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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

OF

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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

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 offr 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 would 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 pl 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 small 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 reced 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.	