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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders

Month and Year JANUARY, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col P.M. HUNT

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | References to Appendices |
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| | 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 ROGCEL 7397 after 12 days in the line. | |
| | 3 Jan | | Bn at ROGCEL 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 ROGCEL 7394. Normal Trg was carried out. Bn Snipers Course commenced and lasted 4 days. | |
| | 5 Jan | 1515 | Bn still at ROGCEL 7394. Normal Trg being carried out. 8 Corps Comd visits Bn HQ. | |
| | 6 Jan | 1000 1100 1700 | Bn still at ROGCEL 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 ROGCEL 7394. Normal trg being carried out. Coy Comds visit area of new location. | |
| | 8 Jan | | Bn still at ROGCEL 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. | |

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| | | | 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. | |

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| | | 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. | |