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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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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.	
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	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 ROGCEL 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 ROGDEL. '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	