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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required).

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 reces 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".	

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	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 - LEENDE 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