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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating
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Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier C.M. Barber DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
10, Grand Avenue, HOVE.	7	1600	OPERATION "OVERLORD" commenced for HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde. Adv party (first portion - Staff Capt, GSO III, Sigs Offr) moved to Marshalling Area - CANNING TOWN, LONDON.	
	8	0700	Adv party (first portion) arrived at CANNING TOWN.	
-do-	10	0025	Adv party (second portion - Bde Comd, IO) moved to Marshalling Area - WANSTEAD COMMON, LONDON.	
CANNING TOWN.		0600	Adv party (second portion) arrived Marshalling Area.	
		0600	Adv party (first portion) left for Embarkation Area, WEST INDIA DOCKS.	
WEST INDIA DOCKS	11	2015	Adv party (first portion) embarked.	
		2230	Adv party (first portion) anchored off SOUTHEND.	
10, Grand Avenue, HOVE. SOUTHEND	12	0330	Main body left for Marshalling Area, EAST HAM, LONDON. Weather very good.	
		0800	Adv party (first portion) sailed in convoy.	
		1000	Main body arrived Marshalling Area.	
WANSTEAD COMMON.	13	0630	<u>Reference map FRANCE 1/50,000 Sheet 7/F1. (CAEN)</u> Adv party (second portion) left for Embarkation Area, W. INDIA DOCKS. Weather deteriorating.	
		0800	Adv party (first portion) arrived off Beachhead.	
		1600	Adv party (second portion) embarked in MTS 12 and anchored off SOUTHEND for the night.	
BEACHHEAD.		2130	Adv party (first portion) disembarked.	
		2230	Adv party (first portion) arrived Bde HQ area 867795.	
SOUTHEND.	14	2100	Adv party (second portion) left SOUTHEND in convoy.	
EAST HAM	15	1200	Main body moved to Embarkation Area, WEST INDIA DOCKS.	
		1800	Main body left WEST INDIA DOCKS in MTS T63 vice T 49 (hereafter referred to as T49) and anchored off SOUTHEND.	
		2000	After uneventful and calm voyage Adv party (second portion) arrived off Beach head at OUISTREHAM. An amazing collection of ships were seen in the beach head area. Weather deteriorated and prevented any unloading that night.	

Beachhead.	NIGHT	15/16	Two air raids took place during the night. No damage.	
-do-	16	1100	After a period of enemy shelling from HOULGATE area MTS 12 was ordered to a safer anchorage about two miles WEST.	
		1900	Adv party (second portion) disembarked from MTS 12 and made dry landing at OUISTREHAM.	
		2030	Arrived at HQ 15 (S) Inf Div, ST GABRIEL 879794. Met by Staff Capt and guided to HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde area.	
		1900	Main body left SOUTHEND in T 49 in convoy.	
	17	1830	Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ.	
		2000	Main body arrived off beach head in calm weather.	
		2130	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to discuss future ops and hear outline plan.	
	18	0930	Bde Comd visited HQ 51 (H) Div to meet Comds 51 (H) Div and 15 (S) Inf Div to discuss future ops.	
		1100	Bde Comd visited HQ 152 Bde and HQ 2 SEAFORTH to arrange recces for offrs and NCOs of 46 (H) Inf Bde from OP 2 SEAFORTH.	
		2100	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference.	
		2330	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to inform Bde Comd that the op had been postponed indefinitely. Nothing was to be undertaken until 15 (S) Div was complete.	
	19	1030	Bde Comd and Staff Capt visited units of the Bde Gp.	
		2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to receive outline plan for new op.	
	20	0900	Bde Comd visited HQ 8 Cdn Bde in connection with future op.	
		1000	Bde Comd visited HQ of the NORTH SHORE Regt 903704 to have a look at the ground over which the Bde was likely to operate.	
		1100	Bde Comd met Bn Comds at X-rds 903731 to give them outline plan for future op.	
		2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference.	
Sheet 7F/1 897795	21	0900	Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Div. Up to this date the weather had been fair	
		1000	Bde Comd held conference for COs.	
		1130	Bde Comd met CRA at X-rds 903731 to discuss fire plan for future op.	
		1700	Bde Comd held conference for Bn Comds and CO 7 RTR.	
		1830	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's "O" Gp conference.	
	22	2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's "O" Gp conference. The weather was cold and a strong wind prevailed.	
	23	0900	Bde Comd held conference for Bn Comds.	
		1000	Bde Comd 44 (L) Bde visited Bde HQ to discuss future ops.	
		1800	Bde Comd attended a briefing conference held by Comd 8 Corps at Corps HQ.	

		2300	Main body Bde HQ arrived in conc area except for 3-tonners and CVs	
Sheet 7F/1 897795	24	1200 1400 2230	Main body all in conc area after being held up for six days by bad weather. Only a few hours remained for de-waterproofing prior to moving off same evening. Bde Comd held "O" Gp conference. Operation "EPSOM". Bde HQ left for FAA SECQUEVILLE EN-BESSIN 9174.	
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN 9174	25	1400 1700 1745	Bde Comd held final co-ordinating conference. Bde Comd briefed all offrds down to and incl Coy Comds. Div Comd attended and added a few words. Comd 8 Corps visited HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde to speak to Comds 15 (S) Div, 44 (L), 46 (H) and 227 (H) Inf Bdes.	See 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 1 att as APPX "A".
	26	0730 0830 0900 1120 1120 1200 1955	H-hour Operation "EPSOM". Weather was bad and no air sp was possible; the speed of advance was in consequence slower than was hoped. 46 (H) Inf Bde est Tac HQ in orchard 899720. Tac HQ moved fwd on main axis "OBAN". Lieut C. WHALLEY wounded in the arm and evacuated. Fwd bns on first objectives. 7 SEAFORTH ordered fwd through 2 GLAS H. Tac HQ halted on bound CASINO. Slight enemy mortar fire. Tac HQ moved to 911678 where it stayed till 0700 hrs 29. Main HQ moved to 909685.	
	27	1410 1955 2315	2 GLAS H ordered to move to COLLEVILLE 9265. 9 CAMERONIANS ordered to move to GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON 9064. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to advance SOUTH through MONDRAINVILLE 9264 to LE VALTRU 9163.	
	28	2230 2250	7 SEAFORTH ordered to withdraw det on bridge 915623. Tks in sp CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH withdrawn by Bde Comd and fresh sqn ordered up in vicinity Bde HQ which was moving to MONDRAINVILLE 919642.	
	29	0700 1330 1200 1700	Bde HQ (Tac) moved to orchard 919642. Owing to enemy shelling and mortar fire HQ was moved back to 920644. Capt J. RAYMOND, EME wounded and evacuated. Bde HQ ordered to stand to when enemy counter attack is reported. HQ under intermittent enemy mortar fire which continued throughout the night.	
	30	1700	Adv parties 160 Bde arrive for relief handover. Enemy mortaring still continued. Main HQ move back to area 893719.	

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COLLEVILLE 9264 BRONAY 8872	1st	0530 1700 2030	Ref maps 1/50,000 Sheets 6F/2, 7F/1, 6F/4, 7F/3, 6F/6, 7F/5 Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde GS Op Instr No 2 Bde Tac HQ moved back to join Main HQ in rest area 892719. Bde Comd visited Bns. Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	See Appx "A" H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
	2nd	0930 1330	Bde Comd and SC visited Bde HQ. Bde HQ shelled. Two 15 cm shells fell in office area. One clerk injured. Some vehs slightly damaged. Bad weather, hy rain.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
	3rd	0945	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and made short informal speech to tps. Read out personal message of congratulation to 15 (S) Inf Div from the C-in-C General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO. Bde Comd then accompanied Div Comd round Bns.	H.G.U.
	4th	1030- 1630 1800	Bde Comd and BM attended Div Comd's discussion on "Lessons learned in recent Fighting". Comd 8 Corps Lt-General Sir Richard N. O'Connor, KCB, DSO, MC visited Bde HQ and was later conducted round Bns by Bde Comd. Weather had improved.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
BRONAY 8872	5th	1000 1400	Bde Comd visited Bns. Bde Comd and BM went to Div to continue Discussion on "Lessons learnt in recent Fighting".	H.G.U. H.G.U.
	6th	1100 1430 1900	Considerable improvement in weather. Bde Comd visited Bns to speak to new drafts. Bde Comd and BM attended an address by General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO at Div HQ. Bde Comd visited HQ 8 Corps. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Standing Orders for Ops.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "B"
	7th	1445 1640 2045	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to discuss future ops for the Bde. Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Inf Div to meet Comd. Comd 43 Inf Div was out and did not return until 1745. Weather very warm. Bde Comd again visited HQ 43 Inf Div to discuss future op when 46 (H) Inf Bde would be under comd 43 Div. Comd 15 (S) Inf Div also attended.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.

BRONAY 8872	8th	0930 1030 1100 1530 1915	Weather good. Bde Comd, IO and Comd 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt visited HQ 214 Bde at MOUEN 9365 to discuss future ops. Bde Comd visited HQ 7 Som LI and OP at Quarry 945645. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave out outline plan. Gave outline plan for Op "JUPITER". Showery weather. Bde Comd visited 43 Inf Div to clear up certain pts. CRA 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to discuss fire plan for Op "JUPITER".	H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "C" (TOP SECRET) H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
	9th	1100 1545 1600 2200	Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Div for further discussion on Op "JUPITER". Comd 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to tell Bde Comd that the Canadians had captured CARPIQUET Aerodrome 9667 and main crossings over the R ORNE in CAEN had been captured by Armd patrols of 1 Corps. Weather deteriorating. Bde Comd held a co-ord conference for Op "JUPITER". Bde Comd and Comd Gp moved to new HQ in MOUEN 9365 for start of Op "JUPITER". Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 1	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "D"
MOUEN 9365 VERSON 9765	10th	0455 0943 1044 1500 1700 2100 2300	Main body Bde HQ arrives MOUEN 9365. Bad weather continued. 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH are ordered fwd by code word "EGGS" Bde Comd approves of 9 CAMERONIANS taking over ETERVILLE 9864 with two coys. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to gain contact with Canadians on reaching rly 983663. Weather continued showery. Bde HQ moved to new location 971658. Bde Comd visited three Bns. Gave orders to 2 GLAS H for counter-attack, on ETERVILLE should the occasion arise. CO 9 CAMERONIANS wounded. Bde Comd orders Maj J.C. Davies, MC, 2 GLAS H, to take over comd.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
VERSON 9765	11th	0030 0340 0455 0925	Bde Comd receives request from Comd 214 Bde that 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt should be lent to 214 Bde to fill in gap between flanks of 46 (H) Inf Bde and 214 Bde. Bde Comd consents. 9 CAMERONIANS report enemy infiltration and one coy missing. Bde Comd orders 2 GLAS H to place one coy under comd 9 CAMERONIANS. Bde Comd sends out an order that Bns will remain in present posns and will hold their ground in face of enemy counter-attack. 2 GLAS H ordered to send fwd recce parties to ETERVILLE to arrange take-over from 9 CAMERONIANS. Weather improved. Bde HQ under intermittent mortar and shell fire.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.

		1458	ME 109, shot down by AA fire, crashed in fd 100 yds from office area. Pilot baled out and was later captured and brought to Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1600	Comd 4 Canadian Bde arrived to arrange take-over from 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1617	SC reported to Div HQ to be given new area for the Bde when relieved by 4 Canadian Bde.	H.G.U.
		1735	Bde HQ under fairly hy mortar and shell fire. Cpl Scott, French Interpreter att to Bde HQ, was killed.	H.G.U.
		2030	Bde HQ ordered to be ready to move by 2130 hrs.	H.G.U.
		2200	DR arrived from SC with new area for 46 (H) Inf Bde. "No move till 0230 hrs" was ordered.	H.G.U.
		2340	HQ 4 Canadian Bde moved in. Enemy mortaring and shelling continued.	H.G.U.
SECQUEVILLE en BESSIN 9173	12th	0325	Bde HQ moved to new area 912735.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		2100	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to receive outline plan for Op "GREENLINE". Weather good.	See Appx "E" H.G.U.
	13th	2115	Bde Comd and IO attended 'O' Gp conference Div HQ for further discussion on Op "GREENLINE".	H.G.U.
	14th	1030	Bde Comd and IO visited Bns	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Order No 3	See Appx "E"
MOUEN 9365	15th	1200	Bde Comd briefed all offrds down to Capts at Bde HQ with aid of cloth model.	H.G.U.
		1900	Comd 15 (S) Inf Div attended. Bde HQ ordered to be ready to move by 2145 hrs.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde HQ moved to MOUEN 9365. In the light of recent experience comd vehs were bulldozed in. 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 4 issued.	H.G.U. See Appx "F"
	16th		Weather very misty in morning but cleared considerably later in the day.	H.G.U.
		2100	Comd 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to give Bde Comd details of new plan for 46 (H) Inf Bde to relieve 71 Bde.	H.G.U.
		2330	Gun area around Bde HQ subjected to fairly hy aerial bombing. Bde HQ was untouched.	H.G.U.
	17th	1130	Bde Comd visited 71 Bde to arrange take-over. Weather very hot.	H.G.U.
		1245	Bde Comd gave orders to COs of 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH - 9 CAMERONIANS to take over area GRAINVILLE-sur-ODON 9064, 7	

MOUEN 9365		1515	SEAFORTH area CAHIER 9062. 2 GLAS H were to move into area MONDRAINVILLE 9262 when released by 227 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
			7 SEAFORTH ordered to contact 8 RS at GAVRUS 9161 when take-over had been completed.	H.G.U.
		1830	Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and gave orders for patrolling that night.	H.G.U.
		2130	Take-over by 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH completed. Notified to Div by codeword "SKYLARK".	H.G.U.
		2330	Gun area round Bde HQ again bombed, causing cas and damage to vehs amongst gunner units. Bde HQ escaped untouched.	H.G.U.
	18th	0145	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to make contact with 59 Div on right.	H.G.U.
		0900	GOC visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		0955	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		1218	Comd 44 (L) Inf Bde visited HQ to get Bde Comd's approval for moving his Bde HQ into MONDRAINVILLE. Bde Comd approves.	H.G.U.
		2330	Slight air activity - few bombs dropped.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365	19th	0900	Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH to discuss patrolling with CO 7 SEAFORTH and decides to ask Div to get Corps bdy altered to allow more room for manoeuvre. Also to obtain approval for an OP at 905616 from 59 Div.	
	19/20		GSO III Capt C.B. Wilken detailed to attend next Intermediate Staff College Course commencing 4 Aug. Weather deteriorating - thunderstorms. Active night patrolling begun on 7 SEAFORTH front.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
	20th	0435	Patrol reports received. Only slight enemy activity reported.	H.G.U.
		1130	Bde Comd decides to move 7 SEAFORTH fwd to the rd MISSY 8962 - MONCEAUX 9061 one coy at a time.	H.G.U.
		1510	First coy to be moved fwd encounters stiff opposition and coy is withdrawn.	H.G.U.
		1600	Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH to discuss situation and patrolling for the night. Hy rain set in.	H.G.U.
	21st		Weather still very wet. Relief of fwd posts of 7 SEAFORTH by 15 Recce.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference at HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde to discuss take-over from 10 US Regt 5 US Div. Capt N. Davenport, KOSB, arrived to take up appointment as GSO III vice Capt C.B. Wilken, 7 SEAFORTH Highlanders.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365	22nd	0930	Bde Comd and IO left for HQ 5 US Div 697695.	H.G.U.
		1000	BM visited 177 Bde re relief of 7 SEAFORTH.	H.G.U.
		1100	Bde Comd attended conference at HQ 5 US Div to discuss take-over from 10 US Regt. It was decided that 46 (H) Inf Bde would not	

		1400	take over until night 26/27 Jul and then it would be to relieve 44 (L) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1500	Bde Comd and IO left HQ 10 US Regt.	H.G.U.
		1600	Bde Comd called at HQ 59 Div as 46 (H) Inf Bde were coming under comd 59 Div for a short time on 23 Jul.	H.G.U.
		1830	Visited HQ 15 (S) Inf Div to see GOC who suggested that 46 (H) Inf Bde should move the following day to a rest area behind 5 US Div prior to taking over from 44 (L) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
			Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave COs infm and verbal orders concerning the take-over from 44 (L) Inf Bde and move to rest area.	H.G.U. See Appx "G"
CHEUX 9167	23rd	0400	Two enemy shells fell in Bde HQ office area. No damage or cas. Weather fair.	H.G.U.
		1315	Bde HQ moved to marshalling area near CHEUX 9167.	H.G.U.
		1430	7 SEAFORTH hand over to 5 S Staffs completed.	H.G.U.
		1705	Bde HQ moves to new area according to Mov Table contained in Appx "G".	H.G.U.
		1850	Bde HQ arrives new area 737705 for a few days rest.	H.G.U.
ST PAUL du VERNAY 7470	24th	1800	Bde Comd visited Bns to address new drafts.	H.G.U.
	25th	1200	Bde Comd visited 44 (L) Inf Bde HQ 684618 to arrange take-over.	H.G.U.
		1400	Comd 30 Corps visited Bde HQ, as we had now come under comd 30 Corps.	H.G.U.
	26th	0900	Bde Comd held discussion on "Recent Battle Lessons" for offr of 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1730	Bde Comd and IO went to 44 (L) Inf Bde HQ to begin taking over.	H.G.U. See Appx "H"
		2100	Main HQ arrived.	H.G.U.
SALLEN 682618	27th		Patrol org set up for intensive patrolling programme to be carried out on our front.	H.G.U. See Appx "I"
		1445	Div Comd arrived to discuss future ops with Bde Comd.	H.G.U.
SALLEN 682618	28th	0500	Patrol reports indicate little activity on our front.	H.G.U.
		1500	Div Comd visits Bde HQ to discuss future ops. - "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		2130	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's 'O' Gp conference and received outline plan for Op "BLUECOAT" which was to take place two days earlier than was expected. 44 (L) Inf Bde were to take over from 46 (H) Inf Bde forthwith.	H.G.U.
		2359	Bde Comd ordered 'O' Gp.	H.G.U.
Area CAUMONT 712636	29th	0500	Bde HQ moves to new area 712636 to prepare for Op "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		1400	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's 'O' Gp. This was final co-ord conference for Op "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		1730	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and final co-ord conference.	H.G.U. See Appx "J"
	30th	0730	Start of Op "BLUECOAT". Adv goes fairly well.	H.G.U.

CAUMONT 6960		1356	Bde HQ at new location 695602. Long delay in area La MORICHESSES les MARES 6853 before 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH eventually capture Pt 309. Inf advancing on tks held up by a few well placed 88mm A Tk guns, the inf finally dismounting and going cross country on foot to their objective.	H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6955		2145	Bde HQ moves to 693558.	H.G.U.
		2230	2 GLAS H ordered to est junc pt at 688511 to contact patrol of 15 (S) Recce Regt.	H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6955	31st	1130	Div Comd held 'O' Gp at 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1208	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to be prepared to send one or perhaps two coys to hold ST MARTIN DES BESACES 6750.	H.G.U.
		2230	Bde Comd orders 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H to carry out protective patrolling during the night.	H.G.U.

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		1330	Bde Comd at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS was infm that the whole of 9 CAMERONIANS might be required to adv on GALET 6950 and MANCELLIERE 6849. To start not before 1700.	9F/1
		1840	9 CAMERONIANS infm Bde Comd that the attack had started.	H.G.U.
		2125	15 (S) Recce Regt operating in front of 9 CAMERONIANS infm the Bde Comd that GALET had been taken but fighting was still going on in MANCELLIERE.	H.G.U.
		2238	9 CAMERONIANS report location 684504. Bde Comd enquires if Sqns of Coldm Gds have been relieved.	H.G.U.
		2340	Bns infm that Recce are moving out at first light to protect our EAST flank on the line 710495 - 724455.	H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6956	2	0900	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		0945	7 SEAFORTH ordered to be prepared to send a coy to area 7050 to see if it is clear of enemy, 43 Div being infm before any further action was taken.	H.G.U.
		1520	Bde Comd infm that 46 (H) Inf Bde was being relieved by 185 Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		2147	Bde Comd infm that 7 SEAFORTH is to come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde at 0600 on 3 Aug for adv Southwards. No move before 0700.	H.G.U.
	3	0130	Change in plan and LO sent to 7 SEAFORTH with instrs.	H.G.U.
		0300	Bde Comd infm that 185 Bde would not now relieve 46 Bde and future not known.	H.G.U.
		1530	GOC infm Bde Comd 46 Bde less 7 SEAFORTH remain present location meanwhile.	H.G.U.
		1740	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to be prepared to move 2100 hrs to take over posns vacated by 7 SEAFORTH.	H.G.U.
		2130	Div Comd wounded. Brigadier C.M. Barber, DSO ordered to take over comd 15 (S) Inf Div. Lt-Col R.M. Villiers, OC 9 CAMERONIANS called to Bde HQ to take over comd of 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
	4	0900	Enemy armour reported withdrawing SE and 46 Bde move fwd. HQ move to 686525.	H.G.U.

686525		1112	Bde ordered to move to area ARCLAIS 7244 - Pt 279 7142 - DROUET 7143. HQ move to ST PIERRE TARENTEINE 7045.	H.G.U.
ST PIERRE TARENTEINE 7045	5	0700	Bde Comd visits bns.	H.G.U.
		1550	Bns advised "No move till tomorrow". Bde Comd visits GLAS H at 1715 hrs.	H.G.U.
		1900	Orders received from Div for adv.	H.G.U.
		1945	Bns warned they may have to move tonight.	H.G.U.
		2000	COs warned to meet Bde Comd at MONTCHARIVEL Church 7442.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde Comd gives orders for 9 CAMERONIANS to enable OC to do last light recce.	H.G.U.
		2300	O Gp ordered for 2330 and 227 Bde are asked to send rep.	H.G.U.
LES HAIES 738441	6	0040	Bde Comd held O Gp for attack on high ground area GOURNEY 8040. 9 CAMERONIANS to move first.	H.G.U.
		0545	HQ moves to new area LES HAIES 738441.	H.G.U.
		1218	Weather which had been good, had deteriorated during morning. 9 CAMERONIANS reported unable to make any progress and considered their task too great.	H.G.U.
		1225	Bde Comd visited HQ 2 GLAS H at 782407 to make new plan but no further progress was made and orders received from Div at 1940 hrs to withdraw to area AU CORNU 7741, where temporary def posns would be adopted.	H.G.U.
LES HAIES 738441	7	0700	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1200	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and gave short farewell speech to HQ personnel.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
	8	0900	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
	9	1730	Corps Comd Lt-Gen Sir Richard N. O'Connor, KCB, DSO, MC visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1745	Bde HQ moved to 754425. Indications were that enemy might withdraw and bns were ordered to send out recce patrols to keep contact with the enemy.	H.G.U.
754425	10	1130	Bde ordered to send out patrols in the afternoon to see if we were still in contact with the enemy.	H.G.U.
	11	0200	Receipt of 15 (S) Inf Div Op Instr No 17.	H.G.U. See Appx "A".
		1130	O Gp ordered to discuss Op "DUNHILL".	H.G.U. See Appx "B".
	12	0930	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1330	BM and SC go to Div. 46 (H) Inf Bde being relieved by 29 Armd Bde.	H.G.U.
		1700	HQ 29 Armd Bde begin to arrive. Bde Comd 29 Armd Bde arrives and discusses take-over with Bde Comd 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		2100	46 (H) Inf Bde begin to thin out.	H.G.U.
754425	13	0715	Hand-over completed. HQ move to assembly area at 706450.	H.G.U.

706450		1115	Bde Comd and Int Offr attended Div O Gp for move to area FEUGUEROLLES SUR ORNE 9960.	H.G.U.
		1330	Bde Comd and recce party leave for new area.	H.G.U. See Appx "C".
		1445	Bde Comd and recce party arrive in new area.	H.G.U.
		1530	Bde Comd and Int Offr visited HQ 12 Corps to get the latest infm and likely task of 46 Bde. Corps Comd unable to find task for 46 Bde in meantime.	H.G.U.
		1700	Bde Comd and Int Offr return to new HQ at 000608.	H.G.U.
000608		1900	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
	14	1000	Bde Comd held Adm and Trg conference.	H.G.U.
		1800	Div Comd visited Bns and Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1900	Bde ordered conc by 0900 hrs next day in area 0050 - 0150 - 0149 - 0049.	H.G.U.
		2100	Bde Comd recced new area.	See Appx "D". H.G.U.
001491	15	0730	Bde HQ moved to new area 001491. Weather very good.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd, CO 2 GLAS H RV with Div Comd ETERVILLE 9864 to 'walk' the battles of ETERVILLE and ESQUAY 9461, which had been fought the previous month.	H.G.U.
	16		Weather very good.	H.G.U.
		1130	Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
	17	1730	Bde Comd holds discussion for COs on "Advance to Contact Battle". Div Comd attended.	See Appx "E". H.G.U.
	18	1800	Fine weather. Bde Comd and IO attended conference Div HQ and received orders that 46 Bde would move early next morning to relieve 158 Bde SW of FALAISE 1134.	See Appx "F". H.G.U.
		2000	Bde Comd and IO visit HQ 53 (W) Div to meet Bde Comd 158 Bde and discuss take-over.	H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350	19	0630	Adv Bde HQ moves to LA MIETTE 112350.	H.G.U.
		1245	Relief of 158 Bde complete.	H.G.U.
		1430	Bde Comd held O Gp for attack on Pt 223 0927 and BAZOCHES 1027. This op was unnecessary, as both places were occupied by 59 Div in afternoon.	H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350		1700	BM attends O Gp at Div HQ to discuss adv to contact op EAST of FALAISE. Several hundreds of prisoners passed through the Bde Collecting Pt through the day and night. Weather deteriorating.	H.G.U.
	20	1400	Bde Comd visited BAYEUX to see holding units. Hy rain during night.	H.G.U.
	21		Rain continued. Bde conc for Adv to Contact.	H.G.U. See Appx "G" & Appx "H".
	22	1000	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1730	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and gave Bde Comd outline orders for Op "GALLOP".	H.G.U.

	23	1400	Bde Comd held O Gp for Op "GALLOP".	H.G.U. See Appces "I", "J", "K" & "L"
		1830	Massed Pipe Bands of 46 (H) Inf Bde played Retreat at Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		2000	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and said that original plan for Op "GALLOP" would probably be changed and the Div would adv as far as possible on the first day - not by bounds. This change was to be denoted by the Codeword "BALCONY"	H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350	24	0730	Harbour parties move off.	H.G.U.
		0800	Codeword "BALCONY" received from Div HQ.	H.G.U.
		1300	Order comes to hold fast and clear rds.	H.G.U.
		1600	46 Bde ordered to conc area GUEPREI 2729.	H.G.U.
		2100	Bde Comd attended O Gp at HQ 4 Armd Bde 412566 where he was given orders for further adv next day.	H.G.U.
884749	25	0730	Bde Comd held O Gp.	H.G.U. See Appx "M".
		1830	Bde HQ arrived new area 884749.	H.G.U.
		1930	Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH 886747. Weather very hot all day.	H.G.U.
007737	26	0200	46 Bde ordered to move and take up temporary def posns area EMANVILLE 0274.	H.G.U.
		0815	Bde Comd makes recce of EMANVILLE area.	H.G.U.
		0945	Bde Comd held O Gp at the Church in EMANVILLE 0274.	H.G.U.
		1130	Bde HQ moved to new location 007737.	H.G.U.
		1600	Bde Comd called to Div to see GOC and Corps Comd and discuss a rush crossing of the R SEINE by one bn following night.	H.G.U.
		1900	Bde Comd attended Div O Gp.	H.G.U. See Appx "N".
007737	27	0845	Bde Comd and unit recce parties left for R SEINE. To make necessary recce for a river crossing by deliberate assault in the area MUIDS 3089.	H.G.U.
		1400	Bde Comd met COs at Church at VENABLES 3186 to discuss op.	H.G.U.
		1500	Bde Comd met CRE 53 (W) Div at VIEUX-VILLEZ 3083 to arrange allotment of RE eqpt. GOC then arrived at the conference to infm Bde Comd that plan was changed.	H.G.U.
299842		1700	Bde Comd holds O Gp at Bde HQ which had arrived at 299842.	H.G.U. See Appces "O" and "P"
	28	0915	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to move across River at MUIDS and all marching personnel of the Bde had crossed River by 1130.	H.G.U.
		1230	Bde HQ moved to 323870 and mov of Bde tpt across River went on all day.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd held co-ord conference with COs in MUIDS 3089 for securing of GRAND RONCHEROLLES 3594 by 7 SEAFORTH and CUVERVILLE 3795 by 2 GLAS H. 9 CAMERONIANS following up in res directed on LE THUIT 3692.	H.G.U.
		2135	7 SEAFORTH report they are on objective.	H.G.U.

		2359	Bde HQ moves to Fm 329905.	H.G.U.
Fm 329905	29	0142	Bde HQ arrived new location 329905.	H.G.U.
		0430	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to send a coy to the high ground Pt 144 360928.	H.G.U.
		1300	Tps 46 Bde reached line NOYERS 3893 - CUVERVILLE 3795 - GRAND ROCHERELLES 3594 and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to patrol to br at 392902.	H.G.U.
		1615	9 CAMERONIANS patrols had returned and reported no enemy in LES ANDELYS 4090.	H.G.U.
		1750	Leading coy 7 SEAFORTH reported moving through LES ANDELYS and Bde Comd reported they were doing well.	H.G.U.
		1855	Div ordered to send offrs to recce rds from MUIDS 3088 - LES ANDELYS 4090 and to report on their suitability for 3-tonners and heavier vehs.	H.G.U.
		1920	HQ arrives new location at 368927.	H.G.U.
368927		2015	Orders received from Div to the effect that all rds must be clear after first light 30 Aug to allow passage of 53 Div. Weather dull.	H.G.U.
	30	1000	Bde Comd visited units and meets Div Comd at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS. Weather deteriorated.	H.G.U.
	31	1015	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to congratulate Bde Comd who had been awarded the DSO. Weather improves.	H.G.U.

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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating
LAD attached.

Month and Year SEPTEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM Villiers, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
<u>Ref maps</u> : LE THUIT R3693	FRANCE 1	¼" 1700	Sheets 7, 4, 2, BELGIUM ¼" Sheet 3, HOLLAND ¼" Sheets 2A, 3A. Bde Gp remained throughout the day in the area occupied on 30 Aug except for A Coy 1 MX and 161 A Tk Bty were conc in the area LE THUIT. Sub units were conc under cover of buildings and interior economy and route marching was carried out. BM visited inf bns during the morning and warned them to be at readiness to move on the 2 Sep to area SW of AMIENS N 15. Bde Comd and IO attended Div O Gp but change of plan was received by Div just before O Gp started and as a result instrs were : No move 2 Sep, be prepared to adv by march route approx 20 miles on 3 Sep. Bns were warned of this by IO visiting each in turn.	
	2	1100 1700	BM attended Staff conference and received Mov Plan for 3 Sep. He phoned Bde HQ from Div to arrange for Warning Order to Harbour Parties to be issued and units were advised : No move before 0600 hrs. Harbour Parties incl sufficient personnel to provide sentries during the night left for new location during the afternoon. Two secs of Bde HQ Def Pl moved with Bde HQ Harbour Party. Issue of Mov Order No 10.	See Appx D/1
LE PAVILLON 5215	3	1730 2045 2130	Move of Bde Gp went as planned. BM attended Staff Conference at Div HQ with instrs re move on 4 Sep. He returned at 2000 hrs and a Warning Order was issued to Bde Gp at 2030 hrs. Issue of Bde Mov Order No 11. BM held conference of COs at Bde HQ and gave forecast of future ops (Adv into BELGIUM) to three bn comds.	See Appx D/2
ROMESCAMP 7240	4	1930	Move to area ROMESCAMPS 7240 took place in accordance with Mov Order No 11. G III attended conference at Div HQ and received instrs for a move 5 Sep.	

		2045	G III returned and orders were issued to Bns for guides to meet TCVs. Warning Order regarding Harbour Parties and readiness to move on 5 Sep was also issued.	
		2300	Issue of Bde Mov Order No 12.	See Appx D/3.
FRAMECOURT H 10	5	1700	Move to area WEST of ST POL H 12 took place in accordance with Mov Order No 11 but TCVs were very late in arriving at unit locations and did not leave ROMESCAMPS until approx 1700. Bde HQ arrived new location. Div Comd arrived at same time with orders for Bde Comd as contained in "Notes for verbal orders by Comd 12 Corps to Comd LYSFORCE." It was decided to move elements of Bde Gp required for LYSFORCE to area AUBIGNY 3506 where they would be conc with other units forming the Force. 7 SEAFORTH was selected as the Bn from the Bde and instrs were at once sent to units concerned to send fwd Harbour Parties and Staff Capt moved fwd to allot unit areas. Reps from units were called to Bde HQ and given (a) Route, Dis P where guides would meet, and timings through ST POL. (b) Warning Order of O Gp at 2130 hrs in new Bde HQ location. (c) Instrs Not to unload in present area.	See Appx E/1 See Appx D/4 & D/5
FRAMECOURT H 10 AUBIGNY H 3607		2100	Bde HQ arrived new location AUBIGNY H 3607. Move went satisfactorily though TCVs did not arrive for 7 SEAFORTH until about 0100 hrs 6 Sep. Other units of Bde Gp not required for LYSFORCE were taken over by Div.	
		2400	Bde Comd returned from Corps and issued verbal orders to LYSFORCE Comds.	
	6	1730	Move to area SOUTH of COURTRAI H 85 took place according to Op Instr No 13. Bde Comd moved with Recce Regt and on contacting OC Royals at 8847 found that they had been held up by enemy infantry and inf weapons on the line of the LYS running NE to SW through COURTRAI and that they were unable to get on. He therefore decided to clear this area up first and instructed the 15 (S) Recce Regt to protect the RIGHT flank while coy gps of 7 SEAFORTH were deployed to clear up the enemy resistance holding the Royals. COURTRAI was occupied as a firm base by 1500 hrs. Coy gps were given the following tasks to be carried out as soon as they were ready. (1) to clear up enemy in area HARLEBEKE 8861 (2) to assist the Royals by capturing MOORSEELE 7858. (In fact this coy never got further than br at 7955 owing to enemy resistance). Bde HQ had meanwhile arrived at H 8851. Div Comd visited Bde HQ and infm Bde Comd that 2 GLAS H would be arriving shortly and 9	

H 8851		1830 2200	<p>CAMERONIANS later that night. A Div O Gp was ordered for 2100 hrs. Bde Comd attended and was told that 46 Bde would come under comd 7 Armd Div the following day. At their request LO, Lt D.T. Allan, was sent to HQ 7 Armd Div.</p> <p>2 GLAS H on arrival took up posns to cover the brs from 9354 to excl 8657.</p> <p>CO 9 CAMERONIANS arrived at Bde HQ and was instructed to conc his bn in area AUTRYVE 9648.</p>	
H 8851	7	0830 1320	<p>Lt D.T. Allan failed to return from HQ 7 Armd Div until 0845 hrs having been captured by enemy on his return journey about 033540 and only escaped by jumping into and swimming R ESCAUT. By morning 9 CAMERONIANS, owing to two coys being lost did not complete their conc until 1100 hrs. The situation at AVELGHEM 9750 became confused during the night and Bde Comd instructed 9 CAMERONIANS to deal with this.</p> <p>7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H who had been relieved by units of 44 Bde were instructed to move fwd and conc in the area HEESTERT 9351 and 9451 respectively. On arrival in these areas 2 GLAS H were directed on AUDENARDE 0957 and 7 SEAFORTH on BERCHEM 0251 and KERKHOVE 0152. For the remainder of the day clearing ops NORTH of rd AVELGHEM - AUDENARDE were carried out in conjunction with 4 Armd Bde.</p> <p>Bde HQ with 193 Fd Amb moved to area 005507 and thence at 1720 hrs to QUAREMONT 032503. By last light bns were ordered to be in posns covering the brs over the ESCAUT at AVELGHEM (9 CAMERONIANS) KERKHOVE (7 SEAFORTH) and AUDENARDE (2 GLAS H).</p>	
QUAREMONT 032503	8	0745 1330	<p>Op Instr received from 7 Armd Div as a result of which Bde Comd sent Warning Order to (a) 9 CAMERONIANS to be prepared to take over GAVERE 1367 from 1-7 Queens. Recce parties to contact them as soon as possible. (b) 7 SEAFORTH to be prepared to take over GHENT J 18 from 1/5 Queens and 5 R Tks. The move of the bns depended upon the move of 15 (S) Div engaged in clearing up the SOUTH of LYS Canal as far as GHENT. TCVs were to be made available and were asked for at 1040 hrs.</p> <p>Bde Comd and IO attended O Gp HQ 7 Armd Div where he was notified of change in plan. Bde area was to be excl GHENT - incl GAVERE 1367 - excl AUDENARDE 0958 - rd and rly crossing 2463 - X rds 2474. At end of O Gp IO communicated with Bde HQ and gave following instrs. (a) 2 GLAS H to stay in AUDENARDE 0958 (b) 9 CAMERONIANS area GAVERE 1367 (c) 7 SEAFORTH to FAA SCHELDRODE 1762. (d) CO 7 SEAFORTH with Carrier Pl to meet Bde Comd at HQ 7 Armd Div as soon as possible.</p>	

<p>QUAREMONT 032503</p> <p>241702</p>		<p>1600</p> <p>1720</p> <p>2200</p> <p>2230</p>	<p>TCVs arrived at Bde HQ and were sent to 9 CAMERONIANS immediately. As only one lot of TCVs were available orders were given for them to return to 7 SEAFORTH as soon as 9 CAMERONIANS had debussed.</p> <p>9 CAMERONIANS move completed followed by 7 SEAFORTH tpt only.</p> <p>Bde HQ arrived new location 241702.</p> <p>Instrs were received from 7 Armd Div that one of our bns is to perform a special task in GHENT under 131 Bde. Bde Comd decided to use 2 GLAS H and instrs were given for CO 2 GLAS H to contact Comd 131 Bde in GHENT at 0830 hrs next morning 9 Sep. Bn to be ready to move at 0730 hrs.</p>	
	<p>9</p>	<p>1230</p>	<p>TCVs lifting 7 SEAFORTH had been ordered to return to AUDENARDE to pick up 2 GLAS H and take them to GHENT. 2 GLAS H were ordered to leave sufficient carriers and A Tk guns in AUDENARDE to guard hrs. This responsibility was taken over soon after by 15 (S) Div. TCVs did not arrive until 1100 hrs but delay was of no consequence as Comd 131 Bde was in no hurry to use 2 GLAS H. 46 Bde less 2 GLAS H reverted to comd 15 (S) Div. Bde Comd received orders to move to a conc area near WILLEBROECK J 6479 prior to making crossing of ALBERT Canal in area VIERSEL J 8593.</p>	
<p>LIPPELOO J 5677</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>1230</p> <p>2100</p>	<p>Bde Comd met Div Comd at X rds J 2563 and after receiving instrs from him saw Comds 190 Fd Regt and 278 Fd Coy to pass on infm and arrange RV in LIERRE for Recce Parties. Bn Comds less 2 GLAS H and reps from sp arms in Bde Gp met Bde Comd at 1430 hrs at Bde HQ. The plan was to prepare for a crossing of the ALBERT Canal EAST of ANTWERP as a deceptive measure to assist 53 Div to cross NORTH of ANTWERP. Recce patrols incl RE and bn R Gps were ordered to move fwd to LIERRE J 7887 at once where recce patrols would be carried out; Bde Comd briefing patrols at 1830 hrs and holding co-ord conference with Bn Comds at 2000 hrs. The Bde Gp moved in accordance with Mov Order No 14 to area SW of WILLEBROECK 6278.</p> <p>Bde HQ arrived new location LIPPELOO J 5677. In absence of Bde Comd BM attended O Gp at Div HQ at 2100 hrs and heard new plan for relief of 50 Inf Div.</p> <p>COs 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH were advised of this between 2300 and 2330 hrs and conference for Comds of all sp arms was arranged for 0930 hrs next day.</p>	<p>See Appx D/6</p>
	<p>11</p>	<p>0930</p> <p>1030</p>	<p>Bde Comd infm Comds of sp arms of probable future ops in area GHEEL I 0888.</p> <p>Bde Comd left HQ to meet Div Comd at WESTERLOO rd junc I 0482 at 1230 hrs. He was accompanied by Comds of all sp arms.</p>	

		1330	Bde Comd held an O Gp for Bn Comds and all sp arms at rd junc I 0482 and gave outline plan for relief of 69 Inf Bde by 46 (H) Inf Bde. Later all recces were carried out.	
		1830	A co-ord conference held at Bde HQ.	
		2100	BM went to Div HQ for mov timings and after warning order - No move before 0930 hrs - Op Order No 7 was issued.	See Appx D/7
I 0485	12	1030	Move by Bde Gp was carried out in accordance with Op Order No 7. BM attended conference at HQ 69 Inf Bde at which TC org for relief was worked out. Brief plan was (a) All units relieving tps SOUTH of ALBERT Canal to have completed move on rds by 1615 hrs. (b) 9 CAMERONIANS to cross by Cl 9 br 1800-1830 hrs. (c) 7 SEAFORTH to cross by Cl 40 br 1745-1810 hrs. (d). 129 SP A Tk Bty to cross by Cl 40 br 1815-1825 hrs. Relief was completed by 2300 hrs.	
		1830	Bde Comd attended Div O Gp at which forecast of ops in this area were given. Patrols for the night were ordered as follows (a) 9 CAMERONIANS - Recce patrol to LARUM 0588. (b) 7 SEAFORTH - Recce patrols to (i) VELVEKEN 0487 (ii) KRUISWEG 0286.	
I 0485	13	1100	Patrols of 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH confirmed that posns in front of them were still held by enemy but 44 Bde had found GHEEL clear of enemy and occupied it at once. 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH were instructed to keep patrolling fwd and to occupy posns as soon as feasible. Patrolling continued as far NORTH as the line of the Canal 0291 and as far WEST as VEENAN 9889. Bde Comd visited Div HQ where Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery KCB DSO addsd all senior offr of the Div.	
		1130	CO 2 GLAS H arrived at Bde HQ with coy comds for orders.	
		1630	Main body 2 GLAS H arrived in the area and crossed Cl 40 br to posns just NORTH of it.	
	14		The bns remained during the day in the posns they occupied yesterday apart from a few minor changes in the dispositions of 7 SEAFORTH who took over LOCK at 992883 from a coy of 2 GORDONS at 1600 hrs. Patrols were carried out as follows (a) 9 CAMERONIANS - between LOCK 057916 and br 0291. (b) 7 SEAFORTH - to br 980997. 2 GLAS H were ordered at 1900 hrs to send one coy under comd 44 Bde and were warned that the remainder of the bn would come under comd 44 Bde morning 15 Sep.	
	15	1020	46 (H) Inf Bde were ordered to stage feint attack by a coy of 9 CAMERONIANS as a diversion in conjunction with attack by 44 Bde to take place 20 mins before Zero. Timings were later changed and feint attack was to take place between 1220 and 1250. Zero being 1230 hrs. Although little time was available to produce a	

			real deception plan the 6 RSF made a crossing without any opposition, or cas. All available boats of 9 CAMERONIANS were then ordered to 44 Bde to enable the remainder of the Bde to cross. Little else of note happened during the day except that one pl 1/5 Queens relieved the 7 SEAFORTH coy on the LOCK 9988.	
060869	16	1000 1400	Bde HQ moved to 060869 and Bde Comd and IO attended Div Comd's O Gp for Op "GARDEN". Bde Comd held O Gp and later visited HQ 44 Inf Bde to find that plan had been changed and that Op "FLOOD" was now going to take place.	
	17	0900 1200	Bde Comd held conference with COs 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH to discuss Op "FLOOD". Bde Comd and BM attended Div O Gp. The plan was later changed again and at 1500 hrs Bde Comd held an O Gp and infm Comds that dispositions of 46 (H) Inf Bde were being changed and that units of 131 Bde were taking over part of 46 (H) Inf Bde front WEST of GHEEL brhead.	See Appx D/8 & D/9
060869	18	0730	Bde Comd 131 Bde visited HQ to tie up relief of one coy 9 CAMERONIANS by 1/7 Queens and three coys 7 SEAFORTH by 1/5 Queens, fourth coy of 7 SEAFORTH being relieved by 1/7 Queens. During the day 46 Bde dispositions were changed and bns were disposed to cover each side of the brhead from incl crossing I 0894 to incl crossing 117938. The reorg was completed by 2105 hrs.	
	19		There was little of note to record and dispositions of bns remained unchanged.	
	20	1030 1830 2200	Although the night had been quiet there was little indication of the enemy withdrawing. Bde Comd and IO attended Div O Gp at HQ 227 Bde. 46 Bde would come under comd 53 (W) Div. 9 CAMERONIANS to move forthwith under comd 158 Bde to take over protection of br at LOMMEL 3195. The remainder of the Bde was to move early next day. Bde Comd and IO then went to HQ 160 Bde to meet Comd 53 (W) Div. Bde Comd was ordered to conc the Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS in the area astride the rd between LOMMEL 3195 and the Canal. Bde Comd held O Gp. Orders were changed and Bde was ordered to conc in area VELDHOVEN 3715 and 9 CAMERONIANS were to relieve 1 Oxf and Bucks (43 LI) on the SOUTH bank of the Canal opposite OIRSCHOT E 3324. 7 SEAFORTH were to adv as quickly as possible and attempt a crossing of the Canal at BEST E 3824.	

392181	21		<p>Move of Bde Gp was carried out in accordance with Amendment to Mov Order No 15, and by 2010 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS had completed relief of 1 Oxf and Bucks.</p> <p>During the night 7 SEAFORTH also crossed the Canal at BEST.</p>	See Appx D/10
<p>ACHT 398227</p> <p>ACHT 398227</p>	22	1500	<p>By 0340 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had all coys on objectives and patrols had reached town which was apparently clear of enemy. At 0800 hrs Bde Comd ordered 7 SEAFORTH to send one coy to occupy BEST. This coy however ran up against stiff enemy resistance and could not get on and one pl was lost. It was later established BEST was strongly held and it was decided to make an attack on BEST with 2 GLAS H preceded by a sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt. On capture of BEST 2 GLAS H to adv WEST preceded by Recce Regt towards OIRSCHOT with a view to clearing enemy out of that area and allowing 9 CAMERONIANS to cross the Canal. This operation however was unsuccessful as 2 GLAS H did not succeed in clearing the enemy wholly out of BEST.</p>	
	23	2200	<p>6 KOSB came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde to protect our flank to the NE. It was later learned that 9 CAMERONIANS were being relieved by the 1 Oxf and Bucks at first light and were to conc in the area I 4022 to take over brhead from 7 SEAFORTH, and it was decided to make a two bn attack to capture the line of the rly from incl crossing I 3726 - incl crossing I 3724. This was timed for 1530 hrs. Neither bn reached their objectives owing to fierce resistance and the battle ended with 2 GLAS H in posn round the Church in BEST 3727 and 7 SEAFORTH just short of the rly line held up by strong enemy posn in a big stone Factory at 3726. Bns were ordered to stay in these posns for the night.</p> <p>6 KOSB reverted to comd 44 Bde but still protecting our right flank.</p>	
	24		<p>2 GLAS H who had suffered fairly hy cas were relieved by 9 CAMERONIANS, 15 (S) Recce Regt being responsible for protection of the br. 7 SEAFORTH were then ordered to patrol to the line of the rly to gain as much infm as possible and to occupy the area of the Factory should it be found clear of enemy, the Divisional plan being for 227 Bde to attack along the NORTH bank of the Canal to the rly and then to turn NORTH and clear the enemy in the area NAASTEBESTE I 3625. This attack to take place the following morning.</p>	
	25		<p>Attack by 227 Bde failed and the Div plan was changed once more, 44 Bde and 227 Bde being ordered to adv NW the next day. The strongest enemy resistance seemed to be coming from the Factory 3726 area, and it was decided to withdraw tps and attack it with</p>	

			Typhoons. This attack seemed highly successful. The clearing of BEST was still left to 46 Bde and it was planned to carry it out as laid down in OO No 9.	See Appx D/11
ACHT 398227	26		Clearing ops were carried out in accordance with OO No 9 and the line of rly was eventually reached and firm posns est by both bns. Active patrolling was carried out during the night.	
	27		Our posns on the rly were still intact and one coy of 9 CAMERONIANS was moved up onto the rly to reinforce the line. More patrolling was carried out during the night.	
	28		Active patrolling continued.	
383278	29	1500 2230	Bde HQ moved to new location 383278. Bns were ordered to continue patrolling during the night. Small arms fire heard in vicinity of Bde HQ. Infm received that 2 GORDONS on our immediate front had contacted an enemy patrol. Bde HQ ordered to Stand To.	
	30	0030 1200	Bde HQ ordered to Stand Down. Bns had a quiet day and there was very little to report. Bde Comd summoned to Div HQ for conference. He was infm that Bde was being relieved in one or two days time by a Bde of 51 (H) Div and that probably 15 (S) Inf Div would be conc in a Rest Area for at least four to five days prior to reverting to under comd 8 Corps.	

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WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating LAD attached.

Month and Year OCTOBER 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM Villiers, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
383278	1	0700 0830 1200	Ref maps : HOLLAND 1/100,000 Sheets 4 and 5 Bde HQ ordered to Stand To as a result of small arms fire being heard in the vicinity. Apparently as a result of another enemy patrol being contacted by 2 GORDONS. Full Stand Down ordered. Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	
	2	1500 2145	Bde Comd 152 Bde visited HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde to discuss take-over with Bde Comd. BM issued warning order to bns for hand-over. OO to be issued later.	See Appx E-1(TOP SECRET) See OO No 10 and Mov Order No 16 dated 3 Oct. (Att as Appx "D-1").
HELMOND 5521	3	1000 1030 1910	Bde Comd 152 Bde with BM and IO arrived at HQ accompanied by 3 Bn Comds. After a short discussion with Bde Comd 46 Bde the two Brigs visited units, and BM and IO completed hand-over to staff of 152 Bde. Main body 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ moved to HELMOND 5521. Small Tac HQ consisting of Bde Comd, BM and GIII was left behind. Tac HQ Party arrived new location 559217.	
	4	1615	Day spent in interior economy and reorg. Bde Comd and BM attended conference held by GOC 15 (S) Div, to discuss future ops and receive outline plan.	See Appx E-2(TOP SECRET)
	5	1800 1900	Bde comd visited bns during morning. Bde Comd held preliminary discussion on future ops with COs and 2ICs of bns around sand model. Bde Comd infm that he was required to attend conference at Div HQ at 0900 hrs next day and 'O' Gp at 1000 hrs.	
HELMOND 5521.	6	1100	BM phoned from Div HQ and gave following warning order. 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS to send one offr per coy, one NCO per pl to NORFOLKS and KSLI respectively (of 185 Bde) by 1730 hrs. COs and 2ICs to meet Sqn Comds around sand model at 1830 hrs. COs and 2ICs to be prepared to go to 185 Bde with Bde Comd 0830 hrs next morning. COs would return with Bde Comd by 1630 hrs to meet Corps Comd.	

	7	0830 1100 1330 1600 2000	Bde Comd and IO with COs and 2ICs of bns left for 185 Bde. Party arrived HQ 185 Bde to make recces and final arrangements for take-over. Bde Comd and IO left HQ 185 Bde and visited HQ 3 Br Div. It was learned from the G.I that all arrangements had been cancelled and that recce parties were to return forthwith. Bde Comd phoned HQ 185 Bde and asked that all our recce parties be ordered to return forthwith. Bde Comd and IO returned to Bde HQ where Corps Comd met all COs. Bde Comd visited 8 Corps HQ and dined with Corps Comd.	
	8		Spent in interior economy and church parades.	
	9	0900	Div Comd visited all bns and made a short informal address.	
	10	1100 1630	GOC Second Army, Lt-Gen Sir M.C. Dempsey, KCB, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ. He was accompanied by Comd 15 (S) Inf Div. Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ to discuss future ops.	
	11		Bde Comd visited tps under his comd who were undergoing trg.	
	12		Day spent in gen trg. Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference on future ops.	
	13	1530 1730	Bde Comd attended Div 'O' Gp for Op "SIRIUS". Bde Comd returned from Div HQ and ordered that O Gp previously arranged for 2000 hrs be cancelled. Instead there would be an O Gp for COs and Comds of all sp arms at 1100 hrs next day.	See Appx E-3(TOP SECRET)
	14	1100 1430	Bde Comd held O Gp conference and gave outline plan for Op "SIRIUS". Bde Comd held further conference with CO 3 Tk SG. It was decided to hold a full dress rehearsal for this op on Mon 16 Oct.	
	15	0900 1100 all p.m. 1900	Bde Comd and BM reced the area SOUTH-EAST of GELDROP 5016 to decide on site for rehearsal. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 7. Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ to discuss plan for Op "SIRIUS". Bde Comd held conferences with all sp arms advisers - A Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt, 161 A Tk Bty, 144 SP A Tk Bty, 278 Fd Coy and CRE and AVRE, A Coy 1 MX and Sqn Comds of 3 Tk SG. Issue of Exercise "COCKSHY" papers.	See Appx G-1(TOP SECRET)
HELMOND 5521	16	1800	Exercise "COCKSHY" carried out as per Appx D-2. Bde Comd visited HQ 3 Tk SG with three Bn Comds for further discussion on Op "SIRIUS".	See Appx D-2.
	17		Bde Comd visited Div HQ with CO 2 GLAS H to inspect new type of Armd Tp Carriers (towed). Instrs received to cancel all further preparations for Op "SIRIUS".	

	18)			
	19)		Gen trg was continued throughout the Bde incl Battle School trg	See Appx J-1.
	20)		and Int trg. Plans were discussed and sand table conferences	
	21)		held during this period for an op which entailed an adv by the	
	22)		Bde sp by 3 Tk SG (inf in Armd Carriers), from area BEST 3726 to	
	23)		capture OIRSCHOT 3125 and continue adv towards TILBURG.	
ACHT 397242	24	1100 1200 1400 1700 1745 2100	Bde Comd attended 'O' Gp at Div HQ, accompanied by BM. BM phoned from Div HQ to say that Bde was to be ready to move that afternoon. Issue of Bde Mov Order No 17. Bde HQ moves off in accordance with Mov Order No 17 and arrived area ACHT 397242 1900 hrs. Bde Comd and IO attended Div 'O' Gp. All previous plans were cancelled and the Bde was to adv following morning through OIRSCHOT towards TILBURG and to secure the line MOERGESTEL 2230 - OOSTERWIJK 2234. See OO No 11. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp.	See Appx E-4. See Appx D-3. See Appx D-4.
Nunnery 229311	25	0700 1745 1800 2000	Adv of 46 (H) Inf Bde Gp begins in accordance with OO No 11, and the adv, if a little slow at first, made good progress, and by dark the Bde was disposed as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS - area 1931, 2 GLAS H - area 2031, 7 SEAFORTH - area br 230341. BM attended 'O' Gp Div HQ as substitute for Bde Comd. He returned with orders for the capture of OOSTERWIJK as soon as possible by two bns. Bde HQ est in Nunnery 229311. Bde Comd holds conference for COs to discuss plan for capture of OOSTERWIJK. See confirmatory notes by BM.	See Appx D-5.
	26		Adv on OOSTERWIJK went according to plan and by 0830 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had three coys in the town and 2 GLAS H who had moved up to an FAA area 2332 started to adv through 7 SEAFORTH to the Eastern part of the town. During the night 9 CAMERONIANS had carried out patrols to br 178327 which was found to be still intact. They were ordered immediately to send one coy sp by tks to hold the br but were unable to reach the br before it was blown by the enemy. During the morning 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H succeeded in getting all their coys into OOSTERWIJK 2234 and by 1500 hrs the town had been cleared of enemy. Meanwhile 9 CAMERONIANS had reached the rd - rail - Canal junc at 177327. and were preparing to cross the Canal into TILBURG By 1700 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were disposed astride the rly running NE and EAST from 177327 and although a sharp enemy counter-	

			attack was put in that evening they held their ground. Following patrols were ordered for the night : 7 SEAFORTH to send recce patrols to gain all infm about the enemy on their front; the 2 GLAS H to do likewise; 9 CAMERONIANS were to do local protective patrols.	
Nunnery 229311	27	0830 0915 1024 1058 1230 1415	9 CAMERONIANS sent out strong fighting patrols with tks to clear Eastwards towards the 7 SEAFORTH. The clearing operations were finished in a very short time. Bde Comd and BM visited 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H in OOSTERWIJK. Div Comd arrived at Bde HQ. LO was sent to 9 CAMERONIANS with order for them to try and cross the Canal in the area 177327. 7 SEAFORTH were being ordered to move from OOSTERWIJK towards the North Eastern approaches of TILBURG. Bde Comd visited CO 9 CAMERONIANS at 177327 to complete plans for the crossing into TILBURG. 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H to cross in the area 177327 keeping NORTH of the rly running EAST and WEST through TILBURG and making eventual br head with 2 GLAS H on the Right and 9 CAMERONIANS on the Left. 7 SEAFORTH eventually to cross in the area 164343. Bde Comd ordered CO 2 GLAS H and his recce party to RV 185330 for orders. By 1900 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H had completed the crossing except for such tpt as could not be rafted across. Bde HQ had moved to 198338.	
198338 TILBURG 1532	28	1615 2130 2220	Owing to the fact that no C1 40 br would be available at 177327 the remainder of the tpt was ordered to move into TILBURG via br 206276. See Mov Order no 18. Move was completed by 1900 hrs. Orders were received from Div HQ to be prepared to move early next morning to area HEEZE 4911 - LEEENDE 4807. Recce parties were ordered accordingly. Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ accompanied by BM who attended separate Staff conference. BM returned and ordered conference for Bn reps at 0730 hrs next morning.	See Appx D-6
	29	0100 0800 1005	Issue of Mov Order No 19. Bde Comd and IO leave Bde HQ to meet Div Comd at HQ 11 Armd Div at DEURNE 664212. On the way Bde Comd visited 46 (H) Inf Bde Battle School at HELMOND 5522. Bde Comd and IO arrived HQ 11 Armd Div. Comd 8 Corps arrived at 1020 and held conference with Comds 15 (S) Inf Div and 11 Armd	See Appx D-7

644192		<p>Div before Comd 15 (S) Inf Div gave outline plan to Comds 44 and 46 Bde for counteracting the penetration made by the enemy in the area MEIJEL 7007 Northwards through the 7 US Div. The plan required 46 Bde to be concentrated in the area DEURNE 6520. As the Bde was already on the move to the area HEEZE - LEENDE in accordance with Mov Order No 19 immediate orders were given for the coln to be diverted to DEURNE.</p> <p>1200 Bde Comd gave outline plan to COs at HQ 11 Armd Div. COs immediately went off to recce their bn areas in DEURNE.</p> <p>1300 Bde Comd and IO went off to recce new Bde HQ and then to warn recce parties who were already in the area HEEZE - LEENDE of change of plan.</p> <p>1800 All moves were completed but owing to tactical requirements 2 GLAS H were put under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde and had moved down to the area LEENSEL. 6 KOSB came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and remained in their 'firm base' posn astride the rd in the area 662168.</p> <p>Meanwhile Bde HQ had arrived new location 644192, and 46 Bde was disposed to guard the entrances into DEURNE from the SE and SW.</p> <p>2130 Bde Comd visited HQ 227 Bde 614145 for Div Comd's conference. Patrolling for the night was ordered as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS - to patrol Eastward along the rly from 653191 to contact the 1 Bn E Yorks about 682184 : 6 KOSB to areas 663161 and 665155 : 7 SEAFORTH to areas HEIEIND 6417 and BAARSCHOT 6316.</p>	
	30	<p>Patrols ordered for previous night had nothing to report except in the case of 6 KOSB who reported sounds of enemy tracked vehs coming from area LIESEL 6614.</p> <p>0850 6 KOSB were ordered to send a patrol to the wooded area 6716 and if it were found unoccupied by the enemy 9 CAMERONIANS would move fwd and occupy it. 7 SEAFORTH would then move fwd to LOON on the Codeword "FORT GEORGE" 7 SEAFORTH being put at 1 hrs notice, 9 CAMERONIANS at ½ hrs notice.</p> <p>1010 Woods 6516 and 6515 were reported clear by the Recce as was also LOON and 7 SEAFORTH were ordered fwd immediately to LOON.</p> <p>1030 6 KOSB reported Wood 6715 clear of enemy and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered fwd to occupy it. By 1245 hrs 7 SEAFORTH were est in area LOON, 9 CAMERONIANS in Wood 6716.</p> <p>1248 6 KOSB ordered by Bde Comd to prepare to move through 6 RSF in LIESEL 6614 and capture SLOT 6713. Owing to stiff enemy resistance in LIESEL 6 RSF were unable to capture it complete and it was unlikely that 6 KOSB would carry out attack on SLOT.</p>	

644192		1830	Bde Comd held conference of COs and Comds sp arms to plan ops for next day. See OO No 12 dated 30 Oct 44. Bde HQ moved to	See Appx D-8
LOON 6615	31	1830	Op planned was carried out in accordance with OO No 12 and by last light the Bde was est in the area LIESEL and SLOT, Bde HQ having moved up to LOON 6615. Bde Comd held conference for all COs to discuss ops for the next day which entailed clearing the area from LIESEL Eastward to the Canal. See OO No 13 dated 31 Oct 44.	See Appx D-9

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

Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM Villiers, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
658180 LOON 6615	1	1415	<p>Ref maps 1/100,000. Sheets 4 and Q1.</p> <p>Ops for the day commenced in accordance with 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 13 and by 1020 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were on their objective having met no opposition and by 1155 hrs 7 SEAFORTH were also firmly est on their objective no enemy opposition having been encountered. 6 KOSB were then ordered to advance and capture the area HUTTEN 6813 instead of 2 GLAS H as originally planned. By 1315 hrs 6 KOSB arrived in HUTTEN and as no enemy had been encountered they were ordered to patrol forward to HEITRAK 6910, preceded by Recce. Stiffer enemy resistance was encountered and Bde Comd considered that no further adv could be made to-day.</p> <p>Bde HQ moved to area LOON 6615.</p> <p>By the end of the day 6 KOSB were est in HUTTEN area and 2 GLAS H reverted to under comd 46 Bde and concentrated in LIESEL.</p> <p>Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 14.</p>	See Appx D-1 & Appx E-1.
	2		<p>Reorg of bn posns was carried out as laid down in Op Instr No 14. Enemy activity during the day was negligible but many mines were encountered and several cas occurred. Bns were informed that no move likely next day and were ordered to patrol Eastwards towards the Canal to find out as much infm as possible about crossing places and enemy posns.</p>	
	3	1600	<p>Nothing to report on 46 (H) Inf Bde front during the morning. Div Comd arrived at Bde HQ with orders for next day. 44 Bde were to attack and capture MEIJEL 7106. 46 (H) Inf Bde was to cover front stretching from grid line 09 to 17. One sqn of Recce was being allotted to 46 (H) Inf Bde to take over 7 SEAFORTH area and guard left flank. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to detail one coy and one sec carriers to take over present area of 8 RS by 0930 hrs next day; A second coy to take over coy posn 6 RSF at 701099, third coy to go to area NEERKANT 698096. Later in the day the attack by 44 Bde was postponed for 24 hrs.</p>	

LOON 6615	4	1600	Except for spasmodic shelling and mines there was nothing to report on 46 (H) Inf Bde front during the day. Issue of OO No 14.	See Appx D-2.
	5	1350 2300	The reshuffle of bn posns took place in accordance with OO No 14 but a request was made by 44 Bde that further assistance be given them to protect their left flank in their adv. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to do what they could in assisting 44 Bde as far as was possible. 44 Bde attack on MEIJEL failed 6 RSF being held up in SCHANS 7008 and unable to get on. No further attack was made and it was decided to put 7 SEAFORTH under comd 44 Bde and withdraw 6 RSF during the hours of darkness to area HEITRAK 6910 to come under comd 46 Bde. 6 RSF in fact were concentrated in SLOT 6713. Orders arrived from 15 Div that 6 RSF would take over positions at present occupied by 2 GORDONS tomorrow and were not to be used without reference to Div Comd. 6 RSF were then ordered to send recce parties to contact 2 GORDONS by 0900 hrs next day. The main body to move at 1000 hrs.	
	6	1000 1730	Bde Comd visited HQ 2 GORDONS to meet CO 6 RSF and tie up take over. It now appeared that 6 RSF would have to take over from 2 GORDONS and 10 HLI. 6 RSF were given one Sqn 4 Tk Coldm Gds in support. 6 RSF came under comd 15 (S) Div.	
	7	1000 1400 1530	Bde Comd attended conference at 15 (S) Div HQ. 'B' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt protecting our left flank was relieved by 'C' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt. Bde Comd and CO 190 Fd Regt prepared new DF tasks to cover 46 (H) Inf Bde front. Issue of Adm Order No: 9. Bde Comd visited bns.	See Appx G-1
LOON 6615	8	0900 1600	Receipt of 15 (S) Div Op Instr No: 36. Bde Comd and Staff Capt made recce of hutted camp near DEURNE 6419 where 7 SEAFORTH would be withdrawn to for rest. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 15. 7 SEAPORTH came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde once more and began to withdraw to Rest Camp 655170.	See Appx E-3 TOP SECRET See Appx D-3(TOP SECRET)
	9		There was little to report during the day although fairly active patrolling had been carried out. 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt relieved 'C' Sqn on our LEFT flank.	
	10	1530	Nothing of importance occurred during the night and our patrols encountered no enemy. 7 SEAFORTH begin taking over from 9 CAMERONIANS who withdrew to Rest Camp 655170.	

	11)		During this period our Bde front was held by two bns with one bn	
	12)		out of the line resting. Each bn was relieved in turn every 48	
	13)		hrs. Active patrolling along the bank of the CANAL DE DEURNE was	See Appx D-4.
	14)		carried out during the whole of this period to build up an exact	
	15)		enemy picture in the event of an assault crossing having to be	
	16)		made, and also to find out immediately should the enemy withdraw.	
	16	1000 2030 2230	Bde Comd attended Div conference. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference and gave his plan for the crossing of the Canal against no opposition. It having been reported that the enemy had withdrawn at least 8 miles Eastwards. The plan was for the Bde to adv across the Canal as far EAST as area HELENAVEEN 7311 which would be held by two bns - 2 GLAS H RIGHT and 9 CAMERONIANS LEFT with 7 SEAFORTH holding a posn around the br 708123 to cover the RE who were building a Cl 40 br in that area. This plan was to be put into effect should it be confirmed by patrols early next morning that the enemy had in fact withdrawn. Orders were received from Div that this plan would not be put into effect until 44 Bde on our RIGHT had made a crossing of the Canal EAST of MEIJEL.	See Appx E-4.
LOON 6615	17		Issue of Op Instr No 17. and Adm Order No: 10. Patrolling continued active throughout the day and night and it was est that the enemy still held the line of the Canal.	See Appx D-5. and G-2
	18	2359	Orders were received from Div to make a Bde plan for an assault crossing of the Canal. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at 1430 hrs and gave his plan - Op LENTO. Patrolling was continued as usual throughout the night. Issue of Op Instr No 18.	See Appx D-6.
	19		During the night and at first light patrols est that the enemy had withdrawn from the Canal bank. 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to send recce patrol over in recce boats to get further infm. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to send a Standing Patrol EAST of the br at 715101. Reports of these patrols still confirmed that the enemy had withdrawn and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to send one coy over the Canal in the area of the br 7012 and est a br head to cover RE party who were to begin building Cl 40 br in that area. 2 GLAS H were also ordered to be at 2 hrs notice to move through 9 CAMERONIANS and adv towards HELENAVEEN 7311. Bde HQ moved to 679135. By the end of the day 9 CAMERONIANS had succeeded in getting one coy in the area rd junc 733115. Active patrolling	See Appx E-5. See Appx D-7.

			was ordered during the night to see if enemy still held HELENAVEEN. If it was found that HELENAVEEN was still held 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to capture it in the morning.	
679135	20		After being held up mostly by enemy mines 9 CAMERONIANS succeeded in getting three coys up to the line of the Canal. 2 GLAS H were then ordered to be prepared to go through 9 CAMERONIANS and make a small br head over the Canal so that bridging might be started at 736116 without delay. This order was cancelled however when it was found that 6 RSF on our RIGHT had advanced rapidly Northwards and were likely to reach HELENAVEEN on the Eastern side of the Canal by dark. Owing to mines 6 RSF were held up about 1,000 yds short of HELENAVEEN on the EAST side of the Canal and they were ordered to adv at 0800 hrs the next day and clear up to HELENAVEEN. 2 GLAS H were ordered to have a recce patrol ready to move through 9 CAMERONIANS and adv Eastwards along main axis to SEVENUM. Issue of OO No 15.	See App D-8.
679135				
	21		46 Bde continued adv in accordance with OO No 15 and by dark 2 GLAS H had reached Eastern edge of wood 7912 and 7 SEAFORTH were concentrated area 7812. 9 CAMERONIANS remained in the area of HELENAVEEN.	
	22	0815	Bde Comd visited 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH and ordered them to push on as quickly as possible to the areas VOORSTE HEES 8114 and ACHTERSTE HEES 7914. Bde Comd then reced new fwd area for 9 CAMERONIANS and decided to send them to hutted camp at 765132. Bde HQ moved to HELENAVEEN 735121. By 1700 the three bns were concentrated as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS area 764132, 2 GLAS H 794145, 7 SEAFORTH 798144. Owing to the state of the track leading from the br at HELENAVEEN to bn areas bns were only able to take fwd carriers and jeeps. The state of the track deteriorated throughout the day and comns with bns became almost impossible. The sup problem became acute and the Bde Comd asked for 12 Weasles to be allotted to the Bde to carry fwd food etc. A ferry service of Weasles went on throughout the night.	
735121				
	23		Rd building from br 736116 to commencement of concrete rd at 764130 was given first priority and that stretch of rd was closed to all traffic between 0800 and 1230 hrs and from 1430 to 1530 hrs. Bns were ordered to patrol Northwards and Eastwards and report on state of rds, enemy mines and enemy posts if any. Mines were found to be plentiful and rd maint necessary. Bns were ordered to send parties to repair the rds as follows : 9	

			CAMERONIANS from present HQ to rd junc 782144, 2 GLAS H from 782144 to 797144, 7 SEAFORTH from 797144 to 812140. Work to begin next day.	
735121	24		Patrols from 7 SEAFORTH were out during the night working Northwards to the rly getting all infm possible about enemy, enemy mines, demolitions and state of rds. This patrolling was carried on during the day and a few enemy were encountered. TIENRAIJ 8523 227 Bde are advancing on/ HORST tomorrow and 7 SEAFORTH have been ordered to give right flank protection with one coy which would move to area MELDERSLO 8519. 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H were ordered to be at ½ hrs notice to move from 1100 hrs next day.	
817145	25	1730	The Bde moved up behind 227 Bde and by night were disposed as follows : 9 CAMERONIANS 816168, 2 GLAS H 830181, 7 SEAFORTH area MELDERSLO 8519, Bde HQ moved to 817145. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp for ops next day. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 19.	See Appx D-9
HORST 833182	26		Ops were carried out during the day in accordance with Op Instr No 19 but 9 CAMERONIANS were unable to capture LOTTUM 9019. During the morning Bde HQ moved up to HORST 833182. With 7 SEAFORTH in area HOUTHUIZEN 8917, 9 CAMERONIANS containing LOTTUM and one coy of 7 SEAFORTH 2 GLAS H at LOVENDAAL 8915, ops were discontinued for the day, except for patrolling. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 20. and Adm. Order No: 11.	See Appx D-10 and G-3.
HORST 833182	27	2020	The night's patrols by 9 CAMERONIANS reported quite a lot of mov area LOTTUM otherwise the front was quiet. 9 CAMERONIANS found LOTTUM unoccupied at first light and occupied the village immediately. Ops went according to Op Instr No 20. Bde Comd visited bns during the day and gave orders to 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH for holding the front from excl GRUBBENVORST 8914 to incl STOKT 9021. 2 GLAS H were to clear the large wooded area 8820 and then conc in area 8418. The reshuffle was successfully carried out and patrol orders were given for the night to 7 SEAFORTH and 9 CAMERONIANS. Orders were received from Div that we were to move to new area and take over front opposite BLERICK 8909 from two bns 56 Bde and one bn 146 Bde. Recce parties to leave Bde HQ 0915. 46 Bde were being relieved in present area by 159 Inf Bde.	
	28	0930	Bde Comd 159 Bde visited HQ to discuss relief with Bde Comd 46 Bde.	

		1030	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave outline plan for the take-over in new area. COs were then sent to their respective bns, 9 CAMERONIANS would relieve 2 ESSEX, 2 GLAS H the 2 GLOSTERS, 7 SEAFORTH the 4 LINCOLNS.	
		1115	Bde Comd and IO visited HQ 146 Bde 837083, HQ 4 LINCOLNS 849089 and HQ 56 Bde 853131 to discuss plans for relief with Comds. 46 Bde to move next day to new area. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 20.	See Appx D-11.
	29		46 Bde moved into new area in accordance with Mov Order No 20 and reliefs went on during the day and night. Bde HQ moved to 837083.	
MAASBREE 837083	30		There was little to report on our front although patrols were able to confirm that the enemy was still holding BLERICK. Relief of 7 SEAFORTH by 9 CAMERONIANS started in the afternoon and was completed by 1845 hrs. 7 SEAFORTH withdrawing to area 7915 conc in readiness for future ops when they would come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde.	

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Month and Year DECEMBER 1944.

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM VILLIERS, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MAASBREE 837083	1		Ref Maps 1/100,000. Sheets 4, 5, and Q1. Quiet day. 1430 hrs Bde Comd and Bde Major attended 'O' Gp at 15 (S) Div HQ to receive plan for future ops when 7 SEAFORTH will come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde. Deception plan - Op JACKSON for 2 GLAS H was issued.	See Appx D - 1.
	2		Issue of Op Instr No 21 - OP "GUILDFORD". OP JACKSON was continued by 2 GLAS H with success.	See Appx D - 2.
	3		OP "GUILDFORD" was carried out according to plan and deception plan - OP JACKSON - contributed largely to the success. Receipt of 15 (S) Inf Div Op Instr No 41.	See Appx E - 1.
	4		46 Bde moved back from the line, 44 Bde taking over their responsibilities. Bde HQ moved to 753059.	
753059	5		Bde Comd attended a conference at Div HQ, to discuss future trg.	
	6		Receipt of 15 (S) Inf Div letter 281/G(O). Orders were received for 7 SEAFORTH to move to ASTEN rest area.	See Appx E - 2.
	7		Comd 8 Corps, Lt-Gen E.H. Barker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ and spoke to COs.	
	8		46 (H) Inf Bde moved back to ASTEN area for a week's rest. Bde HQ moving to 610141.	
610141	9		Nothing to report.	
	10		Bde Comd addsd all offr in the Cinema ASTEN and brought out lessons learned in recent ops.	
	11		Nothing to report Bde comd & IO visited 44 Bde and made preliminary reces for take-over.	
	12		Army Comd Lt-Gen Sir Miles C. Dempsey, KCB, DSO, MC, visited Bde HQ.	
	13		Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 22 for relief of 44 Bde by 46 Bde. Bde Comd and BM attended presentation of medals and address by Fd Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO at ZOMEREN 5712.	See Appx D-3.

	14		Nothing to report, except that orders were received in the evening that 46 Bde would relieve 158 (Welsh) Bde instead of 44 (L) Inf Bde on Sunday 17 Dec.	
610141	15	1400	Bde Comd and IO visited HQ 158 (W) Bde at 709942 to discuss relief. Bde Comd and IO also visited the fwd bns 1 E LAN R and 1/5 WELCH. Bde Comd met COs in HEITHUIZEN to give his plans for take-over. 2 GLAS H were to be on the RIGHT, 9 CAMERONIANS LEFT, 7 SEAFORTH concentrated in res. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 16.	See Appx D-4.
	16		Bns sent one offr per coy and one NCO per pl to the bns which they were relieving.	
717961	17	1600	Relief of 158 Bde was carried out in accordance with 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 16, Bde HQ moving to 717961. Relief was completed by 1530 hrs. Div Comd visited Bde HQ. Enemy air activity was much greater than it had been for several weeks. Bombs were dropped in the Bde area causing a few cas, some fatal. Intensive patrolling was begun on our front.	
	18		During the night our patrols had encountered no enemy but the enemy was active and he succeeded in getting small parties across the river and approaching the 9 CAMERONIANS posns. No fire was opened because it was thought that he was wearing British uniform and our tps were deceived until he opened fire. No cas however were sustained and the enemy withdrew. The weather improved to fine and frosty after a considerable period of rain. Patrol orders for intercepting and destroying any enemy in our area were issued. Bde Comd proceeded on leave to the UK. Lt Col HC BAKER BAKER, DSO, MBE assumed comd.	
	19	1100	A/Bde Comd was ordered to be at Div HQ by 1155 prior to proceeding on leave to UK. Lt Col PM HUNT assumed comd.	
	20		There is little to report. Patrols were active but no enemy contacted.	
	21		Bde Comd and A/Bde Comd both returned from BRUSSELS, their leave to UK having been postponed. Visibility was poor thick fog persisting. Patrols were active during the night without success. During the night the weather deteriorated although visibility had improved. Bde Comd paid a visit to 9 CAMERONIANS during the afternoon and went forward to OP in houses 790956. He decided that this area should be occupied in future by a pl as it was an excellent OP.	
	22		Weather deteriorated and rain fell.	

		1000	Bde Comd visited HQ 159 Bde on our RIGHT and arranged liaison between 2 GLAS H and LEFT coy of the 1 HEREFORDS. He then visited HQ 2 GLAS H to discuss patrolling with CO. He then went on to HQ 9 CAMERONIANS. Relief of 9 CAMERONIANS by 7 SEAFORTH proceeded throughout the day and was completed by 1900 hrs.	
	23		Mob patrols were continued during the nights but were unable to contact any enemy. Enemy patrols however succeeded in crossing the river and reaching our lines.	
	24		Bde Comd held a conference for COs and it was decided to hold the line of the river at night with a series of Standing Patrols.	See Appx D-5.
	25	)	The weather which had been foggy improved considerably although it was intensely cold and the ground was frozen. Visibility	
	26	)	however was greatly improved. Except for a fair amount of enemy shelling and mortaring this was a quiet period and no enemy	
	27	)	patrols succeeded in getting through our Standing Patrols on the river line.	
	28		Bde Comd held an Adm inspection accompanied by the DAA & QMG. 9 CAMERONIANS relieved 2 GLAS H.	
	29		Visibility deteriorated and the day was quiet.	
	30		Bde Comd visited 156 Bde and reced a site on the R MEUSE for assault boat practice. Bad weather continued and there was a slight fall of snow.	
	31		The Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH with Bde Maj. Bdy between 46 Bde and 227 Bde was changed, the CANAL being incl 46 Bde.	

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717961	1		<u>Ref Maps</u> : 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 GELDROF 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 ROGEL 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	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.	
		1830	Bde Comd held a preliminary conference for COs.	
	28		Bde Comd and IO reced 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.	

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TILBURG	1	1000 1400	Reference Maps 1/100,000 Sheets 5 (HOLLAND) P1 and Q1 (GERMANY) Bde Comd and BM attended co-ordinating conference for Op VERITABLE at Div HQ. Conference was held at Bde HQ to discuss action to be taken and sp arms needed against pillboxes.	
	2		This was the third day of a mild spell of weather and the ground had become very soft. Bde Comd visited Training Areas SOUTH of TILBURG to see tps trg with Flails, Crocodiles and AVRES. He later visited Comds 44 and 227 Bde to discuss various pts regarding tracks and FUPs for OP VERITABLE.	
	3		Issue of OP Order 18 and Adm Order No: 17.	See Appx 'D'-1 & 'G'-1
	4	1900	46 (H) Inf Bde moved to NIJMEGEN according to Mov Order No: 22. Issue of Op Order No: 19. Issue of Adm Order No: 18. Bde Comd visited CO 4 Tk COLDM Gds to discuss various pts regarding OP VERITABLE.	See Appx D-2 & D-3 See Appx G-2
	5		Bde Comd made final preparations for OP VERITABLE.	
	6	1030 1430	Bde Comd visited HQ 2nd CDN DIV and 4 CDN Bde to obtain all available infm about our own minefds through which our tps would pass at the start of OP VERITABLE. It was decided that all these would be lifted before the op started. Bde Comd and Sigs Offr reced the site for a Bde Comd post which was to be at 754557. Issue of Amendment No: 1 to OP Order No: 18. Issue of Mov Order No: 23 Issue of Amendment No: 1 to Adm Order No: 18	See Appx D-4 See Appx D-5 See Appx G-3
	7		Bde Comd and LO1 visited HQ 53 (W) Div, 71 Bde and 160 Bde to discuss flank liaison during OP VERITABLE.	
	8	1000 1030	Bde Comd and IO set up Comd Post at 754557.	

754557		1430 2359	<p>OP VERITABLE commenced according to plan and 2 GLAS H crossed SL. Despite very heavy going 2 GLAS H reached their objectives by 1400 hrs having encountered very light enemy resistance.</p> <p>9 CAMERONIANS advanced through 2 GLAS H and by 1900 hrs had captured FRASSSELT 8153 and were patrolling towards the anti-tank ditch of the SIEGFRIED Line to gain all infm regarding crossings and enemy strengths for Comd 44 Bde who were breaching the SIEGFRIED Line defences that night. The defences appeared only lightly held.</p> <p>7 SEAFORTH were warned to be ready to move by 0400 hrs.</p>	
	9	0630 1400	<p>Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp Conference at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS 806544 to give out orders for further adv, but no immediate moves were made and at 1040 hrs Bde Comd was summoned to meet the GSO I 15 (S) Div at 1400 hrs at 806562.</p> <p>Bde Comd met GSO I 15 (S) Div and afterwards returned to Bde HQ 755557. The Bde was then ordered to get as much rest as possible preparatory to another adv.</p>	
	10	0645 1245 1600 2300	<p>Issue of OP Instr No: 25.</p> <p>Bde Comd told CO 7 SEAFORTH that no move was likely from present positions before evening.</p> <p>CO 7 SEAFORTH informed that no move was likely today.</p> <p>7 SEAFORTH were ordered to be at 2 hours notice to move from first light and 2 GLAS H were ordered to have one coy at 2 hours notice, the remainder at 3 hours notice to move from first light.</p> <p>9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to take over the area STOPPELBURG 8553 following morning from a bn of 53 (W) Div.</p>	See Appx 'D'-6
854556	11	0700 0930 1900 2030	<p>46 Bde were ordered to take over areas as follows on the following day:- 9 CAMERONIANS 8553: 7 SEAFORTH MATERBORN feature 8754: 2 GLAS H area Watch Tower 8856.</p> <p>Bde Comd and IO left HQ to recce above areas and met COs during the morning.</p> <p>Arrangements for 9 CAMERONIANS were cancelled and the CO was ordered to meet the Bde Comd at HQ 44 Bde at 1300 hours for new orders.</p> <p>During the day Bde HQ moved to 854556 and was established by 1800 hrs.</p> <p>46 Bde was ordered into Div reserve and at the same time Bde Comd called an 'O' Gp at Bde HQ for CO 7 SEAFORTH to give out orders for "HUNTFORCE" adv to CALCAR next day.</p> <p>CO 7 SEAFORTH held 'O' Gp for "HUNTFORCE" at Bde HQ.</p>	See Appx 'D'-7
	12		Owing to very heavy going and vehs being bogged it was some time before "HUNTFORCE" was got under way.	

		1300	"HUNTFORCE" moved through CLEVE to start adv towards CALCAR. By 2010 hours they had cleared up to HASSELT and were disposed as follows:- Coys at 902544, 921544, 922547, 913547. Bde HQ moved to 892564. Although Kangaroos were used in this operation they were not considered a great success owing to their inability to get off the roads making deployment on a wide front impossible. In this way they became easy targets for shelling and mortaring when halted one behind the other on the road.	
892564	13		Early in the morning recce elements of 15 (S) Recce Regt went forward to gain contact. HASSELT was found to be clear of enemy and 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to occupy it. Orders were then given for 7 SEAFORTH to be prepared to send night patrols as far as MOYLAND. Issue of Adm Order No: 19	See Appx 'G'-4 See Appcs 'D'-8 & 'D'-9
	14	1845	Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp for an adv on MOYLAND. Owing to flooding the plan for the adv on MOYLAND had to be changed. Phase III was cancelled and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to adv along the Southern edge of the wood on the right of 2 GLAS H up to 958507 then to move NORTH and capture MOYLAND. Enemy opposition was stiff and both bns were held up in the wooded area SW of MOYLAND. Owing to their inability to adv any further a new plan was made for the eventual capture of MOYLAND. Issue of OP Order No: 21.	See Appx 'D'-10
892564	15	1415 2330	The attack did not go well and we were held up by a very determined enemy. 10 HLI were put under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and at 1645 hrs CO 10 HLI was ordered to report to Bde HQ as soon as possible for orders. 10 HLI were to attack during the night and capture the area Pt 328 964495. 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to continue fighting to capture their objective, even if it meant fighting throughout the night. 10 HLI began their attack and 0105 hours they were reported to be on their objective. Later in the morning the enemy put in a fairly heavy counter-attack and over-ran the RIGHT hand coy but the position was restored later.	
	16	0805 0815 0910	2 GLAS H were ordered to have one coy ready to move under comd 10 HLI. Bde Comd visited 10 HLI. 9 CAMERONIANS who had been fighting throughout the night reported that they had captured their last objective. At the same time 7 SEAFORTH had reached the wood 959522 but had suffered fairly	

		1200 1300	heavy casualties. The enemy was still aggressive and 9 CAMERONIANS were counter-attacked in the area 962513. This however came to nothing. We were informed that 7 CDN Bde were going to attack through us to try and clear the enemy out of the wooded area SOUTH of MOYLAND and 9 CAMERONIANS were therefore ordered to clear the wood 957511 and give all possible help. 7 CDN Bde attacked through 46 Bde but without success. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to patrol forward to the houses at 963519 during the night.	
	17	0415	7 SEAFORTH began their tack. The houses were reported clear and 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to occupy them. Issue of OP Order No: 22 Further attacks by the 7 CDN Bde were unsuccessful and 46 Bde were not called upon to clear MOYLAND. Orders came through that 46 Bde would be relieved that night by 5 CDN Bde. night 18/19 FEB.	See Appx 'D'-11
	18		Little happened during the day. Unessential tpt was filtered back to CLEVE where the Bde were being withdrawn to rest. The relief was carried out during the night according to OP Instr No: 26.	See Appx 'D'-12
	19	0900	Relief by 5 CDN Bde was completed. 2 GLAS H were ordered under comd 227 Bde and CO reported to Comd 277 Bde at HQ 214 Bde - 936494. HQ 46 Bde moved to 887553.	
887553	20		During the morning Div Comd visited Bns. Bde Comd visited HQ 227 Bde 917475 to discuss next operation by 46 Bde which was to clear the area between R NIERS and Easting 95 from Northing 43 down to Northing 40. Roads and tracks leading to the area were in a very bad state and it was difficult to find suitable FUPs. See Movement Order No: 24	See Appx 'D'-13
	21	0900	Bde Comd, BM and IO left for HQ 227 Bde where Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp and afterwards made final recces. Issue of Op Order No: 23	See Appx 'D'-14
934456	22		Bde Gp moved in accordance with Mov Order No: 24 and Bde HQ was established at 934456. Owing to stiff enemy resistance 6 RSF had only been able to make a small bridgehead at 941422 and the plan for 46 Bde was changed, Bde Comd ordering an 'O' Gp for 1100 hrs at Bde HQ. 9 CAMERONIANS were now ordered to enlarge the bridgehead made by 6 RSF and 7 SEAFORTH would then carry out their original task. The Bde objective for the day being limited to a line running approx EAST and WEST about 500 yards SOUTH of the rly. 2 GLAS H were ordered	

			to take over from 6 RSF at night after the completion of 9 CAMERONIANS attack. Attacks by 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH went well and all objectives were taken by night.	
	23	0820	2 GLAS H were pulled out of the line and were sent back to NIJMEGEN prior to moving to a rest area in TILBURG. 9 CAMERONIANS took over responsibility of their area. 44 Bde attacked through 46 Bde and by night had reached the line of Northing 40 between the R NIERS and Easting 95. Issue of Adm Order No: 20	See Appx 'G'-5
934446	24		Advance parties arrived from 3 BR Div who were relieving us. One bn, 1 SUFFOLK of 8 Bde was taking over our Bde sector. Issue of OP Instr No: 27	See Appx D-15
	25	0700 2235	Bde Comd proceeded on leave to UK. Lt Col HC BAKER BAKER, DSO, MBE assumed command of the Bde. Relief of 46 Bde was successfully completed and the Bde was concentrated according to Op Instr No: 27.	
	26		46 (H) Inf Bde moved to TILBURG in accordance with Mov Order No: 25	See Appx D-16
	27/	28	Bde rested in TILBURG.	

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TILBURG	1/2		Bde continued to rest. Work was begun on maint of all vehs. Owing to the appalling conditions in Op VERITABLE much work was needed to put them right.	
	3		Div Comd, Maj-Gen CM BARBER, DSO inspected the Bde - each Bn in turn.	
	4/5		Rest period continued.	
	5		Issue of Mov Order No 26.	See Appx D-1.
720760	6		Bde moved to new area in accordance with Mov Order No 26.	
	7	1430	Units settled in. A/Bde Comd held a trg conference, which included discussions on assault boat trg and use of Buffaloes.	
	8		Bde Comd returned from leave and resumed comd. Recces were made to find sites where mock-up Buffaloes could be built to train drivers in driving onto and off Buffaloes.	
	9		BM and Sigs Offr recced a site for demonstration of use of Buffaloes in preparation for trg to be carried out by bns.	
	10		Bde Comd attended demonstration of Buffaloes at 269695.	
	11		Nothing to report. Bde Comd & BM attended conference Corps HQ for Ex BUFFALO.	See Appx D-2.
	12		Bde Comd visited units trg in driving on and off Cl 9 rafts at 5870 in preparation for Op TORCHLIGHT.	
	13		Issue of Adm Instr No 9.	See Appx G-1(TOP SECRET)
	14		Ex BUFFALO was carried out by the Div and Bde Comd, BM and DAA & QMG acted as umpires. The Ex was done by day purely as a drill.	
	15		Ex BUFFALO was carried out again, this time by night under battle conditions. Bde Comd, BM, DAA & QMG again attended as umpires and Bn Int Secs manned OPs on the EAST bank of the MEUSE to observe.	
	16		Ex BUFFALO ended. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Outline Plan for Op TORCHLIGHT.	See Appx D-3.
720760	17	)	Planning and trg continued for Op "TORCHLIGHT".	
	18	)	Issue of Adm Instr No 10	See Appx G-2.

	19	1630	Bde Comd had discussion with OC 44 RTR (DD Tks) to discuss co-op of tks with 7 SEAFORTH for Op "TORCHLIGHT". BM attended GOC's conference at Div HQ to discuss priorities of vehs over the R RHINE.	
	20	0900	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference for Op "TORCHLIGHT" around a model in planning room. During the rest of the day the Planning Room was used by Bn Comds to issue orders to and discuss problems with their Coy Comds. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 27. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 20	See Appx D-4. See Appx G-3.
026397	21		46 (H) Inf Bde moved by night to marshalling area. HQ at 026397.	
	22	1000 1430	Bde Comd and Sigs Offr reced site for Tac HQ at 088454. Bde Comd addsd all offr of the Bde and gave plan for Op "TORCHLIGHT". He later visited Div HQ with BM. Issue of instrs for mov of tps and vehs from present areas to far bank of R RHINE and Op Instr No 28.	See Appendices D-5 and D-6.
088456	23	1600 2100	Word was given for Op "TORCHLIGHT" to begin 24 hrs earlier on 24 Mar. RMV Tac HQ moved fwd to 088456. 51 (H) Div crossed RHINE on our left in area REES 0752 and all seemed to be going well. There was little resistance to initial landing.	
088456	24	0200 0930 1600	44 Bde and 227 Bde crossed the RHINE on Div front. 44 Bde made good progress and 7 SEAFORTH were able to cross to their FAA by 0725 hrs. 227 Bde were held up however by enemy in area SANDENHOF 1047 and along the Bund 1047 and 1147. 7 SEAFORTH were ordered to send one coy and two tps DD tks to clear the bund. This task was soon completed and 7 SEAFORTH were then ordered to capture area SANDENHOF 1047 and then to adv and capture MEHR. The coy in SANDENHOF to follow on. H hr would be 1300 hrs. By 1340 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had cleared SANDENHOF 1047 and were advancing towards MEHR by 1430 hrs. 7 SEAFORTH reported they had one coy in the centre of MEHR. By 1745 MEHR had been cleared and both 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS had crossed the RHINE and had received orders from Bde Comd for future ops. Although 7 SEAFORTH had captured MEHR they were unable to cross the water obstacle in front owing to enemy resistance. Bde Comd ordered that 9 CAMERONIANS would adv to a line running from BRUCKSHOF 125500 to WISSHOF 119503 and 2 GLAS H would	

			assemble behind them ready to pass through and adv NW and attempt the crossing of the obstacle. Owing to enemy resistance it was not possible to carry out this plan.	
088456	25	<p>0630 Bde Comd and 'R' Gp went fwd to meet three Bn Comds but delay in crossing R RHINE prevented their arrival till 0900 hrs.</p> <p>0945 2 A & SH put under comd 46 Bde and Bde Comd gave out verbal orders for 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH to move by march route round SOUTH of LANGE RENNE 1348. 2 GLAS H were to obtain footing in Southern edge of wood 1448, then 2 A & SH on the RIGHT and 2 GLAS H on the LEFT were to clear wood Northwards. When 2 GLAS H had reached EAST end of br 134494 7 SEAFORTH were to clear wood WEST of br. 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to capture BRUCKSHOF - WISSHOF 1250 as soon as possible after dark.</p> <p>2100 Wood 1448 had been cleared by 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH and 7 SEAFORTH had made contact with 2 GLAS H at br 134494 and cleared wood WEST of it. Approx 150 PW were taken during this op.</p> <p>2130 9 CAMERONIANS reported objective taken - about 65 PW. Reorg took place after objectives had been cleared and final disposns for night were - 2 A & SH 144495, 2 GLAS H 145486, 7 SEAFORTH area br 134494 and 9 CAMERONIANS conc in area 109494 10 HLI having taken over their responsibilities in the BRUCKSHOF - WISSHOF area. Bde HQ had moved across the river to 119476.</p>		
119476	26	<p>0130 Orders were given for 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH to exploit Eastwards at first light so as to clear rd running NORTH and SOUTH EAST of wood 1448. At the same time 7 SEAFORTH were to adv Northwards, EAST of BELLINGHOVER MEER 1349. 2 GLAS H completed their part successfully by 0800 hrs and took about 50 PW. 2 A & SH were unable to move to X rds 1449 and coy of 7 SEAFORTH was held up soon after starting.</p> <p>0900 Bde Comd ordered 7 SEAFORTH to clear X rds 1449 and at the same time to attack Northwards sp by A Sqn RTR (Crocodiles). This op was not started till 1400 hrs and by 1550 hrs the bn was on its objective.</p> <p>1600 9 CAMERONIANS advanced through 7 SEAFORTH to capture the CLASENHO 146515 feature and by 1722 hrs they reported having one coy on the left-hand objective in the area 142513. Another coy was attacking CLASENHO but was held up by stiff enemy resistance and no further progress was made that day.</p>		

		1945	Orders were received for 2 GLAS H to move during the night to the area 1749 preparatory to clearing Northwards to line 174520 - 168517 - 160516. 2 A & SH would remain in present area in Div res and get as much rest as possible. 7 SEAFORTH were to move to the area 160503 to cover the gap between 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H.	See Appx D-7
152498	27	1120	2 GLAS H had completed their conc in the new area during the early morning and patrols moved fwd at 0900 hrs. Bde HQ moved to 152498. By the end of the day 2 GLAS H were held up on the line 174519 - 170518 - 166517 - 157504. 9 CAMERONIANS had been unable to clear the CLASENHO feature and an 'O' Gp was called for 2000 hrs at Bde HQ.	See Notes at Appx D-8
152498		2000	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at 152498 and gave out orders for the following day. 2 A & SH and 6 HLI were now under comd 46 Bde and 9 CAMERONIANS under comd 227 Bde. 7 SEAFORTH were to clear the enemy from the CLASENHO feature working from EAST to WEST through 2 GLAS H. 6 HLI and 2 A & SH would then adv NORTH up to the line from 151534 - 137534 and clear that wooded area.	See Notes at Appx D-8
	28	0830	7 SEAFORTH began their attack and reached their objectives without a cas. They took about 50 PW. It appears that enemy had left fwd tps and withdrawn all res. It was the first day that German paratps had given up without firing a round. They were dazed by the weight of arty, tired out after four days fighting, and dispirited to find that their res had withdrawn. 2 A & SH and 6 HLI also reached their objectives without opposition and 2 GLAS H cleared the wooded area 163526. By 1500 hrs patrols had reached as far fwd as 154544 reporting the whole area clear of enemy. Bde Comd then made a recce and gave orders for bns to take over following areas : 2 GLAS H 165529, 6 HLI 155538, 2 A & SH 145530, 7 SEAFORTH 153519.	
	29	0001 1000	2 A & SH were infm that they would revert to under comd 227 (H) Inf Bde at 1000 hrs. This would not involve a move. 9 CAMERONIANS reverted to under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and took over from 6 HLI.	
	30)		As far as possible all tps were put under cover and ordered to	
	31)		get maximum rest. No move was likely for the next few days.	

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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating
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Month and Year APRIL 1945.

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM VILLIERS, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
152498	1)		Ref maps : 1/250,000 Sheets HANNOVER (L 53), MAGDEBURG (M 53), 46 (H) Inf Bde remained in present area and bns cleared their	SCHWERIN (M 54)
	2)		areas of all enemy weapons and eqpt etc for salvage.	
	3	1900	Orders were received to move to conc area NORTH of BOCHOLT. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 28. Bde HQ arrived at new location, 318643. During the night orders were received for move to a new conc area.	See Appx D-1.
	4	1400	Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 29. Bde HQ arrived at new location 829875.	See Appx D-2.
829875	5		Orders were received to move to new area and Mov Order No 30 was issued. This move entailed travelling through areas that had not been cleared of enemy. The Carrier Pls of the three bns were therefore formed into a protective screen to search and clear all rds SOUTH and SE of OSNABRUCK through which the main axis ran.	See Appx D-3.
	6		46 (H) Inf Bde moved to new area according to Mov Order No 30. Progress was very slow owing to the amount of traffic on the rd. The Carrier screen carried out their task successfully and rounded up nearly 100 PW.	
760183	7	0630	Bde HQ arrived in new location 760183. During the morning the Bde Comd visited bns. G III and IO visited Div HQ and received verbal orders from GSO I for clearing the wooded area FORST MINDEN 7222 of enemy stragglers.	
	8	1430	Bde Comd and IO reced FORST MINDEN to decide bdys and SLs for 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H who were to clear the woods next day.	
	9		9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H cleared the wooded area 7222 but found very few enemy stragglers. 1 Offr and 3 OR PW being rounded up.	
	10		Issue of Mov Order No 31. 46 (H) Inf Bde moved across the R WESER to area WIEDENHSAHL 9322 according to Mov Order No 31. Orders were received that the Div was advancing next day to capture CELLE 5849 and an 'O' Gp was called for 1800 hrs.	See Appx D-4.

943213		1300 1800	Bde HQ arrived new location 943213. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and issued 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 24.	See Appx D-5.
	11	2230	<p>46 (H) Inf Bde Gp advanced in accordance with OO No 24. Slow but steady progress was made. By 1500 hrs leading tps of 9 CAMERONIANS had reached a pt just EAST of RAMLINGEN 5338 where they were held up by inf with bazookas in the area rly crossing 559389. Bde Comd ordered the Bde to deploy into the following areas : 9 CAMERONIANS ENGENSEN 4935, 2 GLAS H and 278 Fd Coy RE WETTMAR 4837, 7 SEAFORTH Kl. BURGWEDEL 4537, A Coy 1 MX 4435, 288 A Tk Bty RA 4434, 193 Fd Amb 4335, 4334. Bde HQ to be est at area 4735. Bde Comd then gave orders to CO 9 CAMERONIANS for an attack by 9 CAMERONIANS sp by 4 Tk COLDM GDS to clear the area of the rly crossing 559389. The attack was ordered for 1730 hrs. On the success of this attack one sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt would pass through 9 CAMERONIANS followed by 2 GLAS H with the object of securing a br head over the br 580452 if found intact and adv on the outskirts of CELLE. Special task for 2 GLAS H was to secure office area and all documents and blueprints of the FOCKE-WOLF Factory at 589490. Should the br be found blown 2 GLAS H were to find an alternative route. 7 SEAFORTH were to take over the br head from 2 GLAS H.</p> <p>Enemy resistance was stiff and by 2200 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were still trying to clear the area of the rly crossing. 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH were then infm that there would be no move for them before 2400 hrs.</p> <p>Bde Comd visited Div HQ to see Div Comd and discuss the situation.</p> <p>Bde HQ moved to 500358.</p>	
500358	12	0915	<p>During the night the enemy withdrew. At 0600 hrs loud explosions were heard which indicated that the br at 580452 had been blown. This proved correct. By 0700 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS occupied the area of the rly crossing and 2 GLAS H were ordered to pass through on foot and adv on CELLE, clearing every house as they went. 15 (S) Recce Regt was providing right flank protection. 7 SEAFORTH were infm that there would be no move for them before 0900 hrs.</p> <p>Bde Comd visited Div HQ to discuss situation with Div Comd. All brs on the rd leading into CELLE from the SW had been blown and the Bde Gp was held up except for the inf advancing on foot. On our left 227 (H) Inf Bde had succeeded in entering CELLE and at 1035 Bde Comd returned from Div HQ with orders that the Bde Gp would move to conc area 5848 by route GR BURGVEDEL 4335 and FUHRBERG 4343.</p>	

585482		1440 1710 2100	<p>Bde Comd visited Div HQ and received orders to recce defensive area NORTH of CELLE and to send one bn to area 6252 by last light to take up a def posn.</p> <p>Bde Comd ordered 2 GLAS H to cross R ALLER to area 6252 and COs 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and Osc sp arms to RV 607516 to receive his orders prior to carrying out recces of def posns NORTH of CELLE that evening.</p> <p>Bde HQ arrived 585482.</p> <p>Bde Comd and BM were summoned to Div HQ to receive fresh orders for the adv of the Div next day NE of CELLE, and Bde Comd ordered an 'O' Gp for 2100 hrs.</p> <p>Bde Comd's 'O' Gp was held. See Notes and Mov Table.</p>	See Appces D-6 and D-7.
585482 6963	13	0730 1930	<p>Bde Gp advanced NE in accordance with Mov Table at Appx D-7. No serious enemy opposition was encountered during the day but progress was slow owing to demolitions and bad rds. By the end of the day, owing to the necessity for clearing up small enemy pockets, the bns were deployed on a wide front with 9 CAMERONIANS in the area SCHARNHORST 7161, 2 GLAS H area ELDINGEN 7657, 7 SEAFORTH area UNTERLUSS 7373 and Bde HQ was est at ESCHEDI 6963.</p> <p>The Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H and gave orders for further adv next day. 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH were to continue their adv 9 CAMERONIANS to clear the wooded area on the SOUTH side of the main rd leading into UELZEN 9089.</p>	
801767	14	2000	<p>Further progress was made during the morning but at 1200 hrs 227 Bde reported strong enemy resistance on the Southern outskirts of the town and the Bde was ordered to halt in the following areas : 7 SEAFORTH 8284, 9 CAMERONIANS 9071, 2 GLAS H 9079. Bde HQ moved to 801767.</p> <p>Bde Comd went to Div HQ and received orders for the conc of the Bde next day.</p>	
	15	0100	<p>These orders were despatched by LO to the three Bns as comms to bns were very difficult. 9 CAMERONIANS were eventually contacted. 2 GLAS H were completely out of touch and it was later learned that all was not well. Reports showed that a strong enemy force had attacked 2 GLAS H during the night. This force included 13 SP guns and 11 half-track vehs with inf. The SP guns included at least 6 7.5 Assault guns. The force had succeeded in getting right into the Bn HQ area of 2 GLAS H and causing considerable damage to 2 GLAS H vehs besides setting the village on fire. In some of the fiercest fighting they had ever experienced 2 GLAS H succeeded in inflicting hy losses on the enemy. 12 SP guns and</p>	

<p>801767</p> <p>873839</p>		<p>0900</p>	<p>approx 8 half-track vehs being destroyed. By 0900 hrs the posn was fully restored.</p> <p>Bde Comd went to Div HQ to give the situation to the Div Comd. He then ordered 9 CAMERONIANS to adv from BOKEL 9071 up to the line KALLERBROCK 9178 - STANDENSEN 9079 and send patrols fwd to NETTLKAMP 9280 in which direction the enemy were believed to have withdrawn.</p> <p>By 1300 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS had reached their objective and patrols had gone fwd to NETTELKAMP. This was found to be clear and at 1600 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS occupied it.</p> <p>Bde HQ moved to 873839.</p> <p>During the night 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H were relieved by 6 Airdg Bde and moved to following areas : 2 GLAS H astride the rd in area 8786, 9 CAMERONIANS relieved 2 A & SH area VEERSEN 8988.</p>	
	<p>16</p>	<p>0600</p>	<p>9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H reported they were in posn and had passed a quiet night. The next task for the Bde was to capture UELZEN and Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp at 1700 hrs.</p> <p>Issue of OO No 25 and Adm Order No 21.</p>	<p>See Appces D-8 and G-1.</p>
	<p>17</p>	<p>1000</p> <p>1740</p>	<p>7 SEAFORTH were relieved by 15 (S) Recce Regt in the area 8586 in readiness for the attack on UELZEN.</p> <p>9 CAMERONIANS reported that they had started to occupy VEERSEN and Bde Comd decided that 7 SEAFORTH would take over from them and 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS would continue the adv as planned. 9 CAMERONIANS continued to make good progress and Bde Comd then called fwd patrol from 2 GLAS H and CO 2 GLAS H to meet him at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS. VEERSEN was almost clear but patrols into UELZEN were not expected to start until 2400 hrs and Bde Comd could not say whether the adv would continue through the night or whether a fresh attack would have to be made at 0600 hrs next morning.</p>	
<p>873839</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>0030</p> <p>0600</p>	<p>Patrols reported having been fired on when they reached "EVE" and Bde Comd ordered 9 CAMERONIANS to send two coys and 2 GLAS H one coy fwd to occupy "EVE". Plan for eventual capture of UELZEN was then changed. At 0600 hrs 46 Bde was to adv with RIGHT 2 GLAS H and LEFT 7 SEAFORTH, SL to be "EVE".</p> <p>Attack began as planned and 7 SEAFORTH made good progress. By 1040 hrs they had one coy on "PHARAOH". 2 GLAS H had been held up on "MOSES" and at 1100 hrs Bde Comd ordered 9 CAMERONIANS to adv through 2 GLAS H when the latter had reached "PHARAOH", and capture areas "D" and "G". By 1445 hrs all organised resistance in UELZEN was considered at an end.</p>	

		1515	<p>Div Comd arrived at Bde HQ to discuss with Bde Comd whether he could pass 227 Bde through 46 Bde and NORTH of UELZEN that evening.</p> <p>Owing to the greater part of UELZEN being ablaze the civ problem caused some embarrassment for a time but owing to energetic action on the part of the Mil Gov offr the situation was soon in hand. By night 46 Bde was firmly est in the town and infm was received that 227 Bde would pass through at 0600 hrs next day and adv Northwards. There would be no move for 46 Bde before 1400 hrs next day.</p>	
BEVENSEN 9002	19	1800	<p>46 Bde Gp moved to conc area BEVENSEN 9002 in accordance with Mov Order No 32.</p> <p>Owing to excellent progress made by 11 Armd Div in adv toward the R ELBE orders were received that 46 Bde would move again next day and adv to the R ELBE.</p> <p>Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave orders for adv next day. Issue of Op Instr No 30.</p>	<p>See Appx D-9.</p> <p>See Appx D-10.</p>
BEVENSEN 9002	20		<p>46 (H) Inf Bde Gp adv according to Op Instr No 20. 9 CAMERONIANS were held up on main axis by small enemy pockets and Bde Comd decided to divert remainder of coln WEST from DAHLENDORF 0114. 9 CAMERONIANS were directed on BLECKEDE 0127, 7 SEAFORTH on NEETZE 9322, 2 GLAS H on BREETZE 9823.</p> <p>Stiff enemy resistance prevented 9 CAMERONIANS from entering BLECKEDE. CO 9 CAMERONIANS decided to send a deputation into BLECKEDE to negotiate surrender of the enemy. Negotiations however failed.</p> <p>7 SEAFORTH made good progress and reached NEETZE without opposition. They were then ordered to adv to area KARZE 9629 and GARZE 9828 and to send a coy as soon as possible to the area WENDEWISCHE 9333.</p> <p>Owing to change of inter-Div bdy BLECKEDE was now the responsibility of 5 Br Div on our right and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to occupy BREETZE 9822 leaving one coy in the area 0122. 2 GLAS H were ordered to occupy the area 9425. By 2100 hrs bns were est in these posns and Bde HQ was at 9422.</p>	
9422	21		<p>No enemy activity was reported during the night and at 1000 hrs Bde Comd visited bns with the following plan. 7 SEAFORTH were to go to area HITTBERGEN 9031, with one coy in area 9532 and one coy in area 9432 with a pl or det with OP at BARFORDE 9334. 2 GLAS H to area KARZE 9628 with one or two coys in BRACKEDE 9832 and RADEGAST 9931. 9 CAMERONIANS were to conc in GARZE 9828.</p>	

			By 1700 hrs the Bde was disposed as above and bn OPs began to observe enemy mov on the opposite bank of the R ELBE of which there was a considerable amount. Bde HQ moved during day to area 9526.	
9526	22		Enemy mov particularly MT was observed throughout the day along the rd BOIZENBURG 9935 - LAUENBURG 8835. Owing to shortage of amn guns were not able to engage.	
	23		The usual enemy mov was observed during the day and at 2110 hrs one pl was seen to move into area 971347 and dig in.	
	24	0900	Bde Comd and BM attended preliminary conferences at Div HQ for OP ENTERPRISE which involved a crossing of the R ELBE.	
9526	25	1000	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp at Bde HQ to give out his Outline Plan for OP ENTERPRISE. Issue of Outline Plan and Outline Adm Plan.	See Appces D-11 and G2.
909292		1700	Bde HQ moved to new location 909292.	
	26	1800	Bde Comd held further 'O' Gp at Bde HQ to discuss Outline Plan and Veh priorities. Issue Veh priority Tables.	See Appx D-12.
	27	1000	Bde Comd and BM attended co-ordinating conference at Div HQ. Original plan had now been changed and Bde Comd called another 'O' Gp for 2100 hrs and issued OO No 26. During the day 1 CDO Bde made unsuccessful attempts to persuade the enemy in LAUENBURG to surrender. During the night 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH were relieved by 15 (S) Recce Regt and conc in KARZE and HITTBERGEN ready for OP ENTERPRISE.	See Appx D-13.
	28		Issue of amendments and Addendum to OO No 26. Issue of Adm Order No 22.	See Appx D-14. See Appx G-3.
		1000	Bde Comd and IO recced site for Bde Tac HQ in BULLENDORF 8831.	
		2130	Bde Tac HQ was set up in BULLENDORF and comns est.	
	29	0200	OP ENTERPRISE started according to plan and 1 CDO Bde captured LAUENBURG against only slight enemy resistance. By 0345 hrs 7 SEAFORTH (under comd 1 CDO Bde) were all across. Inf of 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H were across in their conc area by 0600 hrs. Some difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable landing place for vehs. At 0900 hrs therefore Bde Comd ordered 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS inf to move to areas X rds 859369 and 870368 respectively and not to VAA to join vehs. Vehs would be guided up to them later and as soon as bns had minimum tpt for their tasks they would adv to carry them out. A landing site was eventually found at 870345 and owing to good work on the	

909292		0930	<p>part of Buffaloes a considerable number of vehs was across in a short time.</p> <p>Bde Comd and Tac HQ moved fwd and crossed the river to Bde HQ conc area at 868346.</p> <p>Good progress was made throughout the day. On the right 9 CAMERONIANS succeeded in capturing BASEDOW 8939 and on the left 2 GLAS H captured the important high ground HEID-B and HUNGER-B 8639. 7 SEAFORTH moved up to the wooded area astride the rd in area 8837 and Bde Tac HQ moved to 878364 which was to be the eventual location of Bde HQ.</p>	
878364	30	1900	<p>Bde Comd visited bns and gave orders for the following day. Bns were to carry out ops according to plans already made in OO No 26. 7 SEAFORTH were to adv through 9 CAMERONIANS and capture DALLDORF 9141, 2 GLAS H to capture LUTAU 8741 and 9 CAMERONIANS to clear the wooded area 8941 and 9041. Patrols were to be sent to these places during the night and the H Hr for next day's op would be 0600 hrs.</p> <p>Owing to traffic problems and veh priorities Bde HQ was held up on the SOUTH bank of the river for several hrs and did not arrive that night.</p>	
878364	30	0500	<p>Bde HQ arrived at new location 878364.</p> <p>During the night enemy resistance on 9 CAMERONIANS front had stiffened considerably and at 0500 hrs the enemy put in a strong counter attack with a force estimated at one bn. Some enemy succeeded in penetrating to the SE edge of BASEDOW. This counter attack was eventually dealt with but it had succeeded in delaying the adv of 7 SEAFORTH.</p>	
878364		0630	<p>Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS to discuss the situation with the CO. There were still enemy in the woods at 893403 and 904404 and 7 SEAFORTH would not be able to adv until the enemy were cleared out. The enemy continued to be troublesome and shelled the 9 CAMERONIANS area fairly heavily. It looked as if the enemy were very determined and unlike in recent encounters he had become 'offensive-minded'. 9 CAMERONIANS however held firmly and inflicted by losses on the enemy.</p>	
878364		0930	<p>Div Comd arrived at Bde HQ with new plan. 15 (Brit) Inf Bde were to adv through 46 Bde and capture DALLDORF 9141 and ZUCKER HOLZ 8941.</p> <p>9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH would provide a firm base astride the rd in the area BASEDOW 8939.</p>	

		2000	<p>7 SEAFORTH were ordered to clear the enemy from the wood at 893403. 9 CAMERONIANS to patrol to wood 904404 and obtain all possible infm for 15 (Brit) Bde.</p> <p>2 GLAS H were to continue adv on LUTAU.</p> <p>By 1700 hrs 7 SEAFORTH had cleared the wood 893403 and occupied it with two coys. Offensive action by 9 CAMERONIANS against enemy in wood 904404 had produced 38 PW but it still could not be considered as clear.</p> <p>2 GLAS H made good progress and although encountering stiff opposition at first the enemy resistance seemed to melt suddenly and the village was captured by 1400 hrs. With 2 GLAS H in LUTAU and 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH firmly astride main rd at 8939 ops for 46 (H) Inf Bde were called to a halt and orders were received that the Bde would conc next day in Div res in the area GULZOW 8342.</p> <p>At 1830 hrs 15 (Brit) Bde passed through 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and advanced on DALLDORF.</p> <p>Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and infm COs of future plans. There would be no move before 0900 hrs.</p>	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
840422	1	1600 1830	Ref Maps 1/100,000 Sheets L/4, L/5, K/4, K/5, J/4, J/5. 46 (H) Inf Bde moved to a new conc area. Bde HQ being est 840422 with 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH conc in same area. 2 GLAS H remained in LUTAU 8741. Orders had been received from Div HQ for the clearing of the SACHSENWALD next day and Bde Comd ordered an 'O' Gp for 1830 hrs. 'O' Gp assembled and Bde Comd issued orders for the clearing of the SACHSENWALD area SOUTH of the rly running from SCHWARZENBEK 8248 to AUMUHLE 7151. 'H' hr was to be 0800 hrs next day. Moves to FAA in area BRUNTSTORF 7847 would be carried out in accordance with Mov Order No: 33.	See Appx D-1
724507	2	0800 1430	Clearing ops started as planned and continued throughout the day. Bde HQ moved to DASSENDORF 7547. Except for one party of enemy about 50 strong which was holding out in BILLENKAMP 7050 there was little opposition. The final dispositions for the night eventually being :- 9 CAMERONIANS area 699499, 2 GLAS H area 715508, 7 SEAFORTH area 714515. Bde HQ was est at 724507. During the night orders were received that 9 CAMERONIANS would take over responsibilities of present Bde area by 0900 hrs and that Bde Gp less 9 CAMERONIANS would move to TRITTAU 7660. Sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt would move ahead to ensure the route was clear. Issue of Op Order No: 27.	See Appx D-2
769608	3	1205	46 (H) Inf Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS moved to area TRITTAU according to Op Order No: 27. Bde HQ est at 769608. Meanwhile 9 CAMERONIANS had been relieved by 158 Bde and by 1435 hrs were est in new area 770607. Orders were then received that the Bde Gp would move to area SPRENGE 7569 and Harbour Parties were ordered to move off at 0930 hrs. Issue of Move Order No: 34.	See Appx D-3

	4	1225 1720 2030	46 (H) Inf Bde Gp moved to new area according to Move Order No: 34. Bde HQ est at 758696. Bde Comd informed that no forecast of any further move could be given. Infm was received that all German armed forces in NW Germany, Holland and Denmark has surrendered to 21 Army Gp with effect from 0500 hrs 5 MAY.	
758696	5	1130	Bde Comd left Bde HQ to attend Div Comd's conference.	
	6	1000 2100	Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp conference. 46 (H) Inf Bde were to move to KIEL and take over the Port. The move was to be partially tactical in case of any emergency arising. Instructions were received to the effect that 46 (H) Inf Bde would now move to KIEL next day less 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H. Issue of Op Order No: 28.	See Appx D-4
KIEL KIEL	7	0730 1000 1800	Bde Comd left for KIEL where he was to meet the British FOIC Rear Admiral H T BAILLIE-GROHAM, CB, DSO, OBE at 1000 hrs. Bde Comd met FOIC and discussed the take-over of KIEL. At the same time the Bde Comd assumed Comd of KIEL Area. During afternoon the Bde Comd attended the surrender ceremony when the German Naval Commander-in-Chief Admiral KOMMETZ surrendered the German Baltic Fleet to the British FOIC. Meantime Bde HQ arrived in KIEL and was est at 609399. Bde Comd held a conference which was attended by NOIC KIEL and all senior Military Commanders. The German Stadtskommandant Kapitain - zur - See KAHLER was ordered to attend and to supply all possible information concerning number of German troops in KIEL area and all guards provided for barracks, foodstores, ammunition stores, equipment stores etc in order that these might be taken over by British troops as soon as possible. Bde Comd then ordered that a conference would be held at 1800 hrs each day at Bde HQ at which all heads of departments would report progress and receive further orders.	
	8	1500	BBC announced VE day. 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H moved to area KIEL in accordance with Op Order No: 28.	See Appx D-4
	9 (		During this period main task of 46 (H) Inf Bde was completing the	
	10 (		take-over of all essential guards in KIEL area.	
	11 (		Issue of Location Statement No.: 1.	See Appx D-5
	12	1800	CCRA 8 Corps relieved Bde Comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and assumed comd of KIEL Bde Area with 46 (H) Inf Bde under comd.	

	13 to 21	((incl(	During this period Bns of 46 (H) Inf Bde were gradually relieved of all guard commitments in KIEL Area. Recces were made of final occupational areas. Plans however were repeatedly changed and it was not known where the Bde's final conc area would be.	
	22		Bde HQ moved to new location - the Marineshule, WIK, on relief by 117 Marine Bde HQ.	
	23 to 30	1200 incl	46 (H) Inf Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS reverted to under comd 15 (S) Div. On relief by incoming RM Bns 117 Marine Bde, 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H were moved to LABOE 672444 and NIENDORF 034042 respectively, there being no accn available in KIEL.	
	31		Bde Comd and BM visited HQ 5 Brit Div and HQ 13 Brit Bde in WISMAR 4594 to look at billets and discuss take-over of that area in the near future.	