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**WAR DIARY**

or

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders

Month and Year DECEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer P.M. HUNT Lt.Col.

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

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

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

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