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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year JAN 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HAELEN	1		The night 31/1 was very quiet. To the SOUTH the KSLI reported a crossing at 844005 ☉ This never materialized. Weather very cold with frost. Remainder of day quiet. Lt Col Sir E M A Bradford left Bn at 1835 hrs. Mjr P.L. Hendricks M.C. assumed comd until arrival of Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs on 2 JAN 45.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
HAELEN	2	1235	Patrols during night, nothing to report. Day fog patrol ordered to RV 'A' Coy as visibility reduced owing to snowfall. Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs arrived Bn and assumed comd. Remainder of day very quiet. Coys commenced defence works, eg. wiring and strengthening sec posts. Weather still cold with snow and frost.	APP. J/1
HAELEN	3	2145	Patrols nothing to report night 2/3 Jan 45. C.O. visited all coys and interviewed all Bn offr. During visit inspected all Bn defences and informed coy comds of changes in certain sec posts. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS reported 7-9 enemy in their area dispersed later, nothing further to report.	
HAELEN	4	0345	Report from 'S' Coy flares to SOUTH ☉ On checking this information with 4 K.S.L.I. a patrol, enemy, at large in this area. 4 KSLI contacted at intervals during night but nothing further to report. Our own patrols nothing to report. Weather continues cold with frost.	
HAELEN	5		Patrols for night 4/5 nothing to report. Remainder of day very quiet. Coys engaged in wiring and strengthening defence posns.	
HAELEN	6		Patrols for night 5/6 JAN nothing to report. Nothing to report for day 5 JAN.	

HAELEN	7		Patrols for night 6/7 JAN. Report sound of enemy activity in EINDE and ASSELT. Remainder of day very quiet. Weather cold with frost. Appreciation of situation by Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs as at 1430 hrs 7 JAN 45 at HAELEN.	APP G/1
HAELEN	8	1100 1315	Patrols report very quiet night. Lt Gen E M Barker C.B., CBF, D.S.O. M.C. 8 CORPS comd visited Bn and inspected defence posns. Corps Comd and Brig. R M L Villiers lunched at Bn HQ. 7 SEAFORTH moved from ROGCEL and relieved 4 KSLI. Relief complete by 1600 hrs and under comd 159 Bde.	
HAELEN	9	1430	Patrol report quiet night with some spandau fire. Weather still very cold with snow and ice. C.O. conf with Coy COMD in patrol areas. As shown on APP J/. Remainder of day quiet, enemy patrol 25 men at 7789 engaged by ARTY.	
HAELEN	10	1000	Patrols report very quiet night ☉ A Coy heard sounds of tapping from 784937. Exercise "SHAMPOO" carried out ☉ Testing comms from O.P. to bring fire on ground. Indication of targets from fwd O.P. C.O. at 'C' Coy to consider counter attack role with Major Bennett. Slight enemy arty activity during day. NOT directed at this area.	
HAELEN	11		Patrols report little enemy activity during night. Weather very cold and frosty with ground mist. Area very quiet during day.	
HAELEN	12	1320	Patrols report little enemy activity during night. 9 CAMERONIANS OO No 1 issued. Bn area subject to fairly hy enemy arty fire. SUP Coy area hit and 5 ORs wounded slightly. Two evacuated, others remained on duty. Weather very cold and frosty with ground mist.	APP D/1
HAELEN	13		Patrols report little enemy activity in area EINDE ☉ ARTY engaged. Wiring and defences still being carried out. Weather very cold with frost. Brig R.M. Villiers DSO visited Bn and remained for tea. Discussed patrolling.	
HAELEN	14	0630	Patrols report night 13/14 very quiet. No enemy activity during day. Weather still cold with frost. C.O. visited 2 G.H. and gave Mjr Campbell Davies full details of MAAS crossing by our patrol. At same time visited 46(H) Inf Bde. Weather still very cold with frost. Wiring carried out.	

			Assault boat taken to vicinity 'A' as laid down in O.O No 1 APP D/1	D/1
HAELEN	15	0930 1030 1145 2105	<p>Patrols report quiet night.</p> <p>C.O. briefed Lt J.S. Shand, patrol leader for OP as laid down in O.O No 1</p> <p>Lt J Shand briefed patrol.</p> <p>Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and joined Lt Col E Remington Hobbs at 'C' Coy where briefing taking place.</p> <p>Remainder of day very quiet ☉ Weather very cold, frosty with snow.</p> <p>Movement heard in area of blown BR, as if boat was endeavouring to pass. This information passed to 7 SEAFORTH for action. Nothing further heard. Incident considered closed at 2338 hrs.</p>	D/1
HAELEN	16	0025 0550 0810 1000	<p>Patrol as in APP D/1 passed through 'A' Coy en route for crossing point.</p> <p>The crossing was NOT made as when patrol reached bank of MAAS, and a boat being put in the river, it began to fill with water. Then it was observed that the boat had a six inch slit in it. Caused during transit from F.U.P. to Embarkation point.</p> <p>An attempt was then made to bring up the second ass. boat which was in 'A' Coy area. But owing to length of carry this boat, it would have been daylight by the time it reached the EMBARKATION PT.</p> <p>Major Bennett 'C' Coy informed C.O. of situation prior to standing Down Patrol.</p> <p>Patrol for night 15/16 nothing to report, enemy did NOT discover intention of crossing RIVER.</p> <p>Brig R.M.L. Villiers visited Bn HQ for information of night crossing and suggested that OP should be carried out on night 17/18 Jan 45.</p> <p>Daylight patrol ordered out due to bad visibility.</p> <p>C.O. visited 'C' Coy and laid on crossing for night 17/18 JAN 45.</p> <p>Remainder of day very quiet.</p>	
HAELEN	17	0620 1715	<p>Sec Post of 'A' Coy at 778938 reported 3 figures approached their posn at approx 0500 hrs. Sec post opened fire on the 3 figures after challenging, and they disappeared. A search was then made of the area but nothing found of them. The search was again continued at 0730 hrs at first light once more unsuccessful. At 0900 hrs a search was again made commencing at RIVER MAAS working through BUGGENUM in stages. This again proved unsuccessful No enemy found in area. The C.O. then considered incident closed but as precaution ordered 'A' Coy to put Standing patrol at 778936 until 2359 hrs.</p> <p>C.O. visited night patrols before leaving 'A' Coy and briefed them as for night's op.</p>	

		2235	Sledge made by R.E. arrived at BN HQ, this sledge was made by order of C.O. to ensure that boat would NOT be damaged from F.U.P. to Embarkation Pt. First party passed through 'A' Coy for crossing of MAAS. APP D/1.	
HAELEN	18	0510 2359 1430	Major Bennett passed word to C.O. that visibility was very good and that barges in the river, on the enemy side, covered the whole area. The crossing was postponed. Remainder of patrols nothing to report. Weather still cold with hard frost. C.O. visited 'C' Coy and BRIG R.M.L. VILLIERS D.S.O. joined him there. Notes of River CROSSING on night 16/17 - 18/19 Jan 45 for conference. Message from Bde harbour parties to be ready. COY COMDR conference held at Bn HQ. Points: <u>1</u> Training. II Move to ROGCEL on 25 JAN 45. III D Coy will be reformed on 26 JAN in ROGCEL, under Major D. Matthews.	APP J/2.
HAELEN	19	0830 1135	Patrols for night 18/19 JAN 45 nothing to report. During night thaw set in and continued all day. Major Gen SAVOURY CB, DSO, MC INDIAN ARMY visited BN and discussed with COMD OFFR the employment of INF BN in present campaign. Visited Coys in afternoon with Major P.L. Hendricks M.C.	
HAELEN	20	0600 2359	Patrols nothing to report. One cas sustained during day due to enemy shelling. Message received 2 I/C to report Bde HQ at 1800 for conference. Message from Bde harbour parties to be ready to move at 0845 hrs 21 JAN 45 ☉ Three days' rations to be taken.	
HAELEN	21	0800 0815 1045 1159 1215 2100	Patrols report a very quiet night. Harbour parties consisting of 2 I.C. and 2s I.C Coys leave present area to proceed to future location under Bde arrangements. Brig R.M. Villiers, D.S.O. arrived at Bn HQ for conference with C.O. on hand-over to new unit. Message to all coys. WARNING ORDER ☉ Bn will be relieved by a unit NOT of this Div on or about 22/23 Jan 45 ☉ Recce and harbour parties will arrive either to-day or tomorrow, 22 Jan 45. Recce parties from 1st Canadian Para Bn arrived in area. C.O. attended conference at Bde. On orders from Bde, pioneers report to G.H. area to lift mines laid by this Bn during stay in that area. G.H. rep carries out same in this area. By morning of 22 Jan both areas had been cleared of any mines laid by either Bn. 46(H) Inf Bde OO No 17 dated 21 Jan 45 received.	Appendix E/1

HAELEN	22	0800 0945 1600	Patrols - nothing to report. C.O's Orders Group. Orders re Bde, OO No 17 and appendix A to OO No 17 Liaison Offr from Bde visited Bn with orders for move. Admin Order 46(H) Bde No 16.	App E/1. App E/2 App H/1
HAELEN ROGGEL	23	0303 1300 1500 1600 1800	2nd Bn G.H. reported enemy patrol across river in area 7996. Patrol was engaged by G.H. Standing Patrol, and took flight back across the river. One Hun was killed. 1st Canadian Para Bn arrived to take over Bn area. Hand-over completed by 1300 hours. Bn marched to "staging" area, ROGGEL - arrived 1500 hours. 46(H) Inf Bde Mov. Order No 21 received C.O's Orders Group. Points (1) Cleanliness of Billets on hand-over (2) March Discipline (3) Dress (4) Orders for move to Tilburg. Movement Order 9/Cameronians Mov Order No 1.	App E/3. App D/2
ROGGEL	24	0730	Uneventful night. Bn moved off 0730 hrs, arrived in Tilburg 1500 hrs. Advance party had arranged billets; whole Bn in civilian houses. Located as follows:- Bn H.Q. 159311, 'A' Coy 158313, 'B' Coy 157309, 'C' Coy 158310, 'D' Coy (to be reformed on 26/1) 161309, R.A.P. 160311, Q.M. stores 158311, 'HQ' Coy 159311, 'S' Coy 158308.	App J/3.
TILBURG	25	1800	Coys engaged in administration, kit checks etc. C.O. attends Training Conference at Bde (163320).	
TILBURG	26		Coys still engaged in administration, baths etc. "D" Coy reformed.	
TILBURG	27	1430 1830	Coys engaged in Training and Administration. Coy Commanders' Conference on Training. C.O. attends conference at Bde on Training and Training areas.	
	28	1000 1345 1430	Bn Church Parade (for Pres & C of E) Service conducted by Padre of 2 Glas. H. Coy Comd's conference - Training. C.O.'s Lecture to 'B', 'D' and 'S' coys.	
	29	0900 1200	Maps collected from Bde for future ops. Div Comd visits C.O.	
	30		Coys engaged in Training. C.O. on recce of area of future ops.	
	31		Training continues.	