		1000	O.C. 11 Armd Div Sigs calls to see C.O. - also coming into this area. Has picked up old 227 Bde line - now on to 151 Fd Regt - thence 11 Armd Div	DGH
		1200	CSO 12 Corps calls to see CO re plans for forthcoming move	DGH
		1500	44 Bde move fwd to BERINGE and take over from 147 Bde. Through by line to 49 Div who are obtainable from 12 Corps RA Sig Centre to where we now have 1 pair of a quad	DGH
		1530	6 Gds Tk Bde depart from 15 Div - off all wireless nets etc	DGH
		1600	CAPT K.R. CURRY posted this unit and takes over Cipher officer, LT SCHREIBER having applied to be removed from the role of Cipher offr & is TOS (surplus) this unit	DGH
PANNINGEN	29	0900	15 Div comes operationally under comd 12 Corps - through OK on Corps nets. 146 Bde and Recce Regt of 49 Div under comd 15 Div - OK on Div Comd net and 146 Bde later also on C/W net	DGH
		1015	Main Div HQ moves to PANNINGEN (775048) arriving at approx 1130 hrs. Pennants of 49 Div HQ still there, with the usual slight confusion that ensues when one Div takes over from another. At the end of the day (all wireless, such as is working having been OK throughout) there are lines (in some cases more than one) to 44 Bde, 46 Bde, 146 Bde, Recce 49 Div, 12 Corps RA Sig Centre, 12 Corps, 8 Corps RA Sig Centre, 8 Corps, Rear Div and Rear 49 Div. Rear Div have 8 Corps Rear, "Swan" Sig Centre, 12 Corps RA Sig Centre, 8 Corps RA Sig Centre, 15 Recce and 1 Mx. Sig Centre opened, two direct speakers Div - SC. SC have 46 Bde twice & Recce 49 Div	DGH
PANNINGEN	30	0830	Day of considerable activity on lines with several variations on yesterday's situation. Rear 49 Div goes, Signal Centre closes. 1 Mx on Main Div board, line to Rear HQ Fife & Forfar Yeomanry. Line comes in from 160 Bde on closing of Signal Centre, direct line to Recce 49 Div and second line to 46 Bde. Move of 49 Div Rear gives second pair to 12 Corps	DGH
		1345	CO with other members of Div HQ staffs & heads of services, meets 8 Corps Comd, who is leaving, to say goodbye.	DGH
		1800	Wireless OK throughout day David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (Scottish) Inf. Div. Signals.	DGH

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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS (incl LAD attd)

Month and Year DEC 1944

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN	1	0001	Change of frequency list to Inf List B. A smooth change all round. See Appx for last month (issued to all concerned 27/11/44). List "B" greatly preferable to List "A"	DGH
		0800	A day of fairly busy line activity. Position as per line diagram issued 1920 hrs this evening	DGH Appx
		1100	CSO 12 Corps visits CO - ordinary routine visit	DGH
		1430	CO and Adjt attend Div Comd's co-ordinating conference on forthcoming op "GUILDFORD".	DGH
		1600	Authority received for change of nomenclature of CO. No longer O.C. Div Signals but Commander, Royal Signals (C R Sigs) instead	DGH
		1600	Rear Div HQ moves down to this area also (768053). Comms ready for them practically complete. See again current line diagram	DGH
		2100	C.O's conference of section officers concerned re forthcoming programme of intense W/T activity (ordered by Corps) to prevent W/T ops and Cipher ops from becoming rusty	DGH
PANNINGEN	2	1000	CO and Adjt visit 44 Bde. CO meets new Brig and arranges several details for forthcoming op (loan of sets for manhandling, if necessary, line arrangements etc)	DGH
		1100	Line section extremely busy today on final layout of lines for op - Signal centre opens again - 2 lines 46 Tac, 44 Tac, 44 Sig Cen. Main Div - Tac 44. Main Div - Sig cen (2). Line laying very difficult today with tremendous traffic on the roads esp Vehs	DGH
		1400	LT J.W. FULLARTON is posted as Unit Signal Officer to 6 KOSB	DGH
		1700	Wireless OK throughout day - 49 Recce now moved away & off both wireless & line. 31 Tk Bde on R/T Comd net (in sp of 44 Bde in forthcoming op)	DGH
	3	0930	Church parade - reasonably good attendance in view of there being a battle in progress	DGH
		1000	C.O. and Adjt visit Signal Centre, 46 Bde and Tac HQ 44 Bde	DGH
PANNINGEN		1000	Everything functioning smoothly but a considerable number of - onwards / line faults throughout day. A certain amount of shelling on the lines but chief source of trouble being own	DGH

			Vehs, especially the AVRE tanks carrying bridges. These pull down most everything. The answer is most difficult to find	
		1200	CSO 12 Corps visits Comd & discusses progress of the op	DGH
		1200	Div R/T Comd net now has 31 Tk Bde and Tac HQ 12 Corps as extra outstns. 31 Tk Bde off the net again by evening	DGH
		1800	Line position as shown by line diagram issued as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx J2
	4	0800	Line section busy on modifications to layout, with 44 Bde moving up to SEVENUM, 46 Bde to former 44 loc at BERINGE prior to moving back to 227 Bde loc at ASTEN with 227 Bde scheduled for MAASBREE. A certain amount of assistance from both 8 and 12 Corps in providing quad for us to lay ourselves & for 44 Bde who have an extensive layout. As the div looks like being in this area for a considerable period, all lines are being most carefully built with as permanent cable as may be obtained (ie quad as much as possible)	DGH DGH
PANNINGEN		1000	Comd holds Coy Comds' conference on various matters, chiefly on tpt and future plans re training	DGH
		1200	A/CSO 8 Corps visits C.O. & Adjt and stays to lunch	DGH
		1400	C.O. holds orderly room - perhaps the largest since leaving England - 4 cases!	DGH
		1600	LT SCHREIBER absorbed in the Unit on 2nd Army Authy (2i/c "A" Sec but employed in "C" Sec). LT STEARS now surplus & posted to 40 RHU but remains attd this Unit for all purposes	DGH
	5	0800	Line Sec again out on line layout, with 44 Tac moving out & back to 44 Main. Direct line to 44 now, with Recce on 44 board 44 - SC and SC - 8 Royal Scots to keep 44 Bde.	DGH
		1500	CO attends Div Comd's conference on training and future ops	DGH
		1600	Lt-Col Lyall R. Signals, instructor at the Staff College, arrives on visit from 8 Corps for the night. Commences tour of layout after tea and takes in Rear Div first with O.C. Sigs Rear	DGH
PANNINGEN	6	0000	Lt-Col Lyall continues his visit and departs at 1000 hrs	DGH
		1200	CO and Adjt depart for HELMOND for much-needed bath & proceed to theatre show	DGH
			Line section engaged throughout day on normal work routine dets assisting both 44 & 227 Bdes. New quad laid Main Div - Signal Centre.	DGH
	7	0930	Adjt holds training conference with Signalmaster, Wireless officer and Cipher officer regarding procedure for W/T links under present semi-static conditions. See instruction issued subsequently	DGH Appx J3
		1100	Line sections out again - new quad being laid Sig Centre - 44 Bde. Arrangements completely for comms to Rear RASC in ZOMEREN	DGH

			(SWAN - 227 Bde - RASC and SWAN - RASC by means of 8 Corps quad) and a further line laid Div Sig Centre - 1 Det assisting 227 Bde in their new area HELDEN (7903) and RA det started on a new layout, which it is reckoned will take 45 miles of D8 double cable to complete.	
		1400	New A Tk Regt (102) (from 50 Div) in place of 97 - require four more frequencies as they have sets from Btys to Tps which 97 never had. Necessary adjustments made	DGH
PANNINGEN	8	0100	Change of frequency list from Inf Div List "B" to Inf Div List "C". Change goes very smoothly indeed	DGH
		0900	227 Bde move out of ASTEN and relieve 160 Bde of 53 Div in HELDEN (7903) and take over existing line. New quad laid to them in course of day and Bde lateral to 53 Div strapped through to Main 15 Div on third pair	DGH
		1415	46 Bde move out of BERINGEN into res in ASTEN and take over existing comms.	
		1700	New quad completed Signal Centre - 44 Bde - one pair still faulty	DGH
	9	0900	15 (S) Div returns under comd 8 Corps - wireless through OK	DGH
		1000	Adjt and OC Sigs Rear attend A/Q conference, which lasts for 3½ hours and discusses many points - accommodation, welfare, surplus MT and leave to UK	DGH
		1400	Comd R Sigs conference of all officers at Main Div HQ and OC Sigs Rear & QM on welfare, Xmas, New Year arrangements & other matters	DGH
PANNINGEN		1700	Certain line adjustments rearwards due to changeover back to 8 Corps - 12 Corps RA Sig Centre away. Now no lines to 12 Corps 1+1 on Main Div - Swan, with carrier strapped through direct to 8 Corps. Recce move today to LIEROP - now also obtainable through SWAN.	DGH
			Forward arrangements still building up - wireless now practically closed	DGH
	10	0930	Church parade at Main Div HQ with very good attendance and a most excellent service	DGH
		1200	CSO 8 Corps arrives on a social visit and stays to lunch and meets most of the Unit officers at Main Div HQ	DGH
		1700	Line secs both of this Unit and of Corps Sigs still heavily engaged on building up and effecting alterations to one line set-up. Now very nearly in shape	DGH
	11	0100	1st 24 hour period of training on the Div C/W net begins. Goes quite all right, except for the Bde resting back in the ASTEN	DGH

PANNINGEN		0100	- onwards / area, where there is considerable difficulty, especially with practice all-stns messages from other outstns. Decided that in future the resting Bde will not be included in the scheme.	DGH
		1430	Adjt attends Div Comd's conference on the forthcoming opening of leave to the UK	DGH
	12	1000	CO and Adjt pay routine visits to 44 and 227 Bdes, chiefly to see how they are getting on with their extensive line layouts - all going well	DGH
		1000	ASM LEEMING W WO i/c LAD today granted emergency commission as 2/LT in REME. CAPT WD TONER (OC A SEC) granted 14 days compassionate leave	DGH
		1700	Line layout now practically complete - hope to issue complete line diagram tomorrow	
		1700	Special Interference Section arrives - working on frequencies with Codes & Security sec for interferences of all kinds	DGH
PANNINGEN	13	0830	CO and 2 i/c leave for ZOMEREN to see presentation of medal ribbons by C-in-C and hear his address to recipients and senior offrs of the Div	DGH
		1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs. Line layout now completed with line lateral 44 Bde - 3 Mons - 159 Bde - 11 Armd Div. Speech excellent. Only forthcoming change now pending (to be completed tomorrow) is removal of 3rd quad pair, belonging to 8 Corps from 44 Bde and turning it into a direct line to 46 Bde in ASTEN (via Swan Sig Centre)	DGH Appx J4
		1800	Wireless on second day of intense CW activity on Div Comd net - position greatly eased by the exclusion of the resting Bde in ASTEN from the scheme	DGH
	14	1000	LT D.W. SOUTAR from 50 (N) Div Sigs attached this Unit FAP. An old and valued member of this Unit to welcome back	DGH
		1000	A day of normal routine - a direct line provided now (via Swan) to the resting Bde in ASTEN	DGH
PANNINGEN	15	1000	CO, Adjt, OC 2 Coy visit 131 and 181 Fd Regts. CO arranges for new direct line (half-phantom) 44 Bde - 181 Fd Regt	DGH
		1100	Capt KR CURRY Cipher Officer posted back to UK	DGH
			Lt M STEARS posted 3 (Br) Inf Div	DGH
		1200	193 Fd Amb on by line to 44 Bde. 194 Fd Amb on to Main Div	DGH
	16	1000	CO and Adjt - 2 i/c already there - proceed to 53 (W) Div HQ to see there C R Sigs with reference to 46 Bde who are taking over from 160 Bde tomorrow. 46 Bde are moving into HQ 53 (W) Div present locations so the situation is arranged without undue difficulty	DGH

		1200	CO presides over the draw of the ballot for UK leave, which passes off most smoothly	DGH
		1415	CO attends Div Comd's conference on future plans & trg	DGH
		1600	CO and Adjt pay second visit to 53 Div in connection with the a/m takeover	
PANNINGEN	17	0945	Church Parade conducted by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. A most beautiful service and the Moderator's words most moving	DGH
		1000	46 (H) Bde move to HEYTHUIZEN area (7903) arriving about midday and are immediately through by line - 1 quad pair direct and 1 46 Bde - 3 AGRA - HQRA 15 Div - 15 Div	DGH
		1730	Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ on forthcoming move and plans	DGH
	18	0030	Adjt issues leave roster together with vacancies for Jan 1945	DGH
		1000	CO and 2 i/c leave for 30 Corps and HQ Canadian Army to discuss forthcoming move of the Div into their area. They are away all day	
		1100	44 Bde lines, damaged by Carriers, through again OK	DGH
			Lateral to 11 Armd Div under way - lateral from 44 Bde now changing to unit of 3 (Br) Div. Line laid for 11 Armd Div to 227	
		1200	RA det	
		1200	Lt FC BROCK attached as interim Cipher officer in place of Capt Curry, pending arrival of permanent replacement	DGH
PANNINGEN	19	1000	Certain changes in the rearward line layout - 8 Corps taking over former 12 Corps lines - 12 Corps Sig Centre at WEERT becomes 8 Corps Sig Centre "GOOSE" to which we have former 12 Corps quad, giving one line to "GOOSE" and the other strapped through as lateral to 11 Armd Div	DGH
		1200	Issued line diagram as at 1800 hrs today	DGH Appx J5
		1400	An afternoon of normal routine - CO has small orderly room and interviews etc. Wireless day on CW net - practice traffic now excluded from this scheme on orders from Corps. OC Sigs Rear away today on Div Recce party to new area	DGH DGH
	20	1000	Line Section engaged on new lateral 44 Bde - 185 Bde (3 (Br) Div) to replace present - UG pair SEVENUM - HORST utilized for this purpose and through by 1400 hrs. 520 CA det (making third) now 15 Div responsibility for comms - put on party line with 218 det & 39 FS	DGH DGH
		1600	CO decides for the present to cut out "wireless days" altogether	DGH
PANNINGEN	21	0900	C-in-C's certificates for outstanding good service to LT (QM) J.A. SHIELDS, SGT D. UNSTEAD ("A" Sec), CSM C. ANDERSON (HQ 1	DGH

			COY), SGT R.W. BROWN ("J" Sec (posthumous)), CPW G.E. SPARKS ("N" Sec). The CO is going to present these formally on Xmas day	
		1000	Cpl Wilkes ("A" Sec) returns from DAD course at 2nd Army School at EINDHOVEN, having obtained Q1 and OC 1 Coy institutes a unit course of ten days (2 more in the afternoon)	DGH
		1100	Adjt inspects cookhouse, ration stores etc	DGH
		1400	Normal routine afternoon - NTR	DGH
	22	1000	CO and Adjt visit CSO's branch 8 Corps and lunch in 8 Corps Sigs Mess. Complete trace of all 15 Div lines in present area handed to A/CSO	DGH
		1600	On returning, several changes in rearward lines found - 3 AGRA pair - 8 AGRA instead and lines to "GOOSE". 11 Armd Div had to go through their board. 46 Bde alternative routing gone - temporarily at least	DGH
PANNINGEN		1720	46 Bde late for daily test call on R/T net - necessary action taken	DGH
	23	1100	Comd attends Div Comd's conference on training etc. Schools to continue under Bde arrangements	DGH
		1400	46 Bde lay line 46 Bde - 61 Med Regt, thus restoring alternative routing (15 Div - 8 AGRA - 61 Med - 46 Bde)	DGH
		1500	O.C. Line Sqn 8 Corps arrives from 8 Corps on way to see OC 44 Bde Sigs re undergrounds SEVENUM - BLERICK	DGH
	24	0930	Church Parade with excellent carol-singing by all present and the Christmas spirit is now considerably in evidence	DGH
		1700	A number of shells fall in the village - no casualties, but direct line to 46 and party line to CA and RS Secs put out - speech OK on alternative routing to 46 but C/W net opened to them for message clearing	DGH
		2030	Unit carol-singing party tours officers' messes and sing excellently	DGH
PANNINGEN	25	0800	WO & Sgts take tea to ORs in bed - usual Christmas morning. Ringing fault on 46 Bde rather damps the ardour of "C" Sec	DGH
		1130	Unit carol-singers perform at church service of 1 Mx	DGH
		1300	CO, 2i/c, Adjt visit men's dinner at Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1330	Men's dinner - after visit by officers to WO's & Sgts Mess - a very good show. GOC visits and presents C-in-C's certificates as previously mentioned	DGH
		1800	Men attend performance of "A Christmas Carol" performed by the monks of the monastery	DGH
		2000	Officers Mess Christmas dinner	
		2030	Housey-Housey etc in the men's recreation room - all the Xmas arrangements have really gone very well	DGH

PANNINGEN	26	1400 1800 2100	CO and Adjt pay routine visit to 46 Bde CO and Adjt attend performance of a nativity play and "A Christmas Carol" by monks of the local monastery CO and Adjt attend performance of Div HQ officers pantomime in which CAPT ORR plays part of heroine - most amusing Otherwise a quiet day - a certain amount of trouble on the Corps line with the carrier and on the 46 Bde line, but nothing serious. Ominous note struck in the evening by receiving word that the Unit has to provide 8 OWLs and 1 Dvr/Mech for R Sigs draft for Far East	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	27	1045 1430 1730	CO and Adjt attend talk by GSO1 to all ranks bringing them up to date with the feats of the Division from Normandy up to the present position CSO 2nd Army (Brig KNOWLES late CSO 8 Corps) visits CO CO and Adjt attend film show in Men's mess - an excellent show, but Mess Hall freezing cold - OC HQ Coy not yet obtained stoves	DGH DGH DGH
	28	0900	A day of ordinary routine. Nothing outstanding to report. Fault (contact) on 44 Bde quad in afternoon, otherwise NTR	DGH
PANNINGEN	29	1000 1300 1530	Routine morning - issued instructions regarding the recommencement of "wireless days" starting tomorrow on the Corps nets and on the Div nets after New Year Issued Line Diagram as at 1400 hrs CO and Adjt attend the second of three children's parties being run at Div HQ for the children of the village. Great success	DGH DGH J6 DGH
	30	1045 1100 1500 1600	CO addresses draft of 9 ORs under order for the Far East CO and Adjt depart for LIEROP to inspect Recce Regt Sig Sec and Recce Sigs Training Cadre CAPT TONER returns from compassionate leave Linesmen out on 46 Bde and Rear Div lines damaged by three shells falling quite near Div HQ. All OK again in approx 1½ hrs - new piece required to be laid in 46 Bde line	DGH DGH DGH DGH
	31.	0945 1900	Church Parade as normal - good attendance CO and Adjt to Sigs "C" Mess at Rear Div HQ for Hogmanay celebration David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjt 15th (Scottish) Inf Div Signals	DGH DGH

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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS (incl LAD attd)

Month and Year JAN 45

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN	1	1145	Small sherry party in Sigs Mess to usher in the New Year, attended by GOC G1 A/Q etc etc - most of the senior officers of Div HQ	DGH
		1700	A number of shells, larger than normal, fall in the PANNINGEN area - no damage, only faulty line being the alternative routing to 46 Bde	DGH
		1830	Second sherry party in Sigs Mess for the more junior officers of Div HQ - both parties a great success and Comd & officers drink the health of Mess Cpl and Men's Cook at drinks afterwards	DGH
	2	0830	CO and OC Sigs Rear (OC 3 Coy) depart for Brussels on 48 hrs leave	DGH
		1000	A busy morning, chiefly devoted to fixing up extra signal stores for 227 Bde and for the DUTCH Coy under comd 44 and for the Div school opening shortly beyond Brussels	DGH
		1500	Draft of 9 men received to replace those posted the other day to Far East	DGH
PANNINGEN	3	1800	A normal day of busy routine with nothing outstanding to report	DGH
	4	1000	First case of its kind - Court of Inquiry sits to declare a Sgmn of Codes & Security "illegally absent" having failed to return from compassionate leave	DGH
		1200	Line laid by "C" Sec to 6342 LWS (Light Warning Set) of RAF 46 Bde line faulty this morning - also attended to by both "C" Sec and 46 Bde linesmen	DGH
		1700	CO and OC 3 Coy return from BRUSSELS	DGH
	5	1100	Routine morning with CO interviewing several people in the ordinary course of affairs, including LT CR WICKS posted to us from 12 Corps Sigs as Cipher officer. LT BROCK (att) leaves on the 7th.	DGH
		1445	CO and Adjt pay routine visit to 44 Bde and 227 Bde remaining for tea at 44 Bde	DGH

PANNINGEN	6	1000	Normal routine day - nothing to report	DGH
		1200	Adjt with Signalmaster and Codes offr leaves for HELMOND for bath etc	DGH
		1745	Comd has interview with GOC	DGH
	7	0945	Church parade as normal	DGH
		1000	ORD moving mostly from Rear Div to ASTEN - problem of comms not easy, especially with ORD - such a busy extension and taking the OFP with them. Recce shortly vacating LIEROP and coming further forward but this line of no value for ORD. Only solution is to make ORD and Rear RASC a party line and arrangements for this	
		1800	under way & completed by 1800 hrs	DGH
PANNINGEN	8	1000	Signal officer RECCE to see CO and Adj re forthcoming move of Recce Regt on Wednesday or Thursday of this week to STICHTING HEILBLOEN (717015). "C" sec start on this lengthy lay which will be carried on from new HQ Recce Regt to 46 Bde. 8 miles of quad specially authorized by CSO for this job. Line sec also engaged on cable recovery and receive rum ration at night	DGH
		1100	CO with OC 1 Coy inspects all CVs at Main and Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1200	Unit receives its first "weasel" - with LAD for inspection	DGH
		1400	Signalmaster Rear on ORD problem again - possible alternative solution	DGH
	9	0930	- onwards. Adjt engaged in taking Summary of Evidence in the case of Sgmn Fielding (damage to veh - refusal to accept CO's award)	DGH
		1000	"C" cable again on Recce line - by the afternoon only 500 yds to do - held up by fresh supplies of quad cable not arriving until the evening	DGH
		1400	Commanding Officer's orderly room	DGH
PANNINGEN	10	0840	CV1 and CV2 remain open after normal test call for move of Recce	
		1030	at 1030 hrs - comms OK. Recce move	DGH
		1250	Recce in new location. Both pairs of new line through are terminated at present on Recce board (later to be taken on to 46 Bde). Contact between both pairs partially remedied. Line is UG from PANNINGEN - BERINGEN thence quad.	DGH DGH
		1500	218 CA and 39 FS line cease as party line - both now through on separate UG lines	DGH
		1700	ORD and RASC now on separate direct lines from SWAN (RASC on former Recce line (SWAN - UG HELMOND - UG LIEROP - D8 ZOMEREN BRIDGE - quad RASC) and ORD on former RASC stumped at ASTEN Speech OK on both circuits	DGH
		2150	Extreme Frost Warning received (14° of frost tonight). Necessary precautions taken - both for engines and for batteries - all	DGH

			engines being run for 20 mins every 4 hrs (all vehs are already filled with glycol mixture)	
PANNINGEN	11	0900 1000 1930	A day of normal routine. One CV (LP) exchange this day on Corps authority for one ACV (LP) from 11 Armd Div. To be used as a spare especially for a Bde HQ going forward into an exposed position in which case the Bde will make a temporary exchange with "A" Sec with one of its own CV's. The new G1 (LT-COL HAILEY) comes to the Sigs Mess for drinks before dinner	DGH DGH DGH
	12	1000 1400 1800	Comd attends GOC's conference on future events - changeovers in Bdes etc, additional tps coming under comd and the Div area considerably enlarged in the near future CSO 8 Corps visits Comd and remains for about 1½ hours, talking over routine matters and inspecting one or two of the CVs First of the Main Div HQ Officers PT classes - in the conference room. A great success - actually a dancing class and "strip the willow" was practiced on this occasion, with the aid of one of the SIGS pipers	DGH DGH DGH
	13	1200 1300	Issued Line Diagram as at 1800 hrs Comd and OC 3 Coy leave for Corps on routine visit and to attend an evening function with 8 Corps Signals	DGH Folio 21 DGH
PANNINGEN	14	0915 1000 1400	Church parade as normal. CO and Adjt, with 2in-c, busy on many matters of greater and lesser importance, prior to departure tomorrow of CO on leave Link working (CV6 (outstn) - CV5) to Div School at GENVAL nr Brussels, a distance of 78 miles. R5 both ways CW, speech not practicable - rod aerials only, naturally, results considered reasonably satisfactory Line Section out recceing new line to be laid to ASTEN - a lengthy lay forced upon us at last by the amount of lines already on the SWAN board and by the incoming fourth Bde already mentioned coming in to ASTEN shortly	DGH DGH DGH
PANNINGEN	15	1000 1000 1430	CO and Codes & Secy officer depart on UK leave. Major GF JOHNSON assumes comd of the Unit Adjt engaged on additional summary of evidence on the Fielding case CO has conference of those concerned on the subject of forthcoming changes in Bde dispositions and of 1 Cdo Bde coming u/c 15 (S) Div on 18 Jan. Arrangements satisfactorily concluded.	DGH DGH DGH
	16	1000	Line to ASTEN turns out to have been a good "spec" - 1 Cdo Bde, prior to coming u/c 15 Div concentrating in ASTEN at old 227 Bde HQ and we are able to connect them on without delay. ORD also	DGH

			put in parallel on this line, but later in the day, 10 line exchange established in ASTEN with Div line terminating there and 1 CDO Bde and ORD as extensions	
		1000	Adjt engaged on Summary of Evidence in the case of a returned absentee from compassionate leave	DGH
		1800	Officer PT class - the beginnings of the eightsome reel for those unfortunate enough not to know this dance already	DGH
	17	1215	COL ASHLEY (47 Trg Div SIGS) and LT-COL COPELAND (MT3) arrive on visit to the Unit - leaving tomorrow morning. After lunch they	DGH
PANNINGEN		1400	proceed with A/CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy to 44 Bde and visit Rear Div HQ and Signal Office etc at Main Div HQ after tea	DGH
		1600	Sig Offr (CAPT BEATTIE) 1 CDO Bde visits Adjt and many points in connection with their takeover settled (frequencies, codesigns etc). Proceeds after tea with OC 3 Coy to talk over a/m matters, particularly UC switchboards and telephones, which are proving the greatest difficulty in these handovers - they have none and no one has any to issue to them! ACSO meets QM to arrange matters on the 'Q' level	DGH
	18	1000	Adj again engaged on court-martial work & other returns - Hons & Awards etc. LT QM departs on leave	DGH
		1100	A/CO and Adjt on burning problem of phones etc for 1 CDO Bde with more success today by a good combout from all corners of the division	DGH DGH
		1800	Ech allotment of leave received - very much reduced	
PANNINGEN	19	0900	Final arrangements on the Sigs side made for the changeover of Bdes tomorrow and also for INNS OF COURT Regt of 11 Armd Div who are also coming under comd and going into ASTEN tomorrow - no problem now as they will take over the lines at present in use by 1 CDO Bde. Wireless silence forward tomorrow	DGH
		1000	Line Sec engaged on two lines from our ASTEN switching centre (now known as "DIAMOND") partly UG (from LIEROP) to HELMOND for 44 and 46 Bde Wkshps. Completed by 1700 hrs	DGH
		1400	Adjt commences clear-out of all secret files & institutes new filing system	DGH
	20	0900	Line sections engaged on completion of work in ASTEN area	DGH
		1100	44 Bde (less Tac HQ) move out - 227 Bde take over and 1 CDO Bde take over from 227 Bde. All lines taken and handed over satisfactorily. INNS OF COURT Regt move into 1 CDO location in ASTEN - lines OK there also and 'A' Sec rep proceeds there for wireless briefing	DGH DGH
PANNINGEN		1230	News of Div being relieved almost immediately by 6 Airborne Div and Div going back to TURNHOUT - HERENTHALS area for rest	DGH

			period. Secrecy extreme but former plan of ops under 30 Corps appears to be a certainty. Div will be under 1st Cdn Army in rest area. Recce parties laid on for tomorrow - all quite smoothly as per previous arrangements when this plan was in the air before	
		1530	Adjt, OC 3 Coy and OC HQ Coy attend A/Q conference on above at Rear Div HQ. A/CO sees Col etc	DGH
		1700	Adv party 6 Airborne Div arrives - 3 offrs & 9 ORs. CAPT BLACK (OC HQ COY) returns from leave.	DGH
		1800	All arrangements in order for tomorrow and all & sundry of those "in the picture" are heartily delighted at the prospect of leaving PANNINGEN	DGH
	21	0930	A/CR Sigs leaves for Corps, new Div area etc	DGH
		0930	Line Sec of 6 Airborne and ours out together recceing for taking & handing over lines	DGH
		1200	Issued Line Diagram as @ 1200 hrs	DGH Appx Folio 22
PANNINGEN		1300	Information received that 1 CDO Bde leaving again tomorrow & being relieved by 8 RS, 4 KSLI and INNS OF COURT (both 11 Armd Div) all directly under comd 15 (S) Div. Arrangements made for netting of 4 KSLI and 8 RS. Adjt arranges for DIAMOND switch to close wef first light 22nd and to proceed to HELDEN to take over lines from 1 CDO Bde	DGH
		1700	CV6 moved from Div School to Report Centre at new Div HQ at HERENTHALS and reports to OC Div Recce Party (Major HOUSTON). After some little difficulty comms established R3 each way	DGH
		1800	Tremendous arguments over swbds and teles to be handed over to incoming Div - finally settled but not easily	DGH
		2000	A/CR Sigs returns and has left half of line section in new area but most lines already in existence (51 (H) Div)	DGH
	22	0830	Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ - Div now moving to TILBURG and not to HERENTHALS	DGH
PANNINGEN		0915	Spare F&F switchboard takes over lines from 1 CDO Bde in HELDEN smoothly giving lines to the 2 bns in the line, 8 RS & INNS OF COURT, and other Helden subscribers	DGH
		0920	Recce move out and pair in quad strapped through direct to 46 Bde	DGH
		1010	1 CDO Bde move out	DGH
		1035	All stns satisfactorily netted, including 8 RS for the first time on Div Comd R/T net	DGH
		1115	A/CR Sigs leaves for 30 Corps & TILBURG on liaison with CSO and on recce	DGH

		1800	Line traces, diagrams etc handed over to senior rep of adv party of 6 Airborne Div	
PANNINGEN	23	0900 0900 1400 1500 1800	A day of final adjustments and arrangements - 6 Airborne take over lines at 1100 hrs - situation somewhat complicated by the fact of us moving tomorrow and comd not actually passing until 250001B hrs but 6 Airborne agree to take Rear lines for us - onwards / except for CCRA line which we are doing - armd car remaining also to hold Div Comd net until changeover - Col remaining behind - net now consisting of 227 Bde, 3 Para Bde and 5 Para Bde both of whom are now under comd 15 Div (satisfactorily netted at 1300 hrs - 1½ hrs before actually coming under comd). We are leaving small party behind for various duties under OC HQ Coy with lines section also leaving half behind until following day A/CR Sigs conference with 6 Airborne reps for final details A/CR Sigs departs for new area Still arguments on vexed question of exchanges and telephones but reasonably satisfactorily settled. A good handover in general	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
nr TILBURG	24	0945 1700	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ leaves PANNINGEN and moves to the SEMINARY (235380) near TILBURG with Rear Div HQ in the CONVENT at SPARRENDEAL (283405) arriving at approx 1600 hrs. Now under 30 CORPS, 1st CDN ARMY Corps quad through - 1 pr through to Rear Div - Div lines quad to OISTERWIJK (2334) thence UG into TILBURG for 44, 46 Bdes. Only 46 Bde in so far, but arrangements well in hand for all subscribers. Wireless silence on for Div - change to List "A" wef 0100 hrs tomorrow. New list produced tonight - netting times to follow	DGH DGH DGH
nr TILBURG	25	0900 1000 1240 1430	Issued 30 Corps freqs to all concerned CV5 nets on Corps R/T Comd net at 10 mins notice - R5 right away and first stations to come up and group. Rest of wireless nets still silent. Line sections busy on completing line layout - line through to 227 Bde as soon as they arrive and line also completed this afternoon to HQRASC - other subscribers not yet arrived at locations Rear party arrives from PANNINGEN - all handed over there most satisfactorily A/CR Sigs and Codes Offr go to Corps on routine visit re wireless arrangements, link-signs, codes (now 1 CDN Army) etc	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
nr TILBURG	27	1000	A/CR Sigs attends planning conference at HQ 30 Corps, returning at lunch time	DGH

		1200	Issued line diagram as @ 1600 hrs - line layout now exactly as per this diagram	DGH Appx Folio 23
		1400	Adjt and Signalmaster leave for Tilburg for much-needed bath	DGH
		1800	Adjt and Sgt Morris (orderly room Sgt) briefed for op "VERITABLE" by A/CR Sigs	DGH
	28	0945	Church Parade as normally	DGH
		1500	All 15 Div nets down to but excl 18 & 38 set nets open and net on Inf List "A" in connection with op "TURBINATE II" - as per 4000/G(Ops) issued by "G" for Sigs dated 26/1/45 - all comms satisfactorily established despite Corps confusion who appear incapable of deciding whether they are on Corps List "A" or "B" - some Corps nets on A and others on B. Certain nets find increasing interference as evening comes (CV1, CV8, CV7), Adjt attempting to clear	DGH Appx Folio 24
nr TILBURG	29	0900	Wireless position much more satisfactory this morning but decided to put Div Comd R/T on to alternative freq on next period	DGH
		1100	All wireless nets close	DGH
		1600	OC Sigs 6 GDS TK BDE (coming under comd 15 Div) to see A/CR Sigs and Adjt - Bde moving into TILBURG tomorrow - arrangements made for line for them by tomorrow night	DGH
	30	0930	A/CR Sigs leaves for Corps to discuss line layout in assembly area for forthcoming ops	DGH
		1045	Adjt and Codes Offr depart for Corps for frequency allotment and callsign conferences respectively	DGH
		1140	A/CR Sigs returns	DGH
		1610	Adjt and Codes Offr return - several amendments to be made in freq allotment in order to assist the move Appalling clashes with other fmns in the ops	DGH
		1620	CR Sigs and Codes Offr return from leave. CR Sigs reassumes comd	DGH
nr TILBURG	31	0800	Wireless state OK all round - Div R/T comd net now on alt freq of 2128 Kc/s - better than 2372 Kc/s on this occasion	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs and 2 i/c leave for Corps to see CSO on line matters	DGH
		1030	Unit receives 3 weasels (two allotted "C" and one to "D" Sec) but one has to go straight to wkshps	DGH
		1125	Unit receives 2 C52 wireless sets - for CCRA and Corps Comd nets - and two of the 9 sets are to be handed over to 3 (Br) Div Sigs	DGH
		1600	Wireless det of "R" Force arrives - to take over from us by degrees, the Rear R/T link to Corps - part of the "TURBINATE II" deception plan	DGH

		1700	CO of No5 Special Wireless Sec ("R" Force) calls to see CO re the above and the forthcoming recording of certain of the Div nets	DGH
		2030	CR Sigs and 2 i/c leave for GOC's party in TILBURG	DGH
			David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
nr TILBURG	1	0730	OC 1 Coy and lines officer leave for line Recce in new area of forthcoming ops	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs attends Div Comd's Co-ordinating Conference	DGH
		1210	Rep of Gds Armd Div arrives to recce our present line layout etc. They are taking over from us here when we move out	DGH
		1630	OC 1 Coy and lines officer return after successful day	DGH
		2200	Wireless situation has been OK throughout day and 6 GDS TK Bde netted on Div Comd R/T and C/W nets at midday satisfactorily and all nets now close and period of wireless silence now in force	DGH
nr TILBURG	2	0900	"R" Force personnel arrive for the recording of Div Comd R/T and CRASC nets - very satisfactory. "R" Force comments as the best performances they have had for a long period	DGH
		1100	CO & Adjt leave for 88 Gen Hospital to visit Capt Toner and Lt Soutar - Toner slight concussion after fall on ice and Soutar leg injury - both making satisfactory progress	DGH
		1430	CO and Adjt leave for 30 Corps for final tying-up of lines in new area with CSO. A most satisfactory interview and several points cleared up	DGH
		2015	OC 1 Coy, lines offr and bulk of "C" Sec depart in 6 Gds Tk Bde column for NIJMEGEN (new loc Div HQ) to get started on big line layout in NIJMEGEN itself and forward in the area of forthcoming ops	DGH
	3	0900	"R" Force personnel return to record the Div "Q" Comd net	DGH
			Recce party - OC 3 Coy, OC HQ Coy and "G" offr proceed to	DGH
			NIJMEGEN to lay out new Div HQs. Wireless silence is now imposed on the Div until further orders	DGH
		1500	OC Guards Armd Div Sigs calls to visit CO to discuss arrangements for the handover in this area	DGH
		1900	In the "London Gazette" for 2nd Feb - MC for MAJOR GF JOHNSON 2 i/c of the unit - this news heard with very great pleasure	DGH

nr TILBURG	4	0930	All officers, except adv party under OC HQ COY which left for new area at 0830 hrs this morning, leave for TILBURG to attend Corps Comd and Div Comd briefing conference for op "VERITABLE"	DGH
		1400	15 (S) Div Signals Operation Instr No 1 Op "VERITABLE" is begun and continues until approx 050200A hrs - of necessity by the scale of the operation, the biggest Op Instr from this office since "OVERLORD"	DGH Appx D.1.
		1430	CR Sigs visits Sigs at Rear Div	DGH
		1500	Adv party GDS ARMD DIV arrives to take over lines etc which proceeds perfectly smoothly	DGH
	5	0900	Preparations in hand for move-out of Div to NIJMEGEN	DGH
		1600	Div HQ and approx 1 hour later Rear Div HQ on move, and arrive new location NIJMEGEN (714615) and Rear Div (714616) at approx 060600A and 060800A respectively. A long and difficult journey with several vehs ditched en route	DGH
NIJMEGEN	6	0915	Lines through to 6 GDS TK Bde, 46 and 227 Bdes who are already in situ, also in NIJMEGEN. Lines keep on coming in throughout day - picture (less Sig Centre comms) as per line diagrams Appces L2 and L3 issued this evening by 2100 hrs (less 53 Div not through until 071125A hrs)	DGH
		1100	Adjt attends A/Q co-ordinating conference at Rear Div HQ Nothing vital for Sigs except line required fwd for Traffic Sector Control - completed in the course of the afternoon	DGH
		2300	Issued Appces L2 and L3 to Op Instr No 1 and Amdt No 2	DGH Appces
	7	0900	Final preparations in hand - all line arrangements completed including fwd comms as per Appx L2 referred to above	DGH
		1200	CO attend Div Comd's Traffic Control Conference	DGH
		1400	All ranks Main and Rear Div attend briefing conference by GOC and G1	DGH
		1600	CO attends Div Comd's final co-ordinating conference	DGH
NIJMEGEN		1730	LT DW SOUTAR rejoins the unit from hospital	DGH
		1030	Further alternative routing to Signal Centre laid on - Sig Centre - RHLI - 4 CDN BDE - 2 CDN DIV - 15 DIV - speech excellent	DGH
	8	0600	Div Comd net opens to 227 Bde only	DGH
		0800	All HQ 15 Div nets open and net - all OK (one RASC Coy via HQ RASC otherwise everything in order)	DGH
		0930	Links to 30 Corps open - all OK	DGH
		1030	H HOUR	DGH
		1100	2 HCR (now under comd 15 Div) net on R/T Comd net - OK	DGH
			Line situation as normal in all ops - a certain number of faults throughout the day and the situation complicated by both 46 &	

			227 Bdes, the two fwd bdes in Phase I of the op, employing Tac HQs and also 44 Bde later in the day and 6 Gds.	
		1430	CO visits Sig Centre and confers with OC 1 Coy, who is already pushing new lines fwd from Sig Centre - traffic & state of roads the chief difficulties - Tac 44 and 227 very hard to reach with line by nightfall	DGH
NIJMEGEN		1800	Wireless situation worsening rapidly with very considerable interference on practically every net - Div Comd especially affected. Step up sent out but results far from satisfactory	DGH
		2000	CO departs in Armd Car to endeavour to fix matters with a step-up	DGH
	9	0200	GOC leaves for ACV and spends night there - CO with him most of the time. Wireless situation not good throughout night	DGH
		0645	Wireless position greatly improved - possibility of German jamming set having been in operation and now driven back.	DGH
		0830	Div Recce party leaves and recces GROESBEEK (7555) and KRANENBURG (7756) area for move of Main Div HQ - subsequently cancelled for today at any rate	DGH
		0900	- onwards. Bde Tac HQs constantly moving about - quite impossible to follow them up with lines - due to state of roads and traffic blockers but wireless greatly improved throughout day	DGH
		1400	CO visits all Bdes at their Tac HQs - has to walk last bit due to road conditions	DGH
NIJMEGEN		1500	Sec Sgt "A" Sec out to intermediate position as last night had Sig Centre with two step-ups - the ACV and spare 12 set CV - but night shows that conditions greatly different from last night - step up only very occasionally and all stns remain through	DGH
		2200	directly to control, strengths having only dropped to a good R3 and ranges increased	DGH
	10	1000	A very similar day to yesterday - line sections not possible to catch up to Bde Tac HQ's except 6 Gds Bde, who are linked on to 46 Bde Tac	
		1800	Wireless position satisfactory throughout day but now beginning to deteriorate again as on previous night - step up not of great avail	DGH
		1900	CAPT W.D. TONER rejoins Unit from 10 (Cdn) General Hospital	DGH
		2300	Wireless comms very much improved again after being most difficult - explanation of such difficulty over such reasonable ranges quite baffling, but comms one way or another have been maintained throughout	DGH

NIJMEGEN	11	0930	Main Div HQ (Rear Div HQ remains for the present) leaves for GERMANY and arrives new location (NUTTERDEN 853558) at approx 1230 hrs. As an original member of this Division I wish to say this night and trust that it may not be considered frivolous "The mills of God grind slow, but they grind exceeding small"	DGH
GERMANY NUTTERDEN		1600	Lines through to 44, 46, 227, Recce - quads to Corps Sig Centre in flooded KRANENBURG - but only one line thence to Corps - not very satisfactory	DGH
		1900	R/T Comd net closed partially - 44, 46, 227 off the group for the night - otherwise all comms OK	DGH
	12	0900	Extreme difficulty today, owing to heavy flooding, in reaching Rear Div still in NIJMEGEN - only 3 tonners possible for DRW and they strictly limited	DGH
		1000	46 Bde sent out "Jock" column using Div Comd R/T alternate freq	DGH
		1400	Lines laid to 130 D.I.D. and 8 T.C.P. (for Corps)	DGH
NUTTERDEN		1600	Sig Centre open at 882560 - lines laid from there to 46 Bde and Recce but quad from Main Div HQ - Sig Centre not completed until 2320 hrs	DGH
		2200	Wireless situation reasonably good, in spite of heavy but intermittent interference throughout day, including to Rear Div - just as well this, as both Corps lines faulty throughout evening and these were the only way of reaching Rear Div by line	DGH
	13	0700	44 Bde in support of 43 Div - netted satisfactorily on 43 Div R/T Comd net only. 2 HCR now no longer under comd 15 Div	DGH
		1000	CO and Adjt leave on routine visits to 44, 46, 227, 6 Gds, Recce, 1 Mx and Signal Centre, and also inspect progress on build-up of line layout (continued throughout day) on existing structure	DGH
		1500	CO and Adjt leave again for 44 Bde - they are now in support of 53 Div - same procedure as this morning with 43 Div and have suffered (Sig Section) heavily in this operation in both men and vehs and despite assistance from Sigs HQ today in both personnel and eqpt.	DGH
NUTTERDEN	14	0900	Div Recce party out to CLEVE and arrange new HQ in the BARRACKS square (8855)	DGH
		1430	Main Div HQ moves as indicated above, arriving at approx 1600 hrs - line situation reasonable as only 46 Bde have moved today and existing Sig Centre stands for all concerned - new lines to 46 Bde and Corps arrive shortly after Div HQ established	DGH
CLEVE		2100	Wireless in new area satisfactory fwd but becoming rather stretched in rear - to both Corps (on R/T) and to Rear Div but comms maintained	DGH

	15	0900	- onwards. A day of usual work, wireless remaining steady throughout - 46 Bde under op comd of 3 Cdn Div at 1800 hrs & satisfactorily netted (after some delay) on their R/T net only. Corps C/W net split differently (we are now on C3A net with 43 and G.A.D.). Lines today primarily concerned with readjustments necessary for Rear Div who are moving tonight to the previous location of Main Div in NUTTERDEN	DGH
CLEVE		1900	CR Sigs attends Div Comd "O" Group conference	DGH
	16	0630	Rear Div HQ arrives at former location Main Div HQ in NUTTERDEN.	
		1200	Certain changes in line layout necessitated by this, culminating in line diagram issued as at 1200 hrs	DGH
			Certain other minor changes later in the day, especially with the CDN lines	
		1500	CO and Adjt pay routine visit to 46 Bde	DGH
		1900	LT KNOTT of 44 Bde Sig Sec brings to CR Sigs Office certain extremely important circuit diagrams etc discovered in the wrecked CLEVE post office. Forwarded forthwith to CSO 30 Corps	DGH
	17	0900	A day of preparation for op "SPIDER" (44 Bde tomorrow to capture GOCH) and lines laid in readiness - Sig Centre established (1500 hrs) at 46 Bde location. Wireless reasonable throughout day, but fluctuating on Corps R/T net and Div Medical net (especially)	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs addresses all officers WO's & Sgts on behaviour in Germany and on committing currency offences & selling W.D. property	DGH
CLEVE	18	0945	Church parade - CR Sigs and Adjt attend - but turnout good	DGH
		1000	Line section busy on lines fwd for op SPIDER (assisted by 7 [..] loaned from other Divs, in view of our heavy linemen casualties in this op) and beyond to the SOUTH.	
			Div Recce party out but move proposed for today postponed until	DGH
			tomorrow. Lengthy Sig Centre - 44 Bde line completed by 1510 hrs	DGH
		1200	CSO 2 Cdn Corps and A/CSO visit CR Sigs	DGH
		1600	CR Sigs pays routine visit to 44 Bde in their new location	DGH
	19	0900	Signal Centre closes at former 46 Bde location and returns to Main Div to take over lines there on move of Main Div	DGH
		1130	Main Div HQ moves to BEDBURG (928527) and arrives at approx 1230 hrs, cheek by jowl with Main Div HQ 43 Div, accommodation therefore rather tight, but fitted in and, surprisingly enough, no mutual wireless interference	DGH
BEDBURG		1700	All normal lines completed by this hour and comms situation OK either direct or via Signal Centre later in rear - also alternative routings via 43 Div to whom a quad has been laid. Wireless situation also satisfactory	DGH

		1730	CR Sigs and Adjt visit CR Sigs 43 Div and have tea in their Mess	DGH
	20	0900	A day of considerable trouble with wireless interference - chiefly 227 Bde (on same freq as CRA 53 Div, who have made a change) and Recce Regt. 227 eventually cleared but Div Comd alt freq has to be loaned to Recce for daytime working and their allotted one used for night-time only. Line layout adjusted (see	DGH
		1300	line diagram issued as at 1300 hrs) so that strappings may be made tomorrow morning and Signal Centre brought fwd to Div for use in Bde area	DGH
		1900	OC 3 Coy arrives Main Div HQ to take over 2 i/c from OC 1 Coy proceeding on leave in the morning	DGH
BEDBURG	21	0930	Recce party out for move of Main Div HQ tomorrow morning and extremely busy day arranging line layout to suit	DGH
		1000	Signal centre returns from CLEVE and goes out forward to 920490 to hold lines for Bdes	DGH
		1000	Major Johnson (2 i/c) departs on leave and OC 3 Coy (Major Houston) comes up from Rear Div and takes over	DGH
		2100	214 Bde of 43 Div under comd 15 Div - netted satisfactorily on R/T and C/W nets and through on line taken over from 43 Div. Sig Offr has already been in to collect code signs, freqs etc	DGH
	22	0930	Main Div HQ moves to PFALZDORF (909458) arriving at approx 1100 hrs followed in the afternoon by Rear Div HQ to near DECKERSHOF	DGH
PFALZDORF		1610	(917468) 3 lines waiting for Rear Div on their arrival and all other lines to all 5 Bdes etc very satisfactorily adjusted at an early hour of the day - a great deal of hard work done by the linesmen. Wireless OK throughout day except MED net which is rather beaten by distance at present	DGH
PFALZDORF	23	1000	News received this day of the impending withdrawal of the Div to TILBURG for rest and relief here by G.A. Div and 3 (Br) Div. Certain line alterations today to accommodate adv parties etc of Gds Armd. 214 Bde ceases to be under command at 1700 hrs	DGH
		1400	CO together with OC 2 Coy visits Fd Regts	DGH
		1430	Adjt visits Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1800	Issued line diagram as at 1800 hrs & prepared line trace	DGH Appx
	24	0900	- onwards. An extremely busy day with CR Sigs 3 (Br) Div and his Adjt and other officers making arrangements for their take over of this area - everything proceeds extremely smoothly, however, with no unsurpassable problems.	DGH
		1500	CSO 30 Corps visits both CR Sigs and discusses the handover	DGH
		1700	Adv party 9 Inf Bde arrives location 227 Bde who are being relieved tonight. All line and wireless arrangements	DGH

			satisfactorily concluded. 9 Bde will be on the nets as from 280100A hrs	
PFALZDORF	25	0530	Div Recce party (Sigs A/2ic, OC HQ Coy) leave for new Rest Area (TILBURG) but new Div HQ probably to be BOXTEL (former Corps HQ)	DGH
		0900	Proceedings continue of the handover with 3 (Br) Div - certain frequency problems due to the RA remaining in AGRA Bde and 3 (Br) coming in on same freq list as ourselves - Corps supply the necessary 13 freqs for 3 (Br)	DGH
		1100	Arrangements satisfactorily made by mutual agreement for the changeover of wireless nets. 3 (Br) as from 0100 hrs tomorrow, irrespective of the time of change of command which is still unsettled. 9 Bde of 3 (Br) at present on our nets but they are the only Bde so doing and 6 Gds Armd Bde are also coming under comd 3 (Br). 9 Bde moves from former 227 Bde location to 46 Bde HQ and 8 Bde to 44 Bde HQ and proceed to take over lines etc	DGH DGH DGH DGH
		1800	Handover of Signal offices at Main Div HQ satisfactorily concluded and Signal Centre exchange brought in	DGH
PFALZDORF	26	0100	Command passes from 15 Div to 3 (Br) - everything transferred smoothly	DGH
		0930	15 (S) Div HQ Main and Rear moves to BOXTEL (3234) into Rest Area and lines directly under Comd 1st Cdn Army. Arrives approximately 1600 hrs. C.O. and Adjt arrive at approximately same time having travelled independently by way of 30 Corps to say "au revoir" to CSO and staff	DGH
BOXTEL		1700	Lines (all UG except 1 Mx - local quad) through to all Bdes, Recce, Rear Div (3) Main Army, Rear Army (Rear Div) and former Rear Div lines in this area to RASC and ORD also restored. These lines all laid out by A/OC 1 Coy in the advance party and were waiting for subscribers to pick them up on arrival. No wireless working whatsoever - the Div moved out of op area on wireless silence, leaving 3 (Br) with our current Inf List "A" freq list.	DGH DGH
BOXTEL	27	0900	A day of maintenance in all its forms and re-equipping the unit with all requirements - leave, entertainments, recreational tpt etc all well to the fore	DGH
		1400	Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1430	CR Sigs visits CSO 1 Cdn Army in TILBURG	DGH
		1700	Line through to 44 Bde who have now moved down to TURNHOUT area, also to S'HERTOGENBOSCH MILITARY from Rear Div for local calls	DGH
	28	0900	Another day of maintenance and preparation for the large numbers of personnel scheduled to proceed on Brussels leave in the course of the next fortnight	DGH

		1400 1600	CO holds officers conference, on leave problems and also on the question of honours and awards for op "VERITABLE" Issued line diagram as at 0900 hrs David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant	DGH DGH Appx

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Month and Year MAR 45

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BOXTEL	1	0900	Tps again employed on maintenance both of vehicles and tech equipment. Baths for the men and various types of entertainment. The first of large leave parties for BRUSSELS 48 hrs leave sets out today (2 offrs and 20 ORs per day from Sigs at Main & Rear Div HQ for 4 days)	DGH
	2	1030	QM holds large scale clothing exchange for Sigs personnel at Main and Rear	DGH
		1100	CSO 1 Corps visits CO and discusses several matters re officers etc	DGH
		1200	Capt Fyfe CSO's Branch 1 Cdn Army visits CO re exchanges of officers	DGH
		1900	CO leaves for 227 Bde HQ to attend evening function there	DGH
	3	1030	GOC addresses all ranks Main and Rear Div HQ. CO commands the parade. GOC thanks all ranks for their work in recent ops and compliments the parades on excellent turnout and appearance. Signals specifically mentioned for their good work	DGH
BOXTEL	4	1030	CO and Adjt attend normal Church Parade	DGH
		1330	Sigs detachment (CAPT J. ORR i/c) leave for TILBURG to attend ceremonial church parade there and to see the massed pipe bands of the Division play Retreat afterwards	DGH
		1430	CO and Adjt leave for TILBURG and see the pipe bands as mentioned	DGH
		2345	Word received of impending move of the Division to MOLL area starting tomorrow with 227 Bde - a "Q" move apparently, ill-received on all sides!	DGH
	5	1000	CO leaves for 2nd Army and for 12 Corps - the Div returning to 2nd Army and coming under 12 Corps on arrival in new area - to arrange about line comms etc and it is through him that Div HQ is changed from MOLL area to ZONHOVEN (3368)	DGH
		1600	Adjt despatches all available "C" section personnel to new area to start the new line layout	DGH

BOXTEL		2200	On return of CO, CO and Adjt re-allot vacancies for Brussels leave continuing in spite of the move but requiring alterations to suit	DGH
	6	1030	CO and Adjt leave for new area	DGH
		1115	Main and Rear Div leave, arriving ZONHOVEN approx 1500 hrs	DGH
ZONHOVEN		1200	CO and Adjt arrive new Div HQ and are engaged in arranging through HASSELT repeater stn - HASSELT military and the Belgian PO for line to 44 Bde - a formidable lay otherwise. Proceed with Belgian lineman to make necessary strappings etc most satisfactorily. 44 line through approx 1700 hrs, 46 line (field cable) at approx 1830 hrs, together with 2 lines to Rear Div approx 1 mile away. Corps quad also through. 1 pair to Main Div and one to Rear Div. 227 Bde obtained from Corps by means of Corps line and Main Corps board	DGH
			Div moved out of BOXTEL on wireless silence and is remaining so until further orders	DGH
ZONHOVEN	7	0900	Line section, under OC 1 Coy, fully engaged on extending and building up line layout - adjustments on 46 Bde and lines for 131 Fd Regt, Recce, 1 Mx, ORD - out BOURG LEOPOLD and MOLL way - arranged via HASSELT and B.L locals	DGH
		1100	CO and OC 2 Coy depart on 48 hours BRUSSELS leave.	DGH
		1400	Div Recce party out in effort to find better HQ - so far without success - not desirable from Sigs viewpoint	DGH
		1500	Adjt leaves for 12 Corps and sees CSO in connection with certain points in connection with forthcoming ops (46, 52, 68 sets etc - waterproofing of Sigs eqpt frequencies etc)	DGH
	8	0900	Line Section out on direct line for 131 Fd Regt and Recce. Completed by the afternoon - Mx from Recce and ORD and 102 A/TK Regt from 131 Fd Regt	DGH
		1225	OC Sigs 4 Armd Bde calls in for assistance in lines to his Signal Centre in HELCHTEREN - we have two pairs not in use to	DGH
ZONHOVEN		1400	there so he is given those and after lunch he and Major Johnson go out to arrange	DGH
		1235	CSO 2nd Army arrives on visit of general interest and stays to lunch	DGH
		1410	CSO 21 Army Group arrives - A/CR Sigs out - he and CSO 2nd Army spend approx an hour discussing general topics	DGH
		1800	Slight readjustment in Corps lines - main div - Main Corps Rear Corps - Rear Div one pair each - Main Div - Main Corps with one plus one	DGH
	9	0845	New frequency lists as amended by certain changes in the basic lists produced and despatched as required	DGH

		1130	Adjt, after consultation with GSO II produces new schedule of tng programmes for Div wrls nets - periods of activity followed by periods of wrls silence to commence tomorrow	DGH
		1300	Line Diagram as @ 1200 hrs issued	DGH Appx
ZONHOVEN		1400	LT GOS SCHREIBER posted (as surplus to est - negotiations being on first to absorb LT DW SOUTAR at present att) to 68 Med Regt Sig Sec.	
		1600	CR Sigs and OC 2 Coy return from BRUSSELS leave	DGH
	10	0845	CR Sigs, OC 1 & 2 Coys leave for 12 Corps to attend Div Comd co-ord conference in the Model Room there	DGH
		1300	A/m party return and arrangements under way for forthcoming exercise "BUFFALO" (one by day and one by night) prior to actual assault crossing of the RHINE. 104 Beach Sub Area, to be followed shortly by one squadron of the ROYALS, under comd 15 (S) Div for Bank Control both for the exercises and the actual op	DGH
		1800	A great quantity of stores received this day - the remainder of the WSC 52 sets, the 46 sets for the Div and 12 SCR 300 sets - distribution of this last not yet settled	DGH
		2100	CR Sigs in contact with OC Sigs 104 Beach Sub Area - CR Sigs and Adjt to visit tomorrow	DGH
ZONHOVEN	11	1030	CR Sigs and Adjt leave to meet OC 104 Beach Sub-Area Sigs in location of the Div HQ for exercise "BUFFALO" and carry out recce with him and discuss many points of Bank Group comms	DGH
		1430	CR Sigs and Adjt visit CSO's Branch 12 Corps in connection with above	DGH
		1700	LT FELLOWS posted (attached surplus) to the Unit	DGH
		1700	- onwards. Busy on op orders etc for forthcoming exercise "BUFFALO"	DGH Appx
	12	1245	CSO 12 Corps arrives for lunch and for discussion with CR Sigs and BM 11 AGRE on comms for forthcoming op "TORCHLIGHT"	DGH
		1600	CSO departs and CO and Adjt busy on problems of the rather unexpected responsibility of 29 Fd Coys and 9 CsRE comms	DGH
		2300	CR Sigs and Adjt visit 11 AGRE for conference with CAGRE and BM	DGH
	13	0930 - 2359	Adjt away all day with OC "A" Sec on frequency conference at 12 Corps and CR Sigs with conferences and planning re Bank Gp & AGRE comms	DGH
ZONHOVEN	14	0100	CR Sigs and Adjt extremely busy with the long-distance preparations for op "TORCHLIGHT" - letters to be written for extra sets, weasels and diverse equipment and the draughtsman busier than ever before with trial diagrams - own Div problems of comms not yet touched upon	DGH

		0800	Tac Div HQ leaves on day exercise "BUFFALO" with wrls group as shown in Appx L1 to Sig Instr. Through OK and remains through for the period of the exercise	DGH
		0930	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave for the exercise as spectators chiefly from Bank Gp comms point of view - reasonably successful - certain dubious things such as faulty telephones here and there and shifting of TRs etc at last moment after lines had long been completed	DGH
		1600	Exercise ends - CR Sigs returns followed by Tac Div HQ personnel	DGH
		1700	CR Sigs & Adjt resume preparations for op	DGH
ZONHOVEN	15	1430	CR Sigs attends conference on previous ex "BUFFALO"	DGH
		1600	Tac Div HQ leaves for night ex "BUFFALO" - Div comd net through OK	DGH
		1800	Another day of intensive prep for op - all concerned with Bank Gp and AGRE comms	DGH
		2100	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave for night ex "BUFFALO"	DGH
		2300	Adj makes up maps in planning room and prepares trace for OC Sigs 104 Beach Sub Area Sigs	DGH
	16	0300	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy return from night ex "BUFFALO"	DGH
		0900	Tac Div HQ returns from exercise - wireless etc having all worked well throughout	DGH
		1000	Adj busy with QM on numerous problems re stores etc, collection of for op	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs has conference with OC Beach Group Sigs, CSO's rep and Sig Offr 100 AA Bde on problems of Bank Gp tfc & River Defence	DGH
ZONHOVEN			comms. OC Beach Gp Sigs visited with provisional line and wireless diagrams, line trace, location trace and location statement	DGH
		1600	Adj visits 11 AGRE to find out further RE locations in new area, also detailed allotment of Fd Coys to the 9 CsRE under comd	DGH
		1900	Div now on wireless silence (complete) up till 18 Mar incl.	DGH
	17	1030	CR Sigs conference of all officers of the Unit to discuss points, chiefly admin problems of forthcoming op. First conference of its kind held for many months and a number of important matters dealt with and settled. Conference lasts until lunch-time	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs briefs 2 i/c for op "TORCHLIGHT" preparatory to most of "C" Sec moving to op area tomorrow to commence Div line layout	DGH
		1500	Large dets of 52 (L) Recce Regt arrive for use by 11 AGRE in the op and are despatched to their various locations. The officer accompanying will be CAGRE Sig Offr	DGH
		1900	CR Sigs attends GOC's second co-ordinating conference	DGH

ZONHOVEN	18	0815	CR Sigs and OC 1 Coy leave for 12 Corps for discussion with CSO and CR Sigs 53 (W) Div	DGH
		1030	Adjt, OC Sigs Rear and QM attend A/Q Conf Main Div HQ on maint etc for op.	DGH
		1100	"R" Force personnel here for recording of CV1 net as on recent ex "BUFFALO" for cover plan for op	DGH
		1700	CR Sigs and Adjt visit CR Sigs 51 (H) Div to tie up points for op, chiefly lateral comms both wrls and line	DGH
	19	1000	Codes & Security and Cipher Officer briefed as much as necessary for forthcoming op and detailed to write our own paras for op order for op "TORCHLIGHT" - most of the day taken up with preparations for this	DGH
		1600	CAPT (TMO) E. PEARCE arrives to take over from LT (TMO) J POLLARD who together with LT A. YOUNG of "K" Sec are posted under the "PICKFORD" scheme. LT POLLARD is a volunteer. LT FELLOWS will now be absorbed in the unit and posted to "K" Sec	DGH
ZONHOVEN	20	0900	CR Sigs leaves for new area, to remain there until the Div comes up and taking in CSO's conference at 1430 hrs at Corps en route - Corps being already in their new location	DGH
		0900	- onwards. A day of preparation for tomorrow's move back into Germany and Adjt engaged on op instr. Certain formations moving today, necessary line adjustments made, and wireless tng periods continue	DGH
	21	2100	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ moves to BECKMANNSHOF (070387) and Rear Div HQ to ROM WARITURM (060362) arriving at approx 0515 hrs. Whole Div together with tps under comd, which now incl 4 Armd Bde, on wireless silence until further orders	DGH
BECKMANNSHOF	22	0530	Lines to following - 1 quad to Main 12 Corps, 2 quads to Rear Div, 1 pair to 46 Bde, 1 Mx, 4 Armd Bde, RA Sig Centre and lateral to Div 51 Div. This long move went extremely smoothly and the tps in excellent heart on returning to GERMANY	DGH
BECKMANNSHOF		0600	A day full of activity - still wrls silence but lines section together with 104 Beach Sub-Area Sigs under full pressure. Sig Centre out to location Tac Div HQ and lines by nightfall approximate to line diagram (see below)	DGH
		0900	Lts Pollard & Young leave - LT FELLOWS to "K" sec in place of LT YOUNG	DGH
		2100	CR Sigs and Adjt visit Bank Control HQ and inspect progress - have conference with OC "B" Sqn Royals whose sets provide the Bank Gp wrls	DGH
		2300	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals Op Instr No. 1 (op TORCHLIGHT)	DGH DGH Appx
	23	1000	CR Sigs attends GOC co-ordinating conference	DGH

		1400	GSO 1 briefs all ranks Main Div HQ for op - H hour for 15 Div being 0200A hrs tomorrow morning - wireless netting at H-3	DGH
		1700	Tac Div HQ moves out to present site of Sig Centre which now becomes Tac HQ board - OC "A" Sec i/c Sigs personnel at Tac Div HQ	DGH
		1900	Another day of rather desperate activity in the line world	DGH
BECKMANNSHOF			especially on the part of Bank Gp Sigs, who, having asked for 14 clear days to complete his line layout, has had to do it in 4 - some of it will NOT be finished by H hour. These 4 days not unhampered, as smoke necessary for daylight line-laying and the programme altered about extremely inconveniently several times	DGH
		2045	CR Sigs leaves for Bank Control and other fwd areas	
		2300	Wireless opens - CV1 OK all round immediately (44, 46, 227, 4 Armd, Recce, 1 Mx, Tac Div HQ & LO at 51 Div) also all links to Corps - trouble on CV2 - set goes faulty. Bdes not up (except 4 Armd & Recce Regt) but 19 set opens and Bdes called up. CV7 OK except 153 which is being relayed through 193 - CV8 OK except for 46 who were late on the air - CV15 OK except 399 Coy who were late on the draw - by 2359 all culprits dealt with and all comms OK - R5 all round - distances very reasonable. All stns on CV1 net (with 52 sets) are crystal-controlled, also links to Corps	
BECKMANNSHOF	24	0220	CR Sigs returns from marshalling area Bank Gp etc - OC 1 Coy with 3 cable dets now located at Bank Group Fwd Sig Centre in preparation for laying two quads across RHINE commencing 0600 hrs	DGH
		0300	15 Div now in full attack over the RHINE and all going extremely well - all comms working splendidly	DGH
		1000	Airborne attack goes in and almost immediately Bdes make contact with the SCR 300 sets, which then justify themselves straight away.	DGH
		1800	A day throughout which all comms wellnigh perfect and very few line faults - CR Sigs and Adj proceed to river bank to watch progress of fwd quads over river - Sigs now have their own stormboat allotted - one quad already laid - operation excellent right back to Main Div - and the second in progress	
		1900	44 Bde HQ already across & line comms established via Right Crossing Control	DGH
BECKHMANNSHOF		2200	In view of moves tomorrow of both Tac and Main Div HQs over river, necessary tonight to issue Op Instr No 2.	DGH Appx
	25	1000	CSO 12 Corps visits CR Sigs principally to discuss handover to Corps of Bank Control at 1600 hrs today	DGH

		1100	CR Sigs leaves for Bank Control and to assist OC 1 Coy laying his lines in fwd areas and across river - managing to ferry weasels and jeeps over now	DGH
		1200	157 Bde of 52 (L) Div comes under comd 15 Div - netted on R/T and C/W Comd nets at 1230 hrs precisely - comms R/5 each way	DGH
		1430	15 (S) Div Main moves up and joins Tac HQ which ceases to exist to BONGERTSHOF (091428) arriving at approx 1600 hrs - line	DGH
		1800	layout suitably adjusted and lines shortly through across the river to 46 Tac and 227 Tac HQs. Recce party has already been out across the RHINE this afternoon and Main Div is crossing tomorrow morning	DGH
BONGERTSHOF	26	1000	Main Div HQ all ready for move across RHINE but move delayed due to timings over the bridges until 1200 hrs approx when Div HQ moves out and arrives at new location (BERGEN 140460) at approx 1545 hrs	DGH
BERGEN		1600	Signal centre in position prior to arrival of Div to take on lines and lines through shortly - 2 to Rear Div, 46, 227 Bdes - lateral between 46 & 227 and Recce from 227. No lines being laid to either 4 Armd or 157 Bdes as these are both passing from comd tomorrow, but parties out on 44 Bde line, which is a very considerable lay, especially in view of the congested state of the roads	
		2300	The above also caused a good deal of trouble with line faults. Wireless no trouble throughout day - except for a very temporary breakdown of CV8 - CV13 took comd of the group until CV8 on the air again	DGH
BERGEN	27	0900	- onwards. A day of build-up on lines, exceedingly hampered by road congestion but apart from 44 Bde, not through until late evening, all fmns through as per schedule - Sig Centre established in 46/227 area. Two bns under Div comd at various times of day (2 A&SH & 6 HLI of 52 Div) but 2 A&SH revert to own 227 Bde and 6 HLI go to 46 Bde	DGH
		1230	CSO 12 Corps visits and stays for lunch	DGH
		1500	157 Bde pass from comd - 4 Armd Bde having already done so at 0600 hrs	
		1600	Owing to traffic direct line to 44 Bde has had to be abandoned and new line laid from Sig Centre	
		2100	Lorries from QM dept at Rear Div arrive with stores, cable etc having taken 6 hours for the journey	DGH
	28	0100	Div Comd R/T net freq changes to 2064 Kc/s (former 46 Bde comd) & 46 to borrowed freq of 2544 Kc/s (original Main of 2260 Kc/s being recalled	DGH

BERGEN		0900	A morning of little interest - building up of line layout first from Sig Centre - line through now from Main Div HQ - RASC FWD DUMP	DGH
		1430	CR Sigs and Adjt pay routine to all three Bdes - 44, 46 & 227 Bdes and do not return until 1800 hrs approx	DGH
	29	0100	All borrowed freqs for op (except 2544 Kc/s acquired yesterday when this first began) returned and Div now back on normal Inf List "A" - not convenient as our own freqs seem to have the whole world also working on them at present - hence the necessity for keeping the borrowed 2544 - given to 46 Bde and the 46 Bde freq of 2064 Kc/s now used for Div Comd R/T net	DGH
		1000	Main Div HQ moves to area HALSHORSER (182501) and Rear Div HQ moves across RHINE to VISSEL (137453) both arriving new location approx 1130 hrs. Sig Centre remains firm and line layout most satisfactorily built up throughout day around this. Wireless very little in use at present - present op virtually over	DGH
HALSHORSER	30	0900	- onwards. A very much quieter day generally - line maintenance, set maintenance and make and mend	DGH
		1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx
		1500	Last of borrowed freqs (2544 Kc/s mentioned yesterday) withdrawn by Corps. 46 Bde given former Div Comd freq in lieu	DGH
		1730	GSO 1 addresses all ranks Main Div HQ on the progress of the last battle and events to date	DGH
	31	1000	Another reasonably quiet day of maintenance etc	DGH
		1200	CR Sigs 52 (L) Div arrives and stays for lunch - that is our first real meeting with our original parent unit since the war began - only too few left now in either unit to whom the association means anything at all	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs and Adjt proceed on tour around Div area inspecting the building, maintenance etc of the line layout	DGH
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HALSHORSER	1	1000	Large-scale church parade - excellent turnout and the men looking very smart. Parade takes place for the first time in a German church (in HAMMINKELN).	DGH
		1400	The rest of the day fairly quiet again - even Corps is now forward of the Division	DGH
	2	0900	Following changes in offrs appts - CAPT BLACK relinquishes HQ Coy and is posted to 1 Coy - proceeds to Rear Div as Signalmaster vice Lt PRINGLE who comes up to Main for Signalmaster's duties (CAPT ORR about to proceed on UK leave). CAPT TONER assumes comd of HQ Coy and the duties of Camp Comdt Main Div and relinquishes "A" Sec. LT SOUTAR (at present on UK leave) is appointed OC "A" Sec	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs proceeds to 46 Bde - arguments raging since submission of last monitoring report on 46 Bde Comd net!	DGH
		1800	Lecture by Mil Gov officer to offrs Main Div HQ (CR Sigs, Adjt, OC 1 Coy, OC HQ Coy attend). Adjt produces lists on these matters for all Secs	DGH Appx
HALSHORSER	3	1000	A day of preparations for moving tomorrow - Recce party out at Tac Div HQ for move fwd of Div HQ and 1 Bde (227 Bde) to take over from 155 Bde of 52 Div in RIESENBECK area. The remainder of the Div to concentrate in area EAST of BOCHOLT prior to returning into the line with 12 Corps	DGH
		1600	46 Bde and Recce move into a/m area - wrls comms OK but rather stretched while moving and for "Q" net at Rear Div - direct comms with Tac Div HQ (a distance of some 60 miles) OK after Tac Div static	DGH
		1830	Remainder of lines at Sig Centre strapped through to Rear Div, 227 Bde and Mx and Sig Centre brought in to Div	DGH
		2200	All preparations made for move at 0645 hrs tomorrow but plans suddenly changed - no move before 0900 hrs and 15 Div going under comd 8 Corps and proceeding to completely different area from that recced and planned for. Admin arrangements altered to	DGH

			suit - not much else can be done - recce party will contact ½ cable sec gone fwd earlier	
HALSHORSER	4	0900	Main Div HQ - 15 (S) Div now under comd 8 Corps. 6 Gds Armd Bde under comd 15 (S) Div and 15 (S) Recce Regt under comd 6 Airborne Div - moves to TECKLENBURG (051022) after making short halt at GREVEN (9188) arriving at approx 1930 hrs, having covered a distance of 87 miles	DGH
TECKLENBURG		2000	No lines being laid - at present the nearest Bde is over 20 miles away, with Rear Div HQ and remainder of Div still 60 miles away in the BOCHOLT area	DGH
		2100	Wrls comms fairly good, considering extreme ranges - most serious problem being mutual interference between Div R/T Comd and 8 Corps C/W Comd - some changes will have to be made when the Div is more concentrated tomorrow	DGH
TECKLENBURG	5	1000	A day of concentration of the remainder of the Div, with attention focused entirely on wrls comms which have really stood up to the strain very well and given good service over the ranges they have been asked to work. Certain frequency changes effected at this hour today, which have the effect of restoring the allotment completely to normal	DGH
		1730	The only line being laid in this area - Main Div - 227 Bde now completed. A difficult proposition due to the congestion on the roads	DGH
LAVELSLOH	6	1000	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ moves to LAVELSLOH (686254) arriving at approx 1915 hrs - Rear Div not till approx 2200 hrs	DGH
		2200	No Bdes in as yet, so no lines. No corps lines through there under way. Quad ready for Rear Div to pick up on arrival. Wireless comms almost impossible tonight - Corps nets OK - but Div nets, with Bdes on move with only short aerials not through at all satisfactorily. Div Comd R/T even with two step-ups out not through at all - freq hopeless due to proximity of Rear Corps - Rear Div freq and set on loan to Recce Regt. This freq recalled but change of freq out of the question at present	DGH
LAVELSLOH	7	0800	Wrls situation greatly improved - interference much reduced - all stns OK - 44 Bde through step up in last location, but direct later as Bde nears this area and step up (ACV) recalled.	DGH
		0930	CR Sigs inspects cookhouse etc with ADMS - some rather unfavourable comments - these being attended to by OC HQ Coy	DGH
		1000	Lines to Bdes under way (PL possible for 227 Bde) and pairs Main	DGH
		1700	Div - Main Corps - Rear Div - Rear Corps in last night and by 1700 hrs lines completed to all four Bdes (6 Gds Armd Bde under comd) and 1 Mx, 44 Bde the last Bde to arrive, moving to new HQ	

			by approx 1600 hrs. Lateral to 11 Armd Div also completed (by Corps)	
		1800	Adjt attends A/Q conference with OC Sigs Rear at Rear Div HQ	DGH
LAVELSLOH	8	0900	A day of maintenance, both vehs and equipment, and of baths. Early morning patrols out today, 2 secs of Div Sigs, hunting Germans in the surrounding woods - 3 prisoners brought back. Signalmaster, Cipher officer and lines officer were out on this ploy and there is to be another similar foray tomorrow morning	DGH
		1000	Church parade in village church - reasonably good attendance	DGH
		1700	Apart from a/m - a quiet day with most wrls lines closed, though Rear lines to Corps now open again, as Corps moved at approx 1500 hrs	DGH
	9	0600	CR Sigs, 2 i/c and Adjt out on Div HQ patrol in woods of 46 Bde area on another search for lurking Germans but none found	DGH
		1100	CR Sigs inspects general area vehs cookhouse etc and finds good progress being made on maintenance and general cleaning up	DGH
		1415	CR Sigs and Adjt pay routine visits to all three Bdes, returning	DGH
		1730	at approx 1730 hrs	
HAGENBURG	10	1200	Main and Rear Div HQ move to HAGENBURG (068276) arriving at approx 1630 and 1730 hrs respectively. Main Div occupying the palace of the Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe, he and his entourage being turned out by the Div recce party.	DGH
		1830	Lines to Main Corps, Rear Div - Rear Corps, 227 Bde and a line from Main Corps - 46 Bde arranged through CSO channels, after a visit from the CSO after tea	DGH
			CSO Sigs attends Div Comd "O" Gp conference	DGH
		1945	Wrls position fairly good, but interference on Div Comd R/T net and freq is being changed tomorrow morning to alt freq which is once again being recalled from on loan to Recce	
	11	0700	Div Comd R/T net changes satisfactorily to alt freq, a big improvement, but Recce Regt takes over former freq in preference to their own	DGH
		1000	A/Q addresses all ranks on the subject of looting	DGH
		1030	Div HQ in a state of half-readiness for move, promised for mid-day but now somewhat postponed - 227 Bde making slower progress in front than anticipated	DGH
		1830	Main and Rear Div HQ move to FUHRBERG (434428) arriving at approx 2000 hrs. Wrls OK all round. Corps line in but no Div lines laid except locals (incl 6 Gds Armd Bde & Rear Div)	DGH
FUHRBERG	12	1000	Main and Rear Div HQ move at very short notice to CELLE - just captured and ahead of Bdes! Main Div at 589501 in former palace of the wife of George I (arriving at approx 1230 hrs)	DGH

CELLE		1300	CR Sigs and Adjt visit concentration camp - sights too vile to be described	DGH
			No lines being laid other than locals in this location	
		1830	6 KOSB on Div Comd R/T net for task - also set with LO at 11 Armd Div. Wrls state OK but R/T comn extremely difficult to 44 Bde, still in yesterday's area and also to Corps	DGH
	13	1030	Main Div HQ (followed in the afternoon by Rear Div HQ) moves to ESCHEDE (695621) after harbouring for about 4 hrs, still in	DGH
			CELLE, but on the NORTH side of R. ALLER. Main Div HQ not into	DGH
ESCHEDE		1700	new location till approx 1700 hrs. Corps line in and short lines	DGH
			laid to all lower fmns except 44 Bde and 227 Bde. Wrls situation	DGH
		2200	good tonight, after slight difficulty with Rear Div on today's moves	
ESCHEDE	14	1000	One of the mornings so prevalent just now of starting by waiting for orders to move - wrls OK throughout and routine work proceeds apace - the amount of paper reaching this office now is very heavily on the increase	DGH
		1430	Main Div HQ only moves to HOSSERINGEN (807770) - a long and tedious journey for a short distance, arriving at approx 1830 hrs, leaving Rear Div HQ, 44 Bde & 6 Gds Bde in former area	DGH
HOSSERINGEN		2200	Wrls OK all round, except to Rear Div which is rather feeble on both nets - lines to 44 Bde, and from there to 227 Bde and Recce, and to 46 Bde, all reasonably short distances	DGH
	15	1000	Open air church parade - not a very good attendance, probably due to the rather cold weather. Not expected that there will be move today, the Div being somewhat held up on the approaches to UELZEN and line build-up planned, but requires alteration when decision made to move in afternoon after all.	DGH
HOSSERINGEN		1445	Main Div HQ moves to HAMERSTORF (833833) arriving at approx 1630 hrs - Rear Div HQ established this morning at RABER (800790)	DGH
HAMERSTORF		1800	Lines laid to all 4 Bdes, Recce (from 6 Gds exchange) and two lines to Rear Div - all lines quad tails and the majority railway PL. Lines also to Main Corps and Rear Div - Main Corps	DGH
		2200	Wrls OK throughout day - Med net now very scattered and only 193 Fd Amb possible	DGH
	16	1000	The Division rather halted in its advance today before UELZEN with no moves for either Main or Rear Div - quite a welcome relief and a rather quieter day at Div HQ, especially as most of the wrls nets are closed at varying times throughout the day.	DGH
		1600	Lines comms being satisfactory all round	
			The following awards notified today - CROIX DE GUERRE with gilt star - Major P.B. Pitney (OC 2 Coy), Capt W.H. Munro (46 Bde),	DGH

			with silver star Lt P.O. Radway ("C" Sec) and with bronze star Sgt Bebbington J ("C" Sec)	
HAMERSTORF			This follows on yesterday's announcement of Mentions in Despatches for CAPT Munro, CPL Monteith ("O" Sec), CPL Bowman ("J" Sec), CPL Seed (ex "C" Sec) and L/CPL Plows (ex "A" Sec)	DGH
		1830	CSO 8 Corps visits CR Sigs, chiefly to discuss matters of cable economy	DGH
	17	1730	Capt Heilbron proceeds on UK leave. Capt S.H. Borland assumes A/Adjt.	SHB
			Capt N. McLean (late OC 227 Bde Sig Section) visits Div HQ after being released from OFLAG 79 by Br troops.	SHB
		2100	Div attack launched on UELZEN (MR 8989)	
			Recce Regt moved to SLISTEDT ⊙ Direct line laid from Div utilising PL on rly.	SHB
	18	1100	CR Sigs and Adjt visit Bdes. Battle for UELZEN going well but slowly. All Bdes preparing to move fwd	SHB
		1230	CR Sigs inspects Mens' mess and dinners	SHB
HAMERSTORF		1230	CR Sigs 5 Br Div (now under comd 8 Corps) visits to see layout of unit and standard wrls diagram.	SHB
BARUM	19	1130	Div HQ moves to BARUM (8698). 11 AGRE now under comd	SHB
		1430	Line laid to 44, 46 & 6 Gds Armd Bdes ⊙ No line to 227 Bde owing to distance and further moves in immediate future	SHB
		1800	1 Cdo Bde under comd and on CVs 1 & 2 nets	SHB
		1940	BM 11 AGRE visits to apply for help on comn problems. Two sets and extra tps to be provided by CSO 8 Corps	SHB SHB
		2300	Div First Outline Plan for Elbe Crossing received.	SHB
SCHARNEBECK	20	1000	Div HQ moved to SCHARNEBECK (8525).	SHB
		1400	CSO 8 Corps visits ⊙ Exchange at LUNEBURG undamaged and excellent PTT facilities available	SHB
SCHARNEBECK		2230	Lines laid to all Bdes (except 44 Bde who are still on move) 11 AGRE, 1 CDO BDE and RA 11 Armd Div (in sp)	SHB
	21	1500	Lines laid to 44 Bde in LUNEBURG and 6 A Tps RE in SCHARNEBECK.	SHB
		2330	Day devoted to recces and discussions on crossing of R ELBE	SHB
	22	1100	CR Sigs at conference with OC Royals (who will comd Beach Group on Elbe crossing) and CSO at HQ 8 Corps on comms	SHB
		1900	CSO explains that cable supply sit is critical and utmost economy must be exercised. Everything possible is being done to meet urgent demands	SHB
	23	1200	BM 11 AGRE visits to discuss comms for OP ENTERPRISE, 5 additional sets for him asked for from Corps HQ	SHB
		1600	A/CSO 8 Corps visits to discuss lines layout OP ENTERPRISE	
SCHARNEBECK		2330	Allotment of UK leave vacancies for May received (1 offr 53 ORs)	

	24	1000	CR Sigs attends second planning conference on OP ENTERPRISE	SHB
		1200	8 Corps line dets report previous to laying the control lines for OP ENTERPRISE	SHB
		1230	A/CSO 8 Corps visits and confers with CR Sigs re lines requirements for tfc control and "beach" org	SHB
			All wrls, except MED net, closed as lines thro' to all	SHB
		2245	formations under command	
		2300	Div 2nd Outline Plans for R. ELBE crossing received	SHB
	25	1000	44 Bde moved into LUNEBURG and line extended	SHB
		1600	46 Bde moved to JURGENSTORF (9029) lines extended	SHB
		1800	Day devoted to preparation of draft of Sigs Op Instr for ENTERPRISE. Plan changes hourly and many amendments have to be made	SHB
SCHARNEBECK		1800	CR Sigs 6 Airborne Div visits to tie up wrls comms for 5 Para Bde who will be under comd 15 Div in initial stages of OP ENTERPRISE	SHB
		1940	OC 8 Corps Sigs visits to get complete plan to line comms - these to be civil ug and p.l. quad (British & German) and D8	
		2130	Line party leave to lay cable in forward areas. As S of River ELBE is under enemy observation, no move in daylight is allowed in area. All recces and cable laying to be done at night. No lights allowed by moon good	SHB
	26	1730	Informed by 'G' that 5 Para Bde are not now taking part in OP ENTERPRISE. Day devoted to planning and procuring of definite location of units and Tac HQs.	SHB
SCHARNEBECK		2100	) CR Sigs & Adjt on recce of fwd positions to R. ELBE	
	27	0200	) All line work going well	SHB
		1100	Sigs Op Instruction produced for OP ENTERPRISE	SHB Appx
		2000	CSO 8 Corps visits to tie up comms	SHB
		2100	) CR Sigs & Adjt on recce of all sites. Lines	SHB
	28	0415	) all completed	
		1900	158 Bde (53 Div) u/c ⊙ Owing to lack of line and distance no line comn possible ⊙ Bde Sigs Offr visits to get codes - freqs for wrls working	SHB SHB
		2300	All lines tested. All OK	
	29	0200	H for Op ENTERPRISE	SHB
		1045	One quad across R ELBE at LAUENBURG to 46 Bde Tac HQ	
			Two quads (Div main artery) plus one quad (8 Corps) Main artery across at ARTHENBURG.	SHB
		1700	Left crossing quads OK ⊙ LAUENBURG quad faulty	SHB
SCHARNEBECK		2000	All river crossing quads OK ⊙	SHB

		2330	Line comn (other than to 46 Bde Tac, which has been moving all day) has been exceptionally good. Very few lines out and little maintenance required ⊙ Wrls good throughout since H hour	SHB
JULIUSBURG	30	1315	Div HQ moves to JULIUSBURG (8439) Quads across river provided comms to Bde for short time necessary and are still OK. All quads handed over to 8 Corps as main artery.	SHB
		2000	Considerable enemy air activity ⊙ Changing layout 46 Bde HQ hit by shell - no casualty other than truck which is written off	SHB
		2330	L/Cpl FARROW admitted to hosp. Shell splinter wound in back. Stewart H. Borland Capt R Signals A/Adjt 15 (Scottish) Div Signals	SHB

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Unit 15 (S) DIVISIONAL SIGNALS
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Month and Year MAY 45

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
JULIUSBURG	1	0800	Civil exchange at GULZOW (8342) line utilised by OC Sigs 44 Bde	SHB
		1400	46 Bde move into GULZOW (8342); 44 Bde to SCHWARZENBEK (8348). Signal Centre established at GULZOW (8342)	SHB
		1700	CR Signals & A/Adjt visit 44 Bde.	SHB
		1845	Adjt returns from UK leave	
	2	0930	Signal centre closed, Bdes on the move again and Div Recce party out. Wireless comms absolutely perfect just now, so line-laying not quite so urgent - linesmen rather tiring after fortnight or so of concentrated efforts	DGH
		1400	Main and Rear Div HQ move to BRUNSTORF (7847) arriving at approx 1600 and 1715 hrs respectively. Lines to 46 and 227 Bdes	DGH
BRUNSTORF		2110	(eventually party line 46-227 due to further move of 46 Bde and quad to Corps via Corps Sig Centre and quad to Rear Div HQ	DGH
BRUNSTORF	3	1030	CR Sigs and Adjt pay routine visits to 46 and 227 Bdes	DGH
		1430	Main and Rear Div HQ move to KUDDEWORDE (7657) arriving at approx 1600 hrs and 1700 hrs approx	DGH
KUDDEWORDE		1830	Lines to all three Bdes and Rear Div and to 1 Mx from Rear Div (note 158 Bde reverted to 53 (W) Div at 1200 hrs today). Wireless situation OK all round and most links closed tonight	DGH
		2000	15 Div have been responsible for the immobilisation of the exchanges in GEESTHACHT, GULZOW and TRITTAU - the last of these completed this evening	DGH
	4	1030	CR Sigs superintends line layout (PL circuits) for new area	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs and Adjt leave Div HQ in advance and visit 44 Bde and inspect captured German veh of VHF equipment - handed over this afternoon to 8 Corps (a most valuable prize)	DGH
		1430	Main Div HQ only moves to HAMMOOR (7072) arriving at approx 1600	DGH
HAMMOOR		1600	hrs - wireless OK all round, but line problems rather difficult	DGH
		2000	- not easy to put into working order PL circuits but lines to all three Bdes by 2000 hrs this evening. Line not yet possible to Rear Div - to be arranged tomorrow, together with Recce	

	5	0930	CR Sigs leaves for Corps for CSO's conference on line problems in Op "ECLIPSE"	DGH
		1000	Line Sec engaged on Recce & Rear Div lines - Recce line through by 1130 hrs - work suspended on Rear Div line at approx mid-day on receipt of news of Rear Div HQ moving up to this area tomorrow	DGH
		1700	CR Sigs holds conference of Coy Comds & Bde Sig Offrs arising out of CSO's conference	DGH
		1800	CR Sigs goes to 44 Bde for small celebration party	DGH
		1830	Adjt & Signalmaster go to inspect and remove exchange from a former Luftwaffe barracks for our own use later when the Div becomes static.	DGH
		2100	Wireless OK throughout day - R/T Comd net closed	DGH
HAMMOOR	6	1045	CR Sigs and Adjt leave for large-scale church parade at BARGTEHEIDE and from there proceed to BAD OLDERSLOE (7482) to inspect the exchange with a view to future use	DGH
		1200	Rear Div HQ arrive in EICHEDE (767725) having been moved up nearer to Main Div HQ. Line laid in readiness for them and 1+1 fitted. Line also laid this morning (partially PL) to 8 AGRA in POLITZ (749791), an undertaking which, laid on at short notice,	DGH
		1500	took several hours to complete and was in working order by 1500 hrs	DGH
		1800	Various recces carried out in the course of the day of local exchanges	DGH
		2100	Word received this evening of 46 Bde moving with 1 Bn only at very short notice to KIEL tomorrow morning. Causes a certain amount of planning and adjustments to be made - 46 Bde probably coming under direct Corps command	DGH
HAMMOOR	7	1000	46 Bde come under Corps comd and go on Corps wrls nets, taking 7 Seaforths only with them. 9 Cams and 2 GH net on Div R/T net and former 46 Bde line strapped through to 9 Cams and lateral from 9 Cams to 2 GH	DGH
		1130	Signal officers photograph taken - as many officers of the whole unit present as possible - followed by short Coy Comds conference for the appointing of - Major Houston i/c Training & Education, Capt Toner Entertainments & Welfare Officer, Capt Borland Sports Officer, assisted by RSM Booth	DGH
		1400	Various officers engaged on recces of exchanges and lines and at	DGH
		1600	approx 1600 hrs CR Sigs and OC 1 Coy go to HAMBURG to obtain information from 12 Corps lines Control there (i/c Major Orr) and from 53 (W) Div and to check up on the line situation and	DGH
		2000	general layout there, returning at approx 2000 hrs	

	8	0920	VE day - CR Sigs in conference with GOC - various semi-peace time projects formulating today	DGH
		1200	Small party in Sigs Officers Mess of Sig Offrs of Main and Rear Div HQs	DGH
HAMMOOR		1600	CR Sigs and Adjt depart on preliminary recce for Signals HQ in AHRENSBURG area, nearer probable new static Div HQ	DGH
	9	1000	CR Sigs out on further recce for new permanent Sigs HQ in VOLKSDORF area, together with several other officers	DGH
		1400	GSO1 addresses all officers of Main Div HQ on present and future problems in the occupation of Germany	DGH
		1730	CR Sigs attends GOC's conference on aims and policy of the Div in its new role	DGH
		1900	CR Sigs addresses all Sigs ORs at Main Div HQ on future plans for the Unit in Germany and expresses his thanks for their great efforts and service of the past eleven months	DGH
	10	0200	15 (S) Div changes Frequency list from List "A" to List "C" - all changes go very smoothly - Div Comd R/T opened, netted and closed again in just over 5 minutes	DGH
		0715	P.T. for all ranks commences - 0715-0730 for ORs, 0745-0800 for officers. Good turn-outs in both cases	DGH
HAMMOOR		1000	CR Sigs institutes line control organisation to be run by OC "A" sec	DGH
		1200	Adjt issues "Memorandum on Conduct and Behaviour in Germany"	DGH Appx
		1600	Information received that 15 (S) Div are responsible for the disarming and dismembering of 8 German Para Div and 5 German Flak Div - task delegated to 44 Bde. Adjt issues directive for guidance of Sig Offr	DGH DGH
		1730	CR Sigs leaves for proposed new area to superintend the more detailed recces which are taking place today	DGH
	11	0900	Route march for all Sigs personnel at Main Div - a good turn-out and personnel looking smart	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs together with OC 3 Coy and other officers on detailed Recce of new area - move forthcoming on Sunday 13 May 45	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs to HAMBURG to Lines Control and Mil Gov, making various arrangements in connection with the moves of the Div to permanent areas	DGH
			Re-introduction today of modified works tickets for vehs	DGH
HAMMOOR		1400	- onwards. Various football matches in progress this afternoon of an inter-section nature	DGH
	12	0210	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals Signal Instruction No 1 (Construction etc of German Civil Comms)	DGH Appx
		0715	- 0800 Officers & ORs PT classes	DGH

		0945	Issued instructions to AMTSLEITER of VOLKSDORF re arrival of Sigs HQ	DGH
		1300	227 Bde move to new location in VINZIER (6883) leaving Rear party in old loc - new line through for them on arrival and wireless links satisfactorily opened up	DGH
		1600	CR Sigs leaves for HAMBURG to see 53 Div in whose area VOLKSDORF just falls - the matter regularized satisfactorily	DGH
	13	0800	- onwards. All preparations being made for the move this afternoon of Div HQ and Div Signals to their permanent static locations	DGH
		1130	CR Sigs & Adjt attend church parade in BARGTEHEIDE	DGH
		1430	Main and Rear Div HQ move to their new HQ SCHLOSS AHRENSBURG in	DGH
HAMMOOR			the town of AHRENSBURG, while Div Signals carry on to VOLKSDORF	DGH
			(6064) less of course "O" Section and the bulk of "A" & "B" Secs, which are still functioning. Being run now as one section under LT REEKIE of "B" Sec	
VOLKSDORF		1630	Arrived VOLKSDORF 1630 approximately and all arrangements proceeding smoothly - CR Sigs & Adjt busy between Div HQ and Sigs HQ - wireless OK all round and line situation developing most satisfactorily - all main fmns have their PL circuits ready.	DGH
		2000	VOLKSDORF a most excellent location, with every modern amenity Billets, offices, stores, facilities for the troops absolutely first class and all concerned delighted - better than any UK location the Unit ever knew and once the Unit is properly settled in as happy and beneficial a time as possible in Germany should be had by all concerned	DGH
	14	0900	A day of very considerable activity with regard to settling into billets on the one hand and the continuation of work on lines on the other	DGH
VOLKSDORF		1030	CR Sigs and Adjt spent whole day on inspection of billets,	DGH
			stores, offices etc	DGH
		2100	CR Sigs holds all officers conference on general matters affecting the new area	DGH
	15	1000	A day of general routine, with all concerned catching up on their office work	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs to Div to see CRE regarding the inspection of certain exchanges in which it is suspected that delayed action charges have been left	DGH
		1900	Majors Gilbert-Smith and Birkett, Instructors from Staff College and School of Signals respectively arrive on attachment of one week to study Div Signals in the field!	DGH

		2300	A degree of alarm in the area as small attack by "werewolves" on HQ RASC took place tonight	DGH
	16	0830	Satisfactory wrls comms to Recce & 1 Mx (who have been loaned the ACV for the job with crew) who are moving to temporary locns on the removal of PW operation. CV9 on loan to Corps on same role	DGH
VOLKSDORF		1000	GOC visits Sigs HQ and addresses all ranks congratulating them on their work since D Day and wishing them luck in the future	DGH
		1400	Adj & RSM drafting orders for daily CO's parade, commencing on Friday, at 0900 hrs	DGH
		1800	Adj attends guard-mounting by RSM. Quite good drill & turnout excellent. Ceremony of lowering the Union Jack at retreat, now flying from outside the Burgomeister's office, very well done	DGH
	17	1000	Commanding Officer's inspection of billets, stores, offices etc. Considering the time since arrival, the area in very good shape	DGH
		1800	ORs club opens in restaurant premises in town (christened "THE STANHOPE ARMS" from the Horsforth days) and obviously going to be a great success. There is also now a Corporal's Room off the ORs Mess - an innovation for this unit and the first time there has been such a Mess - it is for both Cpls & L/Cpls	DGH
		2100	Considerable trouble today with lines due to miniature cyclone	DGH
VOLKSDORF			this afternoon. "C" Sec attending but considerable damage done & lengthy repairs necessary	DGH
	18	0900	First of the daily C.O's Parades - a great turnout and all concerned satisfactorily smart. Much drill required, however, to refresh memories and to teach where there are not even memories. Drill parade follows C.O's inspection	DGH
		1200	This unit now responsible for the exchange at LAUENBURG (8734) and NCO installed there as ACECON representative (8 Corps) in supervisory capacity. TMO inspects for changing necessary and condition in general. The exchange is manned by German personnel	DGH
	19	1200	Ordinary routine morning - 227 Bde have now moved to LUBECK, comms OK and two direct lines through. 15 Bde (5 Div) and 106 AA Bde now u/c 15 Div - comms OK	DGH
		1500	Representative of the Historical and Photographic Section of the War Office arrives and takes several pictures of what remains of the Div field layout and expresses his satisfaction of what he has seen	DGH
VOLKSDORF		2000	Film show in cinema adjoining OR's club - very successful	DGH
	20	0915	Church parade for service at 1000 hrs at Div HQ in AHRENSBURG, a good turnout and the men looking very smart, particularly those from Sigs HQ - the det from Div HQ not as good	DGH

		1100	8 Corps Sigs det arrives with teleprinter for installation Div HQ to work to Corps. Installed on this occasion by Corps Sigs & to be operated by them till return of 4 of our ops from teleprinter course. Maintenance and servicing our responsibility	DGH
		1600	Instructions from Corps removing teleprinter detachment!	
		1800	Internal wiring of SCHLOSS AHRENSBURG now practically completed	DGH
			Div HQ gradually moving in - every one should be in by next Tuesday	DGH
		2000	Another film performance in the Unit private cinema, again highly successful	DGH
VOLKSDORF	21	0915	Sports officer addresses the men on 1st works parade on the commencing org for sports - football already well under way and an extensive programme envisaged.	DGH
		1030	CR Sigs to LUBECK to visit 227 Bde on routine visit	DGH
		1600	CSO 2nd Army arrives on informal visit and stays to tea, accompanied by Brig RAC of 2nd Army	
		1815	OC Sigs 8 Corps and his 2 i/c arrive on visit to CR Signals for discussion on line problems	DGH
	22	0900	- onwards. A normal day with nothing of importance to recount - certain of the wrls nets permanently closed today (Med, Rear Div-Rear Corps CV13, CV4, the ACV returned from 1 Mx) which will enable a large part of the wrls section to be withdrawn to Sigs HQ	DGH
		1830	CR Sigs leaves for "A" Mess to attend Div Comd's cocktail party	DGH
	23	1000	CR Sigs leaves for 44 Bde on routine visit. Normal day otherwise but CR Sigs at Div HQ all afternoon in throes of impending	DGH
VOLKSDORF		1500	change of location of Div HQ and other fmns - almost certain to involve moves in view of reallotment of Div area	DGH
		2000	OC 119 LAA Regt & 2 i/c to dinner and War Office photographic section and historical section reps spending the night - to collect data on the ELBE crossing	DGH
	24	0900	Pickford V arrives - 13 ORs affected, none above the rank of Cpl, not anticipated that they will all be withdrawn	DGH
			First Div release instruction to hand - the documentation etc on this all-important subject now in full swing	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave on preliminary recce for new Sigs HQ in the new area, possibly RETZEBURG - GADEBUSCH area	DGH
		1600	Visits from A/CSO 8 Corps and Major Orr from 12 Corps - it is hoped that Major Orr will be returning to this unit with Major Johnson whose demob number is 5 and who it is expected will have to depart some time next month	DGH

VOLKSDORF	25	1000	CR Sigs over to Div twice today re future moves - possible new location of Div HQ now SCHWERIN. Not moving before 15 June	DGH
		1600	OC 2 Coy to see CR Sigs - OC 2 Coy going as unit rep to 21 Army Group for conference re the est and forming of occupational tele, RF etc Sig Secs - no doubt some large cuts in strengths will be forthcoming	DGH
	26	0900	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave for SCHWERIN and 5 Div area on recce in connection with forthcoming move. OC 1 Coy also there separately	DGH
		1100	"N" Sec brought in from HQRE and joins Sigs at Sigs HQ - most of "A" & "B" Secs in now also - only CRASC dets still out and CVs 1, 2, 5 & 6 at Div HQ	DGH
		1400	Sports officer (Capt Borland) to Div HQ for sports conference, presided over by GSO1	DGH
		1500	Football match v 1 Mx - lost 1-7. A good game but far from Sigs best XI	DGH
VOLKSDORF	27	0900	CR Sigs leaves for 44 Bde and Div HQ for discussions regarding accommodation and line facilities in the new SCHWERIN area	DGH
		1000	Church parade at Div HQ - parade taken by 2 i/c - a good turnout	DGH
		1115	News received on return from church parade of tragic death in a road accident of CAPT W.D. TONER OC HQ Coy and his driver on 19 May on their way to 21 Army Group - it is safe to say that the whole Unit will mourn the irreparable loss of a real officer and gentleman	DGH
		1400	An excessively busy Sunday afternoon - a large number of returns of varying nature due CSO's Branch today. ORs busy this afternoon on blanket exchanges	DGH
	28	0900	Route march scheduled for this morning cancelled due to rain Otherwise normal routine day - CAPT L. BLACK appointed OC HQ Coy vice CAPT TONER and permission requested from Corps to promote.	DGH
		1800	CR Sigs to Division for important A/Q conference re accommodation etc in new area	DGH
VOLKSDORF	29	0900	106 AA Bde reverted to comd 5 Div - will return to 15 Div when 15 Div in new area	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs to 501 Mil Gov, Bad Oldesloe to see EME, attached there for a period of 3 weeks. EME has obtained a number of German m/cs for use by DR section for the Div Tattoo to be held during the summer	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs and QM to Hamburg to Mil Gov re fairly extensive stores of wines and foodstuffs unearthed by QM in Volksdorf	DGH

		1700	OC 2 Coy to see CR Sigs prior to departure 21 Army Gp as unit rep on discussions to be held on the est & fmn of occupational sig secs	DGH
	30	0900	After CO's parade - Route March, turn out of 6 officers and approx 90 ORs quite good and marching excellent with Cpl Hay as piper - otherwise normal day with NTR. Weekly days off for all ranks starting now & roster prepared	DGH DGH
	31	0900	- onwards. Normal day. ABCA period by MAJ HOUSTON and the usual routine of the day with inter-coy football in the afternoon. The following re-org of adm duties has taken place - CAPT BLACK OC HQ Coy, PRI and Welfare Offr, CAPT BORLAND Education Offr, Sports Offr and Entertainments assisted by LT BULL, RSM BOOTH and CQMS VINCENT respectively. David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (Scottish) Inf Div Signals	DGH DGH

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

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRIGHTON	2/3	2300	Bn carries out Practice Move.	
	5		Bn carried out Gas Chamber Tests.	
	6		"D" Day - Operational maps collected.	
	7		Situation map established (Army Intelligence Services)	
	9		Adjutant issues Escapers Expedients to Offrs & Sgts	
	11		Op. Trace received of conc areas. Movement Orders for B Coy come through.	
	12	0345	"B" Coy move to Marshalling Camp T.6. at PURFLEET arriving at 1500 hrs.	
	13	0400 0520 1210	"A" Coy move to Marshalling camp (WANSTEAD FLATS) Bn HQ move to Marshalling camp (WANSTEAD FLATS) Bn HQ and "A" Coy arrive at Marshalling Area	
	14	A.M 1300 2100	"C" Coy move to Marshalling Camp S.G.H. "C" Coy arrive Camp S.G.H. at BRENTWOOD "B" Coy embark on S.S. FORT BRUNSWICK M.T. 66.	
IN TRANSIT	15	0700 0800 1330 1445 1500 1900 1830 2115	B Coy aboard M.T. 66 move to form part of convoy at THAMES ESTUARY & anchors off SOUTHEND-ON-SEA at 1500 hrs. Bn HQ transport proceeds to Port of Embarkation (MILLWALL DOCK), HQ Coy transport included. Orders received for Bn HQ & HQ Coy to proceed to Embarkation Port. Bn HQ & HQ Coy are issued with life belts + 24 hr packs. Move to MILLWALL DOCK. Embarkation on SS EMPIRE PLOUGHMAN (T59) 'C' Coy Drivers arr Camp S.G.F. and main body arr Camp S3 1830 hrs. T59 weighs anchor and proceed up THAMES to form part of convoy at THAMES ESTUARY.	
IN TRANSIT	16	2015 2050	A Coy proceed to Port of Embarkation and move to mouth of THAMES to take up position in convoy aboard S81 FORT NORFOLK. B Coy arrive off coast of NORMANDY and anchor in "RING".	
	17	1600	"B" Coy embark at TILBURY, main body on MT 56 2 I.C. and 12 Drivers on M.T. 64.	

		1800 2000 2000 1945 2055	Leave TILBURY Lay off SOUTHEND-on-SEA. "A" Coy arrive off coast of NORMANDY and anchor in "RING". T59 (Bn HQ + HQ Coy aboard) weighs anchor & reaches NORMANDY coast. T59 anchors in "RING" MAP REF: 933973.	
	21	1200	"A" Coy commence disembarkation and transfer to landing craft. A delay is caused owing to a head on collision with another vessel.	
	19	2000	"C" Coy reach coast of France and anchor in "RING".	
	23	1715	"C" Coy disembark and establish themselves in region on ST GABRIEL.	
ST GABRIEL	24	1930	Bn HQ & remnants of HQ Coy disembark and set up HQ at ST GABRIEL (7F/1 - 889794).	
SHEET 7F/1 889794	25	1845	B Coy disembarks & proceed to ST GABRIEL area D Coy remains at WORTHING & forms part of Div residue which is not expected to cross the Channel for approx one month.	
	29	1600	Bn HQ move to new location BRONAY 890719.	
SECQUEVILLE	25		No 3 Pl 'A' Coy joined 8 ROYAL SCOTS in Assembly Area Secqueville	
916712	26	0030 0730 1115	Pl moves up to forming up area S. of rly 916712. Attacks begin - go forward with 8 RS to attack LA GAULE Pl in action at 923675 firing E & S.E. 2 casualties during the action. Sgt Freeman and Pte Preston both wounded by fire from tanks. Subjected to Artillery & Mortar fire from enemy - but no casualties. Numbers of enemy snipers in orchards but did not open fire as they did not present themselves in the arc.	
LE MESNIL	27	0500	Relieved by 8 Mx (43 Div) and move back to Coy Harbour in LE MESNIL PATRY	
PATRY	28		Remain in Coy Harbour at 20 mins notice to move.	
	29	0730 1430 1700	Go forward to assist 8 RS in consolidating after an attack S.W. of LE HAUT DU BOSQ. Attack a moderate success, but all objectives not gained owing to heavy enemy arty & mortar fire, and opposition from heavy tanks and infantry. Succeed after greatest difficulty in getting into action on carriers at 897652 with a Coy of 10 DLI (49 Div) Fire for 15 minutes on suspected enemy forming up area in wood. Under arty fire all morning but no casualties. Withdraw to Coy Harbour. Recalled to assist in repelling counter attack against 8 RS & 6 RSF at 899656. Attack never materializes on our sector though Arty & mortar fire is still severe and Pl is under long range fire from automatic weapons (Pte Watts wounded).	

899656		2300	Withdraw to harbour at 906680.	
	30	1300 1430	Go forward to assist 6 R.S.F. in defensive position in orchard at 907657. In action - no enemy appears, though an attack seems to be developing against 6 KOSB in front of Pl.	
	JUL 1	0600 1230	Attack again appears to be developing against 6 KOSB We are under spasmodic mortar fire only. Relieved by 1 Manchesters (53 Div) and move to Coy harbour at 909736.	
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		2230 2300	A Coy of KOSB arrive to relieve R.S.F. and it is thought that one of their Pls following 3 Churchill & 2 Crocodile tanks, eventually clear the wood. Pl relieved by 4 Pl 8 Mx.	
	27.		Pl resting in LE MESNIL PATRY.	
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	29	0630 1800	Pl reports to O.C R.S.F. in area 901686 and are given the task of protecting rear of the Bn against possibility of infiltration. No action in this position. Returned under Coy control to CHEUX.	
CHEUX	30	P.M.	Subject to heavy mortar fire at night - no casualties.	
	JUL 1		Move to 909736 and Coy resting.	
BRETTEVILLE 922728	26	 1045	<u>No 5 Pl A Coy</u> Pl is in reserve at Coy HQ BRETTEVILLE. Coy Comd calls for Pl and it takes up a position (913693) near Bde Tac HQ and is given the task of covering a gap between the KOSB & RS. Pl remains in action in this posn throughout the night.	
	27	0600	Pl receives orders to move to Coy harbour at LE MESNIL PATRY and remains throughout day and night.	
	28		Pl Comd is sent for by Coy Comd at KOSB HQ (912664). He remains there throughout the day in readiness to re-organise posn.	
907657	29	1100 1900	Pl occupies a posn in support of 6 KOSB in wood (907657) and is given the task of covering wood (903650) in the event of enemy penetrating through the R.S. & R.S.F. who are in the area. Posn being subjected to heavy mortar fire. Enemy counter attacking on wood & being successfully repelled. Pl returns to Coy harbour.	
	30	0500	Pl proceed to wood 903650 which is now taken over by 6 KOSB and takes up a defensive posn.	
	1 Jul	 1530	Enemy counter attacks and pl remains in action under very exacting conditions during attack by enemy tanks and is firing on its fixed line (orchard 901643) when called for by the infantry. Pl relieved by 1 Manchester Regt & proceeds to Coy harbour 909736.	
912680	26	0100 0730 1130	'B' Coy leaves for FUP 891713 S of BRONAY. Coy 2IC moves Coy Rear HQ to 902727 with main 44 H. Bde HQ. Coy advances with leading infantry. Coy Comd (Maj Ellis) injured by falling bough of tree.	

		1200 1300	Pte Walden killed by shrapnel, 300 yards N. of O.C Coy's place of injury. Coy 2IC takes over comd. Major W.D. Ellis evacuated. Plns proceed to S. of CHEUX in accordance with plan, but find no reps from Cameronians to put them in. Very bad posns from M.G. point of view. Whole area subjected to heavy mortar fire, casualties caused:- 6 Pl Ptes Breeze J, Royce & Boyce. 7 Pl Ptes Theobald & Brookman. Stretcher bearers Ptes Whiting, Leah showed exemplary behaviour under fire dressing wounds etc., particularly Pte Leah, who himself was slightly wounded. Tiger tank, dug in, reported 150 yds W. of 8 Plns posn. More enemy infantry move up during the night and 8 Pl fire occasionally.	
902698	27	0600 1300	We keep alert, expecting enemy attack. Sgt. Head of 8 Pl is killed in pl area by S.A. fire. Pl from 8 Mx arrives to take over posn. Difficulty experienced in getting clear of posn owing to enemy counter attack. Have great luck in getting through CHEUX, as roads are blocked and carriers are being subjected to fire from Tiger tanks. 3 M/cs abandoned N of CHEUX as state of tracks render it impossible for drivers to continue riding them. 8 Pl forced to abandon 1 x 15 cwt when leaving position. Coy re-groups at 902698 S. of LE MESNIL PATRY, main 46 Bde HQ. Coy move in support of 2 Glasgow H. to COLEVILLE 903650 Pte Hore reported to have hit a FW 190 with Bren Gun. This was vouched for by many of Glas. High. in area. C.O. visited Coy. Certain amount of mortar fire at night.	
	28	 1730	Heavy mortar fire on position but no other incidents. Lt Handslip, O.C. 7 Pl killed while on recce. 6 Pl move to Bridge 916622 in support of A&S High Lt Handslip killed whilst his Pl were supporting an attack by 9 Cams on GRANVILLE. Sgt Drake (7 Pl) injured. Endeavoured to get through to 6 Pl without success. Mortaring of area by enemy multi-barrelled mortar.	
MONDRAVILLE (9164)	29		Move to MONDRAVILLE with 2 GH. 7 & 8 Pls occupied various positions covering east & south.	

MONDRAVILLE (9164)			Panic caused by threatened breakthrough of enemy infantry & tanks, which did not materialize. Ptes Probett & Winkworth injured by shrapnel and evacuated. Tank battle towards late afternoon and evening. Endeavoured to contact 6 Pl without success.	
	30		Contacted 6 Pl and about 20 returned after being subjected to intense enemy fire. Position of casualties as yet uncertain as there may be some who are only missing, but there were 12 short.	
	1 Jul	1830	Relieved by 1 Manchesters and Coy moved to rest area 921726.	
FIELD	23	1730	<u>"C" Coy</u> Landed at a posn on coast of FRANCE (7E/5 8586) and proceed to 227 (H) Inf Bde area (7F/1 843780). Arrive at approx 2330 hrs. Coy not yet complete.	
Mt FAUVEL	24	1500 2300	Remainder of Coy arrive this area. Orders arrive from 46 (H) Inf Bde to move to FAA. SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN (7/F1 9274)	
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	25	0100 2100 2115 1830	Arrive at FAA No 9 Pln moves to join 7 SEAFORTH in same area. No 10 Pln moves to join 2 GLAS H. in same area. No 11 Pln moves to join 2 GORDONS at VAUX-SUR-SEULLES (7F/1 8377). Adv Coy HQ joins 46 Bde TAC HQ in SECQUEVILLE.	
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	26	0300 1730 1500 1900	Adv Coy HQ moves forward to x-roads (906679) arriving at 0530 hrs. No 9 Pln advance with 7 SEAFORTH (rear Bn) and halted in CHEUX (9167) at 1900 hrs approx. Pln in position at 920770 but did not have cause to fire. No 10 Pln cross start line at 0730 hrs with 2 GLAS. H. and reach first objective at 1400 hrs. Pln reorganise on the objective at 907678. Pln advance and reorganise on second objective SOUTH of CHEUX at 917673. No 11 Pln with 2 GORDONS reach area (905685) SOUTH of LE MESNIL PATRY. In action at 915668 supporting attack by 2 GORDONS on COLVILLE - TOURVILLE. Subsequent situation resulted in orders being received to join 227 (H) Inf Bde TAC HQ. Find this eventually at 0530 hrs on 27th.	
	27		No 10 Pln withdraws with 2 GORDONS to area 920770 and joins 9 CAMS. Pln concentrates at COLEVILLE (9264) No 11 Pln takes up defensive posn with 2 GORDONS in COLEVILE area. Pln posn on railway embankment (922647).	

		0730 2330	Pte GRAY A. is killed. Pln moves again with 2 GORDONS and takes up defensive posn on main road at TOURVILLE (9264). One carrier hit by shell fire from enemy tank - no casualties Pte Holt evacuated suffering from exhaustion.	
CHEUX	28		No 9 Pln advance from CHEUX and deploy to assist in the clearance of woods to COLEVILLE. Route via HILL 100 - Bridge 919655. Pln takes up posn in MONDRAINVILLE area (9164) until orders are received from 7 SEAFORTH to move to farm (912637). Pln remain in this posn under heavy mortar fire & sniping until relieved by MANCHESTER REGT. No 10 Pln on success of 2 GORDONS attack in GRANVILLE-SUR-ODON move up for reorganisation and take up posn at 909645. No 11 Pln take up defence posns in TOURVILLE in view of suspected counter-attacks.	
CHEUX	29	 1600 2100	No 10 Pln in action during morning and evening to repel counter-attacks. No 2 Sec withdraws at 2000 hrs with 'B' Coy 9 CAMS to CHEUX. In the ensuing disorganisation the section reports to a Bn of the WELSH GUARDS and is passed back to 15 (S) Inf Div HQ. On obtaining from this HQ the location of Adv Coy HQ the section rejoins. No 1 sec withdraws with 'A' Coy 9 CAMS to a posn approx 300 yards in rear of original one. After assisting in clearing woods in this area the sec returns to original posn. Sgt Reed, in command of No 1 Sec, showed great coolness and initiative in handling his sec whilst out of touch with his Pln Comd. No 11 Pln - in same posn - goes into action to repel a counter attack from SOUTH WEST. No 11 Pln moves back with 2 GORDONS to resist a counter attack on COLEVILLE. Attack did not develop	
CHEUX	30		No 10 Pln (No 2 Sec) withdraws to area of Adv Coy HQ at road line (924648). No 11 Pln receive orders for continued advance at 0730 hrs. Route: TOURVILLE - Bridge 9363 - LES VILAINS - GAVRUS - Bridge 9162 - preparatory to an attack on MONCEAUX. During the advance the Pln comes under heavy fire S.W. of TOURVILLE (928638) resulting in the following casualties: Wounded:- Sgt HEATH, Sgt WILKINSON, CPL COOK, CPL BLACKMAN, L/CPL CLARK, L/CPL BERRIDGE, PTES GARRAWAY, SEAL, STONE, HILL, LAMBE, NORWOOD, CHAPPELL, JAMES, CRAFT, ROGERS, YOUNG, PITHET, PTE FORD W. MISSING. Pln Comd on his return from Bn "R" Group organises the evacuation of the wounded and vehicles. On orders from OC Coy, Pln retires to Adv Coy HQ area.	

CHEUX			During the period in which the casualties were suffered, PTE BARNES showed exceptional courage and devotion to duty in rendering assistance to wounded men, thus preventing further injuries to those who were unable to move and setting a fine example which was followed by other private soldiers.	

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SECQUEVILLE	1	1530	Bn HQ & HQ Coy move to SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN.	
EN BESSIN 911764	2		Coys are now harbouring at the following locations:- "A" approx 1 mile S.W. of SECQUEVILLE at 905765 "B" BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE 921720 "C" BRONAY 881723	
		1200	Coy Comds attend CO's Conference at Bn HQ.	
		1405	'C' Coy shelled by enemy guns - Lt Fletcher wounded - L/Sgt Stevens slightly wounded - Pte Belton seriously wounded - all by shrapnel.	Pte Belton has since died.
	3		Lt Atkin 'B' Coy evacuated to C.C.S. Capt J.B. Redman promoted A/Major.	B.O. 135/para(1).
	4		Major Redman takes command of "B" Coy vice Major W.D. Ellis who was injured in previous operation.	
	5		6 Reinforcements sent to "B" Coy.	
	6	0900	"D" Coy move to marshalling area WATERLOOVILLE from WORTHING.	
	7	0730	"D" Coy proceed to Embarkation Port - GOSPORT. "A" Coy Comd is called to Bde and makes fwd recce with the object of taking over defence posns from 'C' Coy 8 Mx, 130 Bde, 43 div. 18 Reinforcements sent to 'B' Coy.	
		1100	"D" Coy embark.	
		1800	L/Cpl Bennett (D Coy) injures his ankle whilst driving m/c on board and is lowered over ships side into a small boat which takes him to hospital.	
		1930	Everyone is impressed by the R.A.F. The sky is black with bombers as they attack targets in and around CAEN.	
		2330	"A" Coy moves to TOURVILLE and Pls are dispersed as follows: 3 Pl 953636 - 4 Pl 925639 - 5 Pl 928637	
	8	1300	"D" Coy anchor off the coast of FRANCE after a calm and uneventful crossing.	
		1630	"D" Coy disembark and proceed to assembly area ST CROIX SUR MER. "A" Coy are subjected to spasmodic mortar fire all through day & night.	

	9	0800 1300 1800	"D" Coy move to Div Conc Area, ST GABRIEL. "D" Coy arrive in adjacent field to Bn HQ at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN. "C" Coy receive orders to move to F.A.A.	
	10	0100 0600 0645 1500 1700 2130 2300	"C" Coy HQ move to MOUEN (935656) Pls form up in defensive posns against a presumed attack by the enemy from the South. Nos 9, 10 & 11 Pls in posns at FONTAINE ETOUPEFOUR (963641) and are under continuous fire from enemy. 1 M.G. of No 3 Pl (A Coy) hit by shell fragment. Enemy can be observed whole time they are in posn. O.C. 1 Manchesters recces A Coy's posns with a view to relief. "C" Coy HQ move to VERSON 968658 Lieut Q.T. Robinson & 5 ORs join Coy as Rfts. Counter attack threatened & 'C' Coys guns are laid out for all round defence. 'C' Coy Pls lay guns by compass on Xrds S.E. of ETERVILLE but 9 Cameronians do not ask for any covering fire. 1 Carrier of 10 Pl receives direct hit - no casualties. 1 Carrier of 11 Pl hit and the driver, PTE TOVEY, is killed. Heavy mortar shelling has resulted in the following casualties:- WOUNDED / EXHAUSTION Sgt Gillet / Pte Payne L/Sgt May / Pte Chisholme Pte Williams L. / Pte Mansell " Fisher A. / " Phillips D. " Little / " Walton " Burnett / L/Cpl Halliwell " Hemmings / Pte Riches " Barr " Barnes B Coy moves to new location 921742 Lt Atkin returns from hospital and takes over comd of 6 Pl.	
	11	1400 2200	10 & 11 Plns "C" Coy in posns N of VERSON and in support of 2 G.H., open fire on hedgerow 200 yds S. of ETERVILLE. Pls subjected to heavy mortar & shell fire Ptes Richards & Harvey wounded. Pte Teader suffering from exhaustion - Cpl Bibby & Pte Osborne missing. 2/Lt Riley is posted to B Coy & 7 Pl. 'C' Coy relieved by Toronto Scottish, 4th Canadian Div.	
	12 -		Bn at rest.	
	14	1730 2000	H.Q. Coy less Bn HQ move to new location ST MAUVIEU 9286. 'D' Coy advance HQ move to assembly area TOURVILLE.	

		2100 2230 2345	Advance HQ "C" Coy move to 227 Bde HQ area. 9 & 11 plns to join A&SH N. of BRETTEVILLE. 12, 13 & 15 Pls ('D' Coy) move to mortar posns at TOURVILLE in support of 44 Bde. 14 Pl are held in reserve and remain with Coy HQ. "B" Coy follow in rear of 2 G.H. columns & proceed to WOOD 951647. Pte Dennis is suffering from a fractured leg due to mortar fire as we arrive. Rear HQ moves to 934669. Intermittent mortar & shelling during the night. An ammunition dump is ablaze a few hundred yards off.	
MARCELET 934679	15	0200 0300 1015 1030 1230 1345 1630 1800 1830 2145 2300	'A' Coy move to advance area at 936343 "C" Coy advance H.Q. moves to new location MOUNT VERSON. Bn HQ moves to new location within Div area - MARCELET 934679. The Bn is taking up posns in readiness for Op. GREENLINE. "C" Coy A2 move to field in which Bn HQ is est. 12 Pl ('D' Coy) range on target. First bomb is seen to cause a great cloud of smoke. "D" Coy TAC HQ move to battle posns S. of R ODON "B" Coy advance HQ and Pls take up the posns as follows:- 6 Pl 964638 - 7 Pl 959636 - 8 Pl 965634 in preparation for a map shoot. Pte Ingrey of 'C' Coy evacuated suffering from exhaustion. 9 & 11 Pl "C" Coy move to F.A.A. (947633) and are heavily shelled shortly after arrival. H-Hour OP. GREENLINE. All mortar posns subjected to heavy enemy mortar fire resulting in the following casualties:- Killed - Cpl Symonds. - Wounded - Cpl Brock, L/Cpl Ball - Ptes Sparkes - Rose C. - Sharp - Marsh - Phillips R - Petch. Pte Holt of "C" Coy evacuated suffering from exhaustion. Capt Cummins & Col/Sgt Clarke ('B' Coy) are caught in mortar fire and both wounded. Capt Cummins insists on returning to rear HQ in order to clear up one or two things before going to hospital.	
	16	0045 0430 0430 0700 1100	The following casualties of "C" Coy are evacuated Wounded - Sgt Pearce - L/Cpls Edwards & Carlton - Cpl Lane - Ptes Deacon - Stephens W - Jones E - Bell G - Easton - Tanner - Bedell. 9 & 11 pls ("C" Coy) move fwd to carry out tasks as follows:- 9 Pl to follow up A&SH and to give depth to reorganisation. 11 Pl to support the attack from BAS d'ESQUAY. "B" Coy Comd endeavours to contact C.O. of 2 GH but is unsuccessful owing to the HQ being under enemy observation. 9 & 11 Plns C Coy move to 929627 LES VILLAINS to harbour.	

MARCELET		1200 1200 1900 2300 2320 2330	13 & 15 Plns D Coy move to new posns and fire from plain N.W of GAVRUS from 1200-1300. 13 Pln do a "Crash Action" shoot and fire 260 bombs. 5 Pl ('A' Coy) moves out from TOURVILLE to area S of LES VILLAINS and carries out a Map Shoot on EVENAY. The action lasts an hour & Pl D.R. is killed, Pte NEWTON S. Capt Cummins is taken to Bn HQ where he imparts information to the Adjt before proceeding to 23 C.C.S. Orders received by "C" Coy that both pls will support attack by 158 Bde. <u>TASKS:</u> 9 Pl to bring down fire on Xrds at EVRECY and orchard immediately south - followed by fire on to AVENAY area. 11 Pl supporting fire on to Orchard S. of BAS D'ESQUAY and AVENAY area. Approx 15 JU's 188 attack area in which "B" Coy are situated - bombs and leaflets are dropped. These leaflets inform all who read that "ALL YOUR BASES ARE DESTROYED". This causes much amusement, as the men have just received a pint of beer each which was brought up from one of the so-called "Destroyed Bases". C.S.M. MARSHAL claims to shoot down an enemy bomber with L.M.G. fire. His claim is supported by 3 witnesses, one a Captain from the R.A. 9 & 11 Pls carry out the prearranged tasks from posn at LES VILLAINS. "D" Coy HQ and all Pl areas are again subjected to heavy mortar fire. Cpl Rosser slightly wounded above right eye but remains with Pl. Snipers are also in evidence, but although some equipment is damaged there are no casualties. 14 Pl support attack by 158 Bde and give covering fire on mortar and Arty gun emplacements from a posn on R. ODON. The shoot was carried out to time in spite of bombing attack by enemy planes.	
	17	0200 0900 0930	3 casualties caused to No 11 Pl by shelling Wounded - Sgt Shrubb - Ptes Chesterman & Watts. Lt R.R.T. Whitehead who has been appointed 2IC 'B' Coy vice Capt RWB Cummins (wounded in action) visits Coy. Cpl Klein (D Coy) is wounded by shrapnel and evacuated to local R.A.P. 14 Pl support 2nd attack by 158 Bde - this time from a valley between LES VILLAINS and GAVRUS.	

			1 mortar is out of action on first shoot but 3 remaining mortars shoot 200 bombs on target. At the end of the shoot the tanks in the attack rally on M.P. and there is considerable confusion.	
		2115	On a new attack being mounted, 9 & 11 Pls fire on the AVENAY area and an average of 50 belts per gun expended.	
			5 Pl 'A' Coy remains in harbour at TOURVILLE but at night carries out map shoot on EVENAY, 104 belts of amn being fired in 1¾ hours.	
		2300	"B" Coy rear HQ subjected to air raid. Anti-personnel bombs are dropped. 1 3 ton lorry is damaged.	
MARCELET	18	0001 0200 2300	"A" Coy relieved by 9 Manchester Regt & moves to area 905692. "B" Coy relieved and proceed to 907688. Enemy air activity - Bn HQ location is bombed. One drops by "C" Coy rear location (other side of field) damaging water carrier. Another drops at entrance to field injuring the guard, Pte Piper, who is found to be suffering with a compound fracture of the femur. The Signal office is in absolute ruins and the signal clerk is slightly injured. 3 m/cs are out of action, two completely destroyed and one damaged, and the M.O. is hard at work on Piper's leg. There is a queue outside the tent, all slightly injured personnel waiting for attention. It was very fortunate that we were all well dug in. The only secret docs in Signal office at the time were Code Signs. These were eventually salvaged.	
ST MAUVIEU 9268 MARCELET 934679 NORREY-EN-BESSIN	19	0830 1230	HQ Coy less Bn HQ and 1 Pl move to area S. of NORREY-EN-BESSIN and occupy area with B & D Coys. Bn HQ move to new location NORREY EN BESSIN and establish themselves in a field above HQ, B & D Coys. The Bn is situated in this location and having a well deserved rest.	
	20	1000	Divisional Comd visits Bn and expresses his appreciation of the good work the Bn has done in the last OP. He says that he is "Proud to have the Bn under his Comd". Lt Q.T. Robinson (B Coy) is reappointed T/Capt and takes over 2I.C. from Lt R.R.T. Whitehead, who is transferred to A Coy.	
	23	1620 1800	Bn move to St Lo area in convoy and join 30 Corps taking over from 5 US ~~Army~~ Div. On reaching dispersal point Coys proceed to following locations:- Bn HQ, HQ & C Coys - LIGNEROLLES - 7269. A - SALLEN 683618 - B - LA QUEUEMIERIE - 704635 D - TAC HQ is est N of CAUMONT - 12 & 15 Pls in support of 227 Bde - 13 & 14 Pls in support of 44 Bde. All Pls are allotted D.F. & Counter Mortar tasks.	

			Bn HQ, HQ & C Coys are in proximity of U.S. aerodrome which is frequently shelled. Some land fairly close to location.	
	24		A & B Coy Comds assume the role of assistant Counter-Mortar Officers in Div plan. The intention is that as soon as a bomb or shell lands in a Bde area, the A/C.M.O. orders immediate retaliation on selected targets by 3 Pl's M.M.G.'s, two or more Pls' 4.2" mortars and all available 3" mortars. Deliberate retaliation is carried out with the aid of artillery on a Divisional scale by Div C.M.O. The Bn has taken a defensive role and periodical counter-mortar fire proves to be very successful. Lt Livemore (D Coy) has an excellent O.P. in CAUMONT from which many shoots are carried out.	
	29		A, B & D Coys move to new locations in preparation for OP BLUECOAT and are est as follows:- A - SEPT VENTS - 693573 - 4 & 5 Pls in Sp of 7 Seaforths on Hill 309 - 6951 - 3 Pl at 692514. 12 & 15 Pls (D Coy) are in Sp of 227 Bde - 13 & 14 Pls are under comd of C.R.A.	
FOULOGNES 703636	30	0655 1730 2355	B - 8 Pl in sp of 10 HLI 689548 - 6 Pl at 709539 & 7 Pl 706540 both in sp of 2 A&SH. All 4 Pls (D Coy) are in action in front of first objective - LUTAIN WOOD - 693573. 2nd objective is captured by 227 Bde and all 4 pls are placed in support of 46 Bde. Bn HQ & HQ Coy move to new location approx 1 mile S. of village of FOULOGNES 703636 Pte H David (D Coy) captures German sniper found lurking in the adjoining field to Adv Coy HQ.	
	31	 1700	Pte Baker (B Coy) is wounded by a smoke shell canister. Advance HQ move up to location of 227 Bde at 704554. 13 Pl 2I.C's carrier strikes a mine on verge of road. The driver, Pte Amelan is wounded in the eye. All 4 Pls of D Coy are in action in posns just behind Glasgow Highlanders and engage targets from O.Ps. They are also allotted, and engaged D.F. tasks. 14 Pl comes under fire from enemy armoured car. Sgt Barwood returns fire by means of a PIAT. This throws the crew into confusion and overturns the armoured car.	

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Month and Year August 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Bn HQ FOULOGNES	1		4 & 5 Pls 'A' Coy are in location on Hill 309 MR 6951 - 3 Pl at 692514. Pls are subjected to heavy shell and mortar fire and numerous casualties are sustained.	
		1800	5 Pl fire direct on enemy inf who are mounted on tks endeavouring to escape from BOIS DU HOMME. Many casualties are inflicted on enemy. 'C' Coy are located at LE MANOU 706536.	
		1000	No 9 Pl engage northern edge of wood and road 7051 - 7151. This Pl is still under comd of 8 RS.	
		1200	'C' Coy Comd is ordered to co-ordinate DF & CM plan of MMGs and 3" mortars after KOSB has attacked and taken up posn SOUTH of BARELIERE 7052. 'B' Coy remains in same location. All pls of 'D' Coy are subjected to heavy shell fire during which Cpl Rowley and Ptes Armitage & Shimell receive serious wounds.	
	2	1530	6 Pl move fwd with 2 A & SH and take up posns at 689492. 7 Pl with 2 Gordons at 694477. 8 Pl with 10 HLI at 683484. 46 Bde regroup and 'C' Coy move fwd to area ST LAURE - 9 Pl under comd 6 RSF, 11 Pl under comd 6 KOSB. 'D' Coy less one Pl are now in posns as under :- Coy HQ with 227 Bde HQ at 686496. 12 Pl at 686487 and 13 & 15 Pls at 685485.	
ST LAURE	3	1010	'C' Coy Comd informed by BM 44 Bde that a counter attack is being made by enemy on to CATHOLLES 7444. 6 RSF Bn Gp is moved up to area and No 9 Pl comes under comd operationally.	
		1700	Coy Adv HQ moves fwd to 680446. Nos 9 & 11 Pls to 700466 to sp attack on LA COUR.	
		1900	14 Pl move with 46 Bde to 711453.	
	4		'A' Coy move to ST PIERRE TARENTIN and Pls take up posns as follows:- 3 Pl - 716412, 4 Pl - 713424, 5 Pl - 710435. Coy HQ - 707460.	

		0600	Maj D.A. Phillips is evacuated (Sick) to 193 Fd Amb. Capt H.D. Euren assumes comd - Lt K.B. Torrens-Spence takes over 2 IC.	
	5	0700	'B' Coy move fwd and pls take up the following posns:- 6 Pl - 748427 in sp 2 A & SH. 7 Pl - 767408 in sp 2 Gordons. 8 Pl - 772413 in sp 10 HLI.	
		0730	9 & 11 Pls 'C' Coy take up posns SOUTH of MONTCHARIVEL.	
		0900	'D' Coy less 14 Pl move to MONTCHARIVEL area. Coy HQ with 227 Bde - 758437. 12 Pl - 747423. 13 & 15 Pls 768414, and are allotted counter-mortar tasks. 14 Pl move to 709445 with 46 Bde.	
		1400	7 Pl ('B' Coy) who have moved with 2 Gordons are subjected to heavy shelling from which 1 OR is killed and 6 wounded.	
		2000	6 Pl report 2 casualties wounded.	
		2100	8 Pl " 1 " " 4 Pl ('A' Coy) moves into FAA of 9 Cams prior to Bde attaining BOIS DES MONTS - Pts 108 - 232, LASSY & LA ROCQUE	
	6	0700	12, 13 & 15 Pls ('D' Coy) are ordered to be on truck ready to move to LE THEIL on its capture by 10 HLI - thence to engage targets southwards. However 227 Bde's attack does not go according to plan and orders are issued for 2 of these 3 pls to sp 2 A & SH. Shortly afterwards these orders are cancelled and pls are again ordered on trucks and later occupy posns as under :- 12 Pl (in sp of 2 Gordons & 10 HLI) 748380. 13 & 15 Pls (in sp of 2 A & SH) 764405.	
		1330	'A' Coy Comd is called fwd to location 795412 to COs 'O' Gp and during his absence Coy area is heavily shelled, resulting in high casualties and damaging M/C belonging to 4 Pl. 'O' Gp decides that Coy will support an attack on high ground area 795405, by rapid map shoot at 785410 from 1415 - 1430 hrs on to LA CHEVALIERE and GURNEY and from 1430-1445 hrs on to pts 232 and 180. The shoot is quite successful - but immediately firing ceased a heavy concentration of shells fall in gun line - 4 guns are rendered inoperative. Sgt Ellison & Pte Barlow are killed and L/Sgts Edwards & Mullings, L/Cpl Johnson and Ptes Davis, Bourne & Cheadle are wounded. 9 Cams withdraw to area LA DRURIE 7641 and pl remains in this area constantly under enemy shelling. 4 Pl is reduced to one section on wheels with 3 tasks - (1) Firing from area 7 Seaforths to CAUERIE X-rds. (2) Firing WEST. (3) Firing NORTH from area Glas H.	
		1600	Adv Coy HQ move to 767427 with 44 Bde Tac HQ.	
		1700	'C' Coy move in the "Advance to Contact" with the RS. The original intention being a move to VASSY (7932) but the coln is halted by a	

			very strong pocket of resistance at LASSY (7939) where for the first time a Bde of the 15th Scottish reluctantly has to withdraw (if only for a few yards) to the high ground pts 7840 - 7940 - 7980. A defensive posn is now taken up and 227 Bde comes through to the right and advances successfully on ESTRY. 25 Pdrs pave the way with a terrific weight of fire. Heavy mist obscured the targets. Typhoons, Thunderbolts & Spitfires helped the attack. 2100 Message received at 'B' Coy HQ reporting that Lt L.T. ATKIN has been killed.	
	7	0015 0300 0830 1200 1300	O.C. 'B' Coy who, on receipt of message, had gone fwd to confirm the tragic news, returns with the information that Lt ATKIN has been killed by enemy SA fire whilst fwd on a recce. 7 Pl ('B' Coy) covers withdrawal of 46 Bde and then withdraws to high ground NORTH of AU CORNU with 2 Glas H. 9 Pl move from R Scots area to LA MOTTE area. 11 Pl joins the KOSB in the low ground but as the country is of a very close nature returns to LA MOTTE. Sgt Waite (8 Pl 'B' Coy) takes over comd of 6 Pl. 6 Pl take 3 prisoners, occupants of a car who were taking a meal to the enemy and had taken a wrong turning.	
Bn HQ ST PIERRE TARENTIN 704454	8	0900 1130 1230 1300 0900 1700	7 Pl ('B' Coy) move fwd and take posn at 745410 and 8 Pl at 748393. 5 Pl reports a small counter attack - enemy inf and 2 tks are seen in area 770400. The tks adv to 769405 and receive direct hits from our 17 pdr. The Pl opens up on inf around this location. The attack by 44 Bde on ESTRY commences and is supported by 12, 13 & 15 Pls from 1140 to 1330. 800 bombs are fired on targets of known enemy posns SOUTH & SE of ESTRY. Whilst going back to collect more bombs, which had been dumped in yesterday's posns, 3 carriers of 13 pl encountered some enemy Mk IV tanks situated on the X-rds 769405 and approx 768399. The carriers are fired on from both directions and all three receive at least 3 direct hits from the tanks 75 mm guns, killing Sgt Godfrey and Pte Gleave, and wounding L/Cpl Tatt. Bn HQ move to new location at ST PIERRE TARENTIN 704454. 9 & 11 Pls move to 745400 to carry out indirect shoot on L'ARTHIEL in sp of 44 Bde's attack on ESTRY. We now have expended 134 belts since opening fire at 1230.	
	9	1200	The farmer at Bn HQ's location reports that there is a "Bosche" in hiding in his barn. This is doubted as we are quite a distance behind the front. Nevertheless an extensive search is made and does not bear any results. The farmer still insists that the German is in hiding and in order to pacify him we again search. This time with	

			the aid of a dog. It is incredible that a man could be hiding in the barn but sure enough he is, for Pte Turner's attention is attracted to the dog who is sniffing at a certain board on the barn floor. The German is underneath and is dragged out by the Provost Sgt & stripped. A guard is then placed over him. One of our fellows knows a smattering of German and with some little difficulty we glean that he is 23 years old and is a telephone operator. He had been living on raw eggs for two days. A camera was found near him and one film had been exposed. This together with the German is taken to the nearest PW Cage.	
		1015	'B' Coy HQ move to 744424.	
		1130	Maj W.D. Ellis returns fighting fit and takes over comd of Coy from T/Maj J.B. Redman.	
		1800	Coy HQ ('C') move to MONTCHAMP.	
			As the Division is now ordered to defend the posns they hold, counter mortar activity becomes very much more prominent and during the day and night 'D' Coy is kept busy with counter mortar shoots.	
	10		Maj Redman takes over comd of 'C' Coy vice Maj Phillips who is evacuated owing to sickness. Coys remain in same locations and occasional c/m fire is called for.	
	11		Nothing of interest to record.	
	12		It is now agreed that MMG Coy Comds are not in a posn to do A/CMOs duties.	
	13	0500	'A' Coy move to harbour area at Orchard 9860.	
		1430	'C' Coy concentrate at ST PIERRE TARENTIN 707750.	
		1700	'D' Coy move to area in which Bn HQ is situated.	
			No 9 Pl ('C' Coy) report incident of Polish deserter surrendering on gun line. On being questioned he said that five of them had deserted during our artillery bombardment. These Poles are continually looking for Allied tps to surrender to and they are completely unarmed.	
	14		Bn HQ and 'D' Coy proceed to new location on CAEN Sector - MAIZET 948576. The Division has come under comd of 12 Corps.	
	15		'A' Coy move to new location 005495. Bn is not at the moment partaking in any operational role.	
	17	2100	Bn HQ, HQ & 'D' Coys move to CINGAL 026481.	
	18		CRA opens series of lectures and demonstrations with 'D' Coy with the object of bringing mortars on to their lines of fire with greater accuracy. 3 RA officers are att to Coy for instruction purposes.	
	19 - 25		Bn takes up defensive role during this period, and advances 5 - 6 miles each 2 or 3 days.	

FALAISE	25		Bn HQ, HQ & D Coy prepare to "Go as far fwd as they can". 'A' Coy with 46 Bde - 'B' - 227 Bde - 'C' with 44 Bde. This policy is used throughout the Div. After a day of slow movement in convoy Bn HQ, HQ & D Coys pass through BERNAY where their vehicles are bedecked with flowers and the troops are given cider. There is much fraternising as the enemy had only been gone that same day. Bn harbours for the night just beyond BERNAY.	
	26	1100	Bn HQ, HQ & D Coys move fwd to COMBON. The Division is now given the role of forming a bridgehead over the R SEINE, with certain objectives. When these are taken 12 Corps will come through and break out of the bridgehead.	
LOUVIERS 258920	27	 1830	Bn move to LOUVIERS in preparation for the crossing. We are almost overlooking the river and are located on the road running parallel with the SEINE. The enemy has been seen across the river, and in the afternoon all Coys take up posns on the side of the hill, 36 MGs open up and fire across the valley to the high ground over the river. They are firing as fast as they can. They are also supported by the mortars. An attempt is made to cross the river by infantry and after a while a crossing is made with very few casualties.	
	28		All Pls are now across the SEINE and the enemy is in full flight.	
	29		Lieut Gerrard, 'D' Coy organises a small party comprising his OP personnel to investigate the wood at 314955. 3 men of the SS Adolf Hitler Div are captured after a short action during which a grenade is thrown at Lieut Gerrard which fortunately fails to explode.	
	31		The objectives are taken with comparatively small opposition and a bridgehead established over the SEINE. Corps has started to come through and the Bn is given the role of Bridge maintenance troops.	

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	1st.		The following account is sent in by O.C. 11 Pl "C" Coy:- "On 31st Aug, 11 Pl participated in the capture of 6 Germans, who, for 2 days, had been in hiding in a haystack not 500 yards from No 2 section's Gun posn. The sec must have been under observation continuously but the enemy showed no action. They were disarmed & captured by Lt Gerrard with a mortar sec from No 12 Pl, after a few bursts of L.M.G. fire. One of the prisoners, an SS, tried to get away but he was shot at and wounded. Lt Gerrard took them all to a P.W. Cage in his carrier. On the same day Lt Gerrard was informed by French patriots of an enemy posn near HOUVILLE 3697. Taking with him his Cpl Dvr Op and armed with an L.M.G. he proceeded to this posn and fired 4 magazines after which the enemy frantically waved their white flag. This added another 6 to the list.	
LYONS-LA-FORET	3rd		Bn HQ advances a short distance and harbours in area LYONS-LA-FORET. A Coy move to area GOURNAY.	
	4th		After another short move Bn HQ, HQ & D Coys harbour in area HAUGOURT. A Coy moves 20 miles forward to area ROMESCAMPS. The roads in this part of France are very bad - half cobbled.	
ECOUVRES	5th		A memorable day to all. A distance of approx 75 miles is covered after being on the road all day. Wherever we go there are smiles of welcome, waving of hands, whilst gifts of apples & tomatoes are showered on us. Bn eventually harbours at ECOUVRES NR. FERVENT. "C" Coy harbour west of ST POL at 123088 "A" Coy is with 46 Bde and form part of a "task force" for "mopping up operations" and harbours for the night at SABY.	
	6.	1800	On the road again and approaching the frontier of Belgium. Our reception everywhere is amazing. Crossing the Franco-Belgian frontier.	

			Our job in France is finished. The Bn has had some very hard fighting to do before this triumphant entry into Belgium. It may well feel proud in that it shared an important part in the liberation of France. A Coy harbour approx 5 miles Sth of COURTRAI. Clearing operations take place against small enemy resistance astride road to COURTRAI, on move up. C Coy take up posns near COURTRAI. Bn HQ, HQ & D Coys harbour for the night in orchard near village of WARCOING. The Division is a long way in rear of fwd line of 2nd Army's advance and the Bde's job on these moves is to protect the flanks, as there are numerous enemy pockets remaining in the wake of this great advance. Bn HQ, HQ & D Coy move in the rear of 15 Division, whilst A B C Coys are with their respective Bdes pushing ahead until contact is made with an enemy force. It is then dealt with and so the advance continues.	
	7		D Coy receive orders that they will sp 44 Bde when & if required. Enemy reported on rd COURTRAI - AVELGHEM at HEESTERT and Bde is ordered to move up Sth of canal. A Coy are ordered to have 3 & 4 pls in sp of 2 Glas H. and to hold AUDENARDE, 5 pl at high feature north of HEESTERT in sp of 9 Cams. Enemy column of eight vehicles tried to break through 4 Pls posn during the afternoon. Pl shoot up 1st car carrying 2 officers, also a lorry, killing 4 of the occupants & wounding 7. The next 3 vehs manage to get through and are captured by 2 Glas H in AUDENARDE. The last 3 vehs manage to turn round and get away. Enemy then tries trick of white flag of surrender, and then open fire. There are no casualties to the pl. Sgt McKenzie kills one German soldier within 30 yds of section posn, who was about to throw a grenade. Clearing up continues until dark. After which 5 pl is placed in a defensive posn to cover approaches across canal between 9 Cams in AVELGHEM and 7 Seaforths in KERKHOVE. A Coy HQ is est at BERCHEM. Bde Gp captures approx 800 prisoners.	
	8		44 Bde with D Coy still in sp are moved to occupy posns further along the R. LYS from excl COURTRAI to PLAATSE. 12 Pl who are under comd of 8 RS occupy posns on the main COURTRAI-GHENT Rd at HARLEBEKE. On occupying these posns the pl captures 2 prisoners and later another 23 come in.	
	9	0800	A Coy move to farm just west of WAEREGHEM. Coy HQ move to area OOSTERZEELE 10 miles to S of GHENT.	

			2 Glas H with 3 pl in sp are ordered to assist in clearing GHENT. 3 Pl move to centre of GHENT to assist in street fighting. It is impossible for the carriers to cross the canal until late at night when bridge will be repaired by sappers. C Coy take up posns in following areas:- Adv Coy HQ 882561 9 Pl 878592 10 Pl 923638 11 Pl 937671 B Coy are situated as follows:- 7 Pl in sp of 2 A&SH at MACHALEAN 8 Pl in sp of 10 HLI (1 section at DEURLE: 1 section S.W. of GHENT) 6 Pl in sp of 2 Gordons - all covering canal crossings	
LONDERZEEL	10	0800 0830	The advance continues. C Coy move to area 680692 N. of BRUSSELS, having covered a distance of approx 43 miles. Bn HQ, HQ & D Coy advance to LONDERZEEL Being the first troops to enter the town, we are given a great welcome. Flags of all kinds are displayed and a miniature fete takes place supported by a brass band to which the people sing & dance.	
	11		14 Pl move to join 46 Bde N. of LONDERZEEL - 12 pl in the evening join 44 Bde E. of LONDERZEEL and are ordered to move under their respective Bdes.	
	12	 0700 1700	D Coy HQ & 13 & 15 pls move with Bn HQ to area N of HASSELT. Meanwhile 12 pl cross the ALBERT CANAL with 44 Bde. They carry out a considerable number of shoots which include the town of GHEEL. 14 Pl are also across with 46 Bde. B Coy move to HUMBEEK N. of BRUSSELS. 7 pl is detached to sp 1 coy of 2 Gordons in posn covering lock gates on ALBERT CANAL near OOLEN. "C" Coy pass through MALINES to S. of ALBERT CANAL at 043808. 11 Belts are expended in this posn by 10 pl. Coy then continues to area around GHEEL 058873 - 11 Pl NE with KOSB - 9 Pl NW with R.S. - 10 Pl in reserve S. of GHEEL.	
	13	1700	GHEEL being occupied 'C' Coy move to 058873. 12 Pl D Coy move up through GHEEL to RETHY in sp of 44 Bde.	
	14		13 Pl are now placed in sp of 227 Bde and move to a posn N. of MOLL. 15 Pl is sent fwd to main GHEEL-TURNHOUT road in sp of 8 RS. During the afternoon the C.R.A. issues orders that certain targets on N. side of the JUNCTION CANAL are to be registered by means of an air O.P.	

			12 & 15 pls are selected for this task and it is arranged for 12 pl to register first. The pilot fails to recognise the first & second targets, but the third and fourth are registered satisfactorily. Division move to ALBERT CANAL taking over bridge-head from 53 Div.	
	15.	0230 1200 1230	It is planned for 6 R.S.F. to go through GHEEL and cross the JUNCTION CANAL. To give the required support 12 Pl are moved at 0230 hrs to join 15 Pl in area just S. of the JUNCTION CANAL on the GHEEL TURNHOUT road. O.C. 12 pl reports to O.C. 6 R.S.F. Capt Livemore (O.C. 12 pl) then crosses the canal taking with him his 22 set (manhandled by 6 men). He establishes his O.P. in a mill on the far side from where he controls the fire of both 12 & 15 pls. Some very heavy and effective shooting is carried out on enemy counter attacks. During the day Capt Livemore does excellent work from his OP which is continually under heavy fire and really a death trap, remaining there until it is set on fire. He also accounts for 6 of the enemy who are around his post, by means of a sniper's rifle.	
	18		7 pl (B Coy) in Sp of 2 Gordons cross canal at night in assault craft - the intention being to widen bridgehead. 1½ mile long carry is involved. C Coy move to MOLL area and pls occupy posns as follows:- 9 Pl - 173933 10 Pl - 159937 - 11 Pl 171952. 11 Pl is in a factory on the canal bank, from where they can see the enemy quite distinctly. They are ordered not to fire except in the event of major enemy crossings. Numerous counter attacks occur throughout the day that are all successfully repelled.	
	19.		Guns of 7 Pl are now sited in outer perimeter on bridgehead and are subjected to heavy mortar fire. Pl comd and 1 O.R. are wounded by SA fire. During the night the bridgehead is evacuated - 8 pl assisting 10 HLI to cover the withdrawal.	
	21	0700	To conform with the evacuation of the bridgehead by 227 Bde and the taking over of the south bank of the canal by another formation, 12 & 15 pls come out of action and harbour just sth of GHEEL. Meanwhile the remainder of the Bn proceeds to the EINDHOVEN area in HOLLAND. D Coy HQ moves in Bde column and Bn HQ is est in area just S.W. of EINDHOVEN. 44 Bde is relieved by 7 ARMD Div & C Coy move with them to area of RIETHOVEN near LUMMEL. B Coy move to VELTHOVEN.	

	22		B Coy move to conc area on Northern outskirts of EINDHOVEN. Whilst in this area General Dempsey visits Coy HQ. The enemy has had time to prepare strong posns along railway N of EINDHOVEN to the extent of digging himself in between the sleepers and under the rolling stock. Coys are now in the following posns:- A in BEST area & covering EINDHOVEN-BOXTEL rly embankment Coy HQ being est at 383278, B pls sited on Sth bank of WILHELMINA CANAL. C - 10 pl across the canal in the area of BEST at 385262 engaging targets in the VLEUT area. D - less 12 & 15 pls are on E. of main EINDHOVEN-BOXTEL road Sth of canal. 12 & 15 pls remain in harbour at GHEEL with 227 Bde.	
	25	2100	Lt Gerrard (D Coy) promoted rank of Capt. All weapons of 44 Bde fire 2 mins rapid as a propaganda shoot. 13 pl fire 120 mortar bombs in this time.	
	27.		D Coy HQ move to area east of STEENWEG 387274. During the night 44 Bde carry out successful attack on large wood N of DONNERDONCK capturing about 100 PW. This attack is supported by 13 pl.	
NIJNSEL 4330	28		Bn HQ moves to village of NIJNSEL 4330 and are est in cemetery.	
	29		A Coy HQ moves to 383278 - B Coy HQ moves to area East of PRINZHOEF.	
	30		4 Pl is placed under comd 53 Div.	

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AARLE 549258	1st.		The Bn adopts revised methods for compilation of the War Diary. As far as possible 2 copies of op. orders, instructions etc are now set aside specifically for the War Diary but, in the case of documents received, whenever there is only one copy available it is retained for use with the War Diary Original. In view of this Bn's widely dispersed activities and continual changes of plan it is not found possible to rely on operational documents to "paint the picture" and the narrative merely an explanatory link between phrases.	
	3rd		4 Pl rejoins A Coy from 53 Div.	
	4th		Bn HQ when relief by 1/7th Bn of 51 Div is complete moves to rest area in AARLE and for 15 days normal administration is carried on from a pleasant orchard at 549258. Good use is made of this period by whole Bn especially the M.T. side. All vehicles are being overhauled and repainted where necessary.	
	6th		All officers of Bn attend lecture given by Div Comd at GEMERT.	APPX "D"
	16th	2150	1 Mx Operation Order No1 for OP SIRIUS issued	Folio (4)
	18th	1645 1800	Orders received for "B" Coy less one Pl to come under comd of "C" Coy 1 Mx who will be in sp of 227 Bde taking over from 51 (Div) on general line BEST 3626 - ODERNADE 4232. Orders received for a pl of "B" Coy to join 8 R.S. the following morning. 8 Pl comd is ordered to report to HQ 8RS GEMERT 5780 and his pl to R.V. there at 191200 hrs. Op SIRIUS cancelled on 17th. B Coy Comd attends conference at Bde HQ and orders & traces are issued for pending OP. Experiments carried out by B Coy with a view to laying a M.M.G. in half light by putting luminous paint on sights. So far it is not successful.	OP SIRIUS 44 Bde O.O. No1 APPX "E" Folio (5)
	19th		Owing to poor weather and much rain the entrance to Bn HQ is turned into a quagmire and we are forced to move to "HARD STANDINGS" in	

			area of factory at 554257. All vehicles are on hard ground and troops who wish to be, are under cover.	
		0845	O.C. "C" Coy proceeds to recce area of BEST Bdge and contacts "D" Coy 1/7 MX & 51 Div RE.	
		0900	2 IC "D" Coy attends conference at Bn HQ and receives orders to send 2 pls to sp 227 Bde who are relieving 51 Div.	
			12 & 15 pls are warned to move out with "B" Coy to a posn at 394286.	
		0915	O.C. B Coy proceeds to 227 Bde HQ where he is met by C.O. and given the following orders:-	
			6 pl to sp 10 HLI - 7 Pl to sp 2 Gordons	
		1100	"C" Coy move off under 2 IC via HELMOND - EINDHOVEN	
		1330	"B" Coy move to 414288	227 Bde move order 17
		1500	"C" Coy arrive in area of ACHT 404226	APPX "E" Folio (6)
			9 Pl occupy BEST Bdge	
			During the take over the large amount of traffic over bridge brings down shell & mortar fire from enemy. 2 Cas are sustained to outgoing unit	
			The pl is acting in an inf role, its task being the immediate protection of the bdge.	
			Carriers are left on S. side of canal	
			10 pl are in similar posns at 380244 and carry out same role.	
			11 pl takes over from a pl 1/7 MX in BATA shoe factory with the primary task of supporting 9 CAMS in their posn just East of rly & BEST.	
		1700	6 Pl take up posn at 391294 - 7 pl are at 402311.	
			D.F task given to pls. Direct fire not possible owing to close nature of the country.	
		1800	Sitrep is received from Capt Livemore stating that he is responsible for enemy ground W. of BEST (occupied by 9 Cams) and has therefore taken up posn at 388259. D.F. task now given out.	
	20th	0900	12 & 15 pls move to 383268 and cover BEST-VLEUT Rd.	
			7 Pl carry out harassing shoots on call from 2 GORDONS.	APPX "E"
	21st	0630	"C" Coy Comd contacts Bty comd L.A.A. and arrangements are made for the Bty to assist in defence of bridge should necessity arise.	Folio (8)
	22nd	1200	10 & 11 Pls exchange posns & tasks.	
			O.C. visits right hand Coy of Princess Irene Regt. Dutch Bde and arranges linking up patrol between them and pls in BATA factory.	
	23rd	1115	Enemy observed digging in before 2 GORDONS posn.	
			7 Pl are called upon to bring fire to bear. Task is completed in 12 minutes - result uncertain.	
	24th	1000	O.C. "C" Coy attends Bde 'O' Group.	

		1100	O.C. "B" Coy visits 8 pl in area of DINTHER 4441, SE of HERTOGENBOSCH.	
		1400	Infm received that Coy will revert to 44 Bde and O.C to attend O Group at that HQ. Enemy has pulled out. 8 RSF with 1 tank sqn & 1 Pl MMG are ordered to OIRSCHOT 3125. Coy HQ move to 383278. 7 Pl join KOSB & 8 pl join R.S. - 12 & 15 pls (D Coy) remain in posn in sp of 44 Bde.	
		1630	2IC called to Bn HQ and received orders to send one Pl to sp each 44 & 46 Bdes.	
		1730	12 Pl joins 44 Bde in posn just East of BEST. 14 Pl with 46 Bde off main BEST road just South of WILHELMINA Canal. Move order received from 46 Bde.	APPX "E" Folio (7)
		2100	Coy Comd attends Bde O Group and receives orders for forthcoming op on 25th.	APPX 'E' Folio (9)
		2115	B Coy Comd attends O Gp and receives orders for the advance on TILBURG.	APPX 'E' Folio (10)
	25th	0800	3 pl move with 2 Glas H forming advance guard.	
		0900	A Coy less 3 pl and incl Hy Mortar Pl move at head of Bde column. Rapid advance delayed only by enemy demolitions.	
		0930	D Coy HQ move from HELMOND area to 406224	
		1000	13 pl in sp of KOSB and 44 Bde, move off with their marching column along the towpath of WILHELMINA Canal to the ultimate objective - Bridge 207277. This is reached after a difficult journey but without interference by the enemy. 14 Pl are kept in 46 Bde reserve and move off in the morning in Bde column with A Coy - The column being on the main axis BEST-OIRSCHOT-MOERGESTEL and harbour for the night at 229309. 12 & 15 pls are still in sp of 227 Bde who have come into Div reserve. In order to keep main axis clear this Bde Gp moves to its harbour area NOTEL - via URICKHOVEN.	
		1230	Advance guard on Bridge MOERGESTEL 3 pl in action covering eastern approaches to town. 7 Seaforths are to pass through and take OIRSCHOT 4 Pl taken out of Bde column Mortar pl in action base plated posn 234334 firing in sp of 2 Glas H.	
		1600	B Coy HQ move to MOTERWIJK just N. of OIRSCHOT. KOSB with 7 Pl under comd advance along N Side of WILHELMINA Canal from BEST 3726 to BIEST 2026. 7 Pl then takes up posns at 205276 covering N. Bank of canal towards TILBURG.	

			8 RS with 8 pl advance to OIRSCHOT 3125 without encountering enemy resistance and harbour at 217258 6 pl are in harbour with 'C' Coy 8 R.S.F. at SPOORDONK 288274.	
		2100	44 Bde O.O. No 1 received.	
	26th	0600	3 Pl A Coy ordered to F.A.A. at 225326 and move with 2 Glas H. 4 Pl sp 7 SEAFORTHS' assault and cross river at first light, firing on road N. from rly at 221431. Crossing of canal is successful and area W. of town of OOSTERWIJK is cleared as far as rly. 3 pl cross with 2 GH.	
		0800	5 Pl in action in area 189318 firing N.W and covering crossing of River STROUM.	
		1100	44 Bde Gp concs in area S & SE of VINKENBURG 2229, prior to crossing Class 40 Bdge at BIEST 2026 - HILVARENBEEK 1924. This is crossed in the afternoon and "B" Coy HQ is est at 213263 with 6 & 7 pls at VOORT 2519 and 8 pl at HILVARENBEEK.	
		1145	"C" Coy move to area MOERGESTEL	
		1200	Pls are under following comds:- 9 - 10 HLI - 10 - 2 GORDONS - 11 - 2 A&SH. 13 pl is ordered to move South of canal but owing to extensive minefields on Sth Bank, the Pl eventually cross in 44 Bde column.	
		1630	A Coy Comd moves 1 sec 4 Pl to face N. from rly line - D.F. fire tasks (as per trace)	APPX "J" Folio (6)
		1730	B pl harbour in area 180254	
	27th	0830	Co-ord conference at HILVARENBEEK 1924. As a result of this conference, pls take up posns along canal. A Coy finding little opposition cross the canal B Coy overcome minor resistance and 6 Pl enter outskirts of TILBURG and take up def posn at 182311.	
		1500	TILBURG reported clear of enemy. Coys are ordered to harbour at night in their present locations.	APPX "E"
	28th	0700	Coys ordered to occupy TILBURG. In order to carry this out the heavy transport has to be ferried across the canal. All are enthusiastically welcomed by civil population. Whilst this operation was being carried out an attack is staged by the enemy with the suspected objectives of DEURNE 6520 - ASTEN 6113 and LIEROP 5615. In this attack he is not wholly successful although he does manage to cross the Canal de Deurne, recapture MEIJEL and LIESEL and advance along the ASTEN rd to approx 645100. It is in view of this attack that the division does a rapid turn around and almost immediately TILBURG is safely in our hands, the first units leave for the eastern side of the Salient.	Folio (11) APPX "E" Folio (12)

		1800	"C" Coy leave TILBURG and arrive ASTEN 1930 hrs.	
	29th	0045 0700 0730 1500	"B" Coy receive order to move to DEURNE 6520 Coy arrive at new location. Rep from Bde visits O.C. 'B' Coy with information that the enemy has broken through at LIESEL and is advancing on this axis towards DEURNE. The following def posns are then taken:- 7 Pl flank protection role with KOSB at 685178 6 Pl in def localities of 6 RSF 8 Pl in def localities of 8 RS both at 896418 6 & 8 pls move with their respective Bns to area ACHTERBOSCH - RINKVELT, 6 pl remaining conc. 3 pl A Coy (with 2 GH) come under comd vice 7 pl during the night. "C" Coy take up posns in def of ASTEN and relieve US forces during night. 9 & 11 pls being astride rd 623128 - 2 A&SH area - 10 pl in reserve.	
	30th	 0900 1000 1100 1300 1400	4 Pl move with 7 Seaforths on main axis to area N. of LOON 6615 under heavy shelling & mortar fire. Pl in action 1 section W of rd 665155 firing Sth. 1 sec on 30.7 contour at 669154. This section is under direct observation from the enemy and all movement is fired on by 3 Spandau posts and light mortars. All movement necessitates a crawl of approx 400 yds to the gun posns. 3 Pl take up posns at 665137 and in doing this are continually under shell fire resulting in 11 casualties. This means that the pl Comd is only able to place one sec into action. 13 Pl move to 652137 E of RINKVELD in sp of 6 R.S.F. 3 Pl Comd whilst on recce observes enemy forming up for counter attack on SLOT 6713. Enemy counter attacks & both sections of pl suffer serious casualties. L/Sgt Percy's section is firing carrier action covering gap between right & left fwd Coys. Enemy advances through gap and come under heavy fire from L/Sgt Percy's carrier. In spite of this they reach a point approx 100 yds from section. Immediately they take cover and one of the S.P. begins to fire at Section, killing L/Sgt Percy & injuring 2 ORs in carrier. The attack is successfully beaten off. 8 Pl take up posns at 655139 and 6 pl at 653137 preparing to engage harassing targets in area of SLOT. 15 Pl joins 12 pl at 636108 just S.E. of HEUSDEN. All day long these pls are engaged in counter Mortar work and expend 480 bombs.	

	31st		6 & 8 pls remain in present posns to sp by harassing fire the clearing of wood at 6512 to the Southern edge. 11 pl move up in sp of 2 A&SH to area 640123 - 10 pl being heavily shelled - 1 gun K.O. - 1 casualty.	APPX "E"
		0830	7 Seaforths attack LIESEL 6614 with 4 Pl in sp from 669154. 9 Cams attack South with objective LOONSCHE BAAN 6714 - 6814. 7 Pl "B" Coy in sp and firing on L. flank 5 Pl in action at 675151 7 Pl move fwd with 6 KOSB who attack SLOT Objective not achieved until dark.	Folio (13) APPX "E"
		1830	O.C. "A" Coy attends O Gp at HQ 46 Bde	Folio (14)

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

Month and Year November 44.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. J.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LIEROP 971156	1st	0645	7 pl B Coy move fwd and go into action at 678136.	
		0900	Attack by 9 Cameronians with 4 & 5 pls A Coy supporting, plus 14 pl D Coy with mortars. A Coy HQ is est at 666154 - 3 pl brought into harbour with Coy to reorganise. 5 pl A Coy move to LIESEL in sp of 2 G.H. - 7 Pl B Coy advance with 6 KOSB to HUTTEN 685125 - opposition encountered.	
		1100	3 pl who have been under comd B Coy revert to comd A Coy.	
		1200	B Coy HQ move to 665145 - 6 pl move to 6814. O.C. C Coy arranges tasks for 9 and 10 pls - 9 pl who are in area 640098 - task - Arc of fire in southerly direction and fixed lines on tracks at right 634093 - left 645085 - 10 pl are in area 644111 - D.F. and harassing tasks in front of 2 Gordons. 12 & 15 mortar pls remain on D.F. tasks on call from 2 Gordons and 10 HLI firing 320 bombs. 13 pl D Coy are in posn in sp of 8 R.S. 14 pl D Coy move to area 665138 and then to N of LIESEL in sp of 9 Cams & 7 Seaforth.	
	2nd	0001	7 pl who have been under comd A Coy, revert to comd B Coy.	
		0600	5 pl A Coy sp 2 G.H. attack on HEITRAK firing from previous posn - Army Film Unit is present during this shoot. 14 pl D Coy gives R flank protection.	
		0930	44 Bde advance along main axis LIESEL - MEIJEL 7006. During this advance 6 & 7 Pls B Coy take up posns at 694115 and 696108 respectively, covering right flank.	44 Bde O.O. No.2 dtd 1 Nov 44 APPX D Folio 5.
		1100	Success signal received - 5 pl A Coy move fwd to 692118 dominating canal between HUTTEN and HEITRAK. D.F. tasks fixed - 14 pl move to area SLOT. 44 Bde continue to advance south - 5 pl under intermittent shell fire. 4 Pl A Coy are ordered to move R hand section to fire E of track running S.W. from 695145 to track junc at 696135.	
			12 & 15 Pls D Coy remain in sp as a battery of 227 Bde.	46 Bde Op.Instr. No 14 dtd 1 Nov 44

		1430 1500	13 pl D Coy now under comd of 6 RSF and move to area N of HEITRAK at 694114 12 & 15 pls D Coy move to 649100 - 13 pl continue in sp of 44 Bde and move into a posn S of SLOT at 675133. They first engage a bridge at HOOGEBRUG and a known enemy posn.	Appx D Folio 6
	3rd	0730 2000	7 pl B Coy move to posn at 698089 taking up direct fire in sp of 6 KOSB. 8 pl B Coy remain in existing role - 6 pl B Coy move to 693108 in sp of 6 RSF. Heavy direct counter mortar retaliation - A duel is fought out with an enemy hy mortar gp whose location is effectively pin-pointed and after 2100 hrs no further enemy firing is heard. This action was carried out by 13 pl D Coy.	44 Bde O.O. No 3 dtd 3 Nov 44 Appx D Folio 7
	4th	0730 0900	44 Bde attack - 46 Bde alter dispositions to take over from 44 Bde. 13 & 15 pls D Coy continue firing on woods east of HOF. 4 pl A Coy fire on enemy trying to cross canal. 15 pl move off from Coy harbour area in sp of 44 Bde and take up posns just N of NEERKANT 697096.	
	5th	1000 1300 1700	4 pl A Coy move to new posns at 763099 - 1 section firing north, dominating canal bank and ground west between fwd locations of Bde and another section firing S.E. giving right flank protection. 3 pl A Coy in action at 685145 Right hand section 4 pl in action - rest of front fairly quiet - O.C. A Coy fixes tasks for night. 7 pl B Coy move to 698085 - 8 pl move to 703097 and later in the day are relieved by 3 pl A Coy.	Trace: Appx J Folio 80) 46(H)Bde O.O. No 14 dtd) 4 Nov 44) 46(H)Bde Sitrep 051630A)
	6th	 0800	11 pl C Coy are ordered to move as part of 2 A&SH - Gp to take up posns in area OSPEL 6605 and to take over from U.S. Battle Gp. 7 & 8 pls B Coy remain in existing roles - 6 pl in sp of 6 RSF move to area 6610 to cover axis MEIJEL - ASTEN 7 Seaforth to drive enemy back across canal at 719090. H - Hour. Attack sptd by 13 & 15 pls D Coy and 4 pl A Coy - 13 pl fire on canal junc 719090 - attack is successful.	))) 46(H)Bde Sitrep 061630A)
	7th	1100	11 Pl, C Coy take up posn in copse 664051 - It was found impossible to take over from U.S. Forces as there were no properly organised posns and it was therefore decided to take up new ones.	46(H)Inf Bde 071630A Sitrep.
	8th		Remainder of C Coy move as part of 227 Bde Gp to area MOOSTDIJK 6908 and NEERKANT - Coy HQ is est at LIESEL 6617. Coy takes over B Coys Posns. As 227 are relieving 44 Bde, the mortars come under direct control of the former Bde.	46 Bde Op Instr No 15 dtd 8 Nov 44 46 Bde Sitrep 081630A Trace: Appx J Folio 8.

Appx D Folio 8, 9, 10

			B Coy less 6 pl conc in area ASTEN with Coy HQ est at 601148 pls resting at 615147 - 6 pl remains in existing role with 6 RSF.	
	9th		B Coy less 6 pl at rest. 9 & 10 pls C Coy remain in posns at 698085 and 691094. 12 & 15 pls D Coy remain in sp of 227 Bde - 14 pl with 46 Bde and 13 pl at rest at D Coy HQ.	46(H)Inf Bde 091630A Appx D Folios 11,12,13,14.
	10th	1500 1530	44 Bde Gp less 1 Bn relieved 227 Bde GP less 1 Bn. This entails 7 & 8 pls taking up their original posns. 8 pl is relieved by day and 7 pl by night, 6 pl remaining in existing role. C Coy less 11 pl are relieved by B Coy in LIESEL area and return to rest N of ASTEN. 5 pl A Coy relieves 4 pl who proceed to rest area.	 46(H) Bde Sitrep 101600A.
	11th		7 reinforcements (Ptes) arrive at A Coy HQ. 12 Pl mortars remain in location of D Coy HQ at rest. 13 pl remain in sp of 8 RS but are not called upon to fire. This also applies to 14 pl who are still with 46 Bde. 15 pl continue in direct sp of 6 KOSB and fire once at scale 1 on observed enemy movement - Coy HQ remains in same location. 11 pl C Coy carries out shoots on observed targets picked up by infantry. 7 pl B Coy come under considerable shell and mortar fire - 1 Dvr Op is wounded - a loss which the Coy can ill afford as it is so difficult to replace these tradesmen.	 46(H)Inf Bde Sitrep 111630A. Appx D. Folios 15 & 16
	12	1415 1545 1800	12 pl is detailed to relieve 14 pl in sp of 46 Bde. 4 pl relieve 3 pl. 5 pl are on call to 2 Glas H from 1630 - 1800 hrs on enemy at bridge 715101. C Coy Comd informed by B.M. that relief of 11 pl (with A&SH) will take place night 13/14 Nov, but owing to traffic restriction over the bridge 616023 it is not possible to carry out the relief at this time, without a complete inter-platoon exchange of guns, vehicles, carriers, etc., and it is therefore decided that 10 pl should move on the night of the 12th and harbour east of the canal bridge. 10 pl C Coy leaves rest area. An artillery officer from a Four Pen Recording Unit visits 15 pl with his section, in order to give his men experience in distinguishing between the sound of enemy mortars and our own. The section set up listens on mortar line and then go back to 2,000 yds, from where the mortars can be heard quite distinctly. At 3,000 yds from the posn, however, only 2 of 4 bombs are heard, due to M.T. movement at the time. It is emphasised that the firing is being heard during an exceptionally quiet day in the line, and it is	 46(H) Bde letter 0425 dtd 11 Nov 44 46(H) Bde Sitrep 121630A Appx D Folios 17 & 18

			doubtful if the sound of mortar firing could be distinguished from an appreciable distance against the noise of a full scale battle.	
	13th	1330	6 RSF with 6 pl B Coy are relieved by a Bn of 227 Bde and a Pl of C Coy and rest at 600150. 12 pl D Coy remain in sp of 46 Bde - Enemy mortars are located in area 728098 and engaged. The results are apparently successful, as enemy fire ceases in the area. Relief of 11 pl C Coy takes place as arranged.	46 Inf Bde Sitrep 131630A.
	14th	 0915 1400	11 pl returns to area of Coy HQ in ASTEN. O.C. C Coy warned by B.M. that two pls would be required for Ops with 10 HLI on 15 Nov 44 - Owing to number of 11 pl's vehs being off the road it is arranged for 6 pl of B Coy to come under comd C Coy. O.C. A Coy holds O gp and gives out orders to 4 & 5 pls, also 12 pl mortars Op "BOMBAR" A Coy pls are ordered to fire from alternative posns - amn allotment is 8 belts per gun. 1st two targets by each pl to be engaged in pl shoot, 3rd and 4th targets engaged as Coy shoot less one pl. A Coy comd goes to O.P. with O.C. 4 pl. Shoot successful - guns firing well - 4 pls are slightly slow. Enemy retaliates by putting down 3 concentrations, each of about 20 shells, behind our smoke screen and firing air burst on what he obviously thinks to be the ground on which our troops are advancing. Several fires started on enemy side of canal. Warning order for 3 pl to relieve 5 pl, is dispatched. 12 pl mortars take part in artillery bombardment programme, given by supporting arms of 46 Bde, into the area E of DEURNE CANAL.	 Appx D Folio 19. 46 Bde Op Instr No 16 dtd 13 Nov 4 Appx A to " " " " " 46 Bde Sitrep 141600A
	15th	0830 0900 1100	3 pl A Coy relieves 5 pl A Coy. C Coy Comd visits O.C. 10 HLI - Pls are ordered to move up with 10 HLI - progress very slow owing to mines. Regrouping of D Coy mortars takes place as follows:- 14 pl move to a posn in wood nr NEERKANT 694089 and come in sp of 227 Bde. 14 pl joined by 12 pl. 15 pl relieve 12 pl and take up the formers previous posns in sp of 46 Bde. 13 pl remain with 46 Bde in direct sp of 8 RS. Lt T.O.K. Cross whilst making his way to Bde HQ struck a mine with his carrier. He was mortally injured and died on the way to C.C.P. His MPOA L/Sgt Farebrother and Drv Op Pte Tilley were wounded and evacuated. During the afternoon six 88 mm shells land on 12 pl's posn wounding the pl Sgt and necessitating his evacuation. The loss of such key personnel creates a serious weakness in 12 pl. It is therefore decided to merge 14 pl and regard 12 and 14 pls as one pl of 8 mortars under Capt Livemore.	 Appx D Folio 20 & 21

		1430 1730 1830	8 pl B Coy move to 704093 in sp of 8 RS covering their E & SE flank. 7 pl B Coy come out to rest, our own tps having advanced through their posns towards MEIJEL 7006. 6 pl B Coy come under comd of C Coy in sp of 227 Bde.	 46 Bde Sitrep 151600A. Appx D Folio 22
	16th	0830	C Coy Comd recces area of MEIJEL - DONK for pl posns. As a result of this pls move up and occupy posns covering E flank of 10 HLI.	 46 Bde Sitrep 161600A.
	17th	0815 0900 1500 1700	5 pl A Coy relieves 4 pl. Order received re Op "PRESTO". C Coy Comd receives orders for a pl to cover junc of canals at 722045. It is decided to give this task to 9 pl who then move from 10 HLI area to the new posn. 7 pl B Coy relieved 8 pl each taking over the others location. 12 and 14 pls D Coy move to posns just E of HOF 707072.	Trace: Appx J Folio 82 ~~46 Bde Amdt O. No 10 dtd 17 Nov 44~~ Trace: Appx J Folio 83 46 Bde Sitrep 171600A.
	18th	1200	6 pl B Coy in action with C Coy afterwards they revert to comd B Coy.	46 Bde Sitrep 181600A.
	19th	 0930	Reported enemy withdrawal from DEURNE CANAL. Combination of Op PRESTO and LENTO takes place. 9 Cams having est a small bridgehead over the canal send patrols fwd. 5 pl A Coy move to area 6614. 4 pl A Coy are at 4 hrs notice to move across the canal either with 2 GH or 9 Cams. Orders are received for the advance to BERINGEN and subsequently SEVENUM. 11 pl C Coy placed in sp of 2 A&SH. 13 pl D Coy are moved from under comd 6 KOSB to comd 6 RSF for forthcoming Op. Lt F. Dawson, Cheshire Regt, joins D Coy from R.H.U. as 2 IC vice Lt T.O.K. Cross, deceased.	46 Bde Op Instr No 17 dtd 17 Nov 44 Amdt No 1 " " " " 46 Bde Op Instr No 18 dtd 18 Nov 44 46 Bde Sitrep 191600A. Appx D Folio 24-27 227 Bde OP "NUTCRACKER" dtd 19 Nov 44 227 Bde Op Instr No 15 dtd 19 Nov 44 " " APPX "A" " " " " 46(H)Bde Ops for 19 Nov 44. Trace: Appx J Folio 84
	20th	 1415	10 and 11 pls C Coy move fwd with 2 Gordons and 2 A&SH respectively to posns as follows :- 10 pl at 765088 - 11 pl covering tracks at 764084. As a result of 9 Cam patrols the attack is commenced on HELENAVEEN 7311. 4 Pl A Coy with 15 pl D Coy are in sp. First attack being unsuccessful, a second is put in and the objective is achieved. 4 pl A Coy move across the canal to fwd harbour for night, but owing to extensive minefields and the large amount of vehs and tps in area HOOGEBRUG HELENAVEEN, return to harbour at HUTTEN 6812.	46 Bde Ops for 20 Nov 44 Appx D Folios 28-32.

		1120 1600	Bn HQ forms Tac HQ and moves to LIESEL 672143. HQ Coy move to ASTEN 619158.	46 Bde Sitrep 201700A.
	21st	0715 0815 1600	Op order received by O.C. A Coy for 46 Bde to cross canal. Owing to delay in construction of bridge and the appalling state of the roads no wheeled vehs are allowed to go fwd. A Coy (less Coy HQ and wheeled vehs) advance on route HOOGEBRUG - HELENAVEEN - SEVENUM, harbouring in the night at area 778120. 12 and 14 pls D Coy in sp of 227 Bde continue to move up the "SKYE" axis towards SEVENUM, occupying posn to rear of 2 Gordons at 766088 and then at 781104. 13 pl D Coy remain in sp of 6 RSF and fire on targets E of HELENAVEEN. 15 pl D Coy move fwd in 46 Bde column behind A Coy, crossing HOOGEBRUG BRIDGE at 1600 hrs, and reach a posn at 780121.	46 Bde O.O. No 15 dtd 20 Nov 44 46 Bde Ops. 20/21 Nov 44
	22nd	0900 <

			Livemore is in a command post in HORST and at 1900 hrs the enemy shell the area. One shell lands on his A.O.P. carrier completely destroying it, whilst another hits the bomb lorry loaded with 240 bombs, some of which explode. After an hour the fire is completely under control but the lorry is only a tangled mass of wreckage. The carrier dvr., Pte Steel is badly burnt and evacuated. 13 pl D Coy remain in reserve with 6 RSF - 15 pl with Seaforths.	Appx D Folio 37
	24th	 2100	44 Bde Gp remain at rest. Warning order for 46 Bde to move to SEVENUM the following day.	 46 Bde Sitrep 241900A.
	25th	 0830	B Coy are at rest. 9 pl C Coy move to join 10 HLI to proceed to EIKELENBOSCH 8521, to carry out flank protection for the attack on TIENRAIJ - Coy HQ and 10 pl commence to move out of HORST in rear of Bde HQ. 10 pl then ordered to take up posn at SWOIGEN 867231 in sp of 2 Gordons, to give left flank protection and if necessary to fire on BROEKHUIZENVOOST. 11 pl C Coy move up with 2 A&SH to TIENRAIJ and after a long carry take up a posn at 859235 covering N and E approaches to the village. C.S.M. Crump, Ptes Goodspeed and Fletcher (C Coy) whilst on a recce run over a mine with their carrier, killing Goodspeed and injuring the other two occupants. The carrier is completely wrecked. 12 and 14 pls D Coy advance with 227 Bde towards TIENRAIJ - Coy HQ move to area just south of HORST to 824169. A Coy move with Bde HQ to 816144 via DEURNE - AMERIKA - HORST - SEVENUM. 46 Bde O Gp.	 Appx D Folio 38. 46 Bde Sitrep 251700A.
	26th	 0745 0900	13 pl D Coy are ordered to revert from 44 Bde and R.V. at Coy HQ. 15 pl D Coy still in sp of 46 Bde move behind 7 Seaforths column and occupy a posn S.W. of HOUTHUIZEN by the rly at 883173. Targets are engaged across the R. MAAS in area of LOMM 9117. 4 pl A and 15 pl D Coy join 7 Seaforths in F.A.A. - 7 Seaforths advance on HOUTHUIZEN 8917. 4 pl in action at 892174 - 15 pl in action at 884172 - A Coy HQ move to 857153. C Coy HQ move to EIKELENBOSCH - 9 pl move up with 10 HLI and take up posn at BLITTERSWICK 8727 - 10 pl move up with 2 Gordons and take up posn at 879234 with D.F. tasks on R MAAS from OOIJEN to BROEKHUIZEN - 11 pl move one section with one Coy 2 A&SH to GUN in a posn at 878246.	 46 Bde Op Instr No. 19 dtd 25 Nov 44 46 Bde Sitrep 261600A.
	27th		9 pl C Coy in view of Coy fire plan moves to 865256 and at completion of task joins Coy HQ - 11 pl moves to 877243.	Appx D Folios 39-41

		0830 1000	9 Cams commence the occupation of LOTTUM and 3 pl A Coy has the task of occupying area STOKT 8921 and firing south across Bde front and R MAAS. 12 and 14 pls D Coy remain in sp of 227 Bde. 12 and 14 pls fire on ferry crossing at BROEK HUIZEN.	46 Inf Bde Op Instr No 20 dtd 26 Nov 44 Trace: Appx J Folio 86 46 Bde Sitrep 271700A.
	28th		C Coy are relieved and move back to billets at ASTEN. A Coy is ordered to conc in SEVENUM. B Coy HQ move to 755085. D Coy pls conc in area of HORST nr Coy HQ.	1 Mx Instr 272130. 46 Bde Instr 280015A.
	29th		Capt P.J. Livemore is awarded The MILITARY CROSS for gallantry in the GHEEL brhd area. The following are awarded The MILITARY MEDAL for gallantry in the GHEEL brhd area : - 6207135 Sgt D. Reed, C Coy. 6210105 Cpl A. Stewart, A.C.C. attd HQ Coy. 14415649 Pte E. Haggerty, C Coy.	46 Bde Mov Order No 20 dtd 28 Nov 44 Appx D Folio 42-46.
PANNINGEN 773045	30th	0930 1000 1100	A Coy commence to move to area of SEVENUM. Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to PANNINGEN 773045. A Coy now situated as follows:- Coy HQ - 819126 3 pl - 817141 4 pl - 818139 5 pl - 820141 All coys resting.	46 Bde Sitrep 301800A. Appx D Folio 47.

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

Month and Year December 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. J.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN 773045	1st		Os.C. A,B,D Coys recce areas for Op GUILDFORD.	Sitreps from B Coy F.F. J118 to J135. OP Reports D Coy F.F. J136 to J193.
	2nd		O.C. 5 pl A Coy proceeds on recce with Coy Comd and tasks are arranged for Op GUILDFORD.	F.F. E17.
		0900	D Coy mortar pls move to posns for the impending Op - 13 pl to 872104, 12 and 14 pls to 879114 with Coy HQ at 819134 just S of SEVENUM.	
		0930	A large bomb dumping programme is carried out. 13 R.A.S.C. lorries are employed to carry the bombs to the pre-arranged R.V. at 872114. The amount of bombs to be dumped is 200 per ~~pl.~~mortar.	
		1530	B Coy Tac HQ is est at 846088.	
		1830	C.O. establishes a command post incorporating Tac HQ D Coy and Tac HQ mortar Coy. 1 Mans who are under comd for Op GUILDFORD - location - 837082 just W of MAASBREE.	
		2230	12 and 14 pls D Coy are heavily stonked. 1 D.R. is killed and 2 O.Rs wounded.	
	3rd	0545	5 pl A Coy leave their present location to take up new posns for Op.	F.F D4, E13, 14 J.98 J102,3
		0745	H hour Op GUILDFORD 5 Pl A Coy ordered to sp 7 Seaforths in last phase of Op. 44 Bde attack BLERICK 9009. All four mortar pls are supporting this attack and fire in accordance with 15 (S) Inf Div R.A. Task Table. In addition 12 and 14 pls fire on the ferry across the MAAS at 908108.	FF J 104
		0930	B Coys pls move fwd to conc area at 823078.	
		1330	Tac HQ A and B Coys join 5 pl A Coy already in posn at 888135.	
		1615	BLERICK taken.	
		1630	5 pl are not required and are therefore released.	

	4th	 2200	Division takes up defensive posns along the west bank of the R. MAAS in the VENLO area from 8914 to the CANAL at 7997. 2 Bdes are to be fwd in posns whilst the other is resting in the ASTEN area. 6 pl B Coy occupy posn at 862087 covering the right flank of HOUT BLERICK with D.F. tasks.	FF D6.
	5th	 1500 1800	13 and 14 pls D Coy are in action on call for harassing fire. 12 and 15 pls D Coy are at rest. 227 Bde take over from 160 Bde, 53 Div the line between junc of VITWATERINGS - R. MAAS 7998 - CANAL and BLERICK 8910. The front is to be covered by M.M.G. fire, on a Bde plan. 8 pl B Coy move to fwd R.V. at 868150 and are ordered into action at 888136 in a direct fire posn D.F. tasks are selected in sp of Recce sqn. Tac HQ B Coy rejoins Coy HQ at new location SEVENUM 838139.	
	6 Dec	 1500	As a result of a recce O.C. C Coy decides to place 10 Pl in a posn previously occupied by 1 Mans at 809009, also 9 pl in area 849049. These pls to cover the Bde front. 13 pl D Coy move to new posn at 880124 in order to carry out their new role of protecting the northern flank of the Div front more effectively.	
	7th	0930 1000	O.C. B Coy attends conference at BDE HQ - Coy is required to carry out snap harassing shoots as a retaliation to the enemy's daily "hate". 14 Pl D Coy is withdrawn to rest area - 13 Pl is to fire in retaliation only on to the town of VELDEN, a known enemy strong point east of R MAAS.	
	8th	 0900 1320 1400	C Coy HQ and 11 pl move to HELDEN 7903. O.C. B Coy recces posns for 7 and 8 pls at 850083 and 875130 respectively. They are to occupy these from 0645 - 1700 daily, for the purpose of retaliation shoots. 15 Pl D Coy take up a posn S.E. of HELDEN at 806011 in sp of 227 Bde and on the right of the Div front. The following amount of bombs have been fired by pls in the last 2 months :- 12 pl - 4671, 13 pl 4221, 14 pl 3107, 15 pl 4941. 7 pl B Coy move to better accommodation in MAASBREE 827080. 12 and 14 pls D Coy remain at rest. 13 pl continue to sp 44 Bde in accordance with 15 (S) Inf Div Op Instr. No 42 - Observation and Fire Control. The pl comd occupies and remains in an O.P. at 892122 from dawn to dusk, submitting reports daily.	

			The supply route to this pl is still receiving intermittent hostile attention and Coy HQ Sigs truck is hit by a shell whilst on its way to the pl. The driver is wounded and evacuated.	
	9th	0130 1630	A Coy is at rest until the 13th. 9 pl C Coy engage target on the E bank of the R MAAS. 10 belts are fired. 13 pl D Coy continue in sp of 44 Bde on the left of the Div front and 2 O.Ps are put out at 892122 and 896136. 7 pl B Coy engage retaliation targets during the morning and afternoon. An enemy mortar is observed from a posn at 908139 and is heavily stonked. Attention is also given to VELDEN, the pl firing forty bombs during this action. 15 pl remain in the same posn as yesterday and an O.P. is occupied at 809999.	
	10th		7 and 8 pls B Coy engage retaliation targets - Enemy fighter planes over the Bde area during the morning. O.C. C Coy visits O.C. 10 H.L.I. and arranges S.O.S. tasks for 9 pl on to far side of the river bank at 871035. 13 pl D Coy fire on retaliation targets at 911105 and in VELDEN.	
	11th	0900	Conference at Bn HQ to discuss 2nd Bn Middlesex Regts suggestions for the revised W.E. of a Sp Bn. General opinion was not in favour of a change. 13 and 15 pls D Coy in action.	
	12th	 1700	7 and 8 pls B Coy engage retaliation targets. These targets are changed daily and based on reports of enemy movements. Enemy fighters over the Bde area and spasmodic shelling of SEVENUM is attributed to these planes. Harassing shoots carried out by 9 and 10 pls C Coy. 11 pl relieved 10 pl C Coy. On orders from 44 Bde 13 pl D Coy fire on two targets at 905116 and 904118 especially at meal times.	
	13th	1000	Several shoots carried out by 9 and 11 pls C Coy. Presentation of awards by C-in-C Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, Capt P.J. Livemore presented with the Military Cross. Capt J.H. Gerrard " " " " " Lieut R.W.B. Lloyd " " " " " 6207135 Sgt D. Reed presented with the Military Medal. 6210105 Cpl A. Stewart " " " " " 6857201 Pte L Lear " " " " " 13 and 15 pls D Coy continue in action vide O.P. report.	
	14th		Normal activity on front.	FF. G.81
	15th	1500	Div Comd visits B Coy HQ and enquires about billets.	

		1515 1830	6 pl B Coy engages lanes leading up to woods at 900071. 7 and 8 pls engage retaliation targets during the day. 15 pl relieved by 12 pl and comes out to rest in Coy HQ area.	
	16th		A Coy pl comds of 3 and 4 pls carry out recce to take over from Bn HQ 1 Mans. The Coy has been ordered to occupy posns in area of ROERMOND as 46 Bde is taking over from 158 Bde 53 Div. 6 and 8 pls B Coy engage in retaliation targets during the day. In the afternoon new D.F. tasks are selected for 6 pl with the Coy of 6 KOSB in HOUT BLERICK. D Coy report submitted.	F.F. E 19,20
	17th	0030 0930 1025 1125 1500	Recce Sqn post south of 8 pl B Coy informed them that an unidentified patrol has been seen moving towards their posn. A Coy HQ and 5 pl move to HEITHUIJEN. 3 pl A Coy leave SEVENUM and join 2 GH. 4 pl A Coy also leave SEVENUM and join 9 Cams. These pls take up posns previously held by 1st Mans at 764946 and 774971 respectively. 7 pl B Coy relieves 6 pl. O.P. report received from D Coy.	 F.F. J 105 F.F. J 108
	18th		1 Mx Movement Instruction No.1 issued.	F.F. D10, D11
	19th		A Coy pls carry out harassing shoots in conjunction with 190 Fd Regt. 7 and 8 pls B Coy fired on retaliation tasks. O.P. report received from D Coy.	
	20th	 1530	10 and 11 pls C Coy carry out harassing shoots. 6 pl B Coy relieves 8 pl who come into mobile reserve at SEVENUM 821142. 7 pl B Coy engage D.F. tasks at 1900 - 1915 hrs at request of 6 KOSB who state that the B.B.C. are recording the nightly "hate" programme. 4 pl A Coy engage enemy section seen moving in area 799968. 12 pl D Coy remain in sp of 227 Bde. 13 pl remain with 44 Bde - O.P. reports received from both these pls.	 F.F. J 106
	21st	0330	Recce Sqn Sgt reports to 6 pl B Coy to inform them that the enemy has a patrol which has successfully surrounded two posts at 893129, causing the occupants to scatter. D Coy is informed and puts down a stonk on fwd edge of wood 8913 and the posts are retaken. C Coy continue with harassing shoots. O.P. report received from D Coy. A Coy report considerable enemy activity on E bank of R Maas. Harassing shoots carried out.	
	22nd	 1700	5 pl A Coy relieve 4 pl. O.C. B Coy attends conference on the reorganisation of the Bde front. 7 enemy reported at 878074 and when fired on run into a wood.	

			O.P. report received from D Coy.	
	23rd	 1500 2200	EX "SHAMPOO" carried out to test O.Ps in calling for artillery and M.M.G. fire. 5 pl have 6 calls during the day and 3 pl fire 4. The average time taken from time of receipt of map ref was 2 minutes. The Ex is found to be extremely useful. 8 pl B Coy relieve 7 pl. 3 pl A Coy carry out harassing shoot on enemy veh movement. D Coys O.P. report received. 1 Mx Defence Scheme No. 2 issued.	 F.F. D12, J95
	24th	1430	46 Bde Conference on revised plan for holding Bde Line. A Coy Defence Scheme issued, only to be effective so long as reserve pl is at Coy HQ. 13 pl D Coy who are at rest prepare new posn at 872104. This to be occupied in the event of an enemy attack across the MAAS. O.P. Report from D Coy. Sitrep from B Coy.	F.F. E 39 F.F. J 97
	25th		Bde Comd visits A Coy HQ in morning. O.P. Report from D Coy. Sitrep from B Coy. The C.O. and 2 I.C. share in visiting the pls in the morning and celebrations take place where and when circumstances permit. There is no great activity on the front and therefore to some extent the Yule-tide spirit can be expressed.	
	26th		11 pl C Coy relieve 10 pl - new posns are dug for task of shooting across 44 Bde front. 3 pl A Coy dig series of crawl trenches from their alternative posn to orchard at rear in order to make posn tenable under enemy fire. Sitrep from B Coy. O.P. Report from D Coy.	
	27th	 1600	10 pl enjoy a somewhat delayed Xmas Dinner. Remainder of C Coy pls carry out harassing shoots. 4 pl A Coy relieve 3 pl. O.P. Report from D Coy. Sitrep from B Coy.	
	28th		Bde Comd (227) inspects C Coy pls posns. A Coy carry out harassing shoots. Sitrep from B Coy. O.P. Report from D Coy.	
	29th		10 pl C Coy relieve 9 pl. 4 and 5 pls A Coy carry out harassing shoots. O.P. Report from D Coy.	

			Sitrep from B Coy.	
	30th		9 pl C Coy have their Xmas Dinner. Shells fall in area of Bn HQ and C Coy. These shells are fired at regular times each day - 1030 hrs, 1330 hrs and 1630 hrs. Sitrep from B Coy. O.P. Report from D Coy. Fair amount of activity by all mortar pls.	 F.F. J 101 F.F. J 100
	31st		12 pl D Coy at rest - 13 pl continue in sp of 227 Bde - 14 pl in sp of 44 Bde and 15 pl with 46 Bde. Arrangements made by A Coy in conjunction with all Bde weapons and Sp arms for 2 minutes intense fire on selected targets at midnight. O.P. Report from D Coy. Sitrep from B Coy.	

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Month and Year January 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. J.P. Hall

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

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

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

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

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MOERGESTEL 226306	1st		Bn resting and occupying locations as follows :- Bn HQ and HQ Coy - MOERGESTEL 226306 A Coy - TILBURG 158312 B Coy - TILBURG 165316 C Coy - GOIRLE 150280 D Coy - RIEL 118285	46 Bde Outline Plan dtd 29 Jan 45 (E 10) 46 Bde Adm Instr No 9 dtd 31 Jan 45 (H 43) 46 Bde Op Order No 18 dtd 3 Feb 45 (E 7) 46 Bde Adm Order No 17 dtd 3 Feb 45 (H 44) 1 Mx Op Order No 6 dtd 3 Feb 45 (D 6) 1 Mx Op Order No 5 dtd 3 Feb 45 (D 4)
	4th		During this period general cleaning and maintenance of vehicles and weapons is carried out, as also are route marches, long carries and certain types of training varying according to Coy Requirements.	46 Bde Move Order No 22 (H46) 46 Bde Op Order No 19 dtd 4 Feb 45 (E 11)
	5th		A Coy proceed in Bde column to NIJMEGEN during the night and are accommodated in the Barracks. The move is secret and all Div signs are concealed.	1 Mx move Order No 4 dtd 5 Feb 45 (G 36) 46 Bde Adm Order No 18 dtd 5 Feb 45 (H 47)
	6th	1000	Bn HQ, HQ and D Coy after travelling through the night arrive at NIJMEGEN and harbour in a School at 715613.	"PEPPERPOT" Task Table & Trace A. (H 48) Combined Target Overprint Map (J 64)
	7th	1630 2230 1300	B Coy less main HQ leave TILBURG to take up posns prior to Op 'PEPPERPOT' Tac HQ B Coy is est at 743565 - 6 pl in an indirect posn at 751564 7 pl in a direct posn at 754568 - 8 pl in an indirect posn at 751564. Bn HQ forms Tac HQ and proceeds to Sanatorium at 730576.	46 Move Order No 23 Dtd 6 Feb 45 (H 45) 44 Bde Op Order No 5 dtd 5 Feb 45 (E 8)
	8th	0500	Arty barrage of 1,000 guns opens up.	

		0530	Op 'PEPPERPOT' commences. The terrific barrage is at its peak when the sad news is brought that the C.O. Lt. Col. J.P. Hall has been killed and his driver 14339746 with him, when their jeep ran over some 75 Grenades. Major D.A. Phillips comes at once to Bn HQ and it is with increased determination to spare no effort that he and the Bn complete the 'PEPPERPOT' and commence Op 'VERITABLE'.	
		0940	7 pl B Coy has an excellent view of 227 Bde moving to the SL and are able to give covering fire until 1015 hrs.	
		1100	Tac HQ 44 Bde move fwd without informing B Coy with the result that B Coy are unable to move fwd to them.	
		1500	O.C. B Coy goes to Bde to fix up final details of the pls joining their respective Bns for Op 'VERITABLE'. Again Bde fails to inform the Coy of the time for this and only 8 Pl manages to link up with their Bn.	
		2300	O.C. B Coy visits Tac Bde HQ and is told that 6 and 7 pls are to join in at the back of the third Bn Gp. 3 Pl A Coy move with 2 GH to re-organise in HETSTEEG 796555 - 5 pl move fwd with 9 Cams to AUF DEM HOVEL 811544 - 4 pl move fwd in reserve to area of 771552.	
		1600	46 Bde are on all objectives. Adv HQ A Coy remain in GROESBEEK and rear HQ in NIJMEGEN.	
	9th		A Coys pls remain in same posns - 44 Bde is attacking - Large nos of PsW are coming in - The supply situation is becoming acute owing to the bad state of the roads. B Coy are experiencing a very busy time and Lt Stubbs has quite an unpleasant sit in which his pl becomes involved.	46 Bde Op Instr No 25 dtd 9 Feb 45 (E9)
		1130	10 Pl C Coy follows 2 Gordons and move via 46 Bde route to 825551 near GROESBEEK.	
		0900	11 pl C Coy remain at Coy HQ whilst 9 pl move to HLI area at 812558 and prepare to fire over the flooded area to the North.	
		1130	12 and 14 pls D Coy move to 801558 under comd of 227 Bde - Tac HQ plus 13 and 15 pls remain with 46 Bde.	
		2200	227 Bde O Gp called to discuss the occupation of CLEVE - 15 Recce Regt has pushed fwd and the Bde is to clear the town between 0800 and 1000 hrs the following day - 2 A&SH are to lead, followed by 2 Gordons with 10 HLI in area 8354 - C Coy is to sp these Bns and to be used if necessary.	
	10th		Tac HQ A Coy rejoins advanced HQ in GROESBEEK.	
		1200	B Coy Comd attends conference at Bde concerning the assault and clearing of CLEVE.	

			12 and 14 pls D Coy move to 853558 west of NUTTERDEN and later in the day to 883560 just east of CLEVE - 13 and 15 pls move to 848546 behind the NE corner of the REICHSWALD Forest.	
	11th		A Coy Comd Recces MATERBORN Feature with the Brigadier. 4 and 5 pls A Coy are called up and go into action by 1500 hrs - 5 pl are in the area of DRESSERBURG 8755 and 4 pl at 870543 - 3 pl are unable to go up owing to the appalling state of the roads. Advance HQ A Coy move to N edge of the REICHSWALD Forest at 855555.	
		0730	C Coy informed by 227 Bde that at 0900 hrs 2 Gordons will clear rd NUTTERDEN - CLEVE followed by 10 HLI - 10 pl C Coy advance along route in 2 Gordons Colmn - 9 pl are halted at 863800.	
		1500	11 pl C Coy move from present posn and harbour at 863572.	
		1530	C Coy Tac HQ move to 863572.	
		1700	10 pl is in posn at 888568. B Coy pls remain concentrated in NUTTERDEN.	
	12th		46 Bde are now in reserve and A Coy Pls conc in area 8555 and 888556 - Advance HQ move to CLEVE 8956 with the role of re-occupation of the MATERBORN Feature in the event of an enemy attack, also counter attack role through REICHSWALD Forest in the event of 53 Div being attacked. B Coy locations unchanged pls are out of action. C Coy endeavour to bring up rear Coy HQ.	Sitrep (J 72)
		1000	12 and 14 pls D Coy conc at 227 Bde HQ at 862572 nr DONSBRUGGEN. Tac HQ D Coy move with 46 Bde to 854556 E of NUTTERDEN.	
	14th	1600	Capt J.B. Redman takes over Comd of A Coy from Major A.R. Waller on leave. 2 GH and 9 Cams with 7 Seaforth in reserve are to attack from BEDBURG 9352 in S.E. direction - 5 pl A Coy are to re-organise with 9 Cams in area 943514 - 3 and 4 pls are in harbour for the night - Advance Coy HQ is est at 918537. B Coy spend the day in maintenance.	46 Bde Op Order No 20 dtd 13 Feb 45 (E12) 46 Bde Op Order No 21 dtd 14 Feb 45 (E13)
		1930	O.C. C Coy attends Bde O Gp for the attack on high ground S.E. of CALCAR. The plan is dependent on the progress made by 46 Bde.	
		2100	O.C. D Coy attends conference at 46 Bde to decide details for tomorrows Op in which 13 and 15 pls are to take part.	
	15th		7 Seaforths attack down CLEVE road to capture MOYLAND 968517 and 9 Cams attack to capture high ground at 9551 - 3 and 5 pls give right flank rear protection to 9 Cams from area 9452. 4 pls task was to re-organise with 7 Seaforths but owing to stiff opposition 7 Seaforths only reach area of 955525 - 4 pl remain in harbour for the night. 3 pl fire DF tasks in front of 7 Seaforths	

			and 5 pl in front of 9 Cams. 10 HLI under comd 46 Bde carries out a night attack on right of 9 Cams and reaches objective 964496.	
		0900	9 pl C Coy joins 10 HLI on road E of CLEVE	
		1000	D Coy Tac HQ join Bn HQ and move to location at DONSBRUGGEN 866571 - 13 and 15 pls conc in this area also.	
		1200	Owing to 46 Bde meeting considerable opposition the plan is changed and 10 HLI is placed under Comd 46 Bde - 9 pl C Coy remains with them and moves to 925530 - arrangements are made for A Coy to administer 9 pl who remain in same location for the night.	
	16th	0800	B Coy Main HQ joins Tac HQ in CLEVE. 9 pl C Coy takes up a posn at 948509 with a DF task in front of HLI.	
		0900	D Coy Tac HQ move to 916537 - 13 and 15 pls remain in sp of 46 Bde and carry out various harassing shoots by day and night on targets around MOYLAND on call from 9 Cams and 7 Seaforth. A total of 413 bombs are expended during the day.	
	17th		The attack on MOYLAND does not take place as the woods have not been cleared.	46 Bde Op Order No 22 dtd 17 Feb 45 (E14)
		1930	O.C. B Coy called to Bn HQ for Gp.	Sitrep. (I 61)
			O.C. C Coy attends O Gp on Op 'PEPPERPOT'.	Sitrep. (J 76)
			15 pl D Coy move to 941526 in order to sp 46 Bdes attack to capture MOYLAND.	Sitrep.
	18th	0600	Tac HQ and Pls of B Coy move up into recced posns and Tac HQ is est at 926471.	
		1500	H-Hour for 44 Bdes attack. B Coy engage targets on the south side of the R Niers 9143 and 9243 from H -2 hours to H Hour.	
		0545	C Coy Tac HQ with 10 and 11 pls move to 912462.	Sitrep. (J 77)
			12 and 14 pls D Coy conc under comd 44 Bde and are to sp them on their assault on GOCH.	
			They therefore take up posns as follows:- just north of the town - 12 pl at PFALZDORF 912465 and 14 pl at 936464.	Trace A Coy MMG Tasks (J 92)
	19th		46 Bde relieved by Cdn Bde at first light and conc in CLEVE. A Coy HQ and pls harbour at 891551.	1 Mx Fire Plan Op 'THISTLE' (H 42)
		0700	B Coy Main HQ move up to join Tac.	
			O.C. C Coy carries out various recces.	Sitrep.
			Lt Col A.N.W. Kidston takes over comd of the Bn.	
			C Coy carries out recce prior to the attack on BUCKHOLT 9543.	Sitrep. (J 79)
		0900	D Coy Tac HQ move to 92148 S of the CLEVE Forest and the remainder of Coy HQ join later. On the completion of the relief of 46 Bde by the Cdns, 13 and 15 pls come out of action and rest at 916534, Tac HQs previous location. 14 pl continue in sp of 6 KOSB who are clearing the remaining part of GOCH on the N side of the R. NIERS.	

		1800	12 pl move to 942451 in preparation for their role in an attack by 227 Bde which takes place tomorrow.	1 Mx Fire Plan Op 'THISTLE' (H 50)
	20th		A Coy remain in same locations and concentrate on maintenance. Op 'THISTLE'	Sitrep
		1020	10 and 11 pls C Coy in action. For this op Lt F. Dawson O.C. 14 pl D Coy is sent to 2 A&SH to act as FOO	Sitrep (J 80)
		1300	Lt Dawson leaves D Coy HQ to recce for a suitable OP. A shell explodes in front of his carrier wounding him in the side. Later he died whilst on his way to hospital. The operation achieves all its intentions and is successful.	
	21st	1030	A Coy Comd recces area 9343 -9443 to decide posns for pls supporting 46 Bdes attack on GOCH the following day.	46 Bde Op Order No 23 (E 15)
		1200	227 Bde give orders for 9 pl C Coy to come under comd 2 Gordons and cover Bridge at 941421.	
		1330	These orders are now cancelled and 9 pl comes under comd 6 RSF and takes up a posn at 918429.	
		1900	10 and 11 pls C Coy are to engage area on right flank of RSF approx at 934422. This is also cancelled as patrols of 51 Div are in the area. 12 and 14 pls D Coy remain in the same posns covering the front held by 227 Bde.	
		1800	These pls move fwd to a temporary posn at 941442 to engage 2 targets in sp of 6 RSF.	
		2200	An aerial attack is made on 12 and 14 pls and one bomb falls on the mortar line killing Cpl Johl and Pte Carter. 13 pl D Coy cease to be under comd 46 Bde and conc in area of Coy HQ at 924479.	
	22nd		3 and 4 pls A Coy take up posns at first light as follows :- 3 pl at 939435 to give right flanking protection to the attack - 4 pl at 947427 to sp the attack which is to be made by 9 Cams on right and 7 Sea on left with 2 GH in reserve. 5 pl A Coy forms up with 9 Cams for re-org task.	A Coy Trace DF Tasks (J 93)
		1030	The plan is changed slightly and only a limited advance is to be attempted owing to heavy opposition on the enemys part - 4 pl is given an additional task to re-org from original posn in which they were to sp attack - 5 pl remains in reserve - Very heavy shelling and mortaring all day - Lieut R.W.B. Lloyd killed during the action. Advance A Coy HQ is est at 934454.	(E17) 44 Bde Op Order No 7
		1400	B Coy carries out map shoot.	B Coy Fire Direction
		1500	10 and 11 pls C Coy fire on wood at 966437 and Arty FOO reports that the enemy has been effectively silenced.	Chart. (H42A) Sitrep

		1800	12 and 14 pls D Coy return from their temporary posns of yesterday to their original location at 943451 - 15 pl leave the rest location and take up a posn at 940432 in order to sp 46 Bde attack to command WEEZE - UDEM rd. This objective is cancelled and more limited objectives chosen. 200 bombs are expended. The pl is under heavy fire and sustains 5 casualties. 15 pl pulls back to 938439.	
	23rd	2100	A coys locations remain the same. 44 Bde attack through 46 Bde and reach all their objectives. B Coy takes part in the action. 10 and 11 pls C Coy continue to fire in sp of 2 A&SH and 10 HLI. 12 and 14 pls D Coy remain in the same posns but orders are received for 14 pl to sp the attack by 53 (W) Div on the right tomorrow. They therefore set a mortar line at 938429 but do not occupy this. Orders are next given for 13 and 15 pls to sp an attack by 44 Bde to command the WEEZE - UDEM Rd. 13 pl therefore leave Coy HQ and takes up a posn at 947435 - 15 pl moves to 939429. They fire 272 bombs during the attack and sustain 2 casualties. Main HQ D Coy remain in same location and a Tac HQ is formed at 44 Bde from 0900 - 1730 hrs. Capt J P Livemore reports to 160 Bde 53 (W) Div as LO for the Bn in preparation for the attack tomorrow.	Sitrep. (J67)
	24th		53 Div attack down the GOCH - WEEZE Rd on the right flanks of 46 Bde - 3 and 5 pls A Coy sp this attack from 940418. 7 pl B Coy carry out some good work with MMG and LMG Fire 14 pl D Coy occupy posn of yesterdays making where they carry out tasks in Sp of 53 Div until 1700 hrs. It is reported that fire from this pl broke up at least one enemy counter attack during the day. A Recce party visits 12 pl to arrange take over. This party is from 2nd Bn Middlesex. The relief is completed and 12 pl conc at Coy HQ by 0130 hrs on the 25th. 13 and 15 pls remain at the same locations.	46 Bde Op Instr No 27 (E18) 46 Bde Adm Order No 20 Sitrep (J65)
	25th		Bde of 3 Div relieve 46 Bde and A Coy conc in area 926453 B Coys pls conc in area of Tac HQ. C Coy move to BOXTEL. D Coys pls conc at Coy HQ for the night.	46 Bde Op Instr No 2 (E19) Sitrep (J69)
	26th		The relief of the Bn by 53 (W) Div is now completed and we move to BOXTEL for a well earned rest. Bn HQ 327367 - A Coy 324351 - B Coy 225351 - C Coy and D Coy - 331352.	1 Mx Move Order No5(G37) 1 Mx Training Instr(G38) 1 Mx Training Instr No 2 (G39)

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Unit 1 Mx

Month and Year March 1945.

Commanding Officer LT.COL. A.N.W. KIDSTON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BOXTEL 327367	1st	1100	Div Comd visits the Bn and expresses appreciation of the good work done during the last operation.	
	5th		C Coy move to DILSEN 598725.	D/4.
	6th		Remainder of the Bn move - Bn HQ, HQ and D Coy to BOURG-LEOPOLD 263824 - A Coy to STALL 2577 - B Coy to SCHULEN 209653 - C Coy to DILSEN 598725.	
	7-14th		The Bn is at rest and undergoing training in river crossing Each Coy constructs a model LVT and class 9 rafts. Practice in loading vehs is carried out.	G/36 H/39.
	14th		Ex "BUFFALO" - C and B Coys only are taking part.	
	20th		Bn HQ, HQ and D Coy move to XANTEN area in preparation for Op "TORCHLIGHT". Bn HQ and HQ Coy is est at SONSBECK 069371 - D Coy at 086374.	D/5. D/6. H/40. D/7. D/8 H/41 G/37. H/44 H/45
	22nd		Coys have now arrived in area and are est as follows :- A 038402 - B 074407 - C 048429.	H/46. J/57-64.
	23rd	1300 1400	Tac HQ and all pls of D Coy move fwd to conc area to their allotted posns and dig in. B Coy Tac HQ move to 116424 - 6 and 8 pls complete loading of LVTs - 7 pl occupies posn for "PEPPERPOT". 9, 10 and 11 pls C Coy move with their Bns to the Marshalling area and thence to the Vehicle Waiting area, where 9 and 11 pls guns and 15 belts per section are loaded on to LVTs - 10 pls guns and amn are taken by carrier to the loading area where the pl personnel joins them.	D/9. E/12. E/13.
	24th	0100 0200	Div "PEPPERPOT" starts. The whole of A Coy and 2 pls of B Coy together with all four of D Coys pls join in the tremendous barrage that is already being put down. The noise is unbelievable. "PEPPERPPOT" is controlled from Bn Tac HQ and subsequently the very difficult task of keeping track of all sub-units is successfully carried out from this location. H Hour Op "TORCHLIGHT".	

		0210	9 pl Comd (C Coy) with 1 sec crosses the RHINE with C Coy 10 HLI and digs in at 120460. At dawn enemy MGs that were causing trouble are hunted out and after some hand to hand fighting 12 Germans are killed and 32 captured. The whole of 9 pl then move up with 10 HLI to 126472. 10 pl C Coy cross with 2 Gordons and man-handle their fighting equipment to their posn in front of 2 Gordons at 098493. The posn is held under very heavy mortar and SA fire. 11 pl takes up a posn on the Bund and engages the enemy at dawn.	
			A Coy, having successfully crossed, 3 pl is put into posn hurriedly and a counter attack against 7 Seaforths from Wood and Bridge 135494 is successfully broken up.	E/16. E/17. E/18 E/19. E/20. -/24.
			A Coys pls are now est as follows :- 3 pl 1 sec 120487 1 sec 123487 4 pl in reserve and 5 pl at 123465.	
			The remainder of B Coy cross the river and Coy HQ reach BISLICH 139429 at 1930 hrs. During the operation a carrier of B Coy is blown up by a mine injuring the driver, Pte Ward, in the back.	E/14. E/15. E/25.
		1200	A message arrives calling for the Bn Comd Gp to cross the river. The CO, 2 ic and small staff in two jeeps and two weasels set off at once for the marshalling area.	J/65.
		1300	Special permission having been granted for the early crossing, the remainder of the Bn Tac HQ augmented by two petrol lorries pack up and leave for the marshalling area at about 1800 hrs. Strangely enough in the marshalling area the CO's Gp and Bn Tac link up.	
	25th	0600	D Coy leaves marshalling area and moves to vehicle waiting area E of XANTEN.	
		0630	Bn Tac moves off to veh waiting area. CO's group goes straight through and is taken across the RHINE in BUFFALOES The remainder are held up for a time but are rafted across successfully at about 1200 hrs and the complete Tac HQ is est at 457451 VISSEL by 1400 hrs.	
		0900	D coy commence to cross. This task completed, the Coy advances to the following posns :- Tac HQ 121478 - 12 and 13 pls 121481 - 14 and 15 pls 124475. A small enemy counter attack is reported from area of WISSHOP but 14 and 15 pls soon smash this.	
		1050	7 Seaforths report enemy transport withdrawing in the BELLINGHOVEN area. 15 pl engages this target and their shoot is conducted with great ~~effort~~effect by Capt Bindloss from an OP. 3 and 5 pl A Coy are at 123493 in re-organisation role with 9 Cams - 4 pl giving right flank protection to 2 GH and also re-organisation	

			from 156480. These pls fire 11 belts per gun during the attack by A&SH and GH. Tac HQ moves to 119476. B Coy HQ is est at 166479 - 6 and 8 pls conc at 126476 - 7 pl at 177504. These pls are under comd of Inf Bns for advance to contact - only 7 pl in action. Lieut Stubbs of 7 pl and 6 ORs are wounded and evacuated during this action. 9 pl C Coy remains in posn at 126473 until 1800 hrs when orders are received for them to move and conc under comd 157 Bde in area BISLICH. 10 pl C Coy remain in posn with enemy MGs within their arc. 1500 11 pl under comd 2 A&SH move off to clear wooded area at 1448 and 1449. 1800 They next come under comd 10 HLI and occupy posns at 127493 and 124497.	
	26th		4 pl A Coy carry out the following DF tasks :- West end of wood 149491 to east end - X rd tracks 148502 both being called for by 2 A&SH. 3 pl is in reserve. 6 pl B Coy concs with a view to consolidate later, on an objective of 6 RSF in area br 203529 - 7 pl is in reserve. 8 pl is in direct fire posn with 8 RS and successfully sees off a counter attack during the morning - 1 OR is wounded in the leg. A large number of German dead are found in their target area. 10 pl C Coy is covering right flank of 2 Gordons at 106495 11 pl conc both secs at 124495 in sp of 10 HLI - 9 pl remains attd to 157 Bde. 1105 The first task D Coy has to deal with is an enemy known to be at 134519. 1230 13 pl fires on small wood at 128523. 1410 13 pl sp an attack by 7 Seaforths and fire on area 141502 - 142505. 1500 14 and 15 pls sp an attack by 10 HLI on BELLINGHOVEN.	
	27th	0730	3 pl A Coy RV at 170505 in sp of 2 GH and take up posns at 158504. Their task is to cover the gap created through 9 Cams and 2 GH being unable to completely take all their objectives - 4 pl occupy posn at 172509 - 5 pl are in action supporting 9 Cams at 145510. B Coys pls are in the following posns :- 6 pl 200509 - 8 pl 187518 firing direct on fixed lines along the Autobahn. 9 pl C Coy remain under comd 157 Bde at 205488. At first light they move to 259488 to sp the attack of the KOSB on RINGENBERG. The tactical handling and adm of this pl by 157 Bde was excellent and enabled the fire power to be used to unaccustomed advantage. 14 pl D Coy take up a posn at 140499 and subsequently move to 156497 - at 1030 hrs 15 pl move to 157499.	E/26.

			During the morning shells fall in the area of D Coy Tac HQ 1 OR is wounded as a result of this.	
	28th	 0900 1300	3 pl A Coy fires during the first phase of 46 Bdes attack and sp 7 Seaforths - 4 pl fires in sp of 10 HLI and 5 pl in sp of 2 A&SH. B Coy carry out numerous tasks. 10 and 11 pls C Coy move to 108513 and 139526 to cover advance of 2 Gordons through wood 1252 - 1352. 11 pl move to 139526 to carry out a similar task on 10 HLI front, lifting with the advance. 10 and 11 pls do not fire as there is no opposition. 12, 13 and 14 pls D Coy sp attack by 2 A&SH and HLI on wood 1452 - 1552. The pls fire on a time programme laid down by CRA. 227 Bde are attacking SOUSFELD WOOD and the aforementioned pls of D Coy are supporting. In each case the attack progresses so swiftly that no mortar fire is required.	
	29th		Division comes into Corps Reserve and Bn is located as under: Bn HQ and HQ Coy - 146494 A Coy - 158498 B Coy - 196503 C Coy - 148494 D Coy - 157498	
	30-31st		Much needed maintenance, cleaning and re-organisation is carried out.	

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Commanding Officer Lt Col A.N.W. Kidston

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
146494	1-4		Bn remains in Corps reserve and uses the time for maintenance and re-organisation.	D1.
	4		A Coy move to 903936 - B to BORGHORST 771922 - C Coy to EMSDETTEN 853955.	D2.
GREVAN 889913	5		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to area GREVAN 889913. 20 prisoners are taken from the neighbouring woods. It is also reported that some 400 para troops are in the vicinity and great care is taken to safeguard the HQ and to ensure that as many of them as possible are safely put away when discovered.	E6.
	6		C Coy harbour party move to STELLHORN 741270. The remainder of the Coy move at 0900 hrs. An NCO of the party is shot and the surrounding woods are combed. Just after this event 77 CCP report to 11 pl that they are being sniped. The pl searches the area and takes 122 PW. Pte Ramsden is responsible for 67. These he finds lurking in a barn. OC C Coy decides to house them in a loft at BOHNHORST, where they are given a meal and marched to the PW cage next morning. Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to 688255 arriving at this location at about midday after an all night convoy. These last few moves are reminiscent of the Normandy days. We are moving fwd and covering 60 to 70 miles each time. On arrival at the various locations each unit is allotted an area by Div for which it is responsible i.e. clearing enemy pockets, arresting suspicious persons etc.	E.7.
	7		A Coy move to 738180 arriving at 0600 hrs. The area is searched but no enemy are found. B Coy move to 602262 arriving at 1500 hrs. 9 Pl C Coy bring in 4 PW and 10 Pl bring in 5 PW. D Coy move to 687252.	
	8		9 pl takes 3 PW - 1 Offr and 2 ORs. Pte Robins is wounded in the leg by a sniper. C Coy HQ take 2 civilians prisoner. Coy spend day in maintenance.	

898218	9		Bn HQ move to 898218. C Coy clears wood around their location to an extent of 5 kms - No enemy.	
081275	10	 1030 1115 1400 1630	Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to 081275. A Coy move to 943215. B Coy move to 875246. D Coy move to 897216 in area of BIERDE. C Coy move to 171293. 9 pl joins 10 HLI. 2 PW taken near C Coy HQ.	D3. E.8.
432428	11	 1700 2300	Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to 432428. A Coy move in Bde column to 465353. 4 pl are in sp of 9 Cams at 485355. B Coy move to 366383. 11 pl C Coy join 2 A&SH. 227 Bde move on axis NEUSTADT - METEL rd. OC C Coy joins Bde Tac HQ. 10 pl is in reserve with Coy HQ. Fairly stiff resistance is encountered by leading Bn and going is slow. Coy harbours at 492465 in an extremely muddy field. 12 and 15 pls D Coy are placed in sp of 10 HLI and move off in their convoy. 13 and 14 pls move with 46 Bde under Bde control. 14 pl harbour for the night with A Coy whilst 13 pl proceed to 530374 with a view to supporting an attack with 9 Cams on enemy strong point around the rly crossing at 559389. Coy HQ move to Div conc area and are est at 431426.	
5950 CELLE	12	 0600 0900 1600 2000	Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to CELLE 5950. Many members of the Bn visit the concentration camp and are appalled and horrified at the sights. Leading citizens of the town are made to bury the dead and remove the sick to hospitals. Many NCOs of the Bn supervised. Bn guards food stores. A Coy move to 588501 with 46 Bde. C Coy Tac HQ move to 542479 and are joined by main Coy HQ at 1000 hrs. 9 pl C Coy move into CELLE with 10 HLI. 9 and 11 pls cross R. ALLER by bridge at 621482. 11 pl follows leading Coy of 2 A&SH to their objective at GARSSEN. The roads are very bad in this area and 9 pl remains behind to tow out TCVs of 10 HLI. They join 10 HLI next morning at 0200 hrs. C Coy HQ and 10 pl move off to cross cl 40 bridge at CELLE and harbour at 603532. 12 and 15 pls D Coy move in Bde column through CELLE and are est at 575533. 13 and 14 pls move together with remainder of 46 Bde and are est in area 5848. D Coy HQ move to CELLE at 587499.	

688624	13		3 pl A Coy are under comd 2 GH giving right flank protection to Div, move to 803621. 5 pl giving left flank protection to Div move with 7 Seaforth. 4 pl are in reserve under comd 9 Cams. B Coy move to 577508. 9 and 11 pls C Coy plus 2 pls of mortars conc at GARSSEN and at 1100 hrs join Bde column whose objective is VELZEN. 13 pl D Coy move at approx 0700 hrs in sp of 7 Seaforth. 14 pl move with 2 GH at approx 0900 hrs. 12 and 15 pls with 227 Bde. Coy HQ moves to 686224. Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to 688624.	
	14		A Coy HQ and 3 pl move in advance-to-contact to 898791. B Coy concs in area 818820. C Coy Tac HQ moves to HOLXEN 850830 and on arrival search their allotted billets for arms and amn. One householder in particular is questioned and emphatically denies being in possession of these but on investigation however, a German rifle, fully loaded, a Spandau with amn are discovered. The man is arrested and after interrogation is found to be a prominent Nazi official of the village. 10 pl takes up posns at 865842. All three pls of C Coy are to sp a night attack on VELZEN. Recces are made and the gun line is decided on at 882862. 12 and 15 pls D Coy having been on the move all through the night, arrive at HOLXEN. During the morning the sp of one mortar pl is required and 12 pl moves forward to HOLDENSTEDT. A plan is made for an attack on VELZEN. 15 pl joins 12 pl and takes posns at 883861. 14 pl remain with 7 Seaforth and 13 pl with 2 GH.	
803793	15	1600	Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to 803793. 5 pl A Coy move to BOHLSEN 8489 to clear SUSTEDT with 7 Seaforth. The enemy are engaged on numerous occasions and cas are inflicted. 4 pl move from BOKEL 8972 to NIENWOHLDE 9176 and finally to NETTLEKAMP 920800. A Coy HQ and 3 pl move on axis with 2 GH to STADENSEN 9079. At 0345 hrs en launches a counter-attack against STADENSEN 9079 and penetrate into Bn gp perimeter with armour and motorised inf. A Coy HQ and 3 pl take on def task together with 2 GH and sp arms. Cas are inflicted on armour and inf and attack is repulsed. CSM A Chapman is wounded in the leg during this action. 7 Pl B Coy in sp of 8 RS cover eastern approaches to BORNE 8883. 6 pl are in sp of 6 RSF for consolidation in NIENDORF 9085 and HALLIDORF area. 7 pl is at 907848 and 6 pl 914862. 6 pl move fwd to HALLIDORF and shoot up on tpt moving along rd ESTERHOLZ 9384 - VELZEN 9089.	

		1730	7 pl is ordered to take up posns in NIENDORF 9085 covering rly running SE. Pls of C Coy are in action firing on front edge of wood 877891 to 884902. 11 pl then takes up a posn at 881866 covering the open ground at 8787 - 8687 - 8688 - 8788 - 8789. 2 PW are taken from a deep dug-out at no 1 sec's posn. Cpl McAree whilst crawling into an 'L' shaped trench comes face to face with 2 Germans on reaching the corner. They are both armed but give themselves up without any trouble. 12 and 15 pls D Coy carry out an observed shoot on enemy MT withdrawing to VELZEN. 14 pl remains with 7 Seaforth in KLEINESUSTED and during the day enemy patrols are engaged and DF tasks also registered. 13 pl assist in repulsing heavy counter-attack on 2 GH. D Coy HQ move to 804793.	
	16		7 pl B Coy take up counter-penetration role owing to the advance of the formation on their right. The remainder of the Coy are standing by ready to move fwd.	E 11.
	17		3 and 4 pls A Coy provide left flank protection to 46 Bde in the attack on VELZEN - 3 pl in a posn at 880866 and 4 pl 958901. 7 pl B Coy occupy posn at 929871 and capture 4 Germans whilst doing so. 6 pl B Coy occupy a posn at 913886 both pls being engaged in harassing the N and NE approaches to VELZEN. Mortar pls remain on call from their various Bdes. 15 pl sp Recce Sqn and assist in the capture of HAMSEN 8487 and HOLTHUSEN 8188.	
	18		A Coy HQ move to 894885 and pls give flank protection to 46 Bde and engage series of enemy proceeding west from VELZEN to woods. 7 pl B Coy move to LIDERIN 928884 and later to MOLZEN with 1 Coy of RS to take over from 6 Airborne. 9 pl C Coy join 10 HLI - 10 pl join 2 Gordons - 11 pl join 2 A&SH as part of respective Bn Gps for move to area of VELZEN. D Coy HQ captures 17 of the enemy in the area VELZNER - STADT - FORST and find in WESTERWEYHE 25 British, 2 American and 1 Polish PWX who are brought to Coy HQ.	
569988	19		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to 569988. A Coy move fwd in 46 Bde column and conc at 924980. B Coy move to 906960 and conc with 44 Bde. 227 Bde incl C Coy move northwards via VELZEN to VASTORF 8815. There being no opposition the move is extended to SCHARNEBEEK 848252.	D4.

			11 pl who are harboured at HITTBURGEN 905315 experience some unpleasant moments when shells land in their location. Pte Tanner is wounded in right arm and leg. D Coy move to BARUM 864986.	
849252	20		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to 849252. A Coy move to 939209 - pls move with respective Bns giving short range local protection. B Coy move to RUHSTORF 903155. C Coy move to 805289 and pls carry out harassing shoots in area 9035. D Coy HQ move to 853253. 15 Pl with Recce move up to GARZE 9727 and engage BLECKEDE. OC Recce is informed that our inf are coming up from the south and therefore decides to withdraw to NEETZE.	D5. E.12.
	21		A Coy move to 956266 and pls take up posns to harass N of R ELBE. B Coy move to 800206 and conc under 44 Bde. 9 and 11 pls C Coy are to take up harassing role on R ELBE with 10 pl in reserve. During the day 11 pl spots 6 Germans running along on the opposite bank - 3 of which soon discontinued running. 14 pl D Coy are supporting 9 Cams at GARZE.	
	22		11 pl C Coy request location of enemy gun from RA OP. This gun has been lobbing shells in the pls area. The gun is located and the pl opens up silencing 1 88 mm and 2 20 mm guns. 14 pl D Coy carry out opportunity shoots on the E bank of the river.	
	23		10 pl C Coy relieve 11 pl. 14 pl D Coy shoot up barges on the river. Later in the day they are relieved by 15 Pl.	
	24		One sec of 3 pl A Coy take up direct fire posns and fire on a small party of Germans on the other bank inflicting cas. 2 A&SH having watched a ration truck on the other side of the river which arrives at a certain point the same time each day, calls upon 1 sec of 10 pl C Coy who fire with good effect.	
	25		A Coy move to 910290. B Coy move to 775205.	
	26		A Coy carry out harassing shoots. OC C Coy recces posns for Op 'ENTERPRISE'. Lt J.A. BOUND joins Coy and takes over Comd 10 pl.	
	27/28		All Coys are endeavouring to get maximum rest prior to impending Op.	
	29	0130	Op 'ENTERPRISE'. 'PEPPERPPOT' commences and continues until 2000 hrs.	E15. E16. E47 - E55.

		0800	9 pl and Tac HQ C Coy are called to control point and whilst waiting to cross the ELBE the enemy makes an air attack. The pl narrowly escapes being hit by gunfire from these planes. 1 sec of 9 pl crosses by 1030 hrs the remainder getting across by 1430 hrs. During the crossing 8 enemy aircraft attack and Tac HQ on the N side have some very nasty moments but fortunately come through unscathed. 9 pl then joins 10 HLI and takes up posns at 838385 and 832385 later move fwd to 814384 with arc to west to incl GRUNHORF. 11 pl join 2 A&SH to take up posns at 813386 with targets at 798395 and 793397. Tac HQ and 10 pl then move to 2 Gordons area at 803374. 4 and 5 pls A Coy cross by LVT under priority of 46 Bde and 4 pl goes into action with 7 Seaforths. 14 and 15 pls come out of action at 0700 hrs and await orders from 46 Bde to cross the river. These pls reach VWAA at approx 1030 hrs. O.C. Coy crosses with the C.O. at 1230 hrs but the 2 pls are considerably delayed and do not land on the other bank until 1730 hrs.	
	30		3 pl A Coy occupies HEIDBURG 3987 with posns covering gaps between 2 GH and 7 Seaforth in conjunction with 4 pl. 4 pl move to LUTAU 8741 facing NE and giving protection from the ZUCKEN HOLZ which is not yet cleared. 8 pl B Coy move to KOLLOW 8144. Coy HQ concs at 829421. 7 pl are in reserve at GULZOW 8342. 6 pl take up a direct fire posn in sp of 6 RSF at 825495. 9 pl C Coy move to GRUNHOF 800388. 11 pl move to 782390. Tac HQ join Bde Tac at TESPERHUDE. Coy main crosses at 1500 hrs. 9 pl then occupy WIRDSHOP with 10 HLI. Bn HQ TAC crosses at approx 0630 hrs after waiting all night in the marshalling area. HQ Coy follows later in the day. 12 pl D Coy crosses at 0800 to sp the Bde advance to the west. 13 pl crosses at 0100 hrs and are placed in sp of 8 RS at JULIUSBURG 8439. 14 pl having crossed with 2 GH assist in their occupation of LATAU whilst 15 pl sp 9 Cams from a posn at 897394	

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Unit 1st Bn The Middlesex Regt.

Month and Year May 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt Col ANW Kidston.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Bn HQ and HQ Coy is est at SCHWARZENBEK 834394. A Coy 774604 - B Coy 825489 - C Coy 796377 - D Coy 817407 2 batmen of C Coy capture 2 PW from a house in TESPERHUDE. 9 pl with 10 HLI occupy WORTH 7744. 11 pl move with 2 A&SH via GEESTHACHT to 774420. 44 bde is relieved during the night and concs in area NE of CULZOW. 14 and 15 pls D Coy are in sp of this Bde. At 2000 hrs orders are received to place one pl under comd of 15 Recce Regt. 15 pl was accordingly ordered to stand by.	
	2		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to WORTH 779449. 227 Bde Gp advances in a westerly direction, 9 pl C Coy with 10 HLI who take HOHENHORN 7545 and KROPPELSHAGEN FAHRENDORF 7146 against some opposition. Bde HQ follow on this axis and 9 and 10 pls harbour near X rds 715469. C Coy HQ is est at HOHENHORN. 2 A&SH advance on the left hand route. 1 Coy of A&SH on the high ground on the right of the axis. When south of FAHRENDORF, a sec of 9 pl who is with this Coy, comes under heavy mortar fire and opposition from 2 20 mm flak guns about 400 yds from 733447. Vigorous action from this sec silenced the flak guns and attention is turned to the buildings in FAHRENDORF, which are held by the enemy. In spite of supporting fire from 2 tanks falling unpleasantly close, they are able to get into and clear the buildings. The sec then carry on and enter BORNSEN 693458. 8 PW are taken.	
	3		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to KUDDEWORDE 772581. 46 Bde are engaged in clearing ops in area SACHEN WALD and A Coy provides flank protection. 4 pl in action S of BRUNSTORF at 786472 giving right flank protection from main rd SCHWARZENBEK - DUSSENDORF. 5 pl in action S of DUSSENDORF at 752467 giving left flank protection S of rd up to Forest. 3 pl in action at 768473. At 1200 hrs Coy is relieved by Royal Welch and conc in area of TRITTAU 774604. B Coy HQ move to 721583.	E 23.

			227 Bde relieved by a Bde of 53 Div and C Coy conc at 778560. 12, 13 and 14 pls D Coy move with Bde Gps to conc areas N of SACHEN WALD.	
	4		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to HAMMOOR 707721. A Coy less 3 pl are resting at MOLLHAGEN. 3 pl is guarding a train at 868858, containing American Red Cross supplies. B Coy are conc at FISHBECK. C Coy are in billets in AHRENSBURG area. 12 pl D Coy after reporting to the Provost Staff 11 Armd Div, take over some 4,000 German PW at LUBECK and with the help of 15 Pl escort them along the Autobahn to a PW collecting point at Factory 665683. This was accomplished with the aid of carriers. "CEASE FIRE" received at 2050 hrs - to take effect from 0800 hrs on 5 May 1945.	
	5		Bn comes under comd CO and is given the ~~gargantuan~~ task of guarding and administrating numerous PW camps in the Div area.	
	6		D Coy HQ move to 658676 and carry out general administration 12 pl D Coy move to 660680 and take control of large buildings housing many hundreds of PW. 13 and 14 pls, assisted by 15 pl continue with administration of the factory PW cage.	
	7		4 pl A Coy establish a PW camp at BARGTEHEIDE with approx 2,000 PW	
	8		B Coy move to BARGTEHEIDE and take over camp from A Coy. 11 pl C Coy is relieved by 5 pl A Coy from RED BARN CAMP and return to their billets in AHRENSBURG.	
	9		CO holds adm~~in~~ conference at Bn HQ. 11 pl C Coy takes over STELLMORE CAMP from a pl of B Coy. This camp consists of some 947 German and Hungarian PW. 9 pl C Coy hand over REFORM CAMP to 131 Field Regt. 4 pl A Coy start another camp at a Glass Factory between DELLINGSDORF and AHRENSBURG. 1,000 PW sent to A Coy and a further 800 admitted to D Coy's camp.	
	10		9 pl C Coy placed under comd D Coy to assist at Factory Camp. B Coy move to VOLKSDORF. D Coy dispose of 900 PW.	
	11		A Coy hand over commitments to 2 Gordons and conc at MOLLHAGEN. C Coy hand over to 2 Gordons STELLMORE CAGE.	
	14		Bn concs in VOLKSDORF. Excellent billets. Coys move independently with Bn HQ and HQ Coy bringing up the rear, arriving at midday. Locations :- Bn HQ and HQ 614639 - A 614640 - B 615644 - C 613629 - D 612639.	D4 J39 D 5-6-7.
	15		All arrangements made to celebrate ALBUHERA DAY tomorrow. News comes at midday that Bn may have to move at short notice.	

			At 1500 the move is confirmed and we leave tomorrow for TRAVEMUNDE to land and escort PW (from BALTIC) to OLDENBURG PENINSULAR. Recce parties go off at 1800 hrs. CO leaves for area and holds O Gp at 2315 hrs after a recce.	D 8-9.
	16		Albuhera Day. Bn (less B Coy) moves to Baltic coast at 0700 hrs, arriving about 0930 hrs. Locations :- HQ 036026 A 055038 B 615644 C 064007 D 051017 Prisoners start to land at 1300 hrs. C Coy arrange disembarkation in conjunction with elts of Royal Navy. About 6,000 are disembarked during the day and taken off to transit camp est by D Coy. M.O. and staff are kept busy with anti louse powder and guns.	
	17		Another boat in and disembarkation by C Coy is started at about 0830 hrs. A Coy collect the PW in D Coy's cage and march them off to WINTERSHAGEN where they are handed over to reps of a WEHRMACHT Corps. Demonstrations by civilians who cheer and attempt to give food etc., to PW cause some difficulties. Arrogance on the part of PW is ruthlessly dealt with also slackness. 3 ton lorries follow the column but only stragglers picked up are men whose feet are bleeding badly or who have lost consciousness. Bayonets and sticks have to be used on many occasions. B Coy who have arrived during the day join A Coy and share the marching problems. Our own troops had to march with the PW as control could not be maintained from the carriers. Approx 6,000 more PW are passed through the cage and on to the German Corps during the day.	
	18		During the next few days there is not much on and the time is mainly spent on odd drill parades, a little firing out at sea, bathing and sun-bathing on the sands. D Coy move nearer to A and B Coys (058041).	
	19		Entertainment in LUBECK starts and various cinema and ENSA shows are seen each day. 20 PW arrive and are passed straight through to WINTERSHAGEN. 120 PW are again passed straight through to WINTERSHAGEN.	
	22		Bn moves back from TRAVEMUNDE area in "penny packets". A good convoy spread over about 30 miles of autobahn. CO's conference at 1400 hrs to discuss new commitments - mainly guarding camps, dumps and cages at present guarded by RA. Court of Inquiry at 1500 hrs on death of Pte David of D Coy. Coy Comds contact Bty and Fd Regts from which they are taking over. Lieut LC Chamberlain leaves for England as Instructor at PTC.	D 10 D 11-12-13-14
	23		CO's conference at 0900 hrs to tie up take over from RA. D and C Coys to move out tomorrow. Remainder stay in Volksdorf.	

	24		D Coy move to 631786. C Coy to 672515. 5 pl A Coy take over guard duties, supplying of rations and supervision of hygiene of PW at REDBARN SS PW Cage BARGTEHEIDE. 7 and 8 pls B Coy guard Div PW Cage at AHRENSBURG and 1 sec of 6 pl guard SS Hospital in the town. 1 sec of 9 pl C Coy are at BISMARK Fm 692576 and 1 sec at Amn Dump 683544. 1 sec of 10 pl are at Factory 645525 and the other sec at DP Camp 652515. 11 pl C Coy are on patrol duties around SCHONNINGSTEDT 675514.	
	25		4 pl A Coy join 5 pl to assist in duties at REDBARN Camp.	
	26		Notification given to all Burgermeisters that French, Belgian, Dutch, Swiss and Danes will be collected tomorrow.	D 15-20.
	27		All French, Belgian, Dutch, Swiss and Danes in KREIS STORMARN are collected for onward transmission to LUBECK and thence to their respective countries and homes.	
	29		Check on all PWX and DPs starts. KREIS STORMARN divided up into Coy sectors. Every town and village to be visited.	J 40
	30		4 and 5 pls A Coy provide escort for the transferring of PW from RED BARN Camp to SS PW Cage at NEUEN - GAMME. At 1630 hrs both pls return to Coy location.	
	31		Bn locations as follows :- Bn HQ and HQ Coy VOLKSDORF 614639 A Coy " 614646 B Coy " 615644 C Coy SCHONNINGSTEDT 672515 D Coy NIENWOHLD 631786.	

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Unit 284 Coy., R.A.S.C. (Inf. Div. Tps.)

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer D.R. Sherriff Major

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shermanbury	1	1100	Usual supply point in Coy location	WG
		1430	Normal supply point.	WG
		1800	Ten lorry loads of ammunition arrived.	WG
"	2	0530	Capt Boorman & 25 drivers arrived back with ammunition.	WG
		1100	USUAL SUPPLY POINT IN COMPANY LOCATION.	GB
		1430	NORMAL SUPPLY POINT.	GB
		1445	17 PDR AMMUNITION DELIVERED TO 97 A/TANK REGT R.A.	GB
		1600	PRACTICE LOADING OF MAIN BODY.	GB
"	3	0600	VEHICLE LEFT FOR COLLECTION OF 100 RDS 17 PDR.	GB
		0830	VEHICLES LEFT WITH 17 PDR FOR 91 A/TANK REGT R.A.	GB
		1330	Normal supply points established.	)
		1630	Jeeps arrived Workshops for formation use	) [signature] Capt.
		1930	ENSA "B" Show given in N.A.A.F.I.	)
Shermanbury	4	0745	Collection of supplies.	[initials]
		1100	Supply Point in locations	)
		1430	Usual Supply Point (Opened 1430, closed 1530)	)[initials]
"	5	1100 + 1430	Usual supply points.	JU
		2300	'Adoration' message received & acked.	JU
SHERMANBURY	6	1100 + 1430	Usual Supply Points	DRS
		1610	Lt Vergnaud, W/Shops Officer reported	DRS
	7th	0800	) Normal Supply collection & BBP	[initial]
		1100	)	
		1200	F.A.M.T.Os collected from Feltham, 14 x 3 Tonner	[initial]
		1600	retrieves Salvage Ammo - 1 x 3 Ton B/D with ADOS Stores; Capt	[initial]
			Ashbury posted to R.V.C. WEF 8th	[initial]
	8	1100 +	))	

		1400 1930	) Normal Sup Ps. Salvage amn left for ASD Abinger. Returned 0230 hrs.	GB GB
SHERMANBURY	9.	1100 1400 1800	) Normal Supply Points) Ammunition Salvage returned to Shoreham and loaded in wagons.	)) WG WG
	10.		Usual Sup Pts. Surplus practice ammo received from various Divl Units.	JU JU
	11.		W.A.S.P. Fuel surplus disposed of. Usual Sup Pts. All practice ammo ret to A.S.D.	JU JU JU
	12.		Usual Sup Pts. Final preparations for movement of "Main Body" to Marshalling Area.	JU JU
	13.		Main Body moved to Marshalling Area.	JU
WANSTEAD FLATS.	14		Awaiting embarkation at Marshalling Area.	JU
LONDON	15	1400	Left Marshalling Area for London, Millwall Docks, boarded ship & sailed at 1900 hrs.	JU
	16		)	
	17		)	
	18		)	
	19		)	
	20		) At sea.	JU
	21		)	
	22		)	
	23		)	
	24		)	
NORMANDY FRANCE	25	1500	Landed on beaches of Normandy & proceeded to Esquay-sur-Seulles M.R. 843791 Sheet 7F/1.	JU
" NORMANDY	26	0730 0930	Moved to new location at Brecy M.R. 881780 / 7F/1. Opened Ammo Point at M.R. 893734. Forward Control Point for 3 Ammo Pts manned by O.C. Coy.	JU JU
	27		Ammo Points still operating. Coy lines full with loaded replenishment vehicles.	JU
	28		Ammo Points still operating.	JU
	29		H.Q. & W/Shops moved up to ARTY A.P. location & established at M.R. 893733 Sheet 7F/1.	JU
	30		ARTY A.P. continues with periodical dumping programmes of 25 pdr to guns, day & night. Replenishment from B.A.D.	JU

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Month and Year June 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shermanbury	13 June	0215	Main party moved off en route to Marshalling Area.	WG
	14.	1400	Contacted ADOS Bolney re L.M.Gs to bring up to Scale, also interviewed ADOS Sussex Dist. Indents prepared & passed.	WG
	15.	1100	Vehicle proceeded to Weedon to collect Bren Guns, bringing unit entitlement up to Scale.	WG
		1600	FAMTOs collected from Feltham & spares to repair OCs car from Guildford.	WG
		2100	Proceeded to Worthing to inspect new billets.	WG
	16		Contacted DCRE, Oi/c Barracks & Capt 2M of residues re accommodation at Worthing especially Shakespeare Hotel which was in a very bad state.	WG
			Waterproofing completed except for two domestic vehicles. Staff car left to collect Bren Guns for CRASC from Weedon.	WG WG
Shermanbury		1000	1 x 3 tonner went forward to marshalling area with CRASC.	
		1200	RAOC ammunition examiner called re ammunition on Dump.	
	17.	0945	Capt Boorman left for Div Residues at Worthing.	
		1015	Stores being collected from Oi/c Barracks today.	WG
	18	1000	AMMUNITION CHECKED AND 30 TONS DESPATCHED FROM DUMP	GB
		1100	ORDNANCE STORES COLLECTED FROM BOLNEY DUMP.	GB
		2000	HQ CLOSED DOWN AT SHERMANBURY. VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL OF HQ RASC, AND COMPANY PRIORITY AND ULITMATE RESIDUES, DEPARTED FOR WORTHING.	GB
		2100	COY HQ ESTABLISHED AT WORTHING	GB
		2130	MOVE DOWN FROM SHERMANBURY COMPLETED.	GB
WORTHING	19	0800	PARTY LEFT FOR WORKING ON AMMUNITION DUMP	GB
		0930	O.C. No 1 GROUP DIV RESIDUES CONTACTED	GB
		1000	ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION TAKEN OVER	GB
		1030	WATERPROOFING COMMENCED ON LAST VEHICLES OF PRIORITY RESIDUE	GB
		2000	AMMUNITION PARTY RETURNED.	GB
	20	0830	AMMUNITION PARTY DEPARTED FOR SHERMANBURY	GB

		0930 1000 1700	ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION TAKEN OVER WATERPROOFING OF LAST VEHICLES OF PRIORITY RESIDUE COMPLETED AMMUNITION PARTY RETURNED	GB GB GB
	21	1000	Further accommodation taken over in Tennyson Rd Training programme drawn up incorporating Bren Sten Piat	 WG
	22	1400	O2E. 2nd Echelon contacted re reinforcements, all being supplied except Blacksmith Ammunition detail at Shermanbury completed.	 WG
	23	1200	Major Sword contacted re revision of Staff tables	WG
WORTHING	24	0715	Coy left for Cissbury Ranges to fire Brens Stens & remained there until 1500 hrs.	 WG
	25	0900	Church parades for all denominations held.	WG
	26	1240 1400	Commander Div Residues visited location & gave talk to unit personnel. Sten firing on Cissbury Ranges for Comp & W/sps pl.	 WG WG
	27	0730 1600	Left for route march Returned from route march having completed 22 miles	 WG
	28	0830	Whole Coy left for ranges to fire Stens & Piat	WG
	29	1900	12 Reinforcements received from R.H.U.	WG
	30	1400	Contacted Residue Commander & adjutants re adjusting of staff tables, everything satisfactorily settled.	 WG

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Month and Year JULY '44.

Commanding Officer D.R. Sherriff Major

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NORMANDY.	01		H.Q., A Pl, & W/shops less one Sec. still established at M.R. 893733 / 7F/1. Dumping programme continues.	 JU JU
"	02	1400 1600	Enemy shells fall in close proximity to Coy location. CRASC visited Coy. Coy moved to previous location M.R. 881779. Arty Pt & surplus ammo handed to 53 Div.	JU JU JU
"	03		Maint check & repairs to all Vehs carried out by Coy W/Shop.	JU
"	04		Replenished 2nd line Ammo.	JU
"	05		A.P. in Coy location.	JU
"	06.		Ammo re-loaded to new Scale. 2nd Line replenished.	JU
"	07.		25 Pdr examined for faulty assembly	JU
"	08		CRASC inspected location.	JU
NORMANDY	09	1000	Church parade at 399 Coy location.	JU
"	10		Amn Pt opened at Bretteville M.R. 928724.	JU
"	11		Amn Pt remained open.	JU
"	12	1330	Warning order to move. Move cancelled at 1515. Unit came under cmd 12th Corps. Priority Residues arrived at 2330 hrs.	JU JU JU
"	13	1015	Coy moved to Secqueville-en-Bessin M.R. 909738. Remainder of Priority Residue joined Coy. Amn point closed & returned to Coy location	JU JU JU
"	14		Amn dumping programme. 1659 Arty Pl (Lt) attached to this unit for amn duties.	JU JU
"	15		Dumping programme continued.	JU
"	16		All vehs in Coy put on amn detail.	JU
" NORMANDY	17	 1620	Dumping continued. 1659 Arty Pl (Lt) R.A.S.C. returned to original location & ceased to be attached.	JU JU
"	18	0600	A.P. opened at M.R. 923708. Location inspected by CRASC.	JU
"	19		A.P. remained open.	

"	20	0500	Ultimate residue joined Coy from Assembly Area	JU
"	21		Holdings of 2nd Line amn reduced, on instrs from CRASC. Surplus despatched to C.A.D.	JU
"	22		Warning order to move. A.P. closed. Recce carried out of new location.	JU JU
"	23	0800	Coy moved to new location at Castillion M.R. 717722.	JU
"	24		Unit came under command 30th Corps. Location inspected by CRASC	JU JU
"	25.		Vehicles off loaded in preparation for collection from BAD to commence dumping programme.	JU
NORMANDY	26	0900	Personnel not on amn details proceeded to rifle & machine carbine range for practice firing Amn collection from BAD.	JU JU
	27	0500	Dumping programme commenced.	JU
	28		Dumping programme continued. Personnel proceeded to 30 Corps Rest Camp.	JU JU
	29	1200	Arty Amn Pt established in location	JU
	30	1400 0600	Recce made of new location Unit came under command 8th Corps. Coy moved to new location M.R. 717644.	JU JU JU
	31		Report Centre established in forward area for Arty Amn.	

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Unit 284 Coy RASC (Inf Div Tps)

Month and Year JULY 44

Commanding Officer D.R. Sherriff Major

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Worthing	1	1000	Application made for further five reinforcements to bring unit up to Scale.	WG
	2.	0830	Voluntary church parade for all denominations	WG
	3.	0830	Final check up on vehicle maintenance made prior to move. Capt Boorman attended Residue Commanders conference.	WG WG
	4.	1800	Five reinforcements received making unit up to strength.	WG
	5	1000	Warning order received and Capt Boorman attended conference receiving information about move to marshalling area.	WG
	6	0630 0700 hrs. 1530	Company lined up & moved off to marshalling area, passed S.P. Arrived & marshalled in Romford Area	WG WG
Worthing	7	1100	Warned to be ready to move to embarkation between 1100 hrs & 1400 hrs. Subsequently moved off at 1700 hrs but returned to area at 1800 hrs.	WG WG
	8	0500	Moved off to embarkation area with vehicles & commenced loading at 0730 hrs. Completed loading at 1800 hrs & embarked marching personnel. Ship sailed between 2200 hrs & 0600 hrs 9 July.	WG
	9		At Sea	WG
	10		At Sea	WG
	11		At Sea awaiting to be disembarked	WG
	12	1530	Disembarked & proceeded to assembly area waiting instructions to join up with unit main body	WG
	13	0315 1130 1800	Left assembly area & proceeded to Div Main Area arriving at 0445 hrs Left div area & proceeded to Company location arriving at 1215 hrs Capt Boorman rejoined the priority party at Coy location.	WG WG WG

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Unit 284 Coy RASC (Inf Div Tps)

Month and Year AUG. 44.

Commanding Officer D.R. Sherriff Major

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LES MESNIL. NORMANDY.	1.	0600	Established A.P. (25 Pounder) at M.R. 704605. Replenishing from 52 F.M.C. at BALLEROY Enemy air activity at night.	 JU
	2.	0900 1600	All up routes closed to traffic other than 11th Armd Div. 1653 RASC Pln Arty supplying 61 Med Regt came under cmd this Coy.	JU JU
	3.	0700	Dumping programme, 8 Serials (88 Vehs) passing through Report Cent. at M.R. 689549 Sheet 6F/4.	JU
	4.	0400 0900 1600	Dumping programme commenced 0400 hrs. Total vehicles 70. 4 Serials. O.C. Coy Officer i/c. Recce party left Coy location to recce area LA FERRIERE AU DOYEN M.R. 6952. Coy ready to move. Moved at 1940 hrs to 698528 6F/4.	 JU JU JU
LA FERRIERE AU DOYEN	5	1545	Coy location shelled from S.E. direction. One wounded casualty in Coy. One killed & three wounded in 1653 Pl attached. Four Coy vehs damaged. One evacuated.	 JU
"	6.		A.P. opened at M.R. 671486 Sheet 6F/4. 33 Vehs attached from other Coys for humping.	JU JU
"	7.		Dumping continues. Three serials to guns at 2315 hrs, 2330 hrs & 2345 hrs. Re-loading from F.M.C.	 JU
"	8.		A.P. type B moved to new location M.R. 725458. Collected Amn left here for inspection by R.A.O.C.	
"	9.		Nothing to report.	JU
"	10.		Nothing to report.	JU
"	11.		Instrs received to draw Amn from 53 F.M.C. 1653 Pl ceased to be attached.	JU JU
LA FERRIERE AU DOYEN	12	1500	Instrs received for 9 Vehs to stand by for 399 Coy for attach to 46 Bde	 JU
"	13.	1400	9 Vehs reported to 399 Coy while moving to CAEN Sector with 46 Bde.	 JU

		1700	Recce party standing by to recce EVRECY area	JU
EVRECY	14	0800 1300	A.P. closed. Vehs ret to Coy location. Coy ready to move to M.R. 850588 Sh 7/F3 at 1350 hrs. All vehs in new location by 1700 hrs.	JU JU
"	15	1200 1600	Burial party. One N.C.O. & twenty men sent to 399 Coy location to assist in burial of British & German dead found in location. Divisional Cmdr Brigadier Barber visited Coy & addressed the entire Coy.	 JU JU
"	16	1000 1200	Small arms of Coy inspected by RAOC personnel. Recce party left to recce new area for A.P. area 9843.	JU JU
EVRECY	17	1600	Warning order for Coy to move to area LE HUTRAY Sheet 7F/3.	JU
"	18	1950	Coy moved at 1950 hrs to M.R. 005538 Sh 7F/3.	JU
LA ROCHETTE	19	1000 1400	A.P. type B opened at M.R. 088423 Sh 7F/4. 21 Vehs. Recce party left for area FALAISE.	JU JU
	20	1815	Coy moved to location MR 088423 Sh 7F/4.	JU
USSY	21		Exceptionally bad weather.	JU
	22	1800	Number of vehs (10) proceeded to amn depot at ARMY ROADHEAD with surplus amn to re-adjust amn holdings to new scale.	 JU
	23	0600	Twelve vehs loaded with 25 Pdr attached to 283 Inf Bde Coy.	JU
  USSY	24	 1000	Recce party left to recce area VIMOUTIERS but had to return as enemy still in new location. 1662 & 1663 Arty Plns RASC attached this Unit.	 JU JU
VIMOUTIERS	25	1230	Coy moved to location at VIMOUTIERS. On arrival in location VIMOUTIERS patrol i/c Officer sent out to locate German soldiers suspected of being in neighbouring wood.	JU JU
	26	1400 1930	Coy left for GRAND CHAIN arrived 1630 hrs. Coy left GRAND CHAIN for BARC MR. 957753 Sh 8F/4 arrived 2100 hrs.	JU JU
BARC	27	1000	Recce party left to recce area S of LOUVIERS for A.P.	JU
	28	0700 1200 1400	A.P. opened at M.R. 206875 Sh 9F/1. 16 Vehs from Arty Plns attached sent to A.P. Recce party left to recce area LOUVIERS	JU JU JU
	29	1000 1400	Coy moved to area LOUVIERS. M.R. 206875 / 9F/1 A.P. moved to area 2990 E. of R. SEINE.	JU JU
LOUVIERS	30	0900	1662 & 1663 Arty Plns R.A.S.C. CTBA this Unit. Complete 2nd line Amn sent to A.P. at M.R. 314904.	JU JU
	31		300 Re-inforcements collected at 106 CRC & brought to Coy location & disposed of.	 JU

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Month and Year SEPT. 44.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HERQUEVILLE E. of R SEINE	1ST	1430 2130	Coys moved to HERQUEVILLE from LA HAYE DE COMTE. 32 Vehs left location for 103 F.M.C. at M.R. 9575 to move F.M.C. Ord. Stores.	JU JU
"	2ND	0430	26 Vehs offloaded in location & sent to 103 F.M.C. to convey 159 B.I.S. to 105 F.M.C. in POIX area.	JU
"	3RD	1500 2100	32 Vehs ret to Coy location on completion of Ord. detail. 26 Vehs ret to Coy location having completed moving 159 BIS.	JU JU
SAISSEVAL	4TH	0700 0700	Unit moved to new location in area SAISSEVAL 36 Vehs left to collect Pet. at No 4 Army Roadhead at RUGGLES.	JU JU
" HEM	5TH	0300 1600 1620 1600	36 Vehs on Pet. detail returned. 34 Pet. Vehs left for forward Pet Pt. Unit moved to new location in Area HEM M.R. 792366. Amn Pt opened at TOURCOING M.R. 8749	JU JU JU JU
LUINGHE	6TH	1500 1500 2400	Unit moved to location LUINGHE M.R. 823476. 20 loaded Vehs sent to forward Pet Pt. 11 loaded Pet. vehs arrived in location from Pet. dump.	JU JU JU
"	7TH	0500 0600 1430	A.P. established with 15 x 3 Ton lorries at PECQ. M.R. 019456. 21 Vehs to Pet. Depot to collect Pet 16 Vehs left for Brussels area to collect Amn.	JU JU JU
"	8TH		Normal maintenance	
" KHERKOVE	9TH	1530 0900	Coy moved to new location at KHERKOVE M.R. 019529. H.Q. R.A.S.C. (REAR) attached to this Coy.	JU JU
	10TH	1400	Left old location for MEUSEGHAM M.R. 582682	JU
MEUSEGHAM	11TH		Normal Supply details	JU
MEUSEGHAM	12th	1200 1600 1600	Coys moved to new location at BETECOM M.R. 932684 Amn Pt established at M.R. 9772. 1670 Arty Pl came under Cmd this Coy.	JU JU JU
AVERBODE	13th	0900 1400 0900	Coy moved to new location at AVERBODE M.R. 070748. 1661, 1662 & 9 vehs from 1665 Arty Plns come under cmd this Coy I.T.S. arrive at Coy for Veh inspections	JU JU JU
"	14th	0930	I.T.S. continue inspections. Normal maint & Sup.	JU

		1400	Location inspected by CRASC	JU
	15th	1400	Coy moved to new location at WINKELOMSCHE HEIDE M.R. 094838. Guards doubled.	 JU
WINKELOMSCHE	16th	1700 2200	Conference with CRASC for all Offs, W.O. & Snr N.C.Os. 11 Enemy captured Vehs awaiting disposal instrs re delivery to Army Roadhead.	JU JU
"	17th	0200	Clocks put back to Summer Time.	JU
WINKELOMSCHE	18th	0930	19 Enemy Vehs depart for 2nd ARMY at REBAIX	JU
"	19th	1230	Party returned, having delivered Enemy Vehs.	JU
"	20th	1830	20 x 3 Ton Vehs reported to 46 Bde for Troop Carrying Arty Plns cease to be under Cmd.	JU JU
"	21st	1800 1400	20 x 3 Ton Vehs ret on completion of T.C. detail A.P. opened near EINDHOVEN. M.R. 424171. 1662 Arty Pl comes under Cmd.	JU JU JU
VELDHOVEN	22nd	1100 1700 2300	One Pln & one Sec W/SHOPS proceeded to VELDHOVEN M.R. 3714. 1670 Arty Pl comes under Cmd W.E.F. 1700 hrs All Coys standing to owing to suspected infiltration of enemy troops. Stand-to remained during hours of darkness.	JU JU JU
"	23rd	-	Normal Sups & maintenance.	JU
"	24th	-	Normal Sup & maintenance.	JU
VELDHOVEN	25.	-	Normal maintenance & A.P. replenishment.	JU
"	26.	0830 1700 0800	Inspection of W/SHOPS equipment by O.C. Coy. 1670 Arty Pl ceases to be attached. A.P. moves forward to N of EINDHOVEN.	JU JU
"	27.	-	Normal maintenance & A.P. replenishment.	JU
"	28.	1300	N.C.O. & Guard supplied to guard Slaughter-house EINDHOVEN.	JU
"	29		Normal maintenance.	JU
" VLOKHOVEN	30.	0800 1400 1600	A.P. moved across Canal. Coy moved to new location at VLOKHOVEN M.R. 441228. 1670 Arty Pl came under Cmd.	JU JU JU

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Month and Year Oct. 44.

Commanding Officer D.R. Sherriff Major

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VLOKHOVEN HOLLAND	1st	0800 0815	Recce party to Helmond. 20 Vehs to Best to uplift 10th H.L.I. & convey to MILHEEZ.	JU JU
"	2ND	0320	20 Vehs ret from H.L.I. detail.	JU
"	3RD	1200 1400	W/SHOPS moved to HELMOND M.R. 575228/4. 'A' Pl depart on transfer of F.M.C. detail.	JU JU
"	4TH	0930	Coy moved to location HELMOND.	JU
HELMOND	5TH	1000	CRASC inspected location.	JU
"	6TH	0700	'B' Pl departs to assist in transfer of F.M.C.	JU
"	7TH	1000 " " "	4 Rfts joined Coy from 6th R.S.Fs. Capt i/c Comp Pl posted to 283 Coy RASC. Capt from 62 Coy RASC joined this Unit. Coy arms inspected by REME.	JU JU JU JU
"	8th	"	Church parade held in Coy location.	JU
"	9th	0900	Lecture given to Company on RASC Inf Coy.	JU
HELMOND	10th	0800 1400	Four days training programme commenced. CRASC inspected location.	JU JU
"	11th	1400	Personnel fired Sten etc on range.	JU
"	12th	0800	Training continued. Personnel to cinema.	JU
"	13th	0800	Painting programme commenced, all vehs.	JU
"	14th	1000	Med inspection of Unit.	JU
"	15th	1000 1200	Church parade in Coy location CRASC inspected location	JU JU
"	16th	0800	Training & painting of Vehs continued.	JU
"	17th	1300 1000	Vehs return from F.M.C. detail. Amn holdings brought up to scale.	JU JU
"	18th	0700	Dumping programme of 25 Pdr, 54 Vehs.	JU
"	19th	0600 0800	" " " " 36 " Seven Rfts joined Coy. Unit up to W.E.	JU JU
"	20th	0600	Dumping programme. 36 Vehs.	JU
HELMOND	21st	1100	A.P. type 'B' opened on Eindhoven-Best Rd.	JU
"	22nd	0500	20 Vehs sent on F.M.C. detail to ERK.	JU

"	23rd	0600	26 Vehs depart on R.E. (bridging) detail.	JU
"	24th	0400	R.E. detail vehs return.	JU
		1000	Recce party to AALST.	JU
"	25th	0900	Coy moved to AALST.	JU
		"	Amn dumped in Coy location	JU
		1530	Recce party to EINDHOVEN	JU
EINDHOVEN		1545	Coy moved to EINDHOVEN.	JU
"	26th	0800	1653 Arty Pl came under Cmd.	JU
		0900	Officer & party left for TILBURG to guard captured stores.	JU
"	27th	1100	A.P. Type 'B' moved to ST OEDENRODE M.R. 432302	JU
"	28th	0900	Amn replenishment from F.M.C. demands heavy.	JU
"	29th	0900	Coy conveys DIV leave party to BRUSSELS. 4 vehs.	JU
EINDHOVEN	30th	0830	Recce party to HELMOND area.	JU
		1430	Coy moved to STIPHOUT. M.R. 521228/4.	JU
"	31ST	0800	1659 Arty Pl under cmd.	
		0600	A.P. type 'B' established at LIEROP. M.R. 572158.	JU

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STIPHOUT	1ST	- 0800	Coy in area STIPHOUT. M.R. 521228 Sheet 4. Ret to location with 14 Vehs. Loaded 25 Pdr collected from previous gun sites at ODENRODE	JU JU
"	2ND		Replenishment of amn to Field Regts. Demands for Smoke, later cancelled as firing plan was altered.	 JU
"	3rd	1530	Ten vehs proceeded to BAYEUX for collection of Ord Stores under cmd Oi/c W/Shops.	 JU
"	4th	0800	Nine loads Salvage amn collected from Gun positions & ret to 56 F.M.C.	 JU
"	5th	1100 1600	A.P. type 'B' moved to area ASTEN M.R. 6212/4. Oi/c instructed to prepare for heavy demands of Smoke. 1200 Rds Smoke collected from F.M.C. & sent to A.P. to be available for collection 0700 hrs 6th.	 JU JU
STIPHOUT	6TH	-	Normal replenishment of Amn to Field Regts.	JU
"	7TH	0930 1400	Recce party left for area AARLE-RIXTEL. Coy moved to AARLE-RIXTEL. M.R. 547260/4. Estab by 1500 hrs.	 JU
AARLE-RIXTEL	8TH	-	Anticipated Field Regts would draw 100 RPG amn. On completion of issues, 50 R.P.G. would be left at A.P. No further 25 Pdr to be drawn from F.M.C. until existing stocks are reduced.	 JU
"	9TH	-	O.C. inspected Coy vehicles.	JU
"	10TH	1500	20 x 3 TON vehicles on Troop-carrying detail carrying 8th Royal Scots.	 JU
"	11th	0130 2200	Vehs from Troop-carrying detail ret Coy location. 10 x 3 Ton vehs ret from BAYEUX detail.	JU JU
" AARLE-RIXTEL	12th	- -	Following Scale of Amn holdings to be adopted forthwith:- 25 Pdr H.E. - 63 R.P.G. Fuses 222 in proportion Smoke maintained at present holding. Other natures no change.	 JU JU
"	13th	0600	30 x 3 Ton vehs to HAMONT M.R. 471970/4 for Corps uplift.	JU
"	14	0645	36 x 3 Ton to Corps for continuance of Corps uplift	JU
"	15	0700	" " " " " " "	JU

"	16	0700 0900	30 x 3 Ton to Corps R.C. M.R. 361975/4 for continuance of details as for 13, 14 & 15th. 6 x 3 Ton to BRUSSELS on Short leave detail	 JU JU
"	17	1000	CRASC inspected Coy location.	JU
"	18	-	Instrs received to inspect all PIAT bombs.	JU
"	19	1000	Coy Cmdr Conference. Warning Coy would move 21st.	JU
"	20.	1130 1430	Recce party to Someren to recce area. 8 x 3 Ton to M.R. 610130/4. Troop-carrying detail to uplift 8th Royal Scots.	JU JU
AARLE-RIXTEL Someren	21.	0845 1130 1200 -	Coy moved to Someren M.R. 591115/4 by 1030 hrs. 10 x 3 Ton to ASTEN M 615133 for attachment to 624 Field Pk Coy R.E. for tpt of Bridging Eqpt Collection from 56 F.M.C. of 25 pdr H.E. to bring holding up to 140 R.P.G. A.P. type 'B' closed & ret to Coy location.	 JU JU JU
"	22	0800 1300	Recce of area DONK M.R. 7105 for estab of new A.P. type 'B' A.P. type 'B' opened at M.R. 713064/4.	JU
"	23	-	Normal details & maintenance.	JU
"	24	0800	All drivers warned to look for PZ Faust 30 & PZ Faust 60 with trip wires attached.	 JU
"	25	0600	2400 Rds 25 Pdr H.E. dumped forward at M.R. 802119/5 for issues to R.A. BUFFALOS used for part of this journey owing to indifferent conditions of roads.	
Someren	26	0930	14 x 3 Ton to BRUSSELS with 300 Div Short leave personnel.	JU
"	27	-	Instrs received that 100 R.P.G. of 25 Pdr H.E. will be maintained. 2400 Rds in forward dump, remainder in Unit location. Forward dump to hold, in addition small quantities of Smoke & fuses in normal proportion to H.E.	 JU
"	28		A.P. type 'B' closed first light & ret to Coy location	JU
"	29	0645	6 x 3 Ton left location for temp att to 283 Coy for collection of Rfts from 105 CRC.	 JU
"	30	1200 1400	1659 Pl R.A.S.C. supplying 25 Field Regt R.A. under cmd this Unit. 14 x 3 Ton dump 25 Pdr H.E. at 181 Field Regt. Vehs to replenish from F.M.C. on completion of dumping. Detail completed 2000 hrs.	 JU JU

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Month and Year DEC. 44.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN HOLLAND	01	1200	1670 Arty Pln RASC maintaining 6th Field Regt under cmd this Unit.	JU
		0800	Dumping programme for 25 & 190 Field Regts. Replenishing from 111 F.M.C.	JU
"	02	0600	Dumping programme contd.	JU
"	03	0630	12 Vehs left location to estab A.P. Type B at area DONK MR 709057.	JU
		0900	Demands for 25 Pdr very heavy. 58 S type loads delivered between 0900 hrs & 1400 hrs. Weather bad.	JU
		2200	Rum issued to guards & A.P. personnel.	JU
"	04	0900	Normal replenishment to Field Regts.	JU
"	05	"	" " " " "	JU
"	06	1200	Corps lift 30 x 3 Ton vehs to 56 F.M.C. ret to Coy location loaded.	JU
ZOMEREN		1600	AA/QMG 15 (S) Div accompanied by CRASC visited Coy location	JU
"	07	0800	Corps lift. 30 x 3 Ton vehs left location for 8th Corps R.C. at LA COLONIE M.R. 361975.	JU
		1200	1670 Arty Pln R.A.S.C. ceased to come under cmd this Unit.	JU
"	08	0800	Corps lift continued 30 x 3 Ton vehs used.	JU
"	09	0900	33 x 3 Ton vehs left for collection of Rfts from ROUVIERS.	JU
"	10	1400	Coy Cmdrs conference re leave of personnel to U.K.	JU
		2300	Vehs returned from collection of Div Rfts.	JU
"	11	0800	Vehs re-loaded with dumped amn.	JU
"	12	0730	Corps lift continued 30 x 3 Ton vehs to 8 Army Road Head at HECHTREM.	JU
		1400	CRASC lectured to personnel of Unit re leave to U.K.	JU
ZOMEREN	13	1400	Coy personnel lined route for departure of C in C after Investiture at sister Coy.	JU
"	14	1200	Coy Cmdr Conference.	JU
"	15	0800	Corps lift continued. 30 x 3 Ton Vehs.	JU
"	16	0800	" " " " " "	JU

		1100	Unit leave ballot for Main Party of Coy.	JU
"	17	0800	Corps lift continued 30 x 3 Ton vehs.	JU
"	18	"	" " " " "	JU
"	19	"	" " " " "	JU
"	20	"	" " " " "	JU
"	21	0800 0800	14 x 3 Ton vehs att to 399 Coy for pet. detail 30 x 3 Ton vehs on Corps stone detail to DEURNE Stn.	JU JU
	22	"	Details of 21st repeated.	JU
	23	"	" " " "	JU
ZOMEREN	24	0800	12 x 3 Ton vehs to BRUSSELS with short leave personnel.	JU
"	25	0900	Maintenance of Vehs. Xmas fare for personnel.	JU
"	26	0900	Maintenance of Vehs.	JU
"	27	0800	30 x 3 Ton vehs on Corps detail to DEURNE	JU
"	28	" 1800	" " " " " " " Lecture to Offrs & Senior N.C.Os by O.C. on defence against paratroops.	JU JU
"	29	0800	30 x 3 Ton vehs on Corps detail to DEURNE.	JU
"	30	"	" " " " " " "	JU
"	31	"	" " " " " " "	JU

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Month and Year JANUARY 45.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN HOLLAND	01	0700	Six vehicles left location for collection of 25 Pounder Amn from 56 F.M.C. at DONK MR 539290/5 HOLLAND.	JU
		0800	30 Vehs to DEURNE for Stone detail	JU
		0930	Location inspected by CRASC.	JU
		0800	Personnel left for U.K. leave.	JU
"	02.	0800	30 Vehs to DEURNE for Stone detail.	JU
		0830	15 Vehs convey DIV Personnel to BRUSSELS on leave	JU
"	03.	0800	30 Vehs to DEURNE for Stone detail.	JU
			15 Vehs to 56 F.M.C. for collection of Amn.	JU
"	04.	0600	Thaw precautions in force. All 3 ton vehs in location. No Sup Pt. One days reserve ration to be used.	JU
"	05	0600	Road conditions very bad. Speed restrictions in force. Staff Cars 30 MPH. 3 Ton 20 MPH.	JU
ZOMEREN	05.	1200	Thaw precautions lifted.	JU
		1200	30 Vehs on Rubble detail to DEURNE.	JU
		1230	15 Vehs on Corps uplift.	JU
"	06	0600	51 Vehs on various details.	JU
"	07	0800	30 Vehs on Rubble detail to DEURNE.	JU
"	08	0800	Report in from Forward A.P. Guards had been fired on. H.Q. RASC informed.	JU
"	09	0800	Normal details & maintenance of Vehs.	JU
"	10.	0600	Rubble, Petrol & F.M.C. details. Extreme Frost. Trays of Ethyl Glycole placed for continuous observation.	JU
"	11	0600	Frost warning cancelled. Min temp night 11/12 JAN 20°FH.	JU
"	12	0800	Thaw during day. Keen Frost at night. 27 Vehs on various details.	JU
"	13	1000	Location visited by CRASC.	JU
ZOMEREN	14	0700	30 Vehs proceeded to VEGHEL MR 4837/5 on a Salt detail of two days duration.	JU
		2000	Frost warning. Min temp 14°FH.	JU
"	15.	1000	Frost precautions re M.T batteries sent out to affil. units.	JU

		1100	Salt detail extended & called to VENRAY.	JU
"	16.	0730	45 Vehs to BERINGEN M.R. 2576 for collection of coal. Roads bad with ice.	JU
"	17	0700	51 Vehs on detail. 6 to BRUSSELS with coal.	JU
"	18	0700	Veh maint. Amn replenishment from F.M.C.	JU
"	19	0800	15 vehs on Stone detail at DEURNE. Maint.	JU
"	20	1000	Recce party to WESTERLOO. Three days rations taken.	JU
"	21	0800	27 Vehs on detail. Frost warning issued.	JU
" ZOMEREN WESTERLOO	22	0700 1100	Dumped 2 line holding of Amn loaded for ferrying to new location. Recce party recalled from WESTERLOO & sent to recce area BAARLE-NASSAU 045198.	 JU JU
ZOMEREN	23.	0700	2nd line Amn holdings transported to new location. Vehs return 2000 hrs.	JU
"	24	0700	Coy moved to BAARLE-NASSAU, S.P. HELMOND.	JU
BAARLE-NASSAU	25.	0700	Vehs overhauled & Coy signs renovated.	JU
"	26.	- - -	Coy established in large monastery. Vehs maintained. RPs & Guards warned to be on alert for Flying Bombs, many over this locality.	JU JU JU
"	27.	0800 0600	Extreme frost continues, & much snow. Unit came under cmd 30 Corps.	JU JU
"	28	0600 -	35 Vehs out on various details. Coy received increased allocation for U.K. leave.	 JU
BAARLE-NASSAU	29	0700	35 Vehs to 166 F.M.C. for collection of amn for 5 AGRA. Amn dumped night 29/30 near NIJMEGEN.	JU
"	30	0900	Coy Cmdr meets DDST 30 Corps at H.Q. RASC.	JU
"	31	0600 0800 -	30 Vehs proceed to GRAVE on tank track detail Personnel proceeded to UK on leave. Temperature rising.	JU JU

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Unit 284 Coy RASC (Inf Div Tps)

Month and Year Feb 1945.

Commanding Officer Major DR SHERRIFF

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BAARLE-NASSAU	1/2	/45	Ops - training. Weather wet & windy.	W Grant Lt
"	2	1400	Issue of Petrol rations to personnel on Tank Track detail. Instructions received for removal of divisional signs from clothing & vehicles.	W Grant Lt
"	3	2300	Lt Grant returned from Tank Track detail with 30 vehicles. Detail completed 31st Jan - 3rd Feb.	W Grant Lt
"	4	0800	21 x 3 tonners under Lt Humphries left to collect 21 weasels from Turnhout & deliver to 30 Cps Tps Wksps at Grave. 17 vehs attached this unit from 86 Fd Reg (1561 Arty Pl) for ammunition replenishment of a/m Reg. Capt Duffus left to recce Nijmegen area.	W Grant Lt
"	5	0730	20 x 3 tonners left to collect 25 pdr HE to bring up to 140 r.p.g. for 3 Fd Regs & 40 r.p.g. for 1 Fd Reg. Pending move postponed for 24 hours.	W Grant Lt
BAARLE-NASSAU	6	0745 1200 1900	Recce party under Capt Duffus left for Nijmegen area. Information received that 17 of 20 vehicles which left for 166 F.M.C. had been bogged. Capt Underwood left unit to try & extricate the bogged vehicles. Coy moved to Nijmegen, roads exceptionally bad. No lights from S'Hertogenbosch.	W Grant Lt W Grant Lt W Grant Lt
"	7	0730 0630 1600	Arrived new location. All vehs got ready for ammunition details. Lecture by O.C. on coming offensive. 4 serials of 17 vehs left (including 1651 Arty platoon), one to each field regiment including 86 Fd. These vehs were attached to the field regiments for replenishment etc. Capt Underwood returned to company after extricating the 17 vehs which were bogged.	 W Grant Lt W Grant Lt
NIJMEGEN	8	0445 1200	Guns opened up terrific barrage. Lecture by O.C. on latest position of offensive, also discipline of personnel in respect of German civilians. 9260 rds HE 1400 rds smoke issued.	

		1400	CRASC visited location. 9260 rds HE) 15,840 N/carts issued to Fd Regs. 1400 " Smoke)	W Grant Lt
	9	0700	Capt Tensfeldt & Capt Duffus left to guide 60 x 3 tonners with 25 pdrs to harbouring area.	
	10	1000	The above 60 vehs returned after dumping 25 pdrs at Kranenburg station (attacked by German Aircraft during dumping).	W Grant Lt
	11	1600	Instructions received re replacing of divisional signs 1000 rds HE 200 smk issued.	W Grant Lt
	12	1200	Vehs used for collection of P.O.W.	W Grant Lt
NIJMEGEN	13	1200	O.C. proceeded on leave. Capt J.E. Underwood took over command of company.	W Grant Lt
"	14		Leave & reinforcements sent to this unit in Dukws for onward transmission to respective units. 12,000 rds smoke collected by Dukws for forward dump.	W Grant Lt
"	15		Roads "frozen" to all 3 ton vehs. 60 vehs loaded ready for night move to Kranenburg. 2200 rds HE issued	W Grant Lt
"	16	0300	60 x 3 ton vehs moved off to Kranenburg with Amn. AP type 'B' opened at Kranenburg. 1800 rds issued	W Grant Lt
	17	1900	60 x 3 ton vehs from Div RASC refilling & forming up at Nijmegen ready to leave for Kranenburg. 12,200 rds HE issued from A.P.	W Grant Lt
	18	0600	Coy moved into area of A.P. at Kranenburg. 4468 rds HE issued	W Grant Lt
KRANENBURG	19	1000 1500	Lt Grant left to recce area for AP type 'B'. 15 Vehs under Lt Grant, 15 Vehs under Sgt Ward left for AP type B. Goch area. Exceptional demands made for ammunition. 23,400 rds HE 400 smk issued.	W Grant Lt
"	20		48 vehs of div RASC used daily to collect 25 pds from F.M.C. Own tpt taking forward to AP type 'B' & guns. 6,800 rds HE 840 rds smk issued	W Grant Lt
"	21		Ammunition replenishments as usual. 9800 rds HE issued	W Grant Lt
"	22		Ammunition replenishment vehs (48) arrived, offloaded & used to carry P.O.Ws. Ammunition issues 16800 rds HE 2600 rds smoke.	W Grant Lt
"	23	1230 1730	15 x 10 tonners reported with 25 pds. 46 x 3 tonners left to collect 25 pdr from 166 FMC 21600 rds HE & 400 smk issued to Regs.	W Grant Lt
"	24		34800 rds HE issued.	W Grant Lt
KRANENBURG	25	0620	Recce party left for Tilburg area. 48,800 rds HE 600 rds smoke issued.	W Grant Lt

"	26	0900	Coy H.Q., Comp Workshops platoon moved to Baarle-Nassau. 1 Tpt platoon remaining on site of AP type 'B' to clear area of 25 pdr salvage. 1 tpt platoon proceeding to Grosbeek area to clear 25 pdr amn salvage.	W Grant Lt
BAARLE-NASSAU	27		Entertainment & baths arranged for all personnel. 48 hrs leave for all personnel arranged, commencing 1st March.	W Grant Lt
"	28	1430	Coy Commanders conference. O.C. returned from leave and assumed command of Company.	W Grant Lt

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Unit 284 Coy., R.A.S.C. (Inf. Div. Tps.)

Month and Year MARCH 1945.

Commanding Officer DR Sherriff Major

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BAARLE-NASSAU	01	0600	Weather bright. Brussels leave commenced. Transport by road & rail. Tpt Pln remained at previous location KRANENBURG to clear area of 25 Pdr salvage.	JU JU
"	02	1100	Pln ret from salvage detail. Weather showery.	JU
"	03	0600	Training & maintenance of Vehs.	JU
"	04	0730 0800	Recce party left to recce new location at MOLL Warning order received for detail of collection of 44 loads of Amn. Weather wet.	JU JU
"	05	1000	Div Commander's visit to Unit. 44 Vehs collected Amn from 166 F.M.C. to bring up to 2nd line full holding. Weather dull.	JU JU
"	06	0800	23 loads of Amn transferred to new location. Weather wet.	JU
" MOLL	07	0930 0900	Coy moved to new location at MOLL. Formation came under cmd 12th Corps. Weather showery.	JU
"	08	0700 1400	One Pln off road for maint. Intensive maint programme commenced. Weather showery Collected Stragglers from TILBURG delivered to Fmn Sup Pt. Weather showery.	JU JU
"	09	0800 -	Amn issued to Field Regts to make up to 1st line holdings. Weather fair. One Pln off road for maint.	JU JU
"	10	1500	Coy Cmdrs Conference. Weather fair.	JU
"	11	0800 "	Collected amn from 8 ARH. One Pln V.O.R. for maint & repairs. Showery.	JU JU
"	12	0800	Training & maintenance. Weather fair.	JU
"	13	0800	Training & maintenance. Weather cloudy.	JU
" MOLL	14	0700 " 1400	One Pln with half section of Workshops to 44 Bde at M.R. 203637 for Troop-carrying detail. 15 x 3 Ton Vehs to 227 Bde for Troop-carrying. Collected Amn from 8 & 10 A.R.Hs. Weather fine.	JU JU

"	15	0700 0900 1800 "	Troop-carrying details continue Armourers inspection of all weapons commenced Coy Comdrs Conference. Instrs received for transfer of Offs to Infantry. Weather fine & sunny.	JU JU JU JU
"	16	0630 0915 1900	Recce party left location removing Div signs. Armourers inspection continued. Coy Comdrs Conference. Weather dull.	JU JU JU
"	17	0700	28 loads of Amn to new location. 7 Trailers collected. Weather dull & cold.	JU JU
" MOLL	18	0700 0900	Amn collected from 10 ARH & delivered to Fwd dump. Weather dull. 10 x 3 Ton vehs conveyed amn for 62 Coy to their new location.	JU JU
"	19	0700 1330	22 x 3 Ton vehs to 283 Coy for conveyance of Compo Packs forward. Coy H.Q. moved to new location at SONSBECK, GERMANY. Weather fine.	 JU JU
SONSBECK	20	0700	25 x 3 Ton vehs amn to Guns. Weather cold.	JU
"	21	0700	20 x 3 Ton vehs Troop-carrying for 227 Bde Weather bright & sunny 4 x 3 Ton vehs on R.E. detail at DUKW dump at VEEN. Weather bright.	JU JU JU
"	22	0730	Amn collection from 10 A.R.H. Maintenance	JU
"	23	0830 "	4 x 3 Ton vehs to movement of 'A' Branch, MIL. GOVT. 20 x 3 Ton vehs on det to R.E. for bridging	JU JU
SONSBECK	24	0900 " " 1400 "	A & B Sects of Comp Pln det to form DID on east bank of R RHINE. 3,840 Rds 25 Pdr H.E. conveyed by BUFFALOES to Fwd dump on east bank of R. RHINE 30 x 3 Ton vehs to 10 ARH for amn collection Coy Comdr gave lecture to Coy personnel on security & non-fraternization policy Weather bright & sunny	JU JU JU JU JU
"	25	0700	25 x 3 Ton vehs collected amn from 10 ARH. 30 x 3 Ton vehs collected amn from DUKW dump & conveyed to BUFFALOES for tpt across R. RHINE. Weather bright & sunny	 JU
" SONSBECK	26	0700 0700	4 x 3 Ton vehs conveyed stores for ADOS over R. RHINE. 42 x 3 Ton vehs to 10 ARH for replenishment of amn. Weather warm, slight thunder.	 JU
"	27	1000	30 x 3 Ton vehs to Guns with amn Weather dull & cold.	JU JU

"	28	1000	One Pln left with Recce party for new location across R. RHINE. 34 loads amn collected from 10 ARH. Weather bright & sunny.	JU JU JU
"	29	0700	18 x 3 Ton vehs on dumping programme 4 x 3 Ton vehs collected amn from 10 ARH 15 loads of amn to new location. Weather wet & overcast.	 JU JU
"	30	0900 1000	Coy H.Q. moved across R. RHINE to JOCKERN M.R. 152464/16. 11 Vehs conveyed amn to new location. Weather showery.	 JU JU
JOCKERN	31	0600 0730 1600	30 x 3 Ton Vehs on Corps uplift detail. 10 x 3 Ton Vehs on Supply tpt detail. Weather fine. A & B Sects of Comp Pln rejoined Coy.	JU JU JU JU

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Unit Commanding 284 Coy RASC (Inf Div Tps)

Month and Year APRIL 45

Commanding Officer DR Sherriff Major

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
JOCKERN GERMANY M.R. 152464 SHEET Q1	01	0700 " 	17 x 3 TONNERS on Supply detail Composite Pln personnel rejoined Unit on closing of FWD SUP DUMP. Weather cold.	JU JU
"	02	0800 "	17 x 3 TONNERS on Amn detail. Maint of Vehs. Weather cold.	JU JU
"	03	0600	One tpt Pln on Troop-carrying detail for 46 Bde. Weather wet.	JU
"	04	0800 0900 	Recce party left to recce new location Four German Soldiers found dead & buried in Coy location. Services of Padre obtained.	JU JU
"	05	1030 " "	Coy moved to LAER M.R. 738855/P.2. 2nd Line Amn holdings plus 4620 rds from DIV FWD AMN DUMP ferried to new location. Weather wet & cold.	JU JU JU
LAER	06	0600 0900 " 1000	27 x 3 TONNERS ferrying Amn from old location. 15 x 3 TONNERS on Pet. detail for 399 Coy RASC Weather wet & cold. Lecture by O.C. Coy on Non-fraternisation	JU JU JU
"	07	0500 0900 1030	Recce party left to recce new location Coy inspected by CRASC Coy moved to BAD-ESSEN M.R. 056111	JU JU JU
BAD-ESSEN	08	0900 " 1000	Ten German soldiers taken prisoner & conveyed to P.O.W. Cage. All arms & amn collected from all villagers. Six vehs collected empty gerricans & deposited on Axis Route. Weather good.	JU JU JU
" MESSLINGEN	09	0800 1200 1400	Recce party left to recce new location Move to MESSLINGEN M.R. 797201/N.3. 15 x 3 TONNERS on transfer of F.M.C.	JU JU JU
MESSLINGEN	10	0600 1400	30 x 3 TONNERS on Corps detail (F.M.C.) Troop-carrying detail 20 x 3 TONNERS.	JU JU
	11	0800	Recce party to REHBURG M.R. 017322	JU

		1200	Coy moved to location REHBURG.	JU
		1200	36 x 3 TONNERS on ferrying of DIV DUMP & own amn. Weather fine & sunny.	JU
REHBURG	12	0600	16 x 3 TONNERS ferrying amn from old location	JU
		0600	29 x 3 TONNERS conveying amn to new location	JU
		1400	Recce party left for FURBURG M.R. 438431.	JU
FURBURG	13	0500	Coy moved to FURBURG. Weather bright.	JU
		0900	Amn Pt sent forward with 22 x 3 TONNERS. 50 R.P.G. (25 PDR.)	JU
		1400	12 x 3 TONNERS to lift amn for DIV DUMP	JU
		1400	18 x 3 TONNERS to 63 F.M.C. to collect amn for DIV DUMP.	JU
FURBURG	14	1000	Recce party left for M.R. 647635.	JU
		1000	18 x 3 TONNERS. Collection of Amn from 63 FMC & deliver to DIV DUMP.	JU
		1400	O.C. Coy & Oi/c Admin visited BELSEN Concentration Camp.	JU
	15	0900	16 x 3 TONNERS loaded with 25 PDR to A.P.	JU
		1000	18 x 3 TONNERS collecting from 65 F.M.C.	JU
	16	0745	Move to new location M.R. 647635.	JU
REBBERLAH		0800	A.P. recalled to Coy location & new A.P. sent out.	JU
		1400	17 x 3 TONNERS Amn collection from 64 F.M.C.	JU
"	17	0600	30 x 3 TONNERS on Corps detail.	JU
		0800	18 x 3 TONNERS loaded to A.P.	JU
"	18	0800	43 x 3 TONNERS on Sundry details	JU
		1400	25 x 3 TONNERS to 64 F.M.C. to collect amn	JU
REBBERLAH	19	0800	Recce party left for M.R. ~~935177~~ 956981	
		"	One blanket collected from each soldier in Unit & sent to O.F.P. for onward transmission to BELSEN Concentration Camp.	JU
		1000	One water truck sent to BELSEN.	JU
"	20	0900	Coy moves to new location. OITZENDORF	JU
		"	36 x 3 TONNERS on dumping programme.	JU
OITZENDORF		1000	10 x 3 TONNERS to new A.P.	JU
"	21	0800	Warning Order received to detail two complete Tpt Plns on Corps humping.	JU
		1400	Coy moved to RADENBECK M.R. 935177.	JU
RADENBECK	22	0600	60 x 3 TONNERS plus domestic vehs to GOCH on Corps hump.	JU
"	23	0700	NAZI Official arrested & dispatched to DIV INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.	JU
RADENBECK	24	0800	Corps detail continues.	JU
	25	"	" " " One Pln returns to Coy location	JU
"	26	"	Second Pln returns from Corps detail	JU
"	27	"	Intensive Veh maintenance.	JU
		0800	18 x 3 TONNERS dispatched on R.E. detail carrying R.E. stores & equip to site of Class 9 Bridge over RIVER ELBE.	JU

"	28	0800 1900	One tpt Pln on Troop-carrying Comp Pln Personnel to form DID on north bank of R. ELBE proceeding by DUKW.	JU
"	29	0800	A.P. crossed R. ELBE by ferry 19 x 3 TONNERS by ferry to DUKW DUMP.	JU JU
" RADENBECK	30	0600 1430 1800	18 x 3 TONNERS to DUKW DUMP with amn. T/10680680 DVR. GILLARD H.W.J. killed in action at LAUENBURG. Coy warned to be prepared to move at 0200 hrs 1 MAY across R. ELBE, but move cancelled at 23.45 hrs owing to move of armour.	JU JU

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Month and Year MAY 45

Commanding Officer DR Sherriff Major

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
RADENBECK M.R. 935177	01	0600	Coy crossed R. Elbe to KRUZEN MR. 861375	JU
		0900	O.C. Coy attended CRASC Conference	JU
		0900	Composite Pln re-joined Coy from D.I.D. detachment.	JU
		1200	128 3 Ton loads of 25 Pdr Amn were transferred to this location from S. of R. Elbe on Unit Vehs & DUKWs.	JU
KRUZEN	02	0600	Normal maintenance.	
"	03	0800	Forward AP estab at BRUNSTORF M.R. 7847. 21 loads dumped on ground.	JU
		0800	Ferrying of surplus amn to 2nd holding commenced to 66 F.M.C.	JU
		0900	30 x 3 Ton vehs on troop-carrying detail.	JU
"	04	0700	Harbouring Party left area TRITTAU M.R. 7670.	JU
TRITTAU		0900	Coy moved to new location. H.Q. estab at M.R. 769608.	JU
"	05	0600	21 loads 25 Pdr from A.P. back to Coy. A.P. closed.	JU
		1000	C.R.A.S.C. inspected location.	JU
		1200	Conference at CRASC.	JU
"	06	1100	Church parade attended by sister Coys.	JU
"	07	0630	Ferrying amn to 66 F.M.C. Coy first & second line holdings.	JU
		1000	CRASC lecture to Coy NCOs on future role of Coy.	
		"	12 Vehs to LUNEBURG to collect Rfts for DIV.	JU
"	08	0710	30 Vehs on collection & delivery of wheat.	JU
"	09	1000	Conference at CRASC	JU
TRITTAU		0800	Collection of 30 POW from DIV CAGE for Coy maint duties.	JU
"	10	1800	All Offs to CRASC Conference.	JU
"	11	0800	Normal maint & intense Veh maint.	JU
"	12	0800	" " " " "	JU
"	13	1000	Conference at CRASC.	JU
		1100	5 Vehs on collection of Rfts from LUBECK	JU
"	14	0730	Mobile Patrol, 1 off, 1 Sgt, 24 ORs. Patrol allotted area to comb for stragglers.	JU
		1800	181 German ex-Soldiers collected & sent to DIV POW CAGE.	JU

"	15	0730	Mobile Patrol continues. 164 collected. Salvage collected & delivered to 66 FMC	JU JU
" TRITTAU	16	0900 1800 "	Conference at CRASC 131 Stragglers collected. House to house search for food stores. 1 off, 1 sgt, 5 ORs. Accommodation prepared for storing impounded stores.	 JU JU
"	17	1800 1900	119 Stragglers collected Guard put on discovered Gin Factory.	JU JU
"	18	0800 1800 0900	Two Officers detached to MIL. GOV. 120 Stragglers collected 6 Vehs to 62 Coy for tpt of D.Ps.	JU JU JU
"	19	0900 1000 1800	O.C. inspection of Coy. 30 Vehs on Sup detail to LUBECK 65 Stragglers collected.	 JU JU
"	20	0800 1800	10 Vehs to 399 Coy R.A.S.C. on pet. detail 120 Stragglers collected.	JU JU
" TRITTAU	21	0900 "	Conference at CRASC. 30 Vehs to SIEMS Sup depot under cmd 62 Coy R.A.S.C.	JU JU
"	22	0800 0900 1100 1800	10 Vehs on potato lift from M.R 6708 to 137 DID att 66 FMC. 16 Vehs to convey 5000 gerricans from 399 Coy RASC to 137 DID. 20 Vehs to convey ex P.W. sick from HOLSTENDORF area to F area. 58 Stragglers collected	JU JU JU JU
"	23	0800	Gin collected from Gin Factory & deposited at SIEMS depot. 13 Vehicle loads.	 JU
"	24	0800	Normal maint & Veh painting.	JU
"	25	0600 1400	Central messing organised for Coy. First seven vehs of attached R.A. Tpt Pln arrived in Coy location.	JU JU
"	26	1000	CRASC inspected Coy location	JU
TRITTAU	27	1000	Composite Pln personnel & G.1098 equipment returned to Coy from other Coy in preparation for this Coy taking over the duties of Supplies for the Div Tps.	 JU
"	28	0630 1400 2000 2100	25 Vehs to 66 F.M.C. to collect Sups. 16 Veh loads of impounded stores delivered to SIEMS depot. 25 Vehs arrived in Coy location for R.A. attached Pln. 'A' Pln returned to Coy location from detachment at SIEMS depot.	JU JU JU JU
"	29	0900 "	14 Vehs to 66 FMC to collect rations Intensive veh maint & painting on 'B' Pln vehs in prep for Op "BARLEYCORN"	JU JU
"	30	0800	15 Vehs on tpt of SS tps.	JU

TRITTAU	31	0600 1800	45 loads of impounded peas delivered to SIEMS depot from SCHWARZENBECK. Warning Order received that one tpt pln would be attached to 62 Coy RASC & be prepared to move to area THURK MR 812166 am 1st June 45.	 JU JU

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Unit 22nd Field Dressing Station

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George RAMS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Poynings 134/701310	1	2359	Normal Routine & Training A.M.G.	
"	2	2359	" " " " A.M.G.	
"	3	2359	" " " " A.M.G.	APPENDIX A.
"	4	2359	" " " " A.M.G.	A.F.W. 3008
"	5	2359	" " " " A.M.G.	A.F.W. 3009 (G.)
"	6	2359	D day of A.E.F. invasion of Europe - Training continued. A.M.G.	
"	7	2359	Training continued. A.M.G.	
"	8	2359	" " A.M.G.	
"	9	2359	" " - Weather conditions poor - Rain & mist with low cloud & limited visibility. A.M.G.	
"	10	2359	Training continued.	APPENDIX B.
"	11	2359	Warning Order for movement received from M.C. S.E. Comd. A.M.G.	A.F.W. 3008
"	12	2359	Movement orders for March & Vehicle parties received. A.M.G.	A.F.W. 3009 (G).
WOODFORD ESSEX	13	2359	Vehicle Party left Poynings 0300 arrived Marshalling area 0900 ⊙ March Party to Marshalling area Haywards Heath. A.M.G.	
"	14	2359	Both Parties in respective Marshalling areas. A.M.G.	
"	15	2359	" " " " " " A.M.G.	
London Docks	16	2359	Vehicle Party to the Docks where loading commenced. Marching Party remained own Marshalling area. A.M.G.	
At Sea.	17.	2359	Vehicle Party sailed 1330 hrs on the S.S. FT. Poplar. March Party also at sea having embarked at Newhaven. A.M.G.	
At Sea.	18.		Arrived off French coast at Courseulles sur Mer. March Party disembarked Courseulles sur Mer 0900 hours & proceeded to Vienne en Bessin T/857797. A.M.G.	
At Sea	19.	2359	Vehicle Party at Sea (Too Stormy to land). March Party Vienne en Bessin. A.M.G.	
At Sea	20.	2359	)	
"	21.	"	) entries as for 19th. A.M.G.	
"	22.	"	)	

Vienne en Bessin T/857797	23.	"	Vehicle Party landed and joined up with Marching Party. A.M.G.	
Secqueville en Bessin 914747	24.	"	Complete unit less residue concentrated prior to forthcoming operation. A.M.G.	Appendix C. A.F.W. 3008 + 3009.
Putot en Bessin 902728	25.	"	Unit filtered into this position which is to be the battle position of the unit & lying alongside 193 F.A. A.D.S. Lt. Sect detached to work with 194 F.A. A.M.G.	
"	26.		3 F.T.U. attached. 169 Direct admissions 14 Transfers received. Of these 50 were lying cases, nine were P.O.W & 2 Deaths occurred.	A.M.G.
Putot en Bessin	27	2359	158 Direct admissions 25 Transfers + of these 67 were lying cases, 3 Deaths, 6 P.O.W's. Lt. Section rejoined.	A.M.George
Map Ref. 914681	28	2359	Moved forward, still in support of 193 F.A. A.D.S., to Map Ref. 914681. 31 F.T.U. still attached. Direct admissions 130. Transfers 21. 37 lying. 8 P.O.W. One Death.	A.M.G.
"	29	2359	25 Direct admissions 42 Transfers. 3 Deaths. 41 lying cases - some shelling, no casualties.	
"	30	2359	7 Direct Admissions 12 Transfers, all lying. 3 Deaths. A.M.G.	Appendix D. Part I orders for June.

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Unit 22 F.D.S.

Month and Year JULY 44

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRONAY 892720	1	2359	6 Direct Admissions. 5 Transfers, all lying. 4 Deaths. These cases received at Map Reference 914681. Unit relieved by 13 F.D.S. at 1200 hrs & moved to Bronay & remained closed on wheels. Some shelling, no damage other than ripping of canvas before departure. A.M.G.	Appendix A. 3008 & 3009 S.
Map Ref 904732	2.	2359	Arrived this Map Reference 1900 hrs for a period of rest. A.M.G.	
"	3.	2359	Reorganisation & Rest A.M.G.	
"	4.	2359	" " " A.M.G.	
"	5.	2359	" " " A.M.G.	
"	6.	2359	" " " A.M.G.	
"	7.	2359	" " " A.M.G.	
"	8	2359	Rest & Training A.M.G.	APPENDIX B. A.F.W. 3008 + 3009.
904732	9	2359	Period of Rest & Training still continues. Some slight bombing in the vicinity at approx 0300 hrs. A.M.G.	
"	10	"	Active training carried on. Regrouping of personnel. A.M.G.	
	11	"	Active Training - Film show provided. A.M.G.	
"	12	"	Active Training - 2 film shows provided by division - 4 Foot Diameter Red Crosses painted on operational Canvases - Bayeux open to troops - One 3 tonner load sent in ⊙	
"	13	"	Training & Recreational Programme. A.M.G.	
"	14	"	Informed that the Division is to be committed under command 12 Corps to an operation known as Operation Greenline. Recce done for a proposed Medical area. Site finally fixed for this unit at Map Ref 931684. 2 vehicles moved in to start digging. A.M.G.	
Map Sh 7/F/1 931684	15	2359	Unit set up & was ready to open at 1900 hrs. The attack was to be towards ESQUAY & EVRECY ⊙ A Medical area was formed at this site by the ADS's of 153 F.A. 194 F.A. & 14 Lt. F.A. (the Lt. F.A. in support of 4th Armoured Bde.) - The F.D.S. was to deal with	APPENDIX C A.F.W. 3008 + 3009.

			resuscitation cases only & Capt Crawford, a Transfusion Officer was attached. Two lying cases received after opening. A.M.G.	
Map Sh. 7/F/1 931684	16	2359	51 Lying cases of whom 5 Died. There was a plentiful supply of Blood & Plasma & the Unit was not extended. A.M.G.	
Map Sh. 7/F/1 916734	17	2359	At 1830 hrs unit closed & at 2100 hrs moved to rest area 916734 - Nine cases received 2 Deaths. A.M.G.	
Map Sheet 7/F/1 916734	18.	2359	Rest & Reorganisation. A.M.G.	
"	19.	"	" " " A.M.G.	
"	20	"	Training Periods introduced. A.M.G.	
"	21	"	Normal Training Routine. A.M.G.	
"	22	"	Visit by Brigadier Phillips D.D.M.S. 2nd Army - Conference with ADMS in the evening & informed that the Division was moving on the 23rd to take over from an American Division in the CAUMONT area & to be under command of 30th Corps. A.M.G.	Appendix D. A.F.W. 3008 + 3009.
Map Sheet 6/F/2 706690	23	2359	At first light a recce was made with the 193 Fd Amb Commander & an area to the S.E. of Balleroy chosen as the Rear Medical area. Exact location being Map ref. 706690. A.M.G.	
"	24	"	Unit opened up accommodation for Divisional Sick & Exhaustions. 10 cases admitted of which 3 were exhaustions. A.M.G.	
"	25	"	23 admissions of whom 8 were exhaustions. 30 remaining at the end of the day. A.M.G.	
"	26.	"	16 admissions, nine exhaustions. 34 remaining at the end of the day. A.M.G.	
"	27.	"	10 admissions (1 exhaustion). A.M.G.	
"	28.	"	17 admissions (7 exhaustions) - Attended conference + plan explained for an attack south of Caumont by 15 (S) Inf Div. 22 F.D.S. given the role of remaining in the present site & looking after 15 (S) Div Exhaustions & 8 Corps Sick. A.M.G.	Appendix E. A.F.W. 3008 + 3009.
"	30	"	18 admissions (6 exhaustions). A.M.G.	
"	31	"	32 admissions (17 Exhaustions). A.M.G.	APPENDIX F. PART I orders 151/174

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Unit 22nd F.D.S. (Br)

Month and Year AUGUST 44

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
6/F2 706690	1st	2359	Officers present - Normal complement as per A.F.W. 3008 - Normal work as Divisional Sick & exhaustion centre continued. 40 Admissions (20 Exhaustions) A.M.G.	
"	2nd	2359	10 Admitted (4 Exhaustions). A.M.G.	
6F/4 695550	3rd	2359	During the morning the unit moved forward to this fresh location & continuing the same role of a Divisional Sick & Exhaustion Centre (2 admissions only). A.M.G.	
"	4th	2359	Admitted 30 (10 Exhaustions). A.M.G.	
"	5th	2359	Admitted 34 (19 Exhaustions) A.M.G.	APPENDIX A. A.F.W. 3008 + 3009G
6F/4 674482	6th	2359	Admitted 74 (69 Exhaustions) Unit moved again, a distance of 6 miles to keep in closer contact with the Division. A.M.G.	
	7th	2359	Admitted 71 (53 Exhaustions)) A.M.G.	
6F/4 674482	8th	2359	Admitted 47 (31 Exhaustions)) A.M.G.) Division holding	
"	9th	2359	Admitted 47 (27 ")) positions in the A.M.G.	
"	10th	2359	Admitted 32 (12 Exhaustions)) line but no large A.M.G.	
"	11th	2359	Admitted 24 (9 ")) scale attack put in. A.M.G.	
"	12th	2359	Admitted 26 (7 ")) A.M.G.)	APPENDIX B. A.F.W. 3008 + 3009 G
"	13th	2359	Admitted 23 (5 ")) A.M.G.	
"	14th	2359	Admitted 7 (no exhaustions) - Informed that the Division was disengaging & being transferred to another sector under command of 12 Corps A.M.G.	
7F/3 972599	15th	2359	VIEUX, S.W. of Caen. Division in a harbouring area. 46th Bde with 193 F.A. put as Corps Reserve. 23 FDS took over the role of caring for the Divisional Sick & Exhaustions. A.M.G.	
7F/3 972599	16.	2359	Still located VIEUX - Day spent re-organising - in the morning a visit to DIV H.Q. No news except that 227 Bde & 153 F.A. probably moving forwards. A.M.G.	
"	17.	"	Internal economy - Sign painting etc.	

			ADMS conference 2200 hrs & told that the Division is moving to a concentration area across R. Orne. In the early afternoon Bde BARBER D.S.O. who is now commanding the Division, came & spoke to all Medical Units. A.M.G.	
France 1/25000	18.	"	Unit moved & remained closed in the new area S.W. of BARBERY.	A.M.G.
Sheet 8a+8 020500	19.	"	Busy day spent in re-organising & cleaning. A.M.G.	APPENDIX C A.F.W. 3008 + 3009.
	20.	"	Nil of Note. A.M.G.	
France 1/25000	)21)	2359	Nil of note except that early advance expected. A.M.G.	
Sheet 8a+8 020500	)22)	2359	Unit still same location & closed.	
"	23	2359	" " " " " "	
1/50,000 7F/6 300307	24	2359	Unit moved to harbouring site W. of Trun. A.M.G.	
100,000. 8F/ 735698	25	2359	Unit W. of Broglie & open to stage all Divisional Casualties as evac still to a General Hospital W. of FALAISE. One Section dropped off with the Div Admin Group just E. of VIMOUTIER A.M.G.	
"	26	2359	Remained working W. of Broglie - fairly busy with approximately 50 Casualties - All Non-battle. A.M.G.	APPENDIX D A.F.W. 3008 + 3009.
Sheet 8F. 956785	27	2359	Unit moved E. of BEAUMONT LE ROGER. Tentative Plans for the crossing of the R. SEINE. A.M.G.	
1/250,000 Sheet 7 225880	28th	2359	Short move to a region 1½ KILOMETRES WEST of LOUVIER. Remaining on wheels as the Divisional crossing of the Seine is being relatively easy. A.M.G.	
1½ Kilo W. of LOUVIERS	29th		Unit on Wheels & Closed. No news of movement as only essential traffic crossing the Div. bridgehead. A.M.G.	
"	30th		No move. A.M.G.	
"	31st		No move. A.M.G.	APPENDIX E. Part I orders August.

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Unit 22 (Br) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year Sep 44

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
(France 1:50000) (Sheet 9F/1) 308893	1	2359	Unit crossed R SEINE and opened for the reception of all Divisional casualties or any other casualties requiring staging. A.M.G.	
- " -	2	2359	Task the same. A.M.G.	Appendix "A"
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 7. M490145	3	2359	Division now commencing to sweep forward. Unit forming a staging post each night. A.M.G.	
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 4 M663336	4	2359	Similar staffing task performed. Advance section sent in advance of tomorrow's move to AUMONT 578860	
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 2. H145060	5	2359	Unit arrived in late but quickly established usual staging post. A.M.G.	
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 2. H880435	6	2359	Unit opened for staging all types of cases, nearest place for evacuation being BETHUNE. A.M.G.	
- " -	7	2359	One section sent to MR 970500 to cover mopping up of AVELGHEM	A.M.G.
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 2. J118578	8	2359	Main body moved to EENAME, one section opening for staging of casualties. A.M.G.	
- " -	9	2359	Section joined from AVELGHEM. A.M.G.	Appendix "B"
- " -	10	2359	Slight trickle of minor sick. A.M.G.	
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 2. J585690	11	2359	Unit closed & on wheels. 23rd FDS staging sick and casualties	A.M.G.
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 3. K027800	12	2359	Opened in conjunction with 193 Fd Amb ADS, our role to take Group I cases and also exhaustions. The Division is relieving 50th Div in this bridgehead over the ALBERT CANAL. A.M.G.	
- " -	13	2359	Moderate number of cases through. A.M.G.	
- " -	14	2359	Situation as above. A.M.G.	
- " -	15	2359	As above. A.M.G.	

(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 3. K.077876	16	2359	Joined 194 Fd Amb at the Asylum GHEEL to take all exhaustions and minor sick from the Division's crossing of the ESCAUT canal N. of GHEEL. A.M.G.	Appendix "C"
- " -	17	2359	)	
- " -	18	2359	) During these days admissions steadily decreased coincident	
- " -	19	2359	) with our withdrawal from the bridgehead over the Canal and	
- " -	20	2359	) the development of the 30 Corps attack. A.M.G.	
- " -	21	2359	)	
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 3 K077876	22	2359	Day spent in clearing up. A.M.G.	
(N.W. Europe 1:250,000) Sheet 3 E388155	23	2359	The Division has been given the task of widening the left flank of 30 Corps salient. 23 FDS already opened as ASC, therefore we are to remain on wheels at MEEREVELDHOVEN. Unit billeted in cigar factory. A.M.G.	Appendix "D"
- " -	24	2359	)	
- " -	25	2359	) Unit still closed and on wheels. A.M.G.	
- " -	26	2359	)	
- " -	27	2359	)	
- " -	28	2359	)	
- " -	29	2359	)	
- " -	30	2359	)	Appendix "E"

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Unit 22nd (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year OCTOBER 44

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MEERVELDHOVEN	1	2359	Unit billeted in a cigar factory - not operationally employed.	A.M.G.
"	2	2359	Situation as for 1st. Warning order for a move received. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	3	2359	Unit moved to HELMOND - A theatre suitable for holding minor sick taken over; also parts of two factories nearby as billets. At 1800 hrs the unit opened to receive minor sick. A.M.G.	
"	4	2359	Minor sick role continued. The Division being at rest. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	5	2359	Minor Sick continued A.M.G.	
"	6	2359	" " " ADMS visited the C.O. to discuss general points of Medical supply & reserve blanket & stretcher states.	A.M.G.
"	7	2359	Minor Sick continued. C.O. visited the A.D.M.S. Probable future roles of the division discussed. A.M.G.	
"	8	2359	Minor Sick - visit from ADMS, hold fast in future planning, the division remaining at rest. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	9	2359	Minor Sick role continued. Number in averages 30-40 daily, that is the number remaining, not fresh admissions. O.C. visited ADMS. No news of battle commitments A.M.G.	
HELMOND	10	2359	Minor Sick role continued. A.M.G.	
"	11	"	" " " " Meeting of all medical officers of the division at this location, an address by the consulting surgeon 2nd ARMY. A.M.G.	
"	12	2359	Nil of Importance - Minor Sick role continued. A.M.G.	
"	13	"	Arrangements made to hand over the care of Minor Sick to 23 BR F.D.S. - Hand over completed 1600 hrs. All own vehicles loaded operationally by 1900 hrs. A.M.G.	
"	14	"	Final check of vehicles - visited ADMS, no operational news.	A.M.G.
"	15	"	Complete rest for unit. A.M.G.	
"	16	"	General training programme - Visit from A.D.M.S. No information as to future ploy. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	17	2359	Morning trng programme - Film show in the afternoon. A.M.G.	

"	18	2359	O.C. met the complete unit & discussed behaviour in Germany & went on to make plans for Educational courses & Athletic activities for the future. A.M.G.	
"	19	2359	Normal Training routine. - Visit to ADMS. Informed that one Brigade of the Division now engaged to the N.E. of TILBURG. No indication of any move as far as this unit is concerned. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	20	2359	Normal Training Routine. - A.M.G.	
"	21	2359	" " " Visit from ADMS, no further news regarding immediate employment. A.M.G.	
"	22	2359	Normal Training Routine. A.M.G.	
"	23	2359	Normal Training Routine. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	24	2359	O.C. visited ADMS and informed that the Div was to operate in the BEST area. One section was detached to support 153 F.A. situated on the BEST road just N. of EINDHOVEN. A.M.G.	
BEST	25	2359	Visited ADMS. Instructed to send sections in support of 193 F.A. & 194 F.A. Thus all 3 F.As have a resuscitation team. The axis of advance is BEST OIRSCHOT A.M.G.	
BEST	26	2359	The Division has progressed along the OIRSCHOT - MOERGESTEL Road and beyond towards Tilburg. Sections disposed with the Field Ambulances. 193 at OIRSCHOT 153 at MOERGESTEL 194 concentrated with 44 Bde and situated at Map Ref 226285 waiting to cross the canal at BEST. 75 casualties from the whole Div. A.M.G.	
OIRSCHOT	27	2359	Division occupied TILBURG with minimal casualties, exact figure not known. The 3 secs still deployed. ADMS seen but no further orders. A.M.G.	
OIRSCHOT	28	2359	The Division remained in the TILBURG area. C.O. visited the ADMS and told to concentrate the complete unit at OIRSCHOT. A.M.G.	
OIRSCHOT	29	2359	ADMS visited the C.O. at 0800 hrs & informed him that the division had commenced to move to an area E & SE of Helmond in support of the forces being counteracted from the VENLO area. 22 F.D.S to open for sick and exhaustion. An area recced in factory building at HELMOND. Map ref 558274 A.M.G.	
HELMOND	30	2359	Unit moved to Helmond in the morning and were open to receive cases at 1400 hrs. 27 cases admitted. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	31	2359	Unit well established. 44 cases held at 1800 hrs. A.M.G.	

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Unit 22nd (BR) FIELD DRESSING STATION

Month and Year NOVEMBER 44

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1	2359	Normal routine. 40 new cases. Visited by ADMS. A.M.G.	
"	2	"	26 new cases - Visited by ADMS. A.M.G.	
"	3	"	20 new cases up to 1800 hrs were admitted. A.M.G.	
"	4	"	Visited by ADMS. Informed that 23 F.D.S. now open in HELMOND. 22 F.D.S to stop receiving & gradually empty. A.M.G.	
"	5	"	No new developments. A.M.G.	
"	6	"	No new developments - Various "outside" sick parades - 30 minor sick still held at 1800 hrs. A.M.G.	
"	7	"	Sick parades - a few minor sick remaining. A.M.G.	
"	8	"	" " " " " " " A.M.G.	
"	9	"	F.D.S. Closed no patients remaining - Sick parades continuing	A.M.G.
"	10	"	Cleaning up of equipment A.M.G.	
"	11	"	General training procedures. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	12	2359	Visited ADMS Informed that a Resuscitation team is required 13th onwards to support 153 F.A who will be receiving cases from a flanking Division. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	13	"	One sect. dispatched to 153 F.A. at ZOMEREN ⊙ Under authority of 21AGp/1717/3/G(SD) dated 18 Oct 44 the dental officer of this unit is to form No. 537 Mobile Dental Unit using the Dental Clerk orderly of the Dressing Station and also one Driver. A.M.G.	
"	14	"	The detached section had two cases only to deal with ⊙ The Dental Officer & Dental Corporal struck off strength - Indents put in on behalf of No. 537 Mobile Dental Unit. A.M.G.	
"	15	"	Sect still with 153 F.A. General Discussion with the ADMS on Routine matters. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	16	2359	Section withdrawn from Duty with 153 F.A. (Verbal authority ADMS) One Driver I.C. RASC transferred to 537 Mob Dental Unit. Total personnel of FDS now 6 Officers 88 ORs. A.M.G.	
"	17	2359	Unit back on a training basis whilst awaiting further operational instructions A.M.G.	
"	18	2359	Function as for the 17th. A.M.G.	

"	19	2359	" " " " 18th. A.M.G.	
"	20	"	" " " " 19th. A.M.G.	
"	21	"	" " " " 20th. A.M.G.	
"	22	"	" " " " 21st. A.M.G.	
"	23	"	" " " " 22nd. A.M.G.	
"	24	"	" " " " 23rd. A.M.G.	
"	25	"	" " " " 24th but 10-15 Regular Sick Parades daily	A.M.G.
"	26	"	" " " " 25th. A.M.G.	
"	27	"	Div still engaged operationally but no role other than Sick Parades for this unit. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	28	2359	Div still operationally engaged but no role other than Sick Parades for this unit. A.M.G.	
"	29	2359	Nil to Report. A.M.G.	
"	30	2359	Visit by ADMS - Likely that this unit will open shortly for the care of the Divisional Sick. A.M.G.	

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Month and Year December 44

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1	2359	Unit commences the month being billeted in Helmond & only open for Sick Parades. 508 & 537 Mob. D. Units being attached and opened. A.M.G.	
"	2	2359	Visited the ADMS & told to attach a Sec for Resuscitation purposes to 194 F.A. established at MAASBREE 824077 (Belgium and N.E. France 1:100,000 Sheet 4). This was completed at 1800 hrs. A.M.G.	
"	3	"	Sick parades cont at H.Q. Sec dealt with 9 cases A.M.G.	
"	4	"	" " " " " " " 5 cases A.M.G.	
"	5	"	Return of Section from Detachment. A.M.G.	
"	6	"	Informed by ADMS that we are likely to relieve 11 Lt. F.A. at HEEZE. A.M.G.	
"	7	"	Visited 11 Lt. F.A. & 'recced' the available accommodation.	A.M.G.
"	8	"	Informed by ADMS that the move is delayed temporarily. A.M.G.	
HELMOND	9	2359	Normal Routine. A.M.G.	
"	10	"	Saw ADMS. Still some delay in the move of 11 Lt. F.A. from HEEZE.	A.M.G.
"	11	"	No developments to report. Ordinary Routine. A.M.G.	
"	12	"	" " " " " " A.M.G.	
"	13	"	" " " " " " A.M.G.	
"	14	"	" " " " " " A.M.G.	
"	15	"	" " " " " " A.M.G.	
"	16	"	" " " " " " A.M.G.	
"	17	"	Ordinary Routine - 14589440 Pte SKIRROW H R.A.M.C. was killed whilst accompanying an Ambulance to the C.C.S. - An anti personnel Bomb was dropped a few yards from the stationary ambulance & Pte Skirrow was killed whilst trying to take cover.	A.M.G.
HELMOND	18	2359	No developments to report. Ordinary Routine of Sick Parades	A.M.G.
"	19	"	" " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.
"	20	"	" " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.
"	21	"	" " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.
"	22	"	" " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.

"	23	"	" " " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.
"	24	"	" " " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.
"	25	"	" " " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.
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"	30	"	" " " " " " " " " "	A.M.G.
"	31	"	Normal Routine continues - A large "practice" of outside Sick Parades. A.D.M.S. informs me that efforts are still being made to provide suitable accommodation for opening	A.M.G.

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Unit 22nd (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year JANUARY 45

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1	2359	Unit starts the year at rest with the exception of large outside Sick Parades.- 508 & 537 MDU attached - A.M.G.	
"	2	"	No developments to report. Normal Routine of Sick Parades A.M.G.	
"	3	"	" " " " " " " "	
"	4	"	Visited ADMS & inspected school buildings at ASTEN Belgium & N.E. France 1:100,000 Sheet 4 M.R. 6113 A.M.G.	
"	5	"	Further discussion with ADMS re ASTEN, much work required to be done. Late afternoon informed that we are to open in two schools in HELMOND. A.M.G.	
"	6	"	Detailed "Recce" of the schools made. Plans made for moving Monday. A.M.G.	
"	7	"	Continued Recce of Schools. A.M.G.	
"	8	"	Unit moved to new location St Theresa & St Anna's schools HELMOND 560223 A.M.G.	
HELMOND	9	2359	Buildings being prepared for the reception of Divisional Sick.	A.M.G.
"	10	"	No developments. A.M.G.	
"	11	"	No developments - Repairing of Building fabric continued A.M.G.	
"	12	"	Unit to open for Minor Sick tomorrow A.M.G.	
"	13	"	28 cases admitted. A.M.G.	
"	14	"	17 cases admitted - Arrangements made to admit on alternate dates with 23 F.D.S. A.M.G.	
"	15	"	Normal Routine.	
"	16	"	Normal Routine.	
"	17	"	" "	
"	18	"	" "	
"	19	"	" "	
"	20	"	Information received that the Division is to be relieved - Recce parties to TURNHOUT area on the 21st. A.M.G.	
Helmond	21	2359	Departure of Recce Parties. A.M.G.	
"	22	"	C.O. contacted Recce party in TURNHOUT, accommodation examined - on seeing a Divisional representative later, was informed that	

			there was a change in plan and that Tilburg was to be the new area. A.M.G.	
"	23	"	C.O. saw the Recce party at TILBURG. Sufficient accommodation for 50 patients found in a small school - ADMS seen later in the day & Unit instructed to move from HELMOND on the 24th. All remaining cases to be transferred to 23 FDS who are remaining in HELMOND for a few days longer. A.M.G.	
TILBURG	24	"	Uneventful move to TILBURG.	
"	25	"	Cleaning & improving the new site - Wards opened. A.M.G.	
TILBURG	26	2359	Unit visited by ADMS & DDMS of 30 Corps. A.M.G.	
"	27	"	Normal Routine. A.M.G.	
"	28	"	Unit visited by Col. KERR, present ADMS, & Col RICHARDSON who is succeeding him A.M.G.	
"	29	"	Normal Routine. A.M.G.	
"	30	"	Normal Routine. A.M.G.	
"	31	"	" " A.M.G.	

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Unit 22nd (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year FEBRUARY/45

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1	2359	Unit commenced the month running a 50 Bedded hospital for minor Sick A.M.G.	
"	2	2359	Normal Routine. Moderate turnover of patients A.M.G.	
"	3	"	" " A.M.G.	
"	4	"	" " A.M.G.	
"	5	"	" " Visit from ADMS giving future role A.M.G.	
"	6	"	" " A.M.G.	
"	7	"	" " Visited A.D.M.S. Instructed to open an M.I. Room at GOIRLE approx 4 miles S. of TILBURG on the TURNHOUT ROAD. This to look after the Div. Adm. Gp. A.M.G.	
" TILBURG	8	"	The Division is taking part in the attack on Germany to the EAST of NIJMEGEN. CLEVE and GOCH are two of the main objectives of the attack. Two Sections of this unit are taking part, forming Resuscitation teams attached to 153 F.A. & 193 F.A. They joined the respective units today in the NIJMEGEN area. The rest of the unit is remaining in TILBURG & maintaining the hospital which is catering for the large Admin Group in the GOIRLE area 4 miles S. of TILBURG.	A.M.G. A.M.G.
"	9th	2359	Normal Routine at unit H.Q. TILBURG. In the early hours of the morning the sect with 193 F.A. moved to the C.C.P. at GROESBECK (Holland 100,000 Sheet 5 - 7555) 10 Resuscitation cases dealt with. 1530 hrs they rejoined the 193 H.Q. in the NIJMEGEN area again. The section with 153 F.A. moved to KRANENBURG (Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet P.1. 8055) where the ADS of 153 was established.	A.M.G.
"	10th	2359	Normal Routine at Unit H.Q. TILBURG. Sect with 193 F.A. closed with A.D.S. Section with 153 open & functioning.	A.M.G.
TILBURG	11th	2359	H.Q. Tilburg ⊙ Sect with 193 closed ⊙ Sect with 153 at KRANENBURG working. 9th, 10th & 11th produced 24 Resuscitation type casualties for this section. M.O. with this section recalled for a course. From 12th onwards the section to work under officers of 153 F.A.	A.M.G.
TILBURG	12th	2359	H.Q. Tilburg. Sect with 193 moved to DONSBRUGGEN (Central Europe 1:100,000 8657) Sect with 153 as for 11th.	A.M.G.

"	13th	2359	H.Q. TILBURG. Sect 153 as for 11th. Sect 193 opened with ADS at 888566 (Sheet P.1.) 6 Resuscitation cases.	A.M.G.
"	14th	2359	HQ TILBURG. Sect 153 as for 11th. Sect 193 6 Resuscitation cases. 193 now operating a DUKW point for the evac of casualties back to the C.C.S. the only route from forward to NIJMEGEN being flooded.	A.M.G.
"	15th	2359	HQ TILBURG. Sect 153 FA as for 11th. Sect 193 2 Resuscitation cases	A.M.G.
"	16th	2359	" " " " " " " " " " 3 " "	A.M.G.
"	17th	"	" " " " " " " " " " 5 " "	A.M.G.
" TILBURG	18th	" 2359	" " Sect 153 F.A. moved with F.A. to a new location Ref 921518 Sheet P.1. Central Europe where the ADS remained closed. Sect 193 FA 2 Resuscitation cases.	A.M.G. A.M.G.
"	19th	"	H.Q. Tilburg. Sect 153 as for 18th (Closed) Sect 193 7 Resus. cases	A.M.G.
"	20th	"	" " " " " " " " " " 30 " "	A.M.G.
"	21st	"	" " " " " " " " " " 10 " "	A.M.G.
"	22nd	"	" " " " " " " " MO rejoined this section. Sect with 193 F.A. closed down.	A.M.G.
"	23rd	"	H.Q. TILBURG. Sect with 193 closed. Sect with 153 closed	A.M.G.
"	24th	"	H.Q. " " " " " " " " moved with that ambulance to 932478 Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet Q. 50 Major cases were dealt with by this section. - During this Battle Period the A.D.M.S. was visited on alternate days.	A.M.G.
"	25	"	HQ Tilburg Sect with 193 FA returned to HQ. Sect 153 still with ADS	A.M.G.
"	26	"	" " Sect with 153 F.A. returned to HQ.	A.M.G.
"	27	"	" " All returned Sections cleaned & re-equipped.	A.M.G.
"	28	"	Whole unit now doing Minor Sick.	A.M.G.

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Month and Year MARCH 1945

Commanding Officer T/Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1st	2359	The Unit is situated in TILBURG. Map Ref. 148315 Sheet 5 1:100,000 HOLLAND. The Division is at rest and 50 Beds are being maintained for the Divisional Minor Sick.	A.M.G.
"	2nd	"	Normal Routine.	A.M.G.
"	3rd	"	" "	A.M.G.
"	4th	"	" " ADMS visited. Informed that the Division may be moving to another Rest area in BELGIUM.	A.M.G.
"	5th	"	Normal Routine.	A.M.G.
"	6th	"	" " Recce Parties sent to the MOLL area.	A.M.G.
MILLEGHEM	7th	"	Unit moved to MILLEGHEM Map ref. 144910 Sheet 4 1:100,000 Belgium & N.E. France. Before leaving Tilburg the remaining patients were transferred to 23 F.D.S. who were remaining at BOXTEL. At MILLEGHEM there is accommodation for 60 patients with room for expansion. A.D.M.S. visited.	A.M.G.
MILLEGHEM	8th	2359	Minor Sick accommodation put into shape.	A.M.G.
"	9th	"	Normal Routine.	A.M.G.
"	10th	"	Normal Routine.	A.M.G.
"	11th	"	" " ADMS visited.	A.M.G.
"	12th	"	" "	A.M.G.
"	13th	"	" "	A.M.G.
"	14th	"	" "	A.M.G.
"	15th	"	" "	A.M.G.
"	16th	"	" "	A.M.G.
"	17th	"	" " ⊙ O.C. met D.M.S. 21 A.Gp. Personnel problems were discussed. No specific problems affecting this unit arose.	A.M.G.
"	18th	"	Normal Routine.	A.M.G.
"	19th	"	" " ADMS visited.	A.M.G.
"	20th	"	Normal Routine.	A.M.G.
MILLEGHEM	21st	2359	Normal Routine. On A.D.M.S. instructions, we have ceased to admit) and are proceeding to clear as patients become fit for duty)	A.M.G.

"	22nd	2359	Continued to clear patients not likely to be fit by 23rd. O.C. visited Division & recced an area 0831 Sheet Q.1. ESSEN Central Europe 1:100,000.	A.M.G.
"	23rd	2359	A Resuscitation team of 10 men with 3 tonnes of equipment & under command Capt P.B. Woolley R.A.M.C. put in support of 194 Fd Amb located at area 0831 Sheet Q.1. ESSEN Central Europe 1:100,000. Orders received from ADMS for rest of unit to concentrate also in this area on March 24th.	A.M.G.
Sheet Q.1. 083314	24th	2359	Unit had an uneventful move to new location & "Bivouaced" closed. The sect with 194 Fd Amb crossed the Rhine & opened in support of the 194 A.D.S. Q.1. 138429.	A.M.G.
"	25th	2359	H.Q. Nil to report. Sect still with 194. No report received.	A.M.G.
Sheet Q1. 083314	26th	2359	Unit less one section devoted day to cleaning up & re-equipping	A.M.G.
"	27th	2359	O.C. visited sections with 194 A.D.S. They were well installed with two good rooms & were dealing with all very severe cases.	A.M.G.
Sheet Q1 area 2741	28th	2359	Early this morning the unit was notified that it was under command 8th Corps. After contacting Medical 8th Corps we were ordered to move & harbour with 24 F.D.S. at M.R. area 2741 Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet Q.1.	A.M.G.
Sheet P.1 area 3752	29th	2359	Unit moved again to area 3752 Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet P.1. Harboured the night, being joined by 34 C.C.S. At a meeting with D.D.M.S. Corps we were instructed to move on the 30th & open with 34 C.C.S., the F.D.S. to act as a filter. The proposed site was a fairly large castle at GEMEN Central Europe 1:100,000 403630	A.M.G.
Sheet P.1. 403630	30th	2359	By midday the F.D.S. was set up with 70 Beds and ample Reception accommodation. All walking cases were to be taken off. 1 B.C. 1 Sick + 5 P.O.W. were the total for the day.	A.M.G.
"	31st	2359	Light Sect returned from detachment with 194 A.D.S. Normal routine continued of removing walking cases. Total for the day being 40 B.Cs. 39 Sick & 21 P.O.W.	A.M.G.

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Unit 22nd (BR) F.D.S.

Month and Year APRIL 45

Commanding Officer Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GREVEN Sheet P.2. 895893	1	2359	Unit finished March by being a filter to 34 C.C.S. Today we moved & harboured at GREVEN Central Europe 1:100,000 Sheet P.2. 895893. D.D.M.S. was seen in the evening & we were informed we were to open on the 2nd as an advanced Surgical Centre.	A.M.G.
GREVEN Sheet P.2. 907883	2	2359	Moved early to new location in Greven. A large wool manufactory it gives ample opportunity to set up a good surgical centre. 33 F.S.U. 48 F.S.U. 21 F.T.U. & 517 M.D.U. were attached. 13 Battle Casualties 1 Sick & 12 P.O.W. received.	A.M.G.
"	3	2359	45 Battle Casualties 11 Sick 33 P.O.W. & 3 Displaced Persons passed through. Of the Battle Casualties, not all were operated on by the F.S.Us. Their figures will be given later. Two sisters attached from 33 C.C.S.	A.M.G.
GREVEN	4	2359	46 Battle Casualties, 31 Sick, 51 P.O.W. 14 Displaced Persons passed through.	A.M.G.
"	5	2359	31 Battle Casualties 21 Sick, 7 P.O.W. 1 Displaced Person	A.M.G.
"	6	2359	26 Battle Casualties, 32 Sick, 4 P.O.W. 1 Displaced Person. Officially closed today to "digest" post-operative cases.	A.M.G.
"	7	2359	6 Battle Casualties 15 Sick 2 P.W. 1 Displaced Person. These cases not likely to delay departure when post op cases fit.	A.M.G.
"	8	2359	33 F.S.U. C.T.B.A. - 6 Sick admitted & 1 Displaced Person	A.M.G.
"	9	"	21 F.T.U. C.T.B.A. 4 Sick.	A.M.G.
"	10	"	13 Sick two Displaced Persons.	
"	11	"	Still 8 post op cases after 4 evac.	A.M.G.
GREVEN	12.	2359	Normal Routine. DDMS visited unit - We have to prepare to move on or about 15th when all Post-op cases should be clear.	A.M.G.
"	13.	2359	Nil to report.	A.M.G.
"	14.	2359	Last post op case evacuated. Unit ready to move to harbour with 24 F.D.S. at CELLE X5950.	A.M.G.
CELLE	15	2359	Unit arrived CELLE. 48 F.S.U. attached to 24 F.D.S. 8th Corps VDTC attached to 1 F.D.S.	A.M.G.
"	16	"	Internal Reorganisation.	A.M.G.

"	17	"	Unit still harbouring.	A.M.G.
"	18	"	Warning order to prepare to move to LUNEBURG accompanied by 33 C.C.S. to which unit we are to act as a filter	A.M.G.
LUNEBURG	19	"	Recce of Luneburg showed the SCHARNHORST Barracks S7818 to be the only possible site. Major Spillane, 8th Corps Psychiatrist attached. Suitable wards were allotted. - One Barrack wing allocated to 8th Corps V.D.T.C. due to arrive 20th. The General policy is to take off all lightly wounded & sick to prevent flooding of the C.C.S. A few wards given to holding really trivial cases. - Today 26 cases admitted.	A.M.G. A.M.G.
"	20th		Routine well established. 87 cases through.	A.M.G.
"	21st		48 cases.	A.M.G.
"	22		100 cases.	A.M.G.
"	23		Visit by DDMS - No Battle imminent. 95 cases.	A.M.G.
"	24		60 cases.	A.M.G.
"	25		59 cases.	A.M.G.
"	26		70 cases. - DDMS visited to inform us that the crossing of the Elbe would be attempted in the next few days.	A.M.G.
LUNEBURG	27	2359	80 cases admitted.	A.M.G.
"	28	"	83 cases admitted.	A.M.G.
"	29	"	Early this morning the corps made an assault crossing of the Elbe. 230 cases admitted.	A.M.G.
"	30	"	151 Casualties admitted. Today evacuation was to 35 CCS at the air strip LUNEBURG. Prior to today all evacuation from LUNEBURG has been to 86 & 121 G.H. at CELLE	A.M.G.

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Commanding Officer Major A.M. George

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LUNEBURG	1	2359	The unit started the month acting as a filter to No. 33 C.C.S. & housing 8th Corps V.D.T.C. & the 8th Corps Psychiatrist. Arrangements made to hand over patients to 31 F.D.S. who are taking over from us on the 2nd	A.M.G.
"	2	"	In the early hours of the morning a section was moved to ECHEM S8631 Sheet M54 1:250,000. This was to relieve 14 Lt. F.A. who was running a DUKW Disembarkation Station. Casualties being then sent to 33 CCS. During the day all commitments were handed over to 31 F.D.S.	A.M.G.
"	3	"	H.Q. closed at LUNEBURG. Section busy at ECHEM; the casualties chiefly being German & also allied P.W.X.	A.M.G.
LUBECK	4	"	Unit arrived to harbour with 34 CCS in the outskirts of LUBECK at Map Ref S.9687 Sheet M54 1:250,000. The sect at Echem were relieved by 193 F.A.	A.M.G.
LUBECK	5	2359	A Day of Rest & Re-organisation following the news of cessation of hostilities on the Western Front.	A.M.G.
"	6	"	Nil of note.	A.M.G.
"	7	"	Owing to an accumulation of hospital trains in LUBECK station, all loaded with German wounded; on DDMS instructions Recces were made at SWARZENBEK S8249 & RATZBURG S9873 with a view to forming Hospital Train Parks.	A.M.G.
SWARZENBEK	8	"	Unit moved & established in the Railway Station buildings. Siding accommodation was cleared for 6 hospital trains.	A.M.G.
"	9	"	Two loaded hospital trains arrived from LUBECK. All very serious cases had been taken off.	A.M.G.
"	10	"	Two more trains arrived. They are being rationed & administered by this unit. But the train staff of Doctors & Nurses are responsible for all the medical care of the patients.	A.M.G.
"	11	2359	H.Q. remaining at SWARZENBEK. One Section sent to RATZBURG Station S9873 to be ready to receive trains ⊙ Now six trains at SWARZENBEK, no more to be sent here.	A.M.G.

"	12	"	Situation 6 trains Swarzenbek. 1 at Ratzburg. 20 cases per day are being hospitalised from each train park & all fit P.O.W. sent to the P.O.W. cages.	A.M.G.
"	13	"	6 trains Swarzenbek. 3 trains RATZBURG.	A.M.G.
"	14	"	" " " 5 " "	A.M.G.
"	15	"	" " " 7 " "	A.M.G.
"	16	"	" " " 8 " "	A.M.G.
SWARZENBEK	17	2359	6 trains Swarzenbek. 8 trains RATZBURG ⊙ The train parks are now full. To give a picture of the present position the Sitrep of today is quoted: "Sitrep as at 1800 hrs ⊙ SCHWARZENBEK no. of trains 6 ⊙ No. of German P.W. patients 1443 ⊙ P.W. evacuated to Cage 27, to hospital 47 ⊙ Ratzburg. No of trains 8 ⊙ German P.W. patients 1794 ⊙ No. of P.W. to cage Nil, to hospital 27." The policy of fit P.W. to the cage & cases requiring Surgical treatment to hospital is being implemented as quickly as they become fit or beds become available.	A.M.G.
RATZBURG	18	2359	Today the unit H.Q. moved to RATZBURG. Map Ref Germany 1:250,000 Sheet M54 S9873 Leaving 1 sect only to look after SCHWARZENBEK	A.M.G.
RATZBURG	19.	2359	Supervision of trains continued.	A.M.G.
"	20.	"	" " "	A.M.G.
"	21.	"	" " "	A.M.G.
"	22.	"	" " "	A.M.G.
"	23.	"	" " "	A.M.G.
"	24.	"	" " "	A.M.G.
"	25.	"	" " "	A.M.G.
"	26.	"	" " " O.C. did a recce of the KIEL area as it was understood from Corps that this unit was likely to relieve 193 Fd Amb of its "eclipse" commitments in that area. To implement these 48 F.S.U. under command 23 (BR) F.D.S. is to take over RATZBURG train park & one Coy of 193 Fd Ambulance, also under command 23 (BR) F.D.S. is to take over SCHWARZENBEK.	A.M.G. A.M.G.
RATZBURG	27	2359	Train Park RATZBURG taken over by 48 F.S.U. Final Sitrep reads as follows:- "Sitrep as at 1800 hrs ⊙ SCHWARZENBEK trains 6 ⊙ P.W. patients 951 ⊙ Evacuated to P.W. cage 14 ⊙ to hospital 34 ⊙ RATZBURG trains 8 ⊙ P.W. patients 1410 ⊙ Evacuated to P.W. cage Nil ⊙ To hospital 26.	A.M.G.
"	28	"	SCHWARZENBEK hospital park handed over to a Coy of 193 Fd AMB & the section returned to RATZBURG.	
"	29	"	Whole unit concentrated. Sorting & cleaning of equipment. O.C. visited Corps & learnt that the move to KIEL is postponed & it is	

			probable that the unit will be put in medical charge of an A.A. Bde area.	A.M.G.
"	30	"	Nil of Note to report.	A.M.G.
"	31	"	Nil of Note to report.	A.M.G.

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Unit 23 FIELD DRESSING STATION

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
West Grinstead	1.	1400	All Officers attended Movement Control lecture by ADMS. IBRR	
	2		Routine Training. All vehicles now waterproofed except one Ambulance, one three ton lorry & staff cars. All G1098 & I1248 stores complete IBRR	
	3		Routine Training & Recreation IBRR	
	4	1100	Church Parades IBRR	
	5		Routine Training IBRR	
	6	1600 2000	Padre's Hour. News of "D" day first heard over wireless IBRR ENSA Concert Party IBRR	
	7		Checking of stores IBRR	
	8		Routine Training IBRR	
	9		Routine Training IBRR	
	10		Routine Training & Recreation IBRR	
	11	1200	Church Parade IBRR	
	12		Routine Training & Interior Economy IBRR	
West Grinstead	13	2000	Unit moved to Rowlands Road, WORTHING, and came under comd of 15(S) INF DIV RESIDUES. IBRR	
WORTHING	14		Interior Economy. IBRR	
	15.		Interior Economy. IBRR	
	16		All vehicles now waterproofed except staff cars. IBRR	
	17.		Recreation IBRR	
	18	1100	CO attended conference at No2 Group. Residues IBRR	
	19	1400	Route March IBRR 15 Div ORD Field Pk moved into Rowlands Rd. IBRR	
	20		Routine Training IBRR	
	21		Routine Training & Football IBRR	
	22.	1400	Range allotment. IBRR	
	23		Training. Pay Parade IBRR	
	24		Routine Training IBRR	
	25	0915	Church Parades IBRR	

WORTHING	26		Routine Training. All vehicles loaded and unit kept in a state of readiness to move at six hours notice. Mail being received regularly. IBRR	
	27		Gas Training & Swimming. RASC on Rifle Range IBRR	
	28	1415 1600	Inspection of billets by Comdr 15 Div Residue, followed by an address to all ranks. P.T & Swimming Parade IBRR	
	29		Routine Training.	
	30	1000	Route March - Full Marching Order, 8 miles. Sea bathing. IBRR	

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Unit 23 Field Dressing Station

Month and Year July 1944

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WORTHING	1		Routine Trg & Recreation IBRR	
	2	0915	Church Parades. Rain. IBRR	
	3.		Unit at 6 hrs notice to move. IBRR	
	4.		Unit March party now abolished. All personnel to travel in Unit Tpt. Weather fine IBRR	
	5.		Recreation & Training IBRR	
	6	0715 1400	Unit left Worthing for Marshalling Area, Tilbury. Arrived at Gallows Corner after uneventful journey through London. Moved into Marshalling Camp S 8. Tpt remained on Southend Rd ready to move to Embarkation Area. IBRR	
Tilbury	7		Weather fine. Tpt embarked. IBRR	
	8	1600 2000	Unit left camp in TCV's for TILBURY Docks All Vehs & personnel embarked on "OCEAN VOLGA". Complete Unit travelling as vehicle party - the march party of 46 having previously been cancelled. IBRR	
	9	0900	Sailed from Tilbury Docks. Weather fine. Majority of personnel on board consisted of 15 (S) Inf Div Residues. IBRR	
	10		At Sea. Weather moderate IBRR	
NORMANDY	11		Arrived off Coast of Normandy in the morning. Sea too rough for disembarkation. Very little sickness during voyage. No incidents. IBRR	
	12	1000 1600 1700 2200 2210	First vehicles unloaded onto LCT's. Remained on LCTs until 1515 hrs. Landed on "MIKE" Beach with only about 1 foot wade. All vehs arrived at "Goldsmith" Assembly Area - St Croix-Sur-Mer. Moved up to Divisional Area at Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse and moved into same location as 153 F.A. at midnight. IBRR O.C. contacted ADMS.	
	13		Cleaned up & completed de-waterproofing of loads & vehicles. Weather fine IBRR	

	14		Resting IBRR	
NORMANDY	15	1800	Opened in same location to receive Minor Sick and Exhaustion cases during the Divisional attack beyond the R. Odon. Weather good. IBRR	
	16		Exhaustion cases & minor sick admitted. Extra tentage borrowed.	
	17		Admissions continued. IBRR	
	18		Weather good. Total of 205 cases admitted so far. IBRR	
	19		Holding 150 cases. Exhaustion cases being sedated for 24 hrs & then spending next day cleaning & resting. On the third day after admission cases were either Returned to Units the next day or evacuated to 12 Corps Exhaustion Centre. IBRR	
	20	1200	Divisional Commander visited Exhaustion Centre. IBRR First large consignment of mail received IBRR	
	21		Torrential Rain IBRR	
	22	 1510	75 Cases remaining. Admissions less. Visit by DDMS Second Army. IBRR	
NORMANDY	23		Division moved into 30 Corps; unit remained behind to clear cases. Total Cases admitted 334. 215 Exhaustion and 119 Minor Sick. Out of 186 Divisional Exhaustion Cases, 85 were R.T.U. and 101 evacuated. IBRR	
	24		Closed. Cleaning & repairing. IBRR	
	25	1000 1500	Moved from Bretteville to BAUGY, 2 miles S. of Balleroy. Some enemy shelling one mile South of location. 1600 hrs opened as FDS in forward Medical Area, adjacent to ADS of 194 & 153 Field Ambs. Layout of Dressing Station in three departments - each capable of dealing with ten transfusions at a time. No cases received IBRR	
	26	1100	Visit of DDMS 30 Corps. No Cases received. Weather cloudy & some rain IBRR	
	27.	1130	Two cases received. IBRR	
	28		Showers. 1200 hrs visit by ADMS. No casualties admitted IBRR	
	29		Same location IBRR	
NORMANDY	30.	0500	One Department moved forward to join ADS of 193 Field Ambulance at La Martiniere - 2 miles N of Caumont. Remainder of unit joined up at 1300 hrs, leaving one section behind with the ADS at Baugy. Group I Casualties received direct from ADS - Twenty Cases being admitted during the afternoon & night. Remaining section joined unit at 1700 hrs. IBRR	
	31.	1200	One section joined ADS of 194 Field Ambulance at La Redantiere - 2½ miles S of Caumont. Remainder of Unit moved down at 1700 hrs leaving one dept behind. Only three cases received during the day.	IBRR

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Unit 23 Field Dressing Station

Month and Year August 1944

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NORMANDY	1		Still at La Redantiere - S of Caumont. Total of 9 cases received during day. No cases during Night. Only a few cases being received at ADS. News received of good progress past Vire. IBRR	
	2.		Same location. Weather fine. Few admissions only IBRR	
	3.	1700 2000	One section moved forward to join 153 F.A at ST DENIS - MAISONCELLES, 8 miles S of Caumont. Remainder of unit on wheels.	
	4.	1200	Unit moved to St Denis - Maisoncelles. Weather fine. IBRR	
	5.	1200 1500	One section moved forward to join 193 F.A. at St Pierre Tarentaine 2½ miles NE of Le Beny Bocage. Remainder of Unit moved down. Four casualties received during the day. Quiet night. IBRR	
Field	6	 2200	Quiet morning. In afternoon a rush of admissions from 46 Bde. C.O. 7 Seaforths admitted with penetrating head wound. 41 Cases in all. 1800 hrs one section moved down to join ADS 194 FA at LA TOURNIERE (MR 727434) Remainder of Unit packed up & on wheels. Weather fine IBRR	
	7	0830	Unit moved to La Tourniere.	
	8	1400	One Section moved down to ADS 11 Lt FA at COURTEIL (705412) Weather fine. Ten cases received during day. IBRR	
	9		Same location. Quiet. IBRR	
	10		Same location. No cases admitted. Closed at 1900 hrs. IBRR	
	11	1030	Moved to COURTEIL (1 mile W of MONTCHAMP).	
	12.		No cases. Weather fine. IBRR	
	13.	1400 1700	FDS closed. Awaiting orders to move with Div & join 12 Corps below CAEN. Visit by DDMS 8 Corps IBRR	
	14.	1200	Moved to VIEUX (6 miles S.W. of CAEN). FDS now open for Divisional Minor Sick, having previously been doing resuscitation work in Caumont Sector.	

Field.			Dead cattle & Germans in vicinity of Vieux causing considerable fly menace. Cases of diarrhoea increasing. IBRR	
	15.		Minor Sick - mostly enteritis. Weather very hot. IBRR	
	16		Location the same. Cases of enteritis increasing. Sulphaguanadine treatment being used & febrile cases responding well in 48 hours.	IBRR
	17.		Fewer admissions. Weather still hot. IBRR	
	18		One section moved to BARBERY (12 miles S. of CAEN), & opened for Minor Sick.	
	19.		Patients transferred to Barbery - 90 Cases in all. 1200 hrs remainder of unit moved up. Two No5 Penthouses and two small store tents were used to hold minor sick. IBRR	Capt W.M. Allan RAMC joined for duty and Capt H.R. Thomson RAMC posted to 6 K.O.S.B.
	20	2330	96 Cases held - mostly enteritis. Enemy air attack took place one mile away in area occupied by 2 A&SH. 18 Casualties received shortly afterwards, including the Commanding Officer IBRR	
Field.	21.		Barbery. Heavy Rain made difficulty for ambulances. IBRR	
	22.		Fine. 60 patients held. IBRR	
	23.		Only 25 Minor Sick held - many having been discharged to duty.	
	24		Division concentrated for Operation "Gallop". One section moved down to TRUN to open for minor sick & accidents on route - and to act as a staging point back to CCS, West of Falaise IBRR	
	25	1700	Main body left Barbery for TRUN (Route via Falaise) Arrived 2100 hrs IBRR	
	26	0630 1730	Left TRUN for BROGLIE - arrived 1100 hrs. Remained on wheels. Moved to 2 miles NE of BEAUMONT LE ROGER (on Le Neubourg Road). Arrived 2330 hrs. Established post for collecting casualties & sick in garage near vacated enemy aerodrome. Weather fine IBRR	
	27.	1300 1730	One Section joined Div Admin Group. IBRR Moved to 1 mile West of LOUVIERS. Open as staging post IBRR (M.R. 204884). Division crossing R. SEINE. IBRR	
Field.	28.		Location same. Weather fine.	
	29.		Rain. Section rejoined from Admin Area. IBRR. Rain.	
	30.		LOUVIERS. Rain. Only a few cases admitted. Men attended ENSA shows. IBRR	
	31.		LOUVIERS. Closed & waiting to move over the Seine. Some Rain IBRR	

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Month and Year September 1944.

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LOUVIERS	1	1630	Crossed R. Seine to Div Conc Area. Harboured at MUIDS (308892) Weather fine IBRR	
MUIDS	2		Closed. Cleaning equipment. IBRR	
	3.	1230 1530	Moved up in Divisional column to LA FEUILLE. Received orders to join 12 Corps as an Advanced Surgical Centre.	
ARBRES	4.	0200 0700	Arrived at ARBRES (5 miles N of DOULLENS). 23 CCS & 4 FDS closed in same field. Open as ASC, working with 27 FSU & 13 F.T.U. No evacuation possible until 81 General Hospital opens at AMIENS.	
	5.	0700 2100	23 CCS moved out - also 4 FDS. 12 FSU arrived. 160 Cases admitted in all. Two Nursing Sisters were attached from C.C.S. to nurse post-operational cases. IBRR	
	6.	0800	Evacuation to 81 General Hospital - only 6 cases remained 13 FTU joined 4 FDS & 27 FSU also moved forward to Noeux-les-Mines. Five 'post-op' cases (abdominals) remain. IBRR	
ARBRES	7.	 1200 1400	Closed. Wet & strong wind. Section of 9 F.D.S. arrived to take over 5 'post-op' cases (2 British, 1 French, 2 German) Large store tent forming ward blew down. Cases stood the shock well & were moved into local village Hall. IBRR	
	8.	0830 1500 2100	Moved to join Division at AUDENADE. Route: St Pol - Lens - Carvin - Seclin - Avelghem -. Crossed frontier into Belgium. Arrived at PETERGEN, 4 miles S.W. of AUDENADE. Wet night. Closed.	 IBRR
PETERGEN	9		Closed. IBRR	
	10	0830	Moved to Div Conc Area N. of BRUSSELS & opened for minor sick at NEERPORTEN (588687). IBRR	
	11.		Seven cases received in all. IBRR	
	12.		Location same. Division moved up to cross Albert Canal. IBRR	
WESTERLOO	13.	1000	Moved up to 027786 (1 mile S. of WESTERLOO). Closed. Weather fine	IBRR

WESTERLOO	14	1400	Moved up over Albert Canal to GHEEL (0787) to open as FDS alongside 194 F.A. in Sanatorium buildings that had been used as German barracks. On arrival met DDMS 12 Corps & plan changed - 9 FDS moved in to form ASC and unit harboured at 124843 one mile West of MEERHOUT. Weather fine - closed & on wheels. IBRR	
	15		Closed. Repairing canvas & making extra tents for personnel. IBRR	
	16.		Enemy gun limber found and converted into trailer for 4 Kwt Generating Set. Weather fine. Full Kit inspection carried out. Clocks put back one hour. IBRR	
	17	1200	Large number of Dakotas and Gliders seen proceeding N.E. Closed. Weather fine - some rain at night IBRR	
	18		Same location. Closed. IBRR	
	19.	1200	Church Service. Closed IBRR	
	20.		Closed. Football in afternoon IBRR	
EINDHOVEN	21	1100	Moved up in Divisional column across Dutch Border to EINDHOVEN area. Arrived 1900 hrs and established ASC at two schools & convent in MEERVELDHOVEN (386156). No 13 & 42 FSU & FTU working with unit. All types of casualties being received. IBRR	
	22		Working as ASC. IBRR	
	23		Working as ASC. Eight Nursing Sisters temporarily with unit from 10 C.C.S. IBRR	
	24.		Working as ASC. Two nursing sisters obtained from 23 CCS for post-operation nursing. Sixteen 'post-op' cases now held - including twelve abdomens. IBRR	
	25.	1500 1700 2000	Visit by DDMS 12 Corps Visit by Lt Col Debenham RAMC. 23 CCS opened at ZEELST and FDS stopped admitting cases except for minor sick and exhaustion IBRR	
MEERVELDHOVEN	26	 1200 2300	Rain. Opened for Minor Sick & Exhaustion only. Casualties evacuated by air from Eindhoven Airstrip. Previously only evacuation had been by Road to Brussels. 22 stretcher cases & 11 walking despatched. Handley Page "Sparrows". Overflow of Group III casualties received from CCS. IBRR	
	27	1200	More cases evacuated by air IBRR While open in this location a total of 602 cases were admitted	IBRR
	28	1400	Handed over buildings & patients to 4 FDS. Eighteen 'post-op' cases and 95 minor sick & exhaustion. Unit moved into adjacent school IBRR	
	29		Resting. ENSA & Cinema shows in Eindhoven during afternoon IBRR	

	30.		Resting. Some Rain. IBRR	

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Month and Year OCTOBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

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HOLLAND	1.		MEERVELDHOVEN. Closed. IBRR	
	2		Meerveldhoven - closed. Some Rain IBRR	
	3.		Meerveldhoven - closed. IBRR	
	4	1430	Moved to HELMOND (556223). Location - Convent School. Closed. Transport parked by Post Office. IBRR	
	5.		Helmond - closed. Weather fine IBRR	
	6.	1430 1630	Medical Officers Conference at 22 FDS. Divisional Commander addressed all officers at local Cinema. IBRR	
	7.	1100	ADMS Conference. Closed. IBRR	
	8		Helmond - closed. Fine IBRR	
	9.	 1430	Training in morning. Football v Helmond Post Office Team. Won 14-0. IBRR	
	10		Helmond. "Hobby" groups started with classes in drawing and model making; instructors being found from unit. Twenty two applications for evening classes submitted. IBRR	
HOLLAND (HELMOND)	11.	 1500	Closed. Medical Officers attended lecture on Surgery by Lt Col Debenham.	 IBRR
	12.		Closed. IBRR	
	13		Took over Minor Sick Cases from 22 FDS - 44 cases in theatre in market square. IBRR	
	14		Helmond. IBRR	
	15.		55 minor sick being treated. IBRR	
	16		1900 hrs Unit dance held IBRR	
	17		Same location. Rain. IBRR	
	18		Same location IBRR	
	19.	1430	Football v 227 Inf Bde Workshops. IBRR	
	20.		Same location - open for minor sick. IBRR	
	21.		Helmond IBRR	
	22.	1030	Church Parade IBRR	
	23	1830	Divisional Concert party held for patients in hospital IBRR	
HOLLAND -	24		Open for Minor Sick IBRR	

HELMOND	25.		Reconnaissance of BEST. One section moved & opened there to receive Minor Sick at 1600 hrs. IBRR	
BEST	26.	1000	Unit moved to BEST & opened in school buildings. All buildings damaged and in dirty condition. 28 patients moved from Helmond to new location IBRR	
	27.	1100 1400	Reconnaissance of OIRSCHOT. One section moved up to large convent school (MR: 313255) - previously occupied by Divisional Hqtrs. Ample space for unit & patients available. Remainder of unit & patients moved up to OIRSCHOT. IBRR	
	28.		Division moved over to sector below DEURNE because of enemy counter attack -. IBRR	
	29		Oirschot - Minor Sick. IBRR	
	30		Same location. Rain. IBRR	
	31		Oirschot - Minor Sick: only twelve cases remaining. IBRR	

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Unit 23 Field Dressing Station

Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
OIRSCHOT	1		Remaining behind to discharge patients, Division having already moved over to Deurne Sector. 15 patients (minor sick).	
- do -	2.	1000	Reconnaissance of Helmond.	
- do -	3.		All patients discharged.	
HELMOND HELMOND "	4. 5.	0900	Moved to Technical School HELMOND & continued to admit Minor Sick. Total capacity for 150 minor sick on first floor of school. Ground floor rooms full of heavy machinery. 1600 hrs visit by ADMS	
"	6.		35 cases held.	
"	7		50 cases held. 1600 hrs visit by ADMS.	
"	8.		Minor Sick.	
"	9.		Minor Sick. Visit by ADMS 1600 hrs. 80 Cases held.	
"	10		More furniture & stores removed from school to make extra accommodation.	
" HELMOND	11.	 1600	102 patients held - six wards of twenty beds each and two officers wards. Visit by Divisional Commander to see unit and patients. The General suggested that beds, if available, should be borrowed locally for the patients.	
- do -	12		Weather - rain.	
- do -	13		Instructions received for formation of 538 Mobile Dental Unit.	
- do -	14.		Minor Sick. 110 patients held.	
- do -	15.	1500	CO's Conference at ADMS office.	
- do -	16		121 patients held. Rain.	
- do -	17		122 patients held.	
- do -	18		120 patients held.	
- do -	19		100 hospital beds and bedside lockers obtained from St Annagesticht Asylum, VENRAY - permission having been obtained from owners.	
- do -	20		109 cases held.	
- do -	21	1600	Visit by ADMS.	
- do -	22	1200	Visit by DDMS 8 Corps.	

- do -	23		89 patients held.	
HELMOND	24		102 patients held.	
	25.	1430 1450 1900	Church service for patients and Unit. Visit by Maj-General Blackmore (Inspectorate of Manpower) to see FDS functioning in 'Minor Sick' role. DDMS 8 Corps also present. Accidental fire at 46 Inf Bde Wk/shops in HELMOND. Ambulance & first aid squad attended - no casualties.	
	26.		98 patients held.	
	27		85 patients.	
	28.		92 patients held.	
	29	1200	Visit by DADMS (Pers) 21 A.Gp & DADMS 2nd Army. ADMS attended. No personnel questions raised.	
	30.		Reconnaissance of Technical School made by 34 CCS with a view to taking over in the near future.	

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Unit 23 (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year DECEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1		Civilian staff removing machinery from Technical School.	
(588218)	2	1700	ADMS visited & gave orders that the unit was to move to St Leonardus School, Helmond, on 4th. No further cases admitted & all Divisional minor sick passed on to 8 Corps Medical Units.	
	3		Capt Buchan & Lieut Samuel proceeded to Brussels on 48 hour leave.	
HELMOND (564228)	4	1100	Unit moved to ST LEONARDUS School, Helmond (564228). 49 patients handed over to 34 CCS who moved into Technical School same day. New school too small to take functioning FDS & unit remained closed.	
	5.		Checking and cleaning stores. New loading lists made out in view of the loss of 15 cwt truck from the W.E.	
	6.	1400	Loading stores & interior economy. Reconnaissance of ST GERARDUS School Helmond with a view to opening.	
HELMOND 560226	7	1000	Moved to St Gerardus School (560226). Wooden huts being delivered in near future for personnel. School suitable for 100 beds.	
	8.		Cleaning & preparing wards.	
	9.		Interior Economy. Wooden huts not yet arrived.	
	10.		Interior Economy.	
	11.		Open to receive Minor Sick. Four wards each of 12 beds. Remainder of accommodation used for personnel until huts arrive. 21 cases admitted by evening.	
	12		Weather fair.	
	13.		IMT Inspection of vehicles.	
	14.	1500	40 patients held. Visit by ADMS.	
	15.		46 minor sick patients held.	
	16.		Ballot held for personnel eligible for home leave. Only four members eligible - the remainder not so until 8 Jan.	
HELMOND 650226	17.	1130	ADMS visit. Some enemy air activity during the morning. 59 patients held.	

	18	1000	Extra wards opened to increase holding capacity to 80 beds. Slight enemy air activity - one small bomb dropped on North part of Town.	
	19.		Capt W. Sagar proceeded to 32 (BR) General Hospital for Course on Psychiatry.	
	20		62 patients held.	
	21.		73 patients held.	
	22		75 patients held.	
	23.	1000 1410	RASC attended Mines demonstration at Bourg Leopold. Enemy air activity in vicinity. Two bombs dropped area Market St by high flying plane.	
	24.		S/Sgt collected from No 6 (BR) General Hospital to fill vacancy in W.E.	
	25.	 1100 1215	Christmas Day. Carol Service. Patients Christmas Dinner 1315. Unit's Christmas Dinner.	
HELMOND	26		78 patients held. Weather fine and frosty.	
650226	27.	1615	Unit leave Ballot held.	
	28		Thaw - making roads bad. 86 patients held.	
	29		73 patients held.	
	30.	1430	Officers attended clinical visit at 34 CCS.	
	31.	1600	Visit by ADMS.	

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Unit 23 (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year JANUARY 45.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND (560226)	1		St Gerardus School, Helmond, receiving Minor Sick. Accommodation for 94 Cases.	
	2		Routine Work.	
	3		Routine Work.	
	4		Routine Work. Thaw precautions in operation.	
	5.		Thaw precautions cease.	
	6.		Capt W. Allan proceeded to 77 Med Regt RA as relief MO.	
	7		Routine Work	
	8		Routine Work	
	9		Routine Work	
	10	 1430	Capt W. Sagar returned from psychiatry course at No 32 (BR) General Hospital. MO's attended ward visit at 34 CCS.	
	11		Very cold.	
	12.		Patients in FDS reviewed by Medical Specialist 34 CCS.	
HELMOND	13		Routine Work.	
	14		New cookhouse constructed.	
	15		Routine work & sick parades.	
	16		ABCA lecture.	
	17		Routine work	
	18	1200	Skin cases in F.D.S. seen by Dermatologist 79 (BR) General Hospital.	
	19		Routine work & sick parades.	
	20	 1900	Routine work 22 & 23 F.D.S. held combined Unit dance.	
	21	1000 1230	ADMS Conference Church Parade Unit Recce party proceeded to Herenthals Area, Nr Antwerp.	
	22		Recce party contacted and sent to Tilburg to find accommodation in view of Divisional move	
	23		Advance party moved up to Tilburg	

HELMOND	24	1100	Visit by ADMS. Division moved to Tilburg. Unit remained in Helmond to deal with remaining 'Minor Sick'.	
	25		Routine work	
	26		Normal Routine	
	27		Normal Routine	
	28		Closed - no cases remaining	
	29.		Checking and cleaning stores.	
	30.		Normal Routine. ABCA lecture.	
TILBURG.	31.	1000	Unit moved to TILBURG - arriving 1230 hrs.	

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Month and Year FEBRUARY 45.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		Closed. Unit half in billets and half in hall.	
(152314)	2.	1400	Route March 8 miles	
	3		Normal Routine.	
	4	1030 1400	All officers attended 30 Corps Commander's address at ENSA Cinema, Tilburg. ADMS Conference - preliminary to Operation "Veritable".	
	5.	1830	Moved up to NIJMEGEN behind 227 INF BDE Group. Route via s'HERTOGENBOSCH, OST. RAVENSTEIN.	
NIJMEGEN (706617)	6.		Time due at D.P. should have been 0100 hrs but owing to bad state of roads and traffic blocks did not arrive until 0930 hrs. Remained concentrated in top floor of St Joseph's School, School Street, 227 Bde HQ being in occupation of remainder of the school.	
	7.		Remained concentrated.	
	8.		227 Bde HQ moved out by 1000 hrs. School prepared for reception of Minor Sick and exhaustion cases during Operation "Veritable". Opened 1200 hrs - Total capacity 90 cases. Cases for evacuation sent to 10 CCS or 35 F.D.S.	
NIJMEGEN	9.		Cases being received from 43 & 53 Divisions. Total of 30 (including 6 exhaustion) received so far.	
	10.		Routine work	
	11.		All cases coming from 193 Field Ambulance, Cleve, travelling over flooded area in DUKWs to 3 C.C.S. Own ambulance car stationed at 3 C.C.S. to collect minor sick & exhaustion cases.	
	12.		Routine work.	
	13.		Routine work.	
	14.		Evacuation of cases as follows:- minor sick & casualties to 10 CCS at Grave. Exhaustion cases requiring treatment by Corps Psychiatrist to 35 FDS at Zeeland.	
	15.		Routine work.	
	16.		Total of 90 patients held. Lt H. Kellett joined unit.	
	17.		Routine work.	

	18.	1100	Church Service.	
NIJMEGEN	19		91 patients held.	
	20.		Routine work.	
	21.		German type disinfestor and four point shower mounted on trailer received from Ordnance, for use in F.D.S.	
	22.		Routine work.	
	23.		87 patients held.	
	24.		Routine work.	
	25.		Division moved out to rest in TILBURG Area. Reconnaissance carried out in BOXTEL area for new F.D.S. location. Site chosen - School (Map Ref 335358).	
	26.		Unit remaining behind in Nijmegen, holding 79 patients. Advance party of one section proceeded to Boxtel.	
BOXTEL (335358)	27.		School at Nijmegen handed over to 11 F.D.S. of 3 Division. Unit and 73 up-patients moved to BOXTEL - move completed by 1400 hrs.	
	28.		Open for Minor Sick - large school with total capacity of 200 cases.	

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Unit 23 (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year MARCH 45

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BOXTEL (335358)	1.		Open for Divisional Minor Sick. Large Modern School with capacity for total of 200 cases if necessary. Showers & central heating in good working order. Capt W. Sagar rejoined unit from No 1 Convalescent Depot.	
	2.		Routine Work & Interior economy.	
	3	1530	Divisional Commander visited unit and addressed all ranks on parade.	
	4		Routine Work.	
	5		Normal Routine.	
	6		Normal Routine.	
	7.		IO carried out reconnaissance of DIEST & surrounding area but no space available. Div HQ (Main) expecting to move out of Zonhoven, in which case the convent school will be used for F.D.S.	
	8.		Routine Work.	
	9.		Capt W. Sagar proceeded on leave to U.K. 30 patients held.	
	10		Routine Work.	
BOXTEL	11		Routine Work	
	12		Normal Routine - Unit receiving large allotment of 48 hrs leave to Brussels.	
	13		Normal Routine.	
	14		Normal Routine.	
	15.		No cases remaining.	
	16.		Present school larger than required & unit moved to smaller school in BOXTEL.	
	17	1000	OC's Medical Units met DMS 21 Army Gp at ADMS Office.	
	18	0900	Unit exercise locally - erection of canvas & layout of departments.	
	19	1000	Adv Party proceeded across Maas to Div Concentration Area - harbouring area one mile NE of WALBECK (975276)	
	20	2100	Unit moved at rear of Div Tps Convoy - Route - Eindhoven - Asten - Panningen - Venlo Bridge.	

WALBECK	21	0300	Arrived 975276 - Remained closed on wheels.	
WALBECK	22		Harbouring - waiting to move into building at WETTEN.	
WETTEN	23	1100	Moved to WETTEN (Map Ref 003313) Room for 80 Minor Sick cases inside building - Admin & living accommodation under canvas.	
	24		Capt W. Allan proceeded as relief MO to 1st Middlesex.	
	25		Routine Work - admitting Divisional Sick.	
	26		Normal Routine	
	27		Normal Routine.	
	28	2100	Unit moved over Rhine (Xanten Bridge) to location of 194 Field Ambulance, BISLICH (138429). One section left at WETTEN with 75 patients.	
	29		Open for Minor Sick after arriving at BISLICH 0100 hrs.	
	30		Normal Routine.	
	31.		64 Cases remaining at WETTEN - 28 at BISLICH.	

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Unit 23 (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year APRIL 45.

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BISLICH (138429)	1.		Headquarters and one section at BISLICH beside 194 Field Ambulance - open for minor sick: holding 28 Cases. Second section remaining behind at WETTEN holding 64 Cases.	
	2.		No change. Rear section moved up bringing forward 17 cases. Lieut F.R.G. Staffiere RAMC joined for duty as non-Medical Officer.	
	3.		Unit was divided into two equal sections in order to be able to "leap-frog" and deal with minor sick during rapid movement.	
	4.		Routine work & re-loading of vehicles.	
	5.		One section moved forward to TECKLENBURG to harbour in Div area.	
	6	0900	Remainder of Unit moved up to TECKLENBURG (048018) arriving 0400 hrs the following day. 30 Cases carried forward.	
TECKLENBURG (048018)	7		'A' Section moved to FRIEDEWALDE (762182) 6 miles N.W. of MINDEN and opened.	
FRIEDEWALDE (762182)	8	0830	Moved up to FRIEDEWALDE & opened in school buildings.	
	9		Open to Minor Sick.	
FRIEDEWALDE	10		Routine Work.	
	11.		One section moved forward with Division to harbour at HAGENBURG (078271)	
HAGENBURG (078271)	12	0830	HQ section moved to HAGENBURG via PETERSHAGEN Bridge. Arrived 1045 hrs. 'A' Section remained at Friedewalde holding 20 cases. Unit remained on wheels waiting to move into CELLE.	
CELLE (590500)	13.		Moved to CELLE and opened in administrative building (adjacent to law courts)	
	14		Section moved up from Friedewalde.	
	15.		Holding 40 Cases.	
	16		Holding 64 Cases. Several P.W(ex) treated.	
	17		70 patients held.	
	18		81 patients held.	

	19		Capt W. Allan proceeded as relief MO to 4 Tk Coldstream Guards.	
	20		Routine Work.	
	21	0900	Recce Party (Lt Staffiere) proceeded to area N. of LUNEBURG.	
LUNEBURG	22		Unit moved up 4 miles N. of LUNEBURG (map ref 802280) and opened for Minor Sick in hutted camp adjacent to 153 Field Ambulance: Accn for 80 Cases. 'B' Section (Capt Sagar) remained in CELLE with 48 Cases.	
	23		Routine Work and opening of wards.	
	24	1815	Church Service.	
	25	0900	Section moved up from CELLE.	
	26		Routine Work.	
	27		Routine Work	
	28		A resuscitation section of one officer (Capt Sagar) and eight OR's joined 193 F.A. to run resuscitation dept of DUKW Embarkation point Nr LAUENBURG during the crossing of the ELBE. Complete section loaded into three quarters of a DUKW. 2330 hrs barrage for Op. "ENTERPRISE" started. FDS being adjacent to medium & hvy gun areas.	
	29	0200 1200	Operation 'ENTERPRISE' - Crossing of River ELBE commenced. 'B' Section crossed river in DUKW with 193 F.A. at LAUENBURG to location 878342.	
	30.		Routine work.	

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Unit 23 (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year MAY 1945

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
4 miles N of LUNEBURG (802280)	1		Established in hutted camp & receiving minor sick & exhaustion cases from operation "ENTERPRISE". B Section performing resuscitation role with 193 Field Ambulance DUKW Embarkation point at LAUENBURG (878342)	
	2		B Section moved up to SCHWARZENBEK (826486) to open in doctor's house.	
TRITTAU (773604)	3.	1300	Remainder of unit crossed the ELBE and moved to TRITTAU, arriving at 1600 hrs. Opened for sick in school. Before the move 37 cases were carried forward to the section at Schwarzenbek.	
	4		Routine work	
	5		B section moved to TRITTAU	
	6		Routine work.	
	7.		Routine work.	
	8		Normal Routine. VE Day celebrations in the evening.	
	9.	1730	C.O. attended Div Commander's address.	
	10		Normal Routine.	
	11		Normal Routine.	
TRITTAU (773604) (765624)	12		Owing to school being too small & unsuitable for wards, the unit was moved to the country house vacated by 153 Field Ambulance. Showers ablutions & WC's all in working order. Ample accommodation for 30 patients & good surrounding grounds. Unit personnel under canvas. 25 Cases held.	
	13		Routine Work & preparing wards. Heat wave.	
	14		Normal Routine.	
	15		Normal Routine. 26 Cases held.	
	16		Capt A.P. Buchan RAMC proceeded as relief MO to 131 Field Regt RA.	
	17		Normal Routine	
	18.		Normal Routine - sharp Thunder storm 1700 hrs.	
	19		Normal Routine.	
	20		C.O. left for leave to U.K.	
	21		Routine work	

	22		Recce for new location for CRS in Molln	
Near MOLLN	23.		Unit moved to near MOLLN 966639. C.R.S. established - accommodation for 50 beds. 10 patients ferried from TRITTAU	
	24		Eclipse duties for Kreis LAUENBURG taken over from 158 Fd Amb. One detachment - Capt Allan & 10 O.R's at Molln One detachment - to maintain 48 F.S.U. at Ratzeburg.	
	25		Detachment 1 Sgt & 1 N.O. to M.1 Room SARAU Camp M.R. 977791	
	26		Routine Work	
	27		Routine Work	
	28		Routine Work	
	29		Routine Work	
	30		4 N.O's reported as reinforcements	
	31		4 N.O's posted to 53 R.H.U. potential clerks.	

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Unit 40 Field Hygiene Section RAMC

Month and Year June/44

Commanding Officer Major PJH Clarke RAMC
169115

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
W. Grinstead	1/6/44		Conference with A.D.H. - Corps. PJHC	
	2/6/44		Nothing of note. PJHC	
	3/6/44		Conference with M.O. 2nd Bn The Gordon Highlanders. PJHC	
	4/6/44		Conference with ADH - Corps. PJHC	
	5/6/44		Conference with O.C. & Surgical Specialist, 9 Canadian General Hospital. PJHC	
	6/6/44		"D" day. PJHC	
	7/6/44		ADMS Conference for Unit Commanders. D+■. PJHC	
	8/6/44		Unit Administration. PJHC	
	9/6/44		Orders & move to Marshalling area received from S.E.C.O. PJHC	
	10/6/44		Same location for Trans. Camp - 0230 hours.	PJHC
	11/6/44		Remain in Trans. Camp.	PJHC
	12/6/44		" " " "	PJHC
	13/6/44		Board ship for journey to Normandy Beachhead	PJHC
	14/6/44		At sea.	PJHC
	15/6/44		Arrive off Beachhead.	PJHC
France	16/6/44		Lying on board ship off beachhead	PJHC
	17/6/44		Landed on beachhead - arrive Div Conc area	PJHC
	18/6/44		Conference with ADMS - Bde Staff Capt and OCs Medical Unit advance parties.	PJHC
	19/6/44		ADMS Hygiene Conference at Rear Army HQ. PJHC	
	20/6/44		Conference with 194 Fd Ambulance and S/Capts Brigades. PJHC	
	21/6/44		Conference with ADH - Corps and O.C. Glasgow Highlanders. PJHC	
	22/6/44		Made improvised shower out of Field Portable Disinfector no 2 and portable Filter. PJHC	
	23/6/44		Bathed ORs of Divisional HQ with above shower. PJHC	
	24/6/44		Conference with A.D.H. Corps. PJHC	
	25/6/44		D-1 for Operation Epsom. Attached a Sanitary Inspector to Provost Company to supervise Hygiene Gp O.U. PJHC	
	26/6/44		"D" day for Op. Epsom. Checking of water supplies at Cully. PJHC	

	27/6/44		General Unit administration. PJHC	
	28/6/44		Conference with ADH Corps. PJHC	
	29/6/44		Moved to area Bronay. PJHC	
	30/6/44		Conference with Civil affairs detachment & then Div. PJHC PJH Clarke MAJOR. R.A.M.C. O/C 40 FIELD HYGIENE SECTION.	

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Unit 40 Field Hygiene Section RAMC

Month and Year July 44

Commanding Officer Major PJH Clarke RAMC
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BWEF	1/7/44		Liaison duties for ADMS - with 20 & 79 General Hospitals - 10 + 32 CCSs.	PJHC
	2/7/44		Moved to Sec	PJHC
	3/7/44		Improvised Bathing equipment erected to bathe Main & Rear Div TPS.	PJHC
	4/7/44		Conference with S/Capts of all Brigades and O.C. Admin group	PJHC
	5/7/44		ADMSs Medical Officers Conference.	PJHC
	6/7/44		Conference with A.D.H. Corps.	PJHC
	7/7/44		Investigation of water supply near Bronay.	PJHC
	8/7/44		Contacted Units of 227 Bde - and O.C. admin group.	PJHC
	9/7/44		Conference with O.C. 193 Fd Amb and O.C. F.H.S. attached 43 Div.	PJHC
	10/7/44		Consultation on Cases of ? Infectious disease at 193 Fd Ambulance	PJHC
	11/7/44		Consultation with Med Specialist 77 Gen Hospital re Cases of ? Enteric.	PJHC
	12/7/44		Conference with Med Specialist 77 Gen Hospital and O.C. 193 Fd Ambulance	PJHC
	13/7/44		Hygiene Conference 2nd Army	PJHC
	14/7/44		Conference with DDH Corps.	PJHC
	15/7/44		Moved to Norrey-en-Bessin. Op Greenline commenced.	JPH Clarke Major RAMC PJHC
BWEF	16/7/44		Conference re gastroenteritis with O.C. 23 F.D.S.	PJHC
	17/7/44		Inspection of P.O.W. Cage. Conference with O.C. 23 Fd Ambulance.	PJHC
	18/7/44		Moved to Putot-en-Bessin.	PJHC
	19/7/44		ADMS Commanding Officers Conference	PJHC
	20/7/44		Conference with D.D.M.S. Corps & C.R.E. Division.	PJHC
	21/7/44		Inspection of Divisional water points	PJHC
	22/7/44		ADMS's Conference for Med. Unit Commanders.	PJHC
	23/7/44		Moved to Balleroy area 6869 - Conference with A.D.H. 30 Corps	PJHC
	24/7/44		Checking up of Div. gastroenteritis cases admitted to 23 FDS - 24 CCS and 70 Gen Hosp	PJHC
	25/7/44		Inspection of suitable area for swimming.	PJHC

	26/7/44		Conference of 30 Corps Hygiene Officers.	PJHC
	27/7/44		Inspection of sites for M.B.U. and Laundry and Vehicle washing	PJHC
	28/7/44		Conference with A.D.H. 30 Corps and OC 30 Corps Hygiene Section	PJHC
	29/7/44		Liaison with No. 7 Mobile Bacteriology Laboratory.	PJHC
	30/7/44		Conference with D.A.D.M.S. 8th Corps. Moved to Foulognes area 7163	PJHC
	31/7/44		Conference with A.D.H. 8th Corps and O.C. 22 F.D.S.	PJHC JPH Clarke Major

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Unit 40 Field Hygiene Section RAMC

Month and Year August

Commanding Officer Major PJH Clarke RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1/8/44		Moved to Sept Vents area. Liaison with D.D.M.S. Corps for ADMS.	PJHC
	2/8/44		Compilation of monthly Hygiene Report. PJHC	
	3/8/44		Conference with R.E. re water points & with O.C. 22 F.D.S. PJHC	
	4/8/44		Moved to St Martin de Besaces area (6851). PJHC	
	5/8/44		Conference with ADH Corps. PJHC	
	6/8/44		Checking & inspection of Divisional water points. PJHC	
	7/8/44		Liaison with 20 (Br) Gen Hospital and 10 (Cdn) Gen Hospital for ADMS. PJHC	
	8/8/44		Moved to Le Tourneur area (6645). PJHC	
	9/8/44		Conference with OC 27 Fd Hygiene Section. PJHC	
	10/8/44		Conference with ADH Corps. Liaison with 74 Gen Hospital for ADMS.	PJHC
	11/8/44		ADMS Conference of O.Cs Medical Units. Conference with S/Capts 44 and 227 Brigades. PJHC	
	12/8/44		ADMS Conference of O.Cs Medical Units. Conference with O.C. 194 Fd Amb and M.O. 8 RS. PJHC	
	13/8/44		Conference with OCs 153 Fd Amb and 23 F.D.S. Inspection of Div Screening Point. PJHC	
	14/8/44		Moved to Amaye Sur Orne area (9858). PJHC	
	15/8/44		Conference with ADH Corps and OC 193 Fd Ambulance. PJHC	
B.L.A.	16/8/44		Investigation of gastroenteritis cases at 46 Bde workshops. PJHC	
	17/8/44		Conference with M.O. A&S Highlanders re gastroenteritis. PJHC	
	18/8/44		~~Conference with M.O. A and S Highlanders~~ Moved to Barbery area (0250). PJHC	
	19/8/44		D.M.P. insect repellent distributed to medical Units for use of R.M.O. on severe cases of insect bite. PJHC	
	20/8/44		Moved to ~~Barbery area (0250)~~ Aubigny area (1239). PJHC	
	21/8/44		Conference with O.C. 193 Fd Amb & O.C. 62 Coy RASC and R.M.O. 190 Fd Coy. PJHC	
	22/8/44		Conference with M.O. i/c Unit taking Divisional sick. Inspection of Mob. Laundry. PJHC	
	23/8/44		General Unit administration. PJHC	

	24/8/44		Moved to Mandeville area (2732). PJHC	
	25/8/44		Moved to La Houdiere area (7268). PJHC	
	26/8/44		~~Combon~~ Moved to Combon area (0078). PJHC	
	27/8/44		Moved to Le Parc (1887). PJHC	
	28/8/44		Conference with A.D.H. Corps and MOs 190 Fd Regt and 97th A Tk Regt. PJHC	
	29/8/44		Moved to Vironvay area (2687). PJHC	
	30/8/44		Moved to Herqueville area 2991. PJHC	
	31/8/44		Conference with ADMS, S/Capts all Bdes & RMO of 2 Gordons - 6 K.O.S.B. and 2 Glas H. PJHC PJH Clarke MAJOR. R.A.M.C. O/C 40 FIELD HYGIENE SECTION.	

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Unit 40 Field Hygiene Section RAMC

Month and Year September 1944

Commanding Officer Major PJH Clarke RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1/9/44		Conference with ADMS and Div Catering adviser.	
	2/9/44		General Unit Adm. Compilation of monthly Hygiene Report for August.	
	3/9/44		Moved to Haucourt (6233). Conference with OC 194 Fd Amb and M.O. 1 Mx Regt.	
	4/9/44		Moved to La Feuillie (5014). Conference with ADMS.	
	5/9/44		Moved to Marcq (1303)	
	6/9/44		Moved to Pecq (8941)	
	7/9/44		Conference with ADMS. General Unit administration. Inspection of Estaminets for Div HQ.	
	8/9/44		Moved to Petegem (0555)	
	9/9/44		Conference with ADMS and M.O. 6RSF. Inspected Mobile Bath Unit site + recommended change of site.	
	10/9/44		Moved to Ramsdonck (6274)	
	11/9/44		General Unit administration. Conference with O/I/C Tpt 284 Div TPS workshop	
	12/9/44		Moved to Veerle (0778)	
	13/9/44		Conference with A.D.H. Corps.	
	14/9/44		Moved to Gheel (0888)	
	15/9/44		Attended Investiture by Field Marshal Montgomery - Inspected water points & Baths Unit site.	
B.L.A.	16/9/44		Conference with ADMS and OC 194 Fd Amb. General Unit administration.	
	17/9/44		Contacted A.D.H. Corps. Arrival of relief. PJHC	
	18/9/44		Introduced relief OC to OCs Medical Units & Heads of Services. Handing over of reins.	
	19/9/44		Taking over the Section from Maj. Clarke & Gen Adm.	D.S.B.
	20/9/44		Conference with A.D.M.S. Inspected new site of 305 Mob Laundry M.R. 071715.	D.S.B.
	21/9/44		Moved to Eindhoven (Holland) M.R. 409160	D.S.B.
	22/9/44		Organisation of Office Routine. Gen Adm of unit.	D.S.B.

	23/9/44		Conference with A.D.M.S. 15 (Scot) Division & with A.D.H. 12 Corps.	D.S.B.
	24/9/44		Conference with O/in/c 190 Field Regt regarding cases of septic sores	D.S.B.
	25/9/44		Conference with Camp Commandant re billets & drying room.	D.S.B.
	26/9/44		Closing of Imprest Account, contacted medical units	D.S.B.
	27/9/44		Exchange of currency & Pay Parade.	D.S.B.
	28/9/44		Moved location of unit to Eindhoven 410210	D.S.B.
	29/9/44		Conference with A.D.M.S. Inspection of meat (112 Coy (S) 12 Corps)	D.S.B.
	30/9/44		Moved to Son 442259. Contacted 23 F.D.S. re hygiene D.S. Buchanan MAJOR. R.A.M.C. O/C 40 FIELD HYGIENE SECTION.	D.S.B.

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Unit 40 (Br) Fd Hygiene Section

Month and Year October 1944.

Commanding Officer DS Buchanan MAJOR. R.A.M.C.
O/C 40 FIELD HYGIENE SECTION.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA.	1 Oct	44	Conference with A.D.M.S. Contacted 23 F.D.S. Arranged for W/S material.	D.S.B.
	2 "		Monthly Hygiene Report. D.S.B.	
	3 "		Visited 284 Div Tps W/S re new M/Cycles	D.S.B.
	4 "		Unit moved to Gemert M.R. 576303	D.S.B.
	5 "		Investigation re ? case of Meningitis 399 Coy R.A.S.C. Inf Bde Coy. Pay Parade.	D.S.B.
	6 "		Conference of M.O's held by A.D.M.S. at 22 F.D.S. Div Cmdrs address to Div Officers.	D.S.B.
	7 "		Contacted Medical Units.	D.S.B.
	8 "		Conference with A.D.M.S. Inspection of meat at B.B.P. 283 Coy, RASC.	D.S.B.
	9 "		Unit admin. Inspected meat at B.B.P. 283 Coy, RASC. Contacted 194 Fd Amb.	D.S.B.
	10 "		Scrutiny of Weekly Health Statistics at A.D.M.S. Contacted Medical Officers of 6 Q.S.B., 2 A.&S. Hldrs, HQ., R.E.s and 79 A/Tk Regt.	D.S.B.
	11 "		Conference with ADH, 8 Corps. Contacted M.O's 6 K.O.S.B. ADMS Conference for MO's.	D.S.B.
	12 "		Tour Inspections with A.D.H. 8 Corps. Investigated a case of Diphtheria 6 K.O.S.B.	D.S.B.
	13 "		Contacted 305 ML & BU and 44 Bde W/S.	D.S.B.
	14 "		A.D.M.S + Conference. Unit Admin - Application for Compassionate Leave by Cpl Holmes.	D.S.B.
	15 "		Documentation - A.D.M.S. Office.	D.S.B.
B.L.A.	16 Oct	44	Unit Admin.	D.S.B.
	17 "		Contacted M.O's 10 H.L.I., 2 Gordons, A.&S. Hldrs. Visited Bath Unit & 229 R.E's.	D.S.B.
	18 "		A.D.H. 2nd Army, Hygiene Conference 79 (Br) General Hospital, Eindhoven.	D.S.B.

	19 "		Conference A.D.H. 8 Corps. Pay Parade.	D.S.B.
	20 "		Unit Admin. Assembly of New Disinfestor. Visit from A.D.M.S.	D.S.B.
	21 "		Investigated a case of Diphtheria 279 Fd Pk Coy RE.	D.S.B.
	22 "		Contacted 193 Fd Ambulance.	D.S.B.
	23 "		Conference A.D.M.S. Office. Contacted M.O. 79 A/Tk Rgt re disinfection.	D.S.B.
	24 "		Contacted 22 and 23 Fd Dressing Stations.	D.S.B.
	25 "		Unit moved via Acht (Eindhoven) 410210 to Oirschot 320257	D.S.B.
	26 "		Examined suspected Diphtheria HQ., RE. Contacted 23 F.D.S., 79 (Br) Gen Hosp and 227(H) Inf Bde W/Shops R.E.M.E. re disinfection.	D.S.B.
	27 "		Visited 79 (Br) General Hospital Bact. Lab and No. 4 Mob Bact Lab re swabs and analysis of a specimen of sugar.	D.S.B.
	28 "		Unit moved to Tilburg M.R. 1732 S'HERTOGENBOSCH.	D.S.B.
	29 "		Unit moved to Helmond M.R. 545211 MAESEYCK.	D.S.B.
	30 "		Unit moved to ZOMEREN M.R. 586120 MAESEYCK.	D.S.B.
	31 "		Investigation of cases of ? Cutaneous and Pharyngeal Diphtheria at 190 Fd Regt RA. D.S. Buchanan MAJOR. R.A.M.C. O/C 40 FIELD HYGIENE SECTION.	

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Unit 40 (Br) Fd Hygiene Section.

Month and Year November, 1944.

Commanding Officer D.S. Buchanan
Major, R.A.M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA.	Nov. 1		Unit Admin. Perusal of Weekly Health Returns at ADMS Office	
	2		Contacted new CO., 153 Fd Ambulance. Pay Parade.	
	3		Monthly Hygiene Report.	
	4		Conference with ADMS re Drying Room facilities for the tps.	
	5		Unit Admin. Designing portable latrines and improvised drying facilities.	
	6		Preparation of Model Ground for demonstration purposes.	
	7		Weekly Health Returns scrutinized at ADMS Office. Inspected Camp site at HQ. (Main)	
	8		Unit discussion on improvisation of field equipment.	
	9		Pay Parade. Contacted 23 F.D.S. regarding defective drains in present billet.	
	10		Contacted 283 Coy., R.A.S.C. Contacted 624 Fd Park Coy., R.E. re materials for W/S.	
	11		Conference of Sections Sanitary Assistants.	
	12		Inspected 305 ML. & BU., Helmond. Visited ADOS Dump.	
	13		ADMS Conference. W/Shops supervision.	
	14		Visit by A.D.H., 8 Corps. Visit to Div Rest camp, Deurne, and 193 Fd Amb, Asten.	
	15		Visit from DDH., 21 Army Group, ADH., Second Army and ADH., 8 Corps. Contacted MO. Seaforth Hldrs re new V.D. cases.	
BLA.	NOV. 16		ADMS Office. Contacted MO., 190 Fd Regt., R.A. regarding cases of diarrhoea.	
	17		Contacted MO.s, 9 Cameronians and 6 K.O.S.B.	
	18		Contacted MO. 8 Royal Scots and CO., 26 Fd Hygiene Section.	
	19		Investigation diphtheria case 97 A/Tk Regt. W/Shops material obtained at Helmond.	
	20		Unit moved to Vlierden Gemeente Deurne (MR. 6217.)	
	21		A.D.M.S. Office; Health Returns scrutinized.	

	22		Awaited D.D.M.S., 8 Corps and also awaited move of location which was postponed.	
	23		Visited 8 Corps (Rear.) A.D.M.S. Office.	
	24		Unit Admin. A.D.M.S. Office.	
	25		Unit moved to Kronenberg (MR. 810141.) Pay Parade.	
	26		Summary of Evidence taken down.	
	27		A.D.M.S. Office. Unit Admin.	
	28		A.D.M.S. Office. Scrutinized Sanitary Inspectors' Reports.	
	29		A.D.M.S. Office; Scrutinized Weekly Health Returns. Investigated case of Diphtheria	
	30		A.D.M.S. Office and C.R.A. Office HQ.	

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Unit 40 (Br) Fd Hygiene Section.

Month and Year DECEMBER, 1944.

Commanding Officer D.S. Buchanan
Major, R.A.M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA.	DEC, 1.	44	Unit moved to Panningen MR. 768053	
	2		Monthly Hygiene Report. San Inspectors' Conference.	
	3		Monthly Hygiene Report completed. Contacted C.C.P, 194 Fd Amb.	
	4		Pay Parade. Unit Admin.	
	5		A.D.M.S. Office. Section W/S G. 1098 inspected.	
	6		A.D.M.S. Office. Inoculation State brought up to date.	
	7		A.D.M.S. Office. Investigated Diphtheria Case 227 Bde W/S. Inspected Bath Sect, Horst.	
	8		Visited Bath Section, Asten. Visited 44 & 46 Bde W/S.	
	9		A.D.M.S. Office. Visited 181 Field Regt. RA, re Sanitary Report.	
	10		A.D.M.S. Office. Visited newly established Water Point.	
	11		A.D.M.S. Office. Visited Water Point.	
	12		Accompanied CRE. Inspected Div HQ Office re drainage. Contacted M.O. 2 A & S Hldrs.	
	13		A.D.M.S. Office. Scrutinised Weekly Health returns. Contacted M.O. 2 A & S Hldrs	
	14		A.D.M.S. Office. 227 Bde W/S., School Sevenum re latrines. Bath Sections Helden & Sevenum. 119 L.A.A., R.A. re ? Diphtheria 46 Bde H.Q. 153 Fd Amb.	
	15		A.D.M.S. Office. 153 Fd Amb. Contacted M.O. 2 Glas Hldrs.	
BLA.	DEC 16	44	Conference of San Inspectors. Contacted M.Os 7 Seaforths and 9 Cameronians	
	17		Contacted M.O. 10 H.L.I. re suspected Diphtheria. Water Point inspected.	
	18		Unit Admin. A.D.M.S. Office.	
	19		A.D.M.S. Office. Contacted M.O. 10 H.L.I. re Diphtheria. Pay Parade.	
	20		A.D.M.S. Office. Scrutinised Weekly Health Returns. Visited 22 & 23 F.D.S.	

	21		A.D.M.S. Office. 44 & 46 Bde W/S inspection. 305 Mob Laundry Inspection.	
	22		A.D.M.S. Office. Visited Div Water Point.	
	23		A.D.M.S. Office. Conference of San Inspectors. Contacted M.O. 181 Fd Rgt RA.	
	24		A.D.M.S. Office. Water Point routine visit. Visited 153 Fd Amb.	
	25		A.D.M.S. Office. A.D.M.S. visited unit.	
	26		A.D.M.S. Office. Visited M.O's A.&S. Hldrs., 10 H.L.I., 194 Fd Amb. 153 Fd Amb	
	27		A.D.M.S. Office. Visited 79 (Br) Gen Hp. Bact Lab. No. 4 Mob. Bact Lab re swabs.	
	28		A.D.M.S. Office. No.1 F.D.S. Contacted M.O. 10 H.L.I. with result of swabs.	
	29		A.D.M.S. Office. Contacted M.O. 1st Middx and 2 Gordons.	
	30		A.D.M.S. Office. Contacted M.O's 102 (NH.) A/Tk Regt RA & 181 Fd Regt RA re ? Diphtheria case	
	31		Visited 193 Fd Amb and contacted M.O. 131 Fd Regt re ? Diphtheria case.	

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Unit 40 (Br) Fd Hyg Section.RAMC

Month and Year JAN. 45

Commanding Officer D.S. Buchanan Major, RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA.	JAN 1	45	Court Martial - Zomeren.	
	2		A.D.M.S. Office; Scrutinised Weekly Health Returns. Contacted MO. 131 Fd Regt RA.	
	3		A.D.M.S. Office, contacted 624 Fd Pk Coy RE., MO.'s to RE & 153 Fd Amb.	
	4		Visited 193 Fd Amb, Sevenum.	
	5		CO left unit for leave to UK.	
	6		Unit Admin.	
	7		Investigation regarding incidence of civilian louse infestation etc, Baarlo	
	8		Investigation of cellars occupied by civilians in Baarlo.	
	9		Investigation of similar conditions (as above) at Kessel.	
	10		Investigation of similar conditions (as above) at Hout Blerick.	
	11		Investigation continued.	
	12		Dusting of 300 civilians at Baarlo with D.D.T.	
	13		Dusting of 200 civilians at Baarlo with D.D.T.	
	14		Unit Admin.	
	15		Investigation of Diphtheria Case and disinfection of room at SOMEREN.	
	16		C.I.M.T. Veh Inspection.	
BLA.	JAN 17	45	Inspection of new site for 305 M.L. at Asten, and water vehs at 62 Coy RASC	
	18		Inspection of Water Vehs.	
	19		Unit Admin	
	20		Investigation of civilian louse infestation etc at Leer.	
	21		Recce of new billets.	
	22		Contacted 193 Fd Amb. Pay Parade.	
	23		A.D.M.S. Office., scrutinised Weekly Health Returns.	
	24		Unit moved to near Helvoirt. MR. 283404.	
	25		Contacted 193 Fd Amb. Visit from ADH 30 Corps.	

	26		Water Veh reports scrutinised.	
	27		A.D.M.S. Office. Contacted 193 Fd Amb.	
	28		Unit Admin. CO admitted to 88 (Br) Gen Hp.	
	29		Water Veh Reports.	
	30		Contacted Bath Units, recce of sites for RE Water Point	
	31.		Unit Admin. Commenced Monthly Hygiene Report.	

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Month and Year FEBRUARY, 1945

Commanding Officer D.S. Buchanan Major, RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA.	Feb 45. 1		Unit Admin.	
	2		Completion of water veh reports and Monthly Hygiene Report.	
	3		Practice loading of vehs	
	4		CO. rejoins unit. A.D.M.S. Office.	
	5		A.D.M.S. Office. Unit moved to Nijmegen.	
	6		A.D.M.S. Office. Unit arrived Nijmegen MR. 714615. All ranks confined to Camp Area.	
	7		A.D.M.S. Office. Scrutinized Weekly Health Returns. " "	
	8		A.D.M.S. Office. Pay Parade. All ranks confined to Camp Area for security reasons.	
	9		A.D.M.S. Office. Unit Admin. " " " "	
	10		A.D.M.S. Office. PW Cage, Bath Sections visited, MO. 102 A/Tk Regt contacted.	
	11		A.D.M.S. Office. Contacted MO. 119 L.A.A. Visited O.F.P. Coy.	
	12		Unit Admin. Inspected Unit Tpt.	
	13		Inspected all Cookhouses HQ. (Rear) Div and general sanitary arrangements.	
	14		Contacted 23 F.D.S. Visited 193 Fd Amb and A.D.M.S. Office, Cleve.	
	15		Unit standing by for move from 0900 hrs. Moved 0001 hrs.	
BLA.	Feb 45 16		Arrived new location 0500 hrs - Nutterden MR 847560. A.D.M.S. Office.	
	17		Unit Admin.	
	18		A.D.M.S. visited unit. RE Water Point opened by 278 Fd Coy MR 902543 Sht. 4202	
	19		Pay Parade. Inspected Water Point. A.D.M.S. Office. Bedburg. Contacted MO. Mil Gov 205 Det re. refugees.	
	20		Unit standing by to move - cancelled 1600 hrs. Visit by A.D.M.S.	
	21		Unit Admin.	
	22		Unit moved to Pfalzdorf MR. 919469. "A" Mess disinfected.	

	23		Unit Admin. Visit by A.D.M.S. A.D.M.S. Office.	
	24		A.D.M.S. Office. Vaccination of ORs (Rear) Div.	
	25		Unit stand by for move. San Asst brought in from Water Point.	
	26		Unit moved to Boxtel MR. 3334.	
	27		Contacted 23 F.D.S. Inspected baths. Attended A/Q Conference 1400 hrs.	
	28		Visited Admin Area, Goirle. Visited 194 Fd Amb.	

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Unit 40 (Br) Fd Hygiene Section.

Month and Year MARCH, 1945

Commanding Officer D.S. Buchanan
Major, R.A.M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA.	Mar 45 1		Pay Parade. Visited Baths, Boxtel. 1st Water Duty Course commenced. MO's Conference	
	2		Visit from OC 31 F.H.S. (30 Corps.) re Cross-posting of Gas Instructor. Visited baths	
	3		A.D.M.S. Office. Scrutiny of Div Weekly Health Returns.	
	4		Monthly Hygiene Report commenced. A.D.M.S. Office. Visited 23 F.D.S.	
	5		Monthly Hygiene Report completed. Unit admin. A.D.M.S. Office. 1st Water Duties Course terminated.	
	6		Unit moved to Kiewhit (Sonhoven) M.R. 3367	
	7		Visited 31 F.H.S. Zeeland. San Asst (Cpl) Cross-postings effected.	
	8		Pay Parade. Exchange of currency. Closed Imprest Account.	
	9		Commenced arrangements for Water Duties Course No.2. Drains inspected and cleared at 6 R.S.F's (Herck la Ville)	
	10		Completed arrangements for Course. Inspection of Main and Rear Div HQs.	
	11		Arranged for Water vehs to be available for Water Duties Course.	
	12		A.D.M.S. Office. Scrutiny of Weekly Health Returns. 2nd Water Duties Course commenced.	
	13		Visited 22 F.D.S. Water Course.	
	14		A.D.M.S. Office. A.D.H. Second Army Conference for Hygiene Officers.	
	15		Conference of San Assts. A.D.M.S. Office. Inoculations.	
	16		Visited 193 Fd Amb. 2nd Water Duties Course terminated.	
BLA.	Mar. 17		DMS. 21 Army Group visited Div. Meeting of Div unit CO's at A.D.M.S. Office	
	18		San Asst replaced at 193 Fd Amb. CO contacted.	
	19		Pay Parade. Contacted No. 4 Mob Hyg Lab, Bourg Leopold.	
	20		Contacted 61 F.H.S. re deficiencies in accessories of Power Sprayers. Unit admin.	

	21		Unit admin. Unit moved to Sonsbeck MR. 060362.	
	22		Unit arrived at Sonsbeck MR. 060362.	
	23		Div Battle School and Red Lion Club Inspected.	
	24		A.D.M.S. Office. Civ case of Diphtheria investigated. Modifications to Power Duster.	
	25		A.D.M.S. Office. Visited 23 F.D.S. Bath Section Sonsbeck.	
	26		Visited Mob Laundry 227 R.E.M.E. W/S and ADOS Dump.	
	27		Visited MO. 10 H.L.I. and investigated general health of German civs in area.	
	28		Visited MO's 9th Cameronians, 2nd Glas Hldrs., and 7th Seaforths.	
	29		Unit moved to Vessel MR. 138451. Inspected meat issue at Main HQ.	
	30		Unit admin.	
	31		Commencement of Monthly Hygiene Report. A.D.M.S. Office.	

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Month and Year APRIL, 1945

Commanding Officer D.S. Buchanan Major, RAMC
(D.S. BUCHANAN, RAMC)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA	APRIL 1		Contacted MOs 7 Seaforth Hldrs & 8 Royal Scots. ADMS Office. Disinfector and lorry (3 ton) returned to 2nd Army veh pk	
	2		Contacted MOs 2 A & S Hldrs, 2nd Gordon Hldrs and 10 HLI. ADMS Office.	
	3		Unit Admin. Discipline Lecture to unit on Non-Fraternisation.	
	4		Commenced Monthly Hygiene Report. Orders to move location cancelled.	
	5		Unit moved to new location - dep 1020 hrs arr 1600 hrs : Greven MR. 915884	
	6		Unit moved to new location " 1030 " " 2300 " : Lavelsloh MR. 685257	
	7		Completed Monthly Hygiene Report. ADMS Office.	
	8		ADMS OFFICE. Dusting of PW at PW Cage. Maintenance of Health Statistic Graphs.	
	9		" scrutinized Weekly Health State.	
	10		Moved to Hagenburg MR. 081276.	
	11		" Fuhrberg " 434432	
	12		" Lahde " 862198	
	13		Dusting of PWX & DP commenced. No. 2 Camp inspected.	
	14		" " continued. W/S constructing Cookhouses.	
	15		as above.	
BLA	APRIL 16		as above	
	17		as above	
	18		as above	
	19		Unit moved to CELLE	
	20		Commenced work in Heide Caserne Barracks.	
	21		Supervising of German Civilian Labour in cleaning out above Barracks.	
	22		As above. W/Shop constructing deep trench latrine superstructures.	
	23		as above	

	24		"	
	25		"	
	26		"	
	27		"	
	28		"	
	29		"	
	30		"	

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Unit 40 (Br) Fd Hygiene Section, RAMC

Month and Year MAY, 1945

Commanding Officer D.S. Buchanan Major, RAMC
(D.S. BUCHANAN, RAMC)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BLA.	MAY 1		Unit moved to Luneburg and later re-directed to join 14 Lt Fd Amb at Echam.	
	2		Unit moved across Elbe and harboured at M.R. 797396	
	3		Unit moved into Lubeck	
	4		Dusting of PWX (British and Empire) Survey of DPs accommodation.	
	5		Unit moved to Neustadt	
	6		Clearing of Concentration Camp commenced - dusting with DDT.	
	7		Dusting with DDT continued, erection of latrines (ME type with screens)	
	8		As above "Eclipse"	
	9		do Visited by ADH, 8 Corps.	
	10		do	
	11		do	
	12		do	
	13		do	
	14		do	
	15		do	
BLA.	MAY 16		"Eclipse" visited Haffkrug, DPs camp.	
	17		Dusting with DDT of camp personnel, Towns people continued together with the erection of latrines in Camp PW Cage, DPs Camp etc.	
	18		As above.	
	19		do	
	20		do	
	21		do	
	22		do	
	23		do	
	24		do	
	25		do	
	26		do , provision of latrines at PW de-training centre.	

	27		Dusting continued, provision of shower-baths at DPs Camp, Haffkrug, begun.	
	28		As above	
	29		do	
	30		do	
	31		do	

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Unit 15(S) Division Ord Field Park

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Major D.G. McFarlane

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Gaveston Place Maplehurst	17 June		H/Q Section with Capt G Brown and 8 ORs attached from ADOS Staff moved from Gaveston Place to Y Marshalling Area at Denmead near Portsmouth.	
	19 June		A, B and C Bde Sections moved to Residue Concentration Area at Beach Hotel Worthing	
Y Marshalling Area	26 June		H/Q Section and attachments as above left Marshalling area for Embarkation Area	
	27 June		H/Q Section and attachments embarked at Gosport	
	28 June		H/Q Section less 4 vehicles 1 Water Trailer and 9 personnel landed in France at Jig Beach, passed through Assembly Area and took up location near Saint Gabriel	DG McFarlane Major
Saint Gabriel France	30 June		Remainder of H/Q Section (4 Vehicles, Water Trailer & 9 OR) landed in France and joined Main portion of H/Q Section. 15cwt Truck became casualty in Marshalling area and replacement obtained DG McFarlane. Major 15(S) Division Ord Field Park.	

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Unit 15(S) Inf Div O.F.P.

Month and Year JULY 44

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.G. MCFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SAINT GABRIEL	1		Issues of stores continues from HQ Section. Replenishment and unit requirement for which O.F.P. not scaled, obtained from 8 Corps Field Park and 104 B.O.D.	
	3		Jeep wheels and Tyres are in short supply	
	4		Bren Spare Barrels Assy not held by A.O.D. as item separate from Complete Bren Equipments.	
	5		Scaling of spares required by units for maintenance of 6 pdr, 17 pdr & 25 pdr equipments. Steps being taken to increase quantities of packing washers etc, and to carry additional items.	
	8		Sights obtained with equipments 3" mortar found to be unmodified. New Type Range Strip demanded from Home Base	
ST CROIX GRANDE TONNE	13.		Moved to new location at St Croix Grande Tonne.	
	14.		"C" Brigade Section landed and joined HQ Section.	
ST CROIX GRANDE TONNE	20		"A" & "B" Brigade Sections landed & joined Main Party.	
BALLEROY	23		Unit moved to new location Sheet 6F/2 REF 696700.	
	31		Unit Strength 2 officers 77 O.Rs Collection of stores from 17 AOD chiefly made by units own transport and assisted whilst under the command of 8 Corps by Corps SCU. Supply of stores from 17 A.O.D. satisfactory. DG McFarlane. MAJOR. O.C. 15(S) INF. DIV. ORD. FIELD PARK.	

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Unit 15(S) Inf. Div. O.F.P.

Month and Year August 1944.

Commanding Officer Major D.G. McFarlane

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Les Loges	1		Unit at this location	
Verney	5		Unit moved to new location at Verney	
Evanay	14		Unit moved to Evanay (on Caen sector).	
Bois de Cinglais	17		Unit moved to Bois de Cinglais	
Ussy	22		Unit moved to Ussy	
Vimoutiers	25		Unit moved to location 3 miles S.W. of Vimoutiers	
Barquet	26		Unit moved to Barquet	
Venom	28		Unit moved to Venom	
	31		Strength of unit 2 Officers, 74 Other Ranks. DG McFarlane Major	

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Month and Year Sept 44

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.G. MCFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Ande	1		Unit crossed River Seine to location at Ande.	
Hornoy			Unit moved to new location at Hornoy	
Auxi le Chateau	5		Unit moved to new location at Auxi le Chateau	
Watreloo	7		Unit moved to new location at Watreloo (near Lille)	
Londerzeel	10		Unit moved into Belgium - location Londerzeel J5874	
Sichem	12		Unit moved to Sichem.	
Gheel	15		Unit moved to Gheel	
Eindhoven	22		Unit moved into Holland - location Eindhoven	
	30		Strength of Unit - 2 officers 76 OR's. DG McFarlane Major	

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Unit 15 (S) Inf. Div. O.F.P.

Month and Year October, 1944.

Commanding Officer Major D.G. McFarlane

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Eindhoven.	2		Unit moved to Helmond.	
Helmond.	25		Unit moved to Eindhoven.	
Eindhoven.	31		Receipt and issue of stores continued satisfactorily throughout the month. Strength of unit 2 Officers 78 O.R's. DG McFarlane Major. O.C. 15 (S) Inf. Div. Ord.Fd.Pk.	

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Unit 15 (S) Inf. Div. O.F.P.

Month and Year NOV 1944.

Commanding Officer Major D.G. McFarlane

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Eindhoven	1	0900	Unit moved to new location at Helmond.	A
Helmond	4		Strength of unit - 2 officers 78 O.R's	/.
"	11		Strength of unit - 2 officers 77 O.R's	/.
"	18		Strength of unit - 2 officers 77 O.R's	/.
"	25		Strength of unit - 2 officers 78 O.R's	/.
"	30		Receipt and issue of Ordnance Stores continued throughout the month. DG McFarlane Major	

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Unit 15 (S) Inf Div O.F.P.

Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer Major D.G. McFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	3	0900	Bde Sub Sections A, B & C moved to new location at Panningen	A.
PANNINGEN	4		H.Q. Section (being remainder of Unit) moved to Panningen	A.
	25		Unit visited by ADOS. Christmas dinner was given in the oven of the brick kiln.	A.
	28		Unit visited by Major General CM BARBER, DSO, Commander 15 (S) Inf Div.	A.
	31		Receipt and issue of Stores continued throughout the month. Strength of Unit 2 officers 78 O.R's DG McFarlane Major	/.

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Unit 15 (S) INF DIV O.F.P.

Month and Year JAN 45

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.G. McFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN	1st	1000	Lt Jones at 8 Corps Cinema Festival at Helmond	
	2	1000	Major McFarlane at 8 Corps Cinema Festival at Helmond.	
	10	1100	Unit moved to new location at ASTEN. Map Ref Sheet 3. E.7114.	Folio 1.
ASTEN	18	0800	Major McFarlane proceeded on leave to U.K.	
	24	1410	Unit moved to new location at GOIRLE Sheet 2A & 3A E.1427	Folio 2.
GOIRLE	31		Major McFarlane returned from U.K. leave. Receipt and issue of Ordnance Stores continued throughout the month Strength of Unit 2 officers and 77 O.R's DG McFarlane Major	

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Unit 15(S) Inf Div O.F.P.

Month and Year Feb 1945

Commanding Officer D.G. McFARLANE MAJOR

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GOIRLE	1		Unit located at Goirle	Appx A-1
	7		HQ & C Sections moved to Nijmegen	"
	16		A & B Sections joined HQ & C Sections at Nijmegen	"
	18		HQ & C Sections moved to Nutterden	"
	25		A & B Sections and HQ & C Sections moved to Goirle Receipt & issue of Ordnance Stores continued throughout the month Strength of Unit Officers 2 ORs 76 Jones Lt for O.C.	Appx A-2

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Unit 15(S) INF. DIV. O.F.P

Month and Year MAR/1945

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.G. McFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GOIRLE	1		Unit located at Goirle	Appendix A-1
	7		Unit moved to Moll Donk	"
	16		A Section moved to East of Hamb	"
	20		A Section moved to N.E. of Hamb, Nr Kapelein	"
	21		HQ, B & C Sections joined A Section - " -	Appendix A-2
	28		Unit moved to North of Bislich Receipt & issue of Ordnance Stores continued throughout the month. Strength of Unit Officers 1 ORs 74	DG McFarlane

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Unit 15(S) Inf Div OFP

Month and Year APRIL/45

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.G. McFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Bislich	1		Unit located at Bislich)	Appendix A1
"	4		A & B Sections moved to Rhede)	"
Laer	5		HQ & C Sections moved to Laer)	"
"	6		A & B Sections moved to Greven) Receipt &	"
Rabber	7		HQ & C Sections moved to Rabber) Issue of	"
Petershagen	10		HQ & C Secs moved to Petershagen) Ordnance	"
Hagenburg	11		HQ & C Secs moved to Hagenburg) Stores	"
"	11		A & B Secs moved to Petershagen) continued	"
Eschede	12		A & B Secs moved to Hagenburg) throughout	"
"	15		HQ & C moved to Eschede) the month	"
Kl Herebeck	16		A & B moved to Eschede)	"
Suttorf	20		Unit moved to Kl Herebeck)	"
"	22		HQ moved to Suttorf)	Appendix A2
"	27		C Sections joined HQ at Suttorf)	"
	28		A & B Sections joined HQ & C) Strength of Unit Officers 2 ORs 74	" DG McFarlane Major

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Unit 15(S) Inf Div OFP

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer MAJOR D.G. McFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Suttorf	1		HQ & B Sections moved to Kruisen (R. Elbe crossed 2300 HRS)	APPX A1
Kruisen	2		HQ & B Sections moved to Schwarzenbek	"
"	4		C Section joined HQ at Schwarzenbek	"
"	5		A Section " " " "	"
"	7	1400	Copy of digest of instrument of Surrender received by this unit from ADOS 15(S) Inf Div	"
"	13	0600	HQ & B Sections moved to Stelmoor	"
"	14	0600	A & C Sections joined HQ & B Sections	"
			Strength of Unit Officers 2 ORs 75 Receipt & issues of Ordnance Stores continued throughout the month. DG McFarlane Major	

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Unit 305 ML & BU, RAOC

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer CAPT K.M. NEWMAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
A.P.O.	1		Infm by DDOS 8 Corps that Bath Units must be prepared to move independently from Ldy.	KMN
A.P.O.	3		Bath U working as usual during past week - nos bathed 3445 Route march.	KMN KMN Appx A 3008 & 3009
APO	4		Church parade in morning. Route march in afternoon.	KMN
APO	5		OC visited Corps HQ re important deficiencies	KMN
APO	6		Visit to Unit and talk to men by DDOS 8 Corps "D-Day" - no special activity in this area.	KMN KMN
APO	7		Notified re OC 8 Corps ORD residues.	KMN
APO	8		Visit by ADOS 15 (S) Div. Collected distribution box from DIDCOT	KMN
APO	9		Notified by DDOS 8 Corps approx date of move to theatre of ops. Collected overseas maps.	KMN
APO	10		Unit engaged on painting vehs during past week Bath U working as usual - nos bathed 2670	KMN Appx B 3008 & 3009
A.P.O.	13		Collect Bath U burners from DIDCOT. Recd message from CinC 21 A Gp	KMN
"	15		First raids by pilotless planes intermittently throughout the night. Purchased stores for DME Mod 672 on ORD EXFOR authy.	KMN
"	16		Visit from Sp Cashier. Raids again during night.	KMN
"	17		Visit from OC 8 Corps Residues. Raids during night. Unit completed veh painting during past week. Bath U programme restricted - nos bathed 320 - and revised	KMN KMN KMN Appx C 3008 & 3009
"	19	1130	Recd instrs from 21 A Gp via 110 MLBU to provide tpt to take laundry trailers from 110 MLBU to 101 MLBU. Lt RYE took convoy and trailers were delivered by 2100 hrs	KMN
"	20		OC attended conference at Corps Adm Post when it was agreed that MLBUs should NOT waterproof until notified Collected new 15 cwt truck in exchange for old one condemned by Wksps	KMN
" APO	22		Phone call from War Office to collect technical stores from Didcot. January completed.	KMN
	24		Unit engaged on regt trg for entire week.	KMN

			Bath U bathing Div residues. Instrs from OC 8 Corps Tps Residues to waterproof forthwith	KMN Appx D 3008 3009 KMN
"	25		All vehs cleaned preparatory to waterproofing	KMN
WORTHING	26	1100	Notified by W. SUSSEX SUB DISTRICT and confirmed by 8 CORPS ADM POST to use open address w.e.f. forthwith	KMN
APO	27		Instrs received from 8 CORPS ADM POST cancelled use of open address. Started waterproofing.	KMN
"	30		Reft of 1 Sjt ST/LD arrived. Unit now at full str	KMN

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Unit 305 ML&BU, RAOC

Month and Year JUL 1944

Commanding Officer CAPT K.M. NEWMAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
APO	1		Modifications to water trailers completed. Unit engaged on regt trg during week, also dvrs on waterproofing.	KMN KMN APPX A. 3008 & 3009
"	2		Church parade	KMN
"	3/4/5		Dvrs on waterproofing, remdr of Unit on loading, also regt trg	KMN
"	6	1500 1800	Message from 8 C Tps Res that Bath Secs were being phased fwd and that move for them at short notice should be anticipated TPM from ORD EXFOR to collect from FELTHAM stores for Mod B733 to ldy there.	KMN KMN
	7	0600 0900 1500	Sent to FELTHAM for stores Contacted Comd Wksps re the mod, who said could be completed by 15 Jul. Notified by 8 C Tps Res that Bath Sec now at 6 hrs notice	KMN KMN KMN
APO		1600	Bath Sec completely loaded & ready to move	KMN
"	8		REME insp waterproofing of vehs - all OK.	KMN Appx B - 3008 & 9
"	9		Waterproofing & loading completed.	KMN
"	11	1700 1800	TPM from SECO to contact CASTLE DONINGTON to collect 1 medium tractor in exchange for 1 3-ton lorry under authy IOWO/MOB/1638. Phoned CASTLE DONINGTON who know nothing about tractor, but said they would contact CHILWELL for infm. Notified SECO of sit.	KMN KMN
"	12	1200 1500 1600 1630	Infm by CHILWELL that tractor was available at CASTLE DONINGTON and waterproofing kit for same at CHILWELL Sent NCO to collect tractor Message from 8 C Tps Res to say complete Unit now at 6 hrs notice. Sent offr to explain about tractor also that 4 ldy trlrs were still in wksps for modification OC 8 C Tps Res said he would contact BUCO & phone later. Infm wksps of urgency of trailer mods, who promised completion by 13 JUL.	KMN KMN KMN KMN
APO				
"	13	1000 1200 1400	OC 8 C Tps Res phoned to know posn - gave details Fourth trlr retd from wksps. Special Cashier advised	KMN KMN KMN

		1600 1630 2000	NCO coll tractor phoned to say broken down near STREATHAM & infm 8 C Tps Res of sit & was instr to report sit direct to BUCO Phoned BUCO who instr to get tractor, waterproof same and notify them when ready to be called fwd Fifth trailer retd from wksps	KMN KMN KMN KMN
" APO	14	0100 1000 1200 1200 2100	Tractor arrived Infm ADOS SUSDIT of deficiencies on tractor & was told that these were NOT available Last trlr retd from wksps Notified BUCO that Unit would be ready to move by midnight Loading and waterproofing of tractor completed	KMN KMN KMN KMN KMN
"	15	2300	Collected movement order from SUSDIS	APPX C 3008 & 3009 KMN
"	16	1100	Unit moved to marshalling area - no incidents - Unit split between three craft.	KMN
Camp A19	17	2330	HQ party under comd OC ordered to move to port of embarkation.	KMN
P of E	18	0330	Arrived port of embkn.	KMN
"	19	1530	Embarked on LST.	
COURSEULLES	20	1600	Disembarked & proceeded to 8 Corps residues camp.	KMN
PIERREPONT	22		Moved from residue camp to PIERREPONT Remainder of Unit embarked	KMN KMN KMN APPX D 3008 & 3009
"	24		" " " disembarked & joined HQ	
" PIERREPONT	25	 1300	2 Bath sub-secs ordered to 4 Armd Bde. Disinfector to 7 Armd Div Ordered to recce site for laundry sec SE of CAEN and to set up to wash for 7 Armd Div temporarily on 27th Jul.	KMN KMN
"	27	0500 1900 2130	Moved ldy sec to new site at MONDEVILLE. Recd instrs from DDOS 8 Corps to evacuate ldy immediately Ldy evacuated. Saw ADOS 7 Armd Div who infm that a mistake had been made in sending ldy so far fwd, and that new site should be recced near THAON. Disinfector & 2 bath secs returned.	KMN KMN KMN
"	28		Recced site on R. MUC in THAON and moved Unit to it. 1 bath sub sec sent out to 13/18 HUSSARS	 KMN
THAON	30		Unit ready to work but infm by DDOS 8 Corps that move to 15 Div area was imminent.	APPX E 3008 & 9 KMN
"	31		Recced site in BALLEROY with ADOS 15 (S) Div.	KMN

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Unit 305 ML&BU, RAOC

Month and Year AUG 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BALLEROY	2		Unit moved to site at BALLEROY	KMN
"	3		Visited by ADOS 15 (S) Div who infm that Div was soon moving to new sector, and suggested ldy site in DAMPIERRE.	KMN
"	5		Recced site in DAMPIERRE & reported to ADOS	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN (APPX. 'A')
"	7		New proposed site not near enough to Div's new location, recced another at CATHEOLLES.	KMN
"	8		Visited ADOS who approved new site, but infm that ldy could not move there for a few days.	KMN
CATHEOLLES	9		Unit HQ & Bath sec moved to CATHEOLLES (7243) ldy still working at BALLEROY	KMN
"	10		Shuttle service for clean clothing now operating between ldy & bath secs.	KMN
"	12		Infm that Div moving to new sector, recced sites in MALTOT	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN (APPX. 'B')
BALLEROY	13		HQ retd to BALLEROY, Bath sec moved under Div comd to MALTOT	KMN
"	15		Recced several sites in area BULLY	KMN
"	16		HQ moved to BULLY also 2 Bath sub secs.	KMN
BULLY	17		Ldy site found at GRIMBOSQ reported to ADOS & DDOS 8 Corps. Moved HQ to GRIMBOSQ. REs started mine clearing of site.	KMN
GRIMBOSQ	18		REs finished mine clearing - 6 "S" mines located	KMN
"	19		Ldy & Bath secs moved to GRIMBOSQ	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN (APPX. 'C')
"	23		Sites recced for Bath sec nr FALAISE. ADOS arranged for dump to be located at ldy site.	KMN
"	24		ADOS dump recalled. Bath sec joined Div OFP at USSY nr FALAISE.	KMN
"	25		Ldy sec came under comd DDOS 12 Corps. Bath sec went fwd under comd 15 (S) Div	KMN
GRIMBOSQ	26		Notification recd of probable move of ldy	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN (APPX. 'D')

"	28		DDOS 12 Corps infm that Unit would move in conjunction with 107 & 307 MLBUs on 2 Sep	KMN
"	29		Moved to THURY HARCOURT with other Corps ldys.	KMN
THURY HARCOURT	30		Moved to EPINAY (Q8267)	KMN

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
EPINAY	2		Moved to ST CYR VAUDREUIL (R2595) on R. EURE	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN APPX 'A'
ST CYR	3		Moved to ANDE (R2198) across R. SEINE	KMN
ANDE	4		Moved to SARNOIS (M8136) to harbour with other Corps ldys	KMN
SARNOIS	7		Moved to SERVINS (N3813)	KMN
SERVINS	9		Moved to ST SAUVEUR (J0842) crossing FRENCH-BELGIAN frontier	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN APPX 'B'
ST SAUVEUR	10		Recced site for working ldy at ST AMAND	KMN
"	11		Moved to ST AMAND (J5279) on R. SCHELDE	KMN
ST AMAND	12		Ldy in operation and clothing exchange with bath sec at LONDERZEEL working	KMN
"	13/16		Ldy in operation.	KMN
"	16		Visited ADOS 15 (S) Div and recced site in area AERSCHOT - SICHEM	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN APPX 'C'
ST AMAND	17	1340 1600	Glider crashed on Unit - 7 bodies recovered and buried in ST AMAND cemetery - crash reported to RAF and 12 Corps - Guard mounted on wreck	KMN
"	18	1800 2300	RAF inspected glider & guard dismounted Instrs from DDOS to move to SICHEM on 19th	KMN
"	19	1200	Unit moved to SICHEM (K0871)	KMN
SICHEM	20	0800 1600	Unit in operation at new site. Visited by DDOS 12 Corps	KMN KMN
"	21	1100	Went fwd with 15 (S) Div to recce site in EINDHOVEN	KMN
"	22	0800	Bath sec moved fwd with Div OFP	KMN
"	23	2330	Instrs from DDOS to move to WEZEL on 24th	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN APPX 'D'
"	24	1200 1900	Moved to WEZEL (K2591) unsuitable site. Visited 15 (S) Div & 12 Corps and recd permission to move Unit to site previously recced at EINDHOVEN	KMN KMN
WEZEL	25	0700	Moved Unit to EINDHOVEN (E4017) crossing BELGIAN-DUTCH frontier	KMN

EINDHOVEN "	26	0900 0800	Unit in operation on clothing exchange with bath sec (also at EINDHOVEN) and on washing Div blankets. Visited by ADOS & AQ Div. 107 ML&BU moved to same site.	 KMN KMN
"	27		Unit in operation	KMN
"	28	1030	Posting order arrived for LT LEVIN to be cross-posted with LT SHARPE of 106 ML&BU.	 KMN
"	29	1600	Visited by DDOS 12 Corps	KMN
"	30	0630	OC went to 2nd Army on instrs from DDOS to see about release of tractors in lieu of lorries for ML&BUs	 KMN AFG 3008 & 9 APPX 'E'

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Month and Year OCT 44

Commanding Officer CAPT K.M. NEWMAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
EINDHOVEN	1	1800 1200	Unit came under comd 15 (S) Div LT SHARPE taken on str as Bath Sec Offr. 2 Bath sub-secs sent out to GEMERT.	KMN KMN
"	2	1000 1430	Instr by DDOS 12 Corps to contact 8 Corps re tractors for ldy. Visited by ADOS 15 (S) Div & ADOS 51 Highland Div.	KMN KMN
"	3	0900	Recced area HELMOND - GEMERT for ldy site	KMN
"	6	1630	Attended address by Div Comdr.	KMN
"	7	-	New site for ldy found at HELMOND	KMN AFG 3008 & 9 APPX 'A'
GEMERT	9	1030	Moved laundry to GEMERT (E571324)	KMN
"	11	1000	Collected new tractors from 8 Corps Veh Pk Present site flooded from exceptionally hy rain but ldy still working	KMN KMN
"	12	1700	ADOS agreed to ldy moving to site originally recced in GELDROP	KMN
GEMERT	14	1900	Very hy arty activity due North	KMN AFG 3008 & 9 APPX 'B'
GELDROP	15	1200	Moved unit to GELDROP (E4816)	KMN
"	16	0900	Unit working - visited by ADOS (15 (S) Div)	KMN
"	19		Wrote to ADOS asking whether anything can be done on manpower sit. as with this unit being mobilized on a Type B WE and holding Type A eqpt. The shortage is acute	KMN
"	20		Plant now badly in need of complete overhaul, have applied for permission to close down for 4 days for this	KMN
"	21		Great difficulty in getting spares for laundry. ADOS has agreed to "White Hot."	KMN AFG 3008/9 KMN APPX 'C'
"	22		Lt RYE sent to Laundry Automaint Depot in BRUSSELS to try for certain laundry spares - no success Indents white-hotted	KMN KMN
"	25	0900	Bath section withdrawn to Unit on change of location of Division	KMN
GELDROP	26	0900	ADOS has agreed to laundry closing from 29 Oct - 3 Nov	KMN

"	28	1000	Bath sec offr recced site at TILBURG	KMN 3008 & 9 APPX 'D'.
"	29	1800 2200 2315	Enemy air activity in direction of HELMOND Ordered by 15 (S) Div HQ to pack up laundry immediately owing to operational necessity and be ready to move at short notice, and to recce site HELMOND at first light.	KMN KMN
" " "	30	0500 0630 1700	Having worked by moonlight all night, laundry ready to move apart from one trailer which has been stripped Recced several sites in HELMOND - more suitable, but after finding out Town Major's commitments, site eventually found. Reported to Div HQ & was told to move laundry at first light.	 KMN KMN KMN
HELMOND	31	0700	Moved Unit to HELMOND (E557217)	KMN

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Unit 305 ML&BU RAOC

Month and Year Nov 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1	0830	2 Bath sub-secs ordered to ASTEN (M.R. 6113)	KMN
"	4/6	1400	Conference of ldy offrs called by DDOS. Arranged that OsC Units should submit proposals for revised WE.	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN
"	7	0700	OC to TILBURG with a view to arranging laundry contract for Div Rest Centre	KMN
		1200	Notification from Town Major to recce new site as existing one reqd by 2nd Army Railhead	KMN
		1400	Previous message confirmed by Div HQ.	KMN
"	8	0900	Several sites recced. Agreed with Town Maj on occupation of De Wit's factory.	KMN
"	10	1400	Moved Unit to new site (557213)	KMN
"	11	0800	Visited DDOS 8 Corps to try to get urgent spares question settled - position most unsatisfactory as apparently spare parts for generators are not available in this theatre.	KMN AFG 3008/9
HELMOND	14		Gave up occupation of town bath-house	KMN
"	16	0800	Started new system of blanket exchange with No 4 BHL at Brussels	KMN
"	19			AFG 3008 & 9 KMN
"	20	0800	Bath section moved from HELMOND to ASTEN (MR 6113)	KMN
"	22	1400	Collected new 15 cwt truck on 2nd Army authy	KMN
"	25			AFG 3008 & 9
	26	0900	2 bath sub-secs moved from ASTEN to HORST	KMN
"	28	0730	Vehs sent to MALINES on ADOS authy for collection of blankets for Division	KMN
"	30	0730	Generator (condemned as U/S) taken to Raoc wksps at BRUSSELS where a few laundry spares were available	KMN

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Unit 305 ML&BU

Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer CAPT K.M. NEWMAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1		Recced site at BERINGEN on ADOS instructions - no use	KMN
"	2		Further areas for site - unsuccessful	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN
"	9			AFG 3008 & 9 KMN
"	12		OC to BRUSSELS to collect new generator on instrs DADOS(L) 21 A Gp	KMN
"	16			AFG 3008 & 9 KMN
"	17	0830	Slight enemy air activity - two bombs dropped.	KMN
"	18		Closed 2 Bath sub-secs at ASTEN	KMN
"	23			AFG 3008 & 9 KMN
"	25		Unit not working today	KMN
"	28		OC unable to attend Laundry Conference at MOLL owing to ice & fog on roads	KMN
"	30		ADOS arranged laundry discussion for Bde QMs.	AFG 3008 & 9 KMN

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Unit 305 MLBU

Month and Year Jan 45

Commanding Officer CAPT K.M. NEWMAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1	0845	Heavy enemy air activity for about 1 hr. Planes were attacking ground targets. Saw 3 hit by AA fire.	KMN
"	3	1000	Recd warning order to move to ASTEN	KMN
"	4	1100	Div Comd visited unit. Site recced at ASTEN	KMN
ASTEN	6	1600	Move completed and ORD was established (ADOS OFP & selves)	KMN
"	8		Difficulties with water supply - pump not strong enough	KMN
"	9	2200	Unit now working - introduced 3 shifts	KMN
"	13		Notified that Unit has to supply 14 men for compulsory transfer to Inf - only 9 men eligible	KMN
"	15		Continual breakdowns on laundry - spares situation so farcical as items such as boiler feed pumps are just not available	KMN
"	16		Borrowed odd spares from other units in attempt to get laundry operating. Six ST/LD attached for duty from No 3 BHL	KMN
ASTEN	17	0200	Improvisations have now put half unit in working order	KMN
"	18		9 ORs posted to Inf 5 replacements arrived	KMN
"	19	0300	Generator broken down - no spares available	KMN
"	21	1800	Generator patched up & 1 wing working. Contacted 307 MLBU to exchange 1 wing type A eqpt for 2 CCS trailers under authy 21 A Gp	KMN
"	23		1 wing handed over to 307 MLBU. 4 GD men arrived to complete reinforcements	KMN
"	24	1800	Site near TILBURG recced under Div instrs.	KMN
"	25	0800	Advance party sent to new site - closed laundry	KMN
"	27	0830	Unit moved to GOIRLE	KMN
"	28		Laundry operating. Bath secs sent to Bdes. Lt Sharpe on course	KMN
"	30	1500	1 CCS trailer collected from 307 MLBU. Report sent to ADOS re laundry spares on instrs from ORD EXFOR	KMN

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Unit 305 MLBU

Month and Year FEB' 45

Commanding Officer CAPT K.M. NEWMAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GOIRLE	4	0845	Corps Comd address to Offrs re forthcoming ops - 1 bath sec to NIJMEGEN	
"	7		CCS trailer recd end of Jan out of action, engine not timed correctly.	
"	9		Laundry completely out of action owing to lack of spares.	
"	12		Laundry operating again - Automaint contacted re urgent spares reqd Notification from 307 MLBU that 2nd CCS trailer now available	
"	14		CCS trailer recd.	
"	19		Indents to automaint, several of them met and the balance noted. Arrangements have also been made for local manufacture. Hy "V1" activity in ANTWERP direction.	
"	22		Ordered to recce site for laundry in HELMOND - recced and found suitable site	
"	24		Move to HELMOND cancelled	
"	27		Reverted to system of clothing exchange with both secs. Both secs all out to new locations.	

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Unit 305 MLBU

Month and Year MAR 45

Commanding Officer CAPT K.M. NEWMAN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GOIRLE	1	0930	Made arrangements with Civ Affairs for employment of 12 civs.	
"	4	1500	Div church parade, unit represented with 4 ORs	
"	5	1500	Parade and insp by GOC.	
"	7	0100	3 Refts arrived. 1 Cpl & 1 OR under close arrest	
"	8		Summaries of evidence being prepared	
"	11	0900	OC to ADOS re Bath secs - posn of secs being semi-permanently att to Bdes is unsatisfactory	
MOLL	12	0800	HQ moved to MOLL. Laundry remains at GOIRLE	
"	15		OC recced area KAPELLEN (Germany) for laundry site	
"	16	0700	Adv party sent to new location	
"	17	2000	Warning order for unit move on 19th	
GOIRLE	18	1400	HQ retd to GOIRLE	
KAPELLEN	19	0630	Unit moved to new site at KAPELLEN (A 0530) crossing DUTCH-GERMAN frontier	
"	20		9 Civs employed through Mily Govt.	
KAPELLEN	21	1700	Laundry in operation	
"	24	10-1200	Airborne ops seen with RHINE crossing	
"	25	2130	Unit m/c gunned by low flying aircraft - no cas	
"	26	1400	10 Rfts posted	
"	28		OC fwd over R. RHINE to recce new site in VISSEL	
"	29	2200	OC to ADOS re proposed move.	
"	30	0800	Adv party sent to new locn, and stores sent fwd	
"	31	2300	Laundry packed ready to move.	

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Unit 305 MLBU, RAOC.

Month and Year Apr 45.

Commanding Officer Capt. K.M. Newman.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
VISSEL	1	13.00	HQ and Laundry Sec crossed RHINE and moved to new locn at VISSEL Instr recd from ADOS that Unit would move fwd on following day.	
RHEDE	2	15.00	Unit moved to new locn at RHEDE	
"	3	14.00 18.00	Laundry erected and ready for operation. Lorries sent back to collect in dirty clothing from Bath Secs. 2 Bath Secs rejoined Unit while their Bdes were moving.	
"	4	10.00 20.00	LT SHARPE proceeded to ADOS 15(S) Div to arrange for a fwd dump to be established for clean clothing sups for Bath Secs. 1 further Bath Sec rejoined Unit.	
"	5	08.00	3 Bath Secs ordered out to sites to N. of Munster.	
"	6		O.C. recce'd area GREVEN for new laundry site. 4 lorry loads of clean clothing sent fwd to clean clothing dump at GREVEN	
"	7	06.00 12.00	LT. RYE with an advance party of 6 O.Rs proceeded fwd to GREVEN O.C. ill - admitted to 23 C.C.S.	AFW.3008/9
"	8		Laundry packed up preparatory to moving. 4 lorry loads of clothing & stores sent fwd to GREVEN.	
GREVEN	9	14.00	Unit moved to site at GREVEN to harbour only. LT RYE proceeded fwd to recce a site in area MINDEN, on ADOS instr.	
PETERSHAGEN	10	12.00	Unit moved to a site at a brickworks S. of PETERSHAGEN. Laundry erected on bank of WESER. 1 RD Sjt replacement arrived.	
"	11	10.00	Laundry operating. Div Tps Bath Sec rejoined Unit	
"	12	15.00	Boiler Fan Motor and Starter out of order. 1 CCS Trailer only in operation.	
"	13		Wksps attempting repair of Fan Motor.	
"	14		Wksps unable to repair motor and in view of urgency veh sent back to BRUSSELS for replacement.	AFW.3008/9
PETERSHAGEN	16		O.C. rejoined Unit on discharge from 23 C.C.S.	
"	17	08.00 22.00	LT RYE proceeded fwd to recce site in area UELZEN Veh retd from BRUSSELS with re-conditioned Boiler Fan Motor.	
"	18	09.00	1 Bath Sec placed under command 8 Corps for bathing duties at BELSEN concentration camp.	

"	19	15.00	Boiler Fan Motor fitted and Laundry again working.	
"	20		LT RYE carried out further recce - area UELZEN - site found at BEVENSEN	
"	21	08.00	Advance party sent fwd to new locn, with quantity of clean clothing.	AFW.3008/9
"	22		Further quantity of clean clothing and stores sent fwd to BEVENSEN	
"	23		2 CCS Trailers sent fwd to new locn.	
BEVENSEN	24	12.00	Remainder of Laundry moved fwd. Laundry erected and ready to operate.	
"	25	07.00	Laundry operating to supply Bath Secs with clean clothing.	
"	27		LT. SHARPE visited Bath Sec still working at BELSEN Camp, Section working to capacity.	AFW.3008/9
"	29	12.00	American Tps moved into this area. Visit by C.O., of American Laundry Unit with view to taking over site when Unit moves out.	
"	30	10.00	Bath Sec operating at BELSEN returned to Unit. Approx 13,000 persons bathed by the section whilst it operated at BELSEN.	

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Unit 305 MLBU, RAOC.

Month and Year May 45.

Commanding Officer Capt. K.M. Newman.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BEVENSEN	1	08.00	One Bath Sec sent forward across ELBE to join DIV.	AFC
S.9102	2		O.C. proceeded fwd to area SCHWARZENBEK to recce laundry site.	AFC
"	4	15.00	Laundry ceased work preparatory to closing up for move fwd.	AFC
"	5		Laundry packed up and stores loaded for move to new site.	AFC
GROSSENSEE	6	14.00	Laundry sec and HQ moved to site by GROSSENSEE	AFC
S.7362	7		O.C. proceeded on recce of the area for a more suitable site.	AFC
"	8		Further recces carried out - no suitable vacant site available. 1 Bath sec fwd with 46 Bde to KIEL	AFC
"	9		Laundry erected on site at GROSSENSEE	AFC
"	10	07.00	Laundry ready for operation. Change-over from Bath Unit exchanges to bulk system.	AFC
"	12	14.00	Notification rec'd FGCsM provisionally fixed for 17 May 45 for 3 O.Rs.	AFC
"	14		On instr from ADOS, 15(S) Div, 2 IC carried out investigation of laundry facilities at LUBECK. Result :- Plants available too small for requirements and lack fuel.	AFC AFC AFC
"	15		Investigation made of Civilian laundry facilities at HAMBURG. Only suitable plants are in operation for HAMBURG garrison.	AFC
"	17		FGCs.M. postponed. Instr from ADOS to recce area LUBECK for suitable site	AFC
"	19		Civilian laundries in areas BAD ODESLOE and BAD SEGEBERG investigated as to suitability for Div work. Results :- All plants seen, too small.	AFC AFC AFC
"	21	07.00	One U/S CCS Mk III Laundry Trailer sent back to No 2 (Ldy) Sub depot for replacement.	AFC
"	22	10.00	Posting order received for Capt K.M. Newman to proceed to 54 R.H.U. under Pickfords IV - RAOC Offrs. Advance party sent fwd to prepare new site at LUBECK.	AFC
"	23	09.00	Lt SHARPE proceeded to AHRENSBURG to arrange for employment of 30 German Civ women on Sock Repairing. Quantities of Woollen Vests & Drawers returned to S.C.U. after washing.	AFC

GROSSENSEE	24	08.00	Three loads of stores and clothing sent fwd to new locn.	AFC
S.7362	26	17.00	Laundry ceased work in preparation for closing down. Laundry & stores packed.	AFC
LUBECK. S.9594	27	12.00	Unit HQ and Laundry Sec moved to new locn near LUBECK.	AFC
"	28	12.00	Laundry erected and ready for operation.	AFC
"	29	15.00 16.00	Capt. A.F. CHASEMORE arrived to take over command of Unit on posting of Capt. K.M. NEWMAN. Replacement CCS Mk III Trailer arrived from BRUSSELS (No 2 (Ldy) Sub Depot).	AFC AFC
"	30		New CCS Trailer in operation	AFC
"	31	12.00	Notification rec'd, FGCs.M. for 3 O.Rs fixed for 4 June at 227 Bde HQ.	

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Unit 15 (S) Divisional Provost Company, R.M.P.

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Capt., DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1 - 6		Routine Duties	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'A')
	7		Advance Party "Stand To" for Op "OVERLORD"	
	8		Advance Party move to Marshalling Area	
	9		Remainder of Coy "Stand To"	
	10		Portions 2 & 3 proceeded to Marshalling Area.	
	11		Advance Party embarked Millwall Docks, London	
	12		Main Party (Portions 2 & 3) at Marshalling Camps awaiting embarkation orders	
	13		Advance Party disembarked France. Portion No 2 embarked Southampton Docks. Portion 3 embarked Victoria Docks, London.	
	14		Main Party enroute France. Advance Party preparing conc. area for Div	
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	16		Main Party disembarked France. Company concentrated at St. Gabriel.	
	17-23		Coy. engaged in moving Div. into Conc. area.	
	24		Coy. H.Q. moved to Cully. Sections engaged in moving Div troops up the line.	AFs W 3008 & 9 (Appx 'B')
	25		Div troops in line and Sections allotted to Bdes for Op "EPSOM".	
	26		Commencement of Op "EPSOM". Coy HQ move to Putot-en-Bessin.	
	27		Op "EPSOM" No. 4 Portion embarked Southampton Docks.	
	28		Op "EPSOM"	
	29		-do- No. 4 Portion disembarked France and joined Coy at Putot-en-Bessin.	
	30		-do- Coy casualties to date: 1 Cpl evacuated to UK - accidental injury: 1 L/C evacuated to UK - accidental injury: 1 L/C posted absent: 2 L/Cs evacuated with shrapnel wounds. (TOTAL: 1 Cpl (ACC) 4 L/Cpls (CMP)	

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Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Capt., DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1		Op "EPSOM"	AFs W 3008/3009 (Appx 'A')
	2		Div in reserve and Coy located at Secqueville-en-Bessin	
	3-14		Coy engaged in Traffic Duties in Div Area. Mobile and Foot Patrols in Div Area. C in C 21 Army Group at conference in Secqueville, NCOs for outriders and security duty on 6th July.	AFs W 3008/3009 (Appx 'B')
	15		Coy located at St. Mauvieu. Op "GREENLINE". Sections allotted to Bdes for operation.	AFs W 3008/3009 (Appx 'C')
	16		Op "GREENLINE" 1 Sjt., 2 L/Cpls killed by enemy action, 1 L/Cpl wounded.	
	17		Op "GREENLINE" 2 L/Cpls wounded	
	18		Coy HQ moved to Bronay. Sections detached from Bdes and returned to Coy.	
	19		1 Section for relief 44 Bde by 46 Bde.	
	20-22		Coy personnel engaged in bringing up to standard M.T., G 1098 equipment etc. Mobile patrols in Div area. 1 L/Cpl posted to Coy.	AFs W 3008/3009 (Appx 'D')
	23		Sections allotted to Bdes for relief of 5 US Div by 15 (S) Div in Balleroy area. Coy engaged in move of Div to Balleroy area. 5 L/Cpls posted to Coy.	
	24-27		1 Section at POW Cage. Coy located Nr Balleroy. Road patrols maintained in Div area. Coy personnel manning information posts and traffic points in Div area.	
	28		1 Section engaged on R.A. Dumping programme.	
	29		Secs allotted to Bdes for move to Marshalling Area for Op "BLUECOAT"	AFs W 3008/3009 (Appx 'E')
	30		Op "BLUECOAT". Coy located in Caumont area.	
	31		Op "BLUECOAT"	

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Unit 15 (S) Divisional Provost Company,

Month and Year AUGUST 1944

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Captain, DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-7		Op "BLUECOAT".	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'A')
	8		" " Coy HQ plus 1 Sec established at La Plissoniere	
	9-13		" "	
	14		Division moved to Amay Sur Orne area. Secs engaged in moving Div to new area. Coy HQ at Amay sur Orne plus 2 Sections.	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'B')
	15		1 Sec for duty on relief of 44 Bde by 227	
	16		Coy HQ established at La Hutery. Secs engaged in moving Div to that area.	
	17		1 Section allotted to 46 Bde for duty.	
	18		Coy moved to Fresny les Vieux.	
	19		1 Section for duty with 44 Bde on relief of 227 Bde	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'C')
	20		Coy HQ at Falaise.	
	21		Traffic Points and Information Posts being manned in Div area.	
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	23		Coy HQ at Crecy. Sections allotted to Bdes for moves.	
	24		" " " "	
	25		" " in Breglie area.	
	26		" " at Colombon.	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'D')
	27		Coy in area Louviere. Sections allotted to Bdes for crossing of R. Seine.	
	28		) Section personnel on point duty on	
	29		) bridges over R. Seine.	
	30		) P.O.W. Posts established. Coy HQ crossed R. Seine and established	
	31		) in area of village ANDES.	

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Month and Year SEPTEMBER 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-2		Coy personnel manning Bridges over R. SEINE. Sections allotted to Bdes for Divl move.	
	3		Div moved to area La Fouillie. Personnel on Traffic Control duty.	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'A')
	4-5		Div in area Villedieu la Montagne. NCOs on Road and Traffic Duty.	
	6		Div moved to area PECQ (Belgium). Coy HQ established in PECQ.	
	7		Secs with Coy H.Q. Static Foot Patrols in Div area.	
	8		Div moved to area AUDENARDE. NCOs for road and traffic duty for move.	
	9		Coy HQ at AUDENARDE. Static Foot Patrols in Div area	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'B')
	10		Div moved to area RAMSDONK. NCOs on duty signing and Policing route.	
	11		Secs with Coy. NCOs engaged on M.T. Maintenance.	
	12		Move of Div to area of WESTERLOO. Coy HQ at WESTERLOO.	
	13		NCOs on Traffic Duty on Bridges over ALBERT CANAL.	
	14		Div moved and established in area of GHEEL. Coy HQ at ZITTAART.	
	15		Static Patrols in Div area.	
	16-20		NCOs engaged on Point Duty, Patrol Duty in GHEEL and MOLL. NCOs on duty at Bridges over Canal.	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'C')
	21		Div moved to area EINDHOVEN. Coy HQ at ZEELST. NCOs for Road and Traffic Duty for move.	
	22-26		NCOs on Point Duty in Div area. Sections with Bdes for Traffic Duty.	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'D')
	27-28		Div moved to area ACHT. NCOs engaged on Point and Traffic Duty.	
	29		Div moved to area NIJNSEL.	
	30		Secs with Coy engaged on M.T. Maintenance. 1 L/Cp1 involved in Traffic Accident 12 Sep. Received injuries from which he has since died. 11 L/Cpl deficient in Company strength.	AFs W 3008 & 3009 (Appx 'E')

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Month and Year OCTOBER 1944

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Captain, DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-3		Company personnel engaged on Traffic Duty in Div area.	
	4		Divisional move. Secs allotted for duty to Bdes. Coy H.Q. established at Gemert.	
	5-23		Coy at Gemert. Engaged on Traffic Duty and Foot Patrols in Divisional Area.	Appx 'A'(AFsW 3008&3009) " 'B'(" " ")
	24		Div moved to area Oudenrode.	" 'C'(" " ")
	25		" " " " Oirschot.	
	26		Coy HQ at Oirschot. Sections for duty on Bridges in Div Area.	
	27		Div moved to Hilvarenbeek. Sections for duty with Bdes.	
	28		" " " Tilburg.	" 'D'(AFsW 3008&3009)
	29		" " " Helmond.	
	30		" " " Zomeren.	
	31		Coy HQ in Zomeren. Coy deficient 2 L/Cpls. 1 Sjt overstrength. 1 Sjt applied for Commission.	

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Unit 15 (S) DIVISIONAL PROVOST COMPANY, CMP

Month and Year November 1944

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Captain, DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-10		Company personnel engaged in Road and Traffic Duty within Divisional area.	Appx 'A' -AFsW 3008&3009
	10		NCOs for Traffic and Security duty on visit of General Dempsey to Div HQ	
	11-19		NCOs engaged on Road and Traffic duty in Div area.	Appx 'B' -AFsW 3008&3009
	20		Div to Deurne area. Coy HQ south of Deurne.	Appx 'C' -AFsW 3008&3009
	21-24		Company personnel engaged on Road and Traffic Duty in Div area.	
	25		Div move to Hegelsom. Coy HQ at Hegelsom. NCOs for road and traffic duty during move. 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl killed by enemy mines.	Appx 'D' -AFsW 3008&3009
	26-28		Coy NCOs engaged on Road and Traffic duty in Div area. Traffic duty on Bridges in Div area. 2 Sjts, 1 Cp1 posted from 120 Pro Coy.	
	29		Move to Panningen, of Div HQ. NCOs for Road and Traffic Duty during move.	
	30		NCOs on Point Duty etc. in Div area. 1 Sjt granted immediate commission and posted to 120 Pro Coy as 2/Lieut. on 29 Nov 44. Battle Casualties for month : 1 Sjt 1 Cpl killed.	

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Month and Year DECEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Capt. DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1		Div stationed in Panningen area. Coy HQ at Panningen. NCOs on Traffic Duty in Divisional area.	
	2-10		NCOs engaged on Traffic Duty and Speed Check Patrols in Div area.	Appx 'A'(AFsW 3008&3009)
	11		ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto Spare vehicle drivers being trained.	Appx 'B'(AFsW 3008&3009)
	12		Traffic Duty and Road Patrols by NCOs in Div area.	
	13		ditto ditto ditto. NCOs on Traffic and Security Duty on occasion of visit of Field Marshal Montgomery to present medals to Div personnel	
	14-15		NCOs engaged on road and traffic duty in Div area.	
	16		ditto ditto ditto Leave Ballot, for leave to UK, held.	Appx 'C'(AFsW 3008&3009)
	17-23		NCOs engaged on road and traffic duty in Div area	Appx 'D'(AFsW 3008&3009)
	24-31		ditto ditto ditto ditto	Appx 'E'(AFsW 3008&3009)

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Month and Year January 1945

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Capt. DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-9		NCOs engaged on Road and Traffic Duty in Divisional area.	
	10		ditto ditto ditto ditto. NCOs for duty on move of R.A. within Div area.	
	11		NCOs engaged on Road and Traffic Duty in Divisional area. 1 Officer and 1 Cp1 despatched to CMP Depot, Mytchett for course, prior to being attached for duty to CMP Depot in BLA	
	12		NCOs engaged on road and traffic duty in Div area	
	13		ditto ditto ditto ditto. NCOs as escort to Corps Commander on his visit to HQ 44 Bde	
	14		NCOs engaged on road and traffic duty in Div area. NCOs for duty on move of R.A. within Divisional area.	
	15-18		NCOs engaged on Road and Traffic duty in Div area.	
	19		ditto ditto ditto ditto 1 Sec attached to 44 Bde on occasion of Bde move to Belgium for special training	
	20		NCOs engaged on Road and Traffic duty within Div area. 227 Bde relieved by R.M. Commando - NCOs on duty for this move.	
	21		NCOs on Road and Traffic duty in Div area.	
	22		ditto ditto ditto 1 Officer (Sub) posted to this Unit.	
	23		ditto ditto ditto	
	24		Div move to Helvourt area. Coy HQ in Helvourt. NCOs on road duty for this move.	
	25		1 Officer and 5 NCOs on duty for move of RA Regt to new location.	
	26		NCOs on Road and Traffic duty in new area.	
	27		1 Section returned to Coy on being detached from 44 Bde.	
	28-31		Street patrols in force in Div area. Information Post established in Tilburg.	

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Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer R.A. Evans Lieut., RA.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-3		Street Patrols in Tilburg. Information Post established in Tilburg. Advance Party proceeded to new location at Nijmegen.	AFsW 3008 - 3009
	4		Sections allotted to Bdes for move to new area.	
	5		Sections on road and traffic duty on occasion of Bde moves. Div HQ move to Nijmegen. Coy HQ established in Nijmegen. PW Cage established.	
	6		Sections with Bdes and preparations being made for Operation "VERITABLE"	
	7		do do do do do do do do NCOs engaged on Security Patrols in Nijmegen	
	9-10		Operation "Veritable"	AFsW 3008 - 3009
	11		Div move into Germany. HQ established in area Kranenburg.	
	13-14		Op "VERITABLE" Div HQ move to CLEVE. Coy HQ established in CLEVE	
	15-17		Op "VERITABLE" Anti-looting patrols in CLEVE	AFsW 3008 - 3009
	18		Op "VERITABLE"	
	19		Op "VERITABLE" Div HQ move to Bedburg. Coy HQ in Bedburg.	
	20-25		Op "VERITABLE" Move to GOCH area 22nd Feb.	AFsW 3008 - 3009
	26		Division moved to BOXTEL (Holland) for rest period. NCOs on road and traffic duty for this move.	
	27		NCOs engaged on vehicle maintenance, cleaning of equipment etc.	
	28		do do do do	

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Month and Year March 1945

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Captain, DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-3		Company NOOs engaged on maintenance of vehs and equipment after ops	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	4		Company NCOs for duty at Div Church Parade and Massed Bands Display at Tilburg	
	5		1 Sec for duty with Bde for move to new area. Remainder of Coy engaged on maintenance etc.	
	6		Coy move to Zonhoven (Belgium). NCOs for Road and Point duty.	
	7-12		Coy HQ in Zonhoven. Foot and Mobile patrols in Hasselt, Zonhoven and Div area.	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	13		NCOs for Security and Escort duty on occasion of Field Marshal Montgomery's visit to Div HQ	
	14-16		3 Secs for Exercise with Bde (River crossings)	
	17-20		Foot and Mobile patrols in Hasselt, Zonhoven and Div area.	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	21-22		Night move of Coy to Sonsbeck. NCOs for Road and Point duty for move.	
	23		Sections attached to Bdes for Op "TORCHLIGHT"	
	24		Op "TORCHLIGHT". 2 NCOs killed - 6 NCOs wounded.	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	25		Coy move to area Xanten. NCOs for Road and Point duty. Op "TORCHLIGHT"	
	26		Coy move across River Rhine to Bergen. Op "TORCHLIGHT"	
	27-28		Op "TORCHLIGHT"	
	29		Coy move to Hamminkeln.	
	30-31		NCOs engaged on maintenance of vehs etc. Patrols and Point duty in Div area.	AFsW 3008 & 3009

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Month and Year April '45

Commanding Officer J.A. Booth Capt. DAPM

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1-3		Coy HQ at Hamminkeln. NCOs engaged on Road and Point duty in Div Area	
	4		Move to Teklenburg. NCOs on Point Duty and Route signing.	
	5		Sections allotted to Bdes for Operational duties	
	6		Div HQ move to Lavelsloh. NCOs on Point Duty and Route Signing.	
	7-9		NCOs engaged on Traffic and Point Duty in Div area	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	10		Div HQ move to Hagenberg. NCOs on Road and Traffic Duty for move	
	11		" " " " Fuhrberg " " " " " " " "	
	12		" " " " Celle " " " " " " " "	
	13		" " " " Eschede " " " " " " " "	
	14		" " " " Hooseringen " " " " " " " "	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	15		" " " " Hamerstorf " " " " " " " "	
	16-18		NCOs engaged on civilian veh checks and traffic duty in Div area	
	19		Div HQ move to Barum. NCOs on Road duty and Route signing for move	
	20		" " " " Scharenbeck. NCOs on Road duty and Route signing for move	
	21		NCOs on duty for evacuation of civilians from Bde area.	AFs W 3008 & 3009
Field	22-27		NCOs on Mobile Patrol duty, Civilian Check Duty and Point duty in Div area	
	28		Secs allotted to Bdes for Op "ENTERPRISE"	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	29		Op "ENTERPRISE"	
	30		Move to Juliusburg. NCOs on Road duty and Route signing for move.	

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Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Captain J.A. BOOTH RA.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1		Coy H.Q. at Juliusburg. Secs attached Bdes for moves. 1 Sec at Kiel for duty	
	2		Move to Brunstorf. Coy personnel engaged on Road and Traffic duty.	
	3		Move to Grande. Coy NCOs engaged on Road and Traffic duty.	
	4		Move to Hammoor. " " " " " " " "	
	5		Secs attached to Bdes for duty. Patrol Duties, PW Duties.	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	6-13		NCOs engaged on Police duties - Road and Veh checks. Mobile & Foot Patro1s	AFsW 3008 & 3009
	14		Move to Wohldorf. Secs stationed in towns in Div area. Engaged on Mobile and Foot patrols, PW Duties etc.	
	15		Road and Traffic Duties. In Div area. Mobile Patrols. 2 Secs stationed in Lubeck.	
	16-31		Coy HQ in Wohldorf. NCOs engaged on Foot & Mobile Patrols, Traffic Checks, P.W. Duties etc in Div area.	AFsW 3008 & 3009 AFsW 3008 & 3009