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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

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

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year January 1945

Commanding Officer Brig the Hon HCHT CUMMING-BRUCE DSO

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.	
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	5)	Normal activity.	
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	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	<u>44 (L) Inf Bde OO No. 3</u> issued. <u>44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No 11</u> 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	<u>44 (L) Inf Bde Adm Order No. 12</u> issued. <u>44 (L) Inf Bde OO No. 4</u> 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.	