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WAR DIARY

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~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM VILLIERS, DSO.

Month and Year JANUARY 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
717961	1		Ref Maps : HOLLAND Sheet 4 and 5 BELGIUM Sheet 3 and 4 1/100,000 The New Year opened with a continuance of very cold weather, the ground still being frozen very hard. There was no enemy activity during the night but the Bde HQ was subjected to considerable enemy shelling of a fairly heavy calibre. Bde Comd visited bns.	
	2		There was no change in the weather and the front was quiet. 2 GLAS H relieved 7 SEAFORTH.	
	3		The weather was much milder and a thaw set in the ground becoming very heavy and waterlogged. Bde Comd visited the Bde Trg School at HELMOND and saw the Sigs wing, Snipers wing and Pl Sjts Tactical wing at work. He then attended a show of Trg Films in the Central Cinema, HELMOND. This was again a quiet day on the front.	
	4		Bde Comd went to see A Tk Pls of the Bde shooting on the range at LOMMEL Bde Maj attended demonstration of Viper eqpt at GELDROP There was a little enemy patrol activity during the night but we were unsuccessful in destroying or capturing any enemy.	
	5		Weather continued very cold. Later deteriorated to thick fog. There was nothing to report from the front. Issue of Op Instr No 24.	See Appx D-1.
	6		The front was again quiet. Snow warning issued.	
	7		Div Comd Maj-Gen CM Barber, DSO visited Bde HQ. Bde Maj visited tps of the Bde carrying out boating practice on the R MEUSE at BERG 6169. During the night 2 GLAS H had a successful action against an enemy patrol and our first identification was gained. - Para LEHR Regt.	
	8		Snow fell fairly heavily. Comd 8 Corps Lt-Gen E.H. Barker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ and also inspected defs of 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H.	

			7 SEAFORTH moved from ROGCEL 7397 and came under comd 159 Bde (11 Armd Div). They relieved 4 KSLI in the area SOUTH of rly 7693. B Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt moved to ROGCEL and came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde, for counter attack role and also to be used in the case of any enemy airborne landings.	
717961	9		Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH in their new area. There was nothing to report from the front. Frost warning issued. Minimum temperature 15°F.	
	10		Cold spell continued and visibility was only fair throughout the day which passed off quietly.	
	11		B Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt practised action against enemy paratps which had landed in the area MAXELT 6896.	
	12		Second Army ground photo recce team visited 46 Bde and took photographs of the front. Visibility was not good and photographs were of little use.	
	13		Issue of Amdt No 1 to 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 23 dated 24 Dec 44. Cold weather continued. Nothing to report.	See Appx D-2.
	14		Weather continued to be cold with snow. Visibility was only moderate. Severe frost warning was issued for the night.	
	15		Visibility was poor and there was nothing to report during the day.	
	16	0330	9 CAMERONIANS attempted to make a crossing of the MAAS with small recce party but failed owing to damage to the boat. There was nothing else to report during the day.	
	17		A thaw during the day but frost again during the night. The day passed without incident.	
	18		Gale warning issued. Nothing to report.	
	19		Director of Infantry, INDIA, Maj-Gen visited Bde HQ and had short talk with Bde Comd. He later visited 9 CAMERONIANS.	
	20		Comd 3 Para Bde, 6 Airborne Div arrived to discuss coming relief with Bde Comd. He was conducted around the bn areas by LO.	
	21		Issue of OO No 17. Comd 3 Para Bde again visited bn areas. Preparations were made for hand-over - maps, documents, etc.	See Appx D-3.
	22		3 Para Bde moved into 46 (H) Inf Bde area for the night prior to relief next day.	
	23		46 (H) Inf Bde was relieved in accordance with OO No 17. The relief was completed by 1300 hrs without incident, and 46 Bde occupied areas as laid down in OO No 17 and remained there for the night.	

717961	24		46 (H) Inf Bde moved to TILBURG in accordance with Mov Order No 21. Bde Comd went on short leave to BRUSSELS and Lt-Col H.C. BAKER-BAKER, DSO, MBE assumed comd.	See Appx D-4.
TILBURG	25)		
	26)	These days were spent in settling in rest billets.	
	27	1000 1830	Bde Comd and Bde Maj attended Div 'O' Gp conference for Op VERITABLE in the model room at HQ 30 Corps, BOXTEL 3235. The conference was conducted by Div Comd Maj-Gen C.M. BARBER, DSO and lasted until 1330 hrs. Bde Comd and BM then worked out Outline Plan for the Bde. Bde Comd held a preliminary conference for COs.	
	28		Bde Comd and IO recced ground for Op VERITABLE and visited OP at 757555. On returning Bde Comd called at Div HQ to clear up certain pts with Div Comd.	
	29	1230	Bde Comd, BM, IO and Sigs Offr left for HQ 30 Corps where Bde Comd held first briefing conference for COs and OsC sp arms. Trg with AVREs, Flails and Crocodiles was also arranged. Issue of Outline Plan. On returning Bde Comd called at Div HQ to fix arty plan with CRA.	See Appx D-5(TOP SECRET)
	30		Bde Comd visited 6 ARE to discuss trg in preparation for future ops.	
	31	1100	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference for Op VERITABLE. Bde Comd later visited 44 Bde.	