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WAR DIARY

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Unit 2 GLAS. H. H.L.I.

Month and Year JUN 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.U. CAMPBELL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRIGHTON	3		Fd Return Offrs & ORs to 2 ech	Appxs A & B
	4		CO's Church Parade.	
	6		"D" Day. Orders of the day read to all tps from Gen Eisenhower. Bn addressed by Bde Comd.	
	11		Bde Church Parade.	
NR. EASTHAM FARNHAM	12		Bn tpt & C.O. arrived Marshalling Area " marching tps " " "	
LONDON	15	1800	Veh pty boarded S.S. Empire Brutus	
NEWHAVEN	16		Marching tps embarked L.C.S.	
	17		" " landed in Normandy and conc. in ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES.	
		1900	Veh pty arrived off NORMANDY coast.	
	18		Church Service on board ship - Padre R.A.M.C. 8 Corps	
	19		Weather prevents disembarkation	
	20		Weather prevents disembarkation	
	21	2000	Concert for tps on board ship.	
	22		CO left on launch for conf with Div Comd.	
	23		1st veh pty disembarked.	
	24	1800 2300	Last " " ashore Bn moved to FAA - L.O.B.: Major White, Capt Renwick, Lieuts Wallace & Loudon	
	10 & 24	17	Fd Return Offrs & ORs to 2 ech " " " " " "	App C & D
	26	0100 0700	Bn moved up to F.U.P. "H" Hour - Bn attacked & took objective CHEUX. Offr Cas: T/Major Carson, T/Capt Johnstone, Lieuts Hollway, Kehoe, Waldie, Blackadder, Wark - WOUNDED. T/Capt I.P.S. Wood, Lieut Keeble - KILLED.	
	27		Bn relieved by 1 WORC - moved to COLLEVILLE and took over from 2 GORDONS	
	28	1000 1400	Capt Renwick, Lieut Loudon arrive from L.O.B. Lt Loudon killed in repelling enemy attack from direction MOUEN.	

	29		Bn relieved by 10 HLI. Moved to MONDRAINVILLE where heavily shelled by mortars & repelled attack by inf & tks. Rev Jas. S. Taylor killed by mortar fire. Lt T.S. Maw R.A.M.C. wounded " " (replaced by Capt Giles 193 Fd Amb)	
Mondrainville	30/1	0400	Bn relieved 0400 by 4 MONS & reverted to area BRONAY for reorganisation. Total OR cas suffered in action: Killed - 18 Wounded - 177 Missing - 18	

2nd Bn. THE GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS (H.L.I.)

FRANCE ----- JUNE JULY 1944.

1. CONCENTRATION.

The following is a brief account of the happenings to this battalion during its first odd ten days in France, 1944.

The rifle companies sailed from England and arrived off the French coast on the 17th June, disembarking at LA RIVIERE. They concentrated in the area south of VIENNE-en-Bessin and awaited the arrival of the rest of the Bn. These companies were under the command of the second-in command, Major J.C. Davies, M.C.

Bn HQ. with HQ and S. Companies sailed from London on S.S. Empire Brutus and arrived off the French coast about 2100 hrs Saty 17th June. Bad weather held up unloading until Friday 23rd June. It was not until 2200 hrs on the following night that the complete Bn was concentrated. This was half an hour before it moved to an F.A.A. for its first attack.

2. PREPARATION FOR ATTACK

The move to the F.A.A., area of SECQUEVILLE-en-BESSIN, was completed in darkness. The Bn. remained there all 25th June in an over-crowded area as well camouflaged as possible. Church services were held by Padre James Taylor and vehicles loaded for battle. As much de-waterproofing as possible was carried out in the short time available.

3. GROUND AND ENEMY

The objective of the Bn was Cheux, and the route lay through, and just east of LE MESNIL PATRY. It was held by the 12th Panzer Div. The country apart from farm buildings was studded with many orchards and the fields were thick with corn 3ft high. The maps of the area were bad and air photos were used. LE MESNIL PATRY was held by a Canadian Infantry Unit. They had been in the line for some days, but the nature of the country made it difficult to learn much of the enemy positions. O.Ps were extremely difficult to obtain. CHEUX, our objective was about 3000 yards from LE MESNIL PATRY, and there was a valley of dead ground in between, whilst Cheux itself was not visible because of trees and orchards.

There was no knowledge of any enemy mine-fields and little of his strength on the Bn front. Cheux passed under so many different pronunciations that it was decided to call it "CHEWKS", and it has been known as that in the Unit ever since.

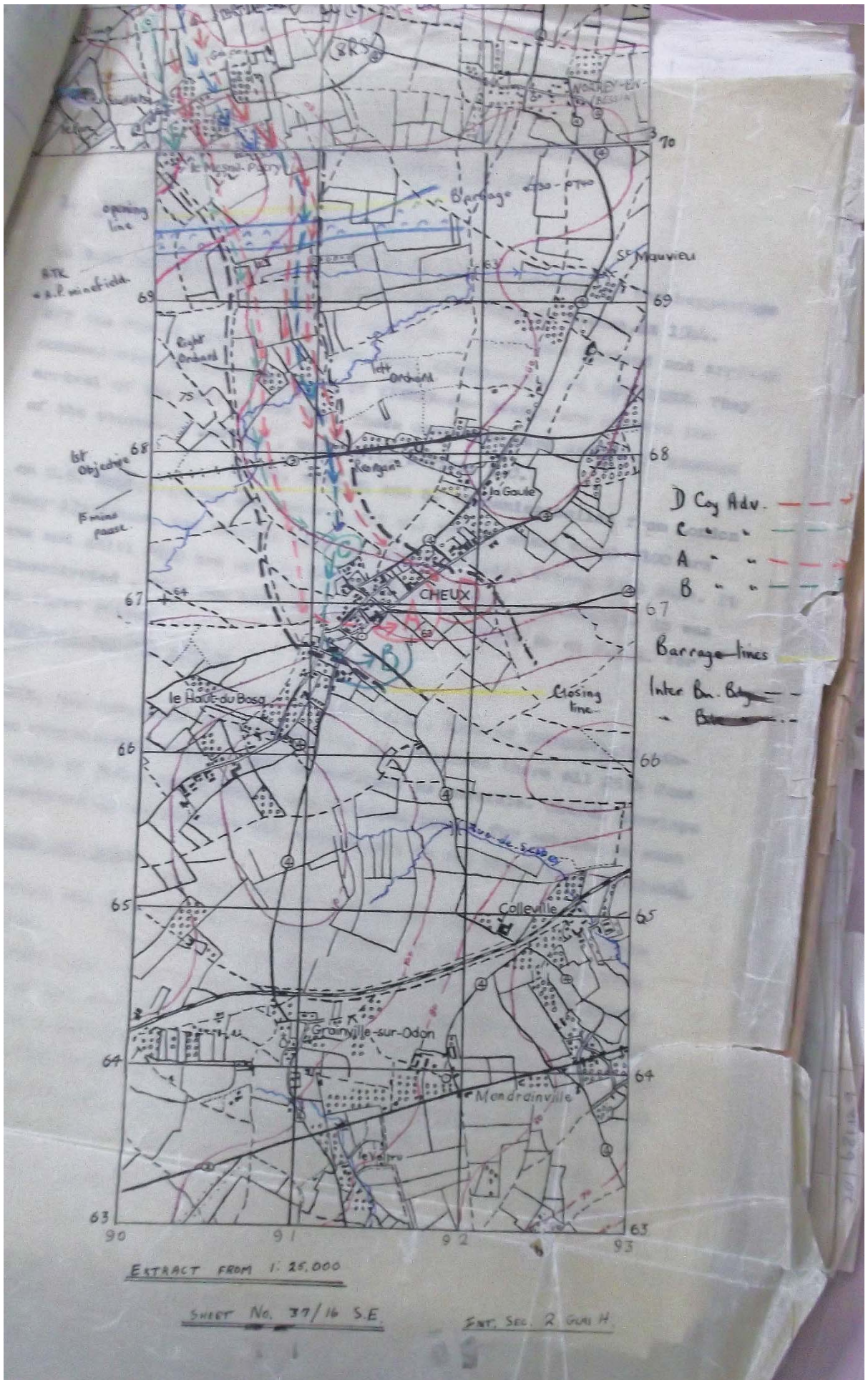
4. PLAN.

(A) The Glasgow Highlanders were to attack between the 9th Cameronians (to its right) and 8th Royal Scots (of 44 Inf Bde, to its left). The boundaries are marked on the trace.

The start line was north of LE MESNIL PATRY and behind the Canadian lines. This meant that it was some 1200 yds behind the opening line of the barrage and gave leading companies one thousand yards advance through the orchards before the barrage lifted: a total of 400 to the objective.

The advance was planned at 100 yds every three minutes, the barrage lifting accordingly. A barrage was used as the enemy positions were not exactly known.

For this operation the division had the support of H.M. ships, between 250 and 400 medium bombers, and 16 squadrons of fighter bombers. The first two were to look after CARPIQUET, to the east, where it was



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known that parts of the 21st Panzer Div were with their tanks. The fighter bombers were to look after road approaches from the south and south east.

The barrage and artillery concentrations on the Div front were to be fired by a total of 625 guns.

Each Bn had a squadron of Churchill tanks in support. 46(H) Inf Bde, in addition, had "Crocodiles" and A.Vs.R.E. in support, and ready for calls from Bns. The Glasgow Highlanders had a troop of "FLAILS" under command, for gapping minefields.

(B) The start line is marked on the attached sketch, also the opening line of the barrage. The barrage opened at 0730 on 26th June, remaining on its opening line for 10 minutes and then rising 100 yards in each three minutes until after crossing the main road where it paused for fifteen minutes before carrying on.

(C) The Bn plan was an advance with two companies forward, right "C" left "D", with "A" and "B" following. The latter were to do the mopping up. This task (in second priority to maintenance of momentum) was also given to the reserve plns of forward companies. (LESSON. This does not function in long corn as forward companies must not stop to mop up on the advance and the attack is apt to get pinned to the ground.) Later the G.O.C. decided it would be a better task for a reserve Bn or a reserve Bde.

A carrier- mortar group, under Capt. Johnstone's command, was detailed to watch our right flank and maintain contact with the Cameronians.

The 3" mortars were to remain mobile as the country offered no O.Ps and as there was such a heavy artillery barrage. (In the result this was agreed as right, but mobile fire controllers should still have moved with forward companies in order to get O.P.s quickly on the objective.)

Pioneer assault sections moved with each forward company to deal with enemy mines. They were not actually used as the attacking troops did not stop for any mine-fields.

Bn. six pounder anti-tanks guns were to move up to the objective as quickly as possible behind leading echelons of tanks.

Each forward company had two tps of Churchills in support. One to be up forward whilst the second covered it from the rear. Recces between tp and Pln commanders were carried out closely with this in view despite the difficulty of getting observation over the ground over which the attack was to pass.

The tank squadron commander was in wireless communication with the "Flail" tp. Each Churchill tp had a No. 38 Set netted to the leading Infy. Plns. Rear Companies 38 set nets co-incided with that of forward companies so that in the event of the C.O. having to pass through the rear companies on the intermediate objective (see sketch) infy-tank communications would not suffer. In the event no 38 set to a tank worked. There was no checking of nets in the F.U.P.

(D) Bn Command Post, consisting of the C.O. in his carrier, L.O. in Scout car from Tank Sqdn, and the Artillery Bty Commander in his Scout car, was to move on the left flank from O.P. to O.P. It was quite impossible to decide beforehand exactly where these would be. The Adjnt in a Scout car with the Bde rear link set was to bound behind. A report centre was named in CHEUX, just north of the first cross roads (marked R.V. on sketch).

5. EXECUTION

"H." hr was at 0730 at which time the artillery barrage came down on the opening line, staying there for 10 minutes.

"C" and "D" Coys moved along axis as shown on sketch and were well up behind the barrage by the time it first lifted. They pushed on and met their first heavy opposition well north of the two ("right and left") orchards. The enemy had put a mine-field across the front. Churchills and some of the unit carriers were blown up. Casualties also occurred from anti-personnel mines and MGs. But the troops pushed on and through.

"C" coy on the right became pinned by MG. fire from the many lines of trees on their front and reported this over the No. 18 set link. The C.O. could not produce artillery fire owing to "D" Coys progress. The tanks were being held up to an extent by the mine-field. "C" Coy was told to get on with its own weapons and it got forward to the next hedgerow where it suffered much heavier casualties again being pinned. "A" Coy was ordered forward to make contact with "C". This it did and assisted in clearing hedgerows.

Meantime "D" coy had pushed ahead of "C", and "B" Coy was level with "C". This allowed "C" to get on. "D" Coy suffered their heaviest casualties in the "left orchard", where they came under heavy enemy mortar fire in the area of the bridge. On the further side of this orchard Major Gray had to pause to speedily reorganise his coy into 2 plns. One pln had been left behind mopping up and this was brought forward at this stage to make up the other two before the coy assaulted the wood on the intermediate objective. This wood was captured, but another pause, this time of 20-30 mins, to allow for further reorganisation before "D" coy's advance could continue into CHEUX. The Coy was by now very short of N.C.Os and could only muster 2 plns. The C.O. had arranged an R.V. on the first objective but owing to the mine-field he was not able to meet "D" Coy before it had continued the advance. "D" Coy was ordered to carry on with this over the No. 18 set.

The barrage only paused for 15 minutes on this intermediate objective. This was not long enough in a 4000 yds advance. It would have been better (in order not to expend more artillery ammunition than necessary as it was always a bit short) had some smoke and H.E. been put down here for half to three quarters of an hour. Both forward companies now lost the barrage and had to move in the open.

"C" Coy, with "A" close behind crossed the intermediate objective on the right shortly after "B" Coy had done so on the left. "B" itself was behind "D". The C.O. met the tank Sqdn commander and O.C. "B" Coy just south of the original RV. ---- some high ground over-looking the northern buildings of Cheux, and waited here until the village was occupied. "D" Coy had pushed on and occupied the village. Patrols were sent out to contact the Royal Scots on the left and "C" Coy on the right, but both were fired on by the enemy. Thus "D" Coy was solely in occupation, without support. Success was reported to the Brigadier by wireless. The runner with Verrey pistols had been killed and lost on the way up. "B" Coy was then ordered into the village to move via the "jutting out" portion at 913673 and to occupy the right hand half. This, originally, was "C" Coys objective.

"C" Coy was ordered to take up a reorganisation position in rear of 913673 out of the buildings.

By the time "B" Coy had occupied the village, "D" Coy had cleared the opposition away and had now moved forward of it and started to dig-in. "A" Coy arrived sadly depleted. All officers except one were casualties and the same had happened in the case of "C" Coy. "A" Coy was ordered to join up in front of CHEUX, on the right and later put under command of O.C. "B" Coy.

Bn. HQ opened in a GERMAN dug-out beside the road at the entrance to CHEUX. The supporting tanks came forward and through the

village to take up anti-tank defence until the Bn six pounder guns were in position. Consolidation took some time owing to enemy snipers and the fairly heavy casualties suffered in the advance. The R.A.P. opened in a large barn near Bn HQ and soon found itself dealing with casualties from other units as well. The 7th Seaforths moved through on to high ground south of CHEUX but had to fight for it and were not successful until the following day. The tanks remained close up to the Bn until late that night.

6. CASUALTIES DURING THE ATTACK.

"A" Coy.	(Major Carson in Command.)	Killed. Lt Keeble Wounded Lt Kehoe, Major Carson.
"B" Coy.	Capt Miller in command as Major White was L.O.B.	No officer casualties.
"C" Coy.	Major Lambie in Command.	Killed. Lt Waldie. Wounded. Lt. Blackadder, Lt. Wark.
"D" Coy.	Major Gray in Command.	Wounded. Lt Hollway.
"S" Coy.	Anti-tank Pln. Carrier Pln.	Killed Capt Wood. Wounded Capt Johnstone.
Other Ranks		KILLED. 19. Wounded and Missing. 178.

7. INCIDENTS DURING ATTACK.

Lt Wark of "C" Coy displayed outstanding bravery in mopping up enemy M.G. posts. So also did Cpl Shaw of "D" Coy, who although wounded, destroyed four of an enemy post by himself with hand grenades, and captured four more enemy. C.S.M Tait showed great coolness when so many of A Coy officers became casualties in reorganising the Coy under fire and directing the men on to their objective.

8. CHEUX.

The Bn held the village until relieved the following morning. Constant enemy mortar fire was experienced in and in front of the buildings. Work in the R.A.P. had to continue under intermittent fire. Forward troops were sniped at whenever they moved. It was difficult to take action against these snipers who were hidden in a wood about 200 yds in front, as artillery fire was coming down on it every now and then from our own guns and the Seaforths were forming up there for their attack on the high ground to the South.

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When the Bn was relieved by 1st Worcestershires in Cheux it moved back to the orchard at 9168 for a brief reorganising. At 1400 hrs it was ordered to move to Colleville (926648) to relieve the 2nd Gordons of 227 Infy Bde. The route lays through thick orchard land and cornfields and snipers tried to delay our advance. But the Bn pushed on and occupied the village. During the night we again experienced enemy mortar fire including "nebelwerfer" which the "Jocks" named "Moaning Minnie" because of the wailing of the shells as they rushed through the air. The Bn received orders to move the next day -- June 28th -- to Mondrainville, and was just preparing to do so when a counter attack of unknown strength

developed. The Bn formed itself into a defensive position to throw back the attack which was supported by enemy tanks. We gained the support of some tanks of the 7th Armd Div which were in the Colleville area and together the attack was repelled. Our own mortars were given a fire task by the C.O. and our patrols later discovered that they had knocked out two enemy mortar positions.

One enemy wounded was found and was identified as 2nd Bn of Der Fuhrer Regt of the 2nd S.S. Panzer Div.

During the short, sharp fighting, Lt Loudon who had been L.O.B. and who joined the Bn in Colleville was killed, by it is thought a sniper in a cornfield.

The attack was thrown back, and the Bn dug in in its position until it was relieved the following day by the 10th H.L.I. The Bn had been ordered to Mondrainville and on the move "D" Coy came under enemy m.g. fire which was eventually overcome. The Bn dug-in at Mondrainville on June 29th and during the mortar fire which came down on our positions the Padre, the Rev James S. Taylor was killed when a mortar shell scored a direct hit on the R.A.P. truck. The Medical Officer Capt. T.S. Maw was wounded. Late in the afternoon an enemy counter attack supported by tanks over-ran part of the 7th Seaforths' position at LE Valtru and approached our Bn area. The C.O. was successful in securing the support of a sqdn of Churchill tanks and after fierce fighting the counter attack was beaten off. The night was comparatively quiet except for intermittent mortar fire and air burst shelling the following morning. On 30th June our O.Ps observed enemy movement in the area about 1500 yds south of Mondrainville. Heavy artillery barrages were put down on this and patrols later ascertained that many of the enemy had been killed in the woods where movement had been seen. On the night of the 30th we were told that the Bn was to be relieved by a Bn of the Monmouthshires. This relief took place in the darkness between midnight and 0400 hrs on July 1st. While it was taking place an intense artillery barrage was going down on enemy positions. This barrage, we learned later broke up what appeared to be an enemy counter attack as many machine guns were counted knocked and men German dead were counted.

The Bn

On July 1st the Bn moved back to the area Bronay, for rest and re-organisation. On July 2nd a church service was held and a tribute paid to the Rev J.S. Taylor. The Brigadier addressed the Bn and speaking of the weeks fighting said that it had more than maintained the fine traditions of the Regt. "I am proud to have such a Bn as yours serving in my Brigade." he said.

On the morning of the 3rd July the Divisional Commander congratulated the Bn and read the following message from General Sir Bernard Montgomery, C.inC. 21st Army Group.

"I would like to congratulate the 15th Division as a whole on the very fine performance put up during the past weeks fighting. The Division went into battle for the first time in this war; but it fought with great gallantry and displayed a grand offensive spirit. Scotland can well feel proud of the 15th Scottish Division, and the whole Division can be proud of itself. Please congratulate the Division from me and tell all officers and man that I am delighted at what they have done.

Good luck to you all"

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Unit 2nd BN THE GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS
THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.U. CAMPBELL

Month and Year JULY 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRONAY	1		Battalion in rest area Bronay 8872.	
- " -	2		Battalion Church Parade taken by S.C.F. (Div) which served as a memorial service for the fallen, including our own late padre, Rev James S. Taylor C.F. Following the Church Parade, the Brig Comdr addressed the battn.	
- " -	3		Divisional Commander Maj General G.H.A. MacMillan D.S.O. visited and addressed the Bn. Capt J. Lewis taken on strength from 32 R.H.U.	
- " -	3-9		Battn refitting and resting at Bronay.	
	9		Bn left Bronay moving to MOUEN (9368) for an advance on Bretteville-Sur-Odon.	
BRETTEVILLE SUR ODON	10		The Bn cleared along the left of astride the road Verson-Bretteville, taking up position astride the road and rail junction.	
- " -		1500	The Bn was relieved by the Canadians and moved to area Wood 9865 south of Verson.	
WOOD 9865		2200 +	Maj J.C. DAVIES M.C. the second in command of the BN and "C" Coy proceeded to Eterville to assist 9th CAMERONIANS.	
	11	0600	respectively	
	11		The BN moved forward to Eterville 9864 to relieve the 9th BN CAMERONIANS.	
ETERVILLE	11		During the occupation of Eterville, Lieuts Hurst and Rice were evacuated to hospital. The BN was under mortar fire for the greater part of the period, and at 0200 hrs on the 12th was relieved by the Canadians, and moved to BRETTEVILLE	
	12	0200	L'ORGUEILLEUSE.	
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE	14	2300	The BN moved to an FAA 952647, arriving at 0300 hrs.	
MIEBORD	15	2000	The BN moved off for night attack on ESQUAY, H hour being 2145 hrs. After clearing the village the BN consolidated astride the road 9461 & holding crossroads at Le Bon Repos.	

ESQUAY			Lieut MATTHEWS was wounded during this attack.	
- " -	16		The I.O. Lieut A C Bayvel and S.O. Lieut S.C. Dickson were wounded in the early morning and later in the day Major W.J. Munn Renwick and Capt J. Lewis also were wounded. From occupation until relief on the night 17/18 the BN repelled several counter attacks & was mortared heavily.	
- " -	17		The BN was relieved by the 5th Welch Regt. Sergt. Saunter D. was granted an immediate commission.	
MONDRAINVILLE	18		The BN was moving to MONDRAINVILLE when the Adjutant Capt L. KER ROBERTSON CAPT R.A TAYLOR was appointed Adjutant the same day.	
- " -	19		The Divisional Commander MAJ/GEN G.H.A. MacMillan addressed the BN. Intermittent mortar fire throughout day.	
- " -	20		Maj W.M. White was killed by a mortar shell.	
MONDRAINVILLE	21		Capt Elliott became Major.	
- " -	22		Capt A Miller became a Major. Following officers were posted to the BN: LIEUT MEECHAN, LIEUT SNELL, LIEUT J. FRENCHAM, LIEUT CAMPBELL, LIEUT WESTON.	
ST PAUL DU VERNAY	23		BN moved to ST PAUL du VERNAY 7470 arriving 1800 hrs.	
- " -	24		PADRE REV H. STEELE held Church Service.	
- " -	26		BN moved to a position west of CAUMONT - LA VACQUERIE 6759 and relieved the 8th ROYAL SCOTS.	
- " -	28		BN relieved by 8th ROYAL SCOTS and moved to area 7163 Flambardiere.	
FLAMBARDIERE	29		Capt White Spinner was posted to the BN.	
POINT 309 6951	30		BN moved through CAUMONT and Les Loges into the third phase of an attack & occupied POINT 309 AND QUARRY area 6951. MAJOR C.D. GRAY was wounded.	
- " -	31		Heavy mortaring during day. Lieut F.A.R.W. WALLACE MTO was wounded & later died.	

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Month and Year AUGUST 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Pt 309	1		BN consolidated in positions on Pt 309. Remainder of F echelon transport arrived about 1100 hrs. Hy shelling and mortaring from enemy. Some casualties sustained.	
Pt 309	2		Bn in position at Quarry PT 309. No enemy shelling. Our own Arty brought down fire upon woods Le Bois du Homme - east of Pt 309 where enemy were concentrating. Later numerous dead & smashed equipment was found there.	
Pt 309	3		Quiet day at Quarry.	
Area 7142	4	1400	Left Quarry postns to take up defensive postns in area of woods 7142.	
	-"-	1900	Arrived in new postn. Slight shelling & mortaring, "C" Coy suffered casualties. Lieut A. Renwick wounded during the night 4/5.	
WOODS Sq 7142	5		Bn in postn Woods 7142. C.O. & Coy Comdrs recce'd an F.A.A. in area of Montcharival (7543).	
MONTCHARIVAL - " - Bois du Mont	6	0930	Bn left area 7142 at 0200 hrs and arrived in harbour area () Bn moved forward in advance to contact role. Bn established position in area Bois du Mont (7840). Bn HQ off sunken track 781407. Fairly heavy mortaring & shelling throughout the day. Lieut A.W. Rennie sprained ankle & admitted to CCS.	
- " -	7	0200	Bn ordered to adopt a defensive postn at (La Druerie)-Au-Cornu (7741). Lieut Hannah wounded - later died of wounds.	
Au Cornu	8		Bn in position at Au Cornu 771413. Intermittent mortaring. Small counter attack beaten off. One Lloyd carrier hit and destroyed. Brigadier R.M. Villiers visited Bn. Recce patrol out under Lieut Boudreau.	
- " -	9		Bn in position at Au Cornu - intermittent mortaring. Patrol out during the night 9/10.	
AU CORNU	10		Capt D. Gordon joined BN. Took over M.T.O.	

			Bn in position under mortaring. "C" Coy sustained casualties. Bn visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers.	
- " -	11		Bn at one hours notice to move forward. Lieut Cameron wounded.	
- " -	12		Bn visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers at 1200 hrs. Lieut H.E. Rawlinson took over I.O. Bn relieved by 1st MONS. M.T. left postn 2000 hrs. Marching troops left 2345 hrs.	
St Pierre Tarentaine	13	0500	Bn arrived in harbour area St Pierre Tarentaine 704454. Church service held C of S and R.C. Bn moved in T.C.Vs to Feugerolles-sur-Odon 9960.	
FEUGUEROLLES-SUR-ODON	14		Bn in postn. Church service held by Capt Keen C.F. Brigadier R.M. Villiers present. After service Major J.C. Davies M.C. presented with Territorial Decoration. Divisional Commander, our late Brigadier CM Barber D.S.O. visited Bn and addressed them. He thanked the Bn for its support and attributed his appointment as Divisional Commander to the work put in by BNs of 46 BDE.	
- " -	15		BN left postn at 0600 hrs and arrived at Fresney-le-Vieux 009490 at 1000 hrs.	
Fresney-le-Vieux	16		Bn in postn. Cinema show in Barn.	
- " -	17	1130 1400	Padre Rev Keen C.F. conducted Holy Communion. Approx 80 attended. Ensa show at Bde HQ.	
- " -	19	0630	Bn left Fresney-le-Vieux, arrived Woods 1330 at 1000 hrs to relieve 1/5th Welch Regt.	
WOODS 1330	20		Bn in position. Church Service in evening. Approximately 30 P.O.W. passed through BN.	
- " -	21		BN moved back to area 119319 in orchard just north of St Martin in concentration area.	
119319 SAINT MARTIN de MIEUX	22		BN in concentration area. Lieut J. DUNN and Pioneer Sergt killed by mine. 5 others injured. Padre Rev Keen C.F. held burial service.	
- " -	23	1200	C.O.'s Parade. Commanding Officer Lt. Col. P.U. Campbell inspected and addressed the BN. Afterwards the BN marched past to the Pipes. The C.O. took the salute.	
- " -	24		BN left Concentration area in T.C.Vs. Arrived Gueprei 2728 at 1600 hrs.	
Gueprei	25		C.O. and Recce Gp, also Harbour party preceded the BN on a move to village 8874. Adjutant Capt R.A. Taylor to hospital. Lieut H.E. Rawlinson acting Adjutant.	

8874	26		C.O. and harbour party preceded BN in move to Emanville 0274. Bn took up defensive position. Carrier section patrolled as far as Le Tilleul Lambert 0476.	
Emanville Area 3086	27		C.O. left for Bde recce 0900 hrs. Bn moved in T.C.Vs to area 3086 (map ref)	
- " -	28	0700	Bn moved to FAA for crossing of the SEINE (FAA map ref 314882). River crossing began 1000 hrs preceded by 9th CAMS. Bn to concentration area 299889. River crossed at MUIDS 310890 map ref.	
299889	28/29	1900	Bn began advance along route MUIDS - Le Bout de la Ville (3289) - through forest to Roncherolles 359941. Opposition in form of mortaring at 357937, several casualties sustained. Contacted 7 Seaforths at Gd Roncherolles about 0215 hours. CPT LONG joined BN.	
Gd Roncherolles	29		Advance commenced at 0700 hrs. Coys reached objective at Cuverville 3795 via Petit Roncherolles. Enemy had withdrawn at approximate time we commenced advance. Bn consolidated in defence positions around village.	
CUVERVILLE	30		BN in position. Capt J. Lewis and Capt Green joined BN 30th. Capt R.A. Taylor rejoined BN and took over Adjutant. Lieut Lightbody rejoined BN. Major Briggs joined BN with 120 Reinforcements from Lancashire Fusiliers.	
- " -	31		Bn in position at Cuverville.	

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Commanding Officer Lt.Col. P.U. CAMPBELL

Month and Year SEPTEMBER 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
3795 CUVERVILLE	1	0001- 2359	BN in position of defence. R.C. church service at local church. Service for C of S etc taken by S.C.F. 15(S) Div at 1145. Visited by Divisional Commander Maj General CM Barber DSO.	App A Sheet I - " - - " -
- " -	2	0001- 2359	Bn in position of defence. Div Commander again visited BN. He inspected a recent draft of reinforcements.	- " - - " -
- " - 5015 La FEUILLE	3	0840 1300	Bn left Cuverville in TCVs. Arrived La Feuille 502151. Church service held at 1800 hrs. Pipe band played after the service.	- " - - " - - " -
7342 ESCLES	4	1330	Bn left La Feuille at 0330 hrs and arrived in T.C.Vs area Woods 7342 at 1330 hrs. Visited by Bde Commander, Brigadier RM Villiers DSO at 1400 hrs.	- " - - " - - " -
1808 SE of St Pol	5		Bn left area 7342 at 0840 hrs and arrived at area of 1808 SE of St Pol 1630 hrs.	- " - - " -
- " - Area SWEVEGHEM 904557 SWEVEGHEM	6	1100 1800 2100	Bn left area 1808 in Advance to Contact groups at 1100 hrs. Crossed Belgian frontier about 1800 hrs. Passed through Belleghem - first British troops to do so - and the BN was presented with a hand made tapestry of King George VI. Arrived 904557 and took up a defensive position.	- " - - " - App A Sheet I - " - - " - - " -
0957 Audenarde	7	1500	Bn left area 9055 in advance to contact Gps being relieved by 8 BN Royal Scots. BN took over from 7th BN Queens Regt at Audenarde 0957 at 1500 hrs.	- " - - " - - " -
- " -	8		Bn in defence of Audenarde. 150 prisoners taken. Visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO.	- " - - " -
GHENT	9		Bn moved in combat gps to position SE of Ghent (2277). Under command 131 Bde. BN attacked over Canal in Northern sector of Ghent at 1930 hrs. Canal crossed at 175616. BN took up defensive positions in built up area after fierce street fighting. Casualties 4 killed 20 wounded.	- " - - " - - " - - " - - " -

GHENT	10		COys of the BN continued their advance, meeting strong enemy opposition. Consolidated in area 1782. Enemy counter attack repelled - in this we were assisted by tanks. P.O.W. taken 239, Casualties:- Lieut J. Galloway - a broken leg. 42 O Ranks. Hy shelling of enemy positions.	App A Sheet I - " - - " - - " - - " -
- " -	Night 10/11			
- " -	11		Enemy positions Typhooned. Civilians evacuated from the area. Enemy seemed to have withdrawn. 21 P.O.W. Bn relieved by Polish troops, and moved to conc area 225772.	- " - - " - - " -
559768	12		Returned to 46(H) Bde command and moved in TCV's to Lippeloo.	- " -
SW Gheel	13		Bn left Lippeloo for area 044865 - SW of Gheel - just N of Albert Canal. Took up def position.	- " - - " -
- " -	14		Bn in defence at 044865.	- " -
Area Gheel	15		BN under Command 44 Bde for Bridgehead operation across Canal de Junction. Bn move to Gheel area 079904. 44 Bde in Bridgehead, unable to complete their own operation, therefore Bn ordered to remain in defence position area 079904. C Coy & Sec of Carriers moved up to defence postn just S of Canal bank 066918.	- " - - " - - " - - " - - " - - " -
- " -	16		Bn in position at 079904. Several recce's carried out but not required to be put into effect. Mortaring of our postns throughout the day. 20 Casualties.	- " - - " - - " -
- " -	17		Bn moved to area 0690. A Coy relieved C Coy at 066918.	- " -
- " -	18		Bn in area 0789. Defensive postn. Bn visited by Bde Comdr.	- " -
- " -	19-20		Bn in defence postn area 0789. D Coy relieved A Coy in area 066918.	- " -
Area EINDHOVEN	21	1430	BN crossed the Holland frontier at about 1430. Bivvied the night at 407213. BN visited by Bde Comdr.	App A Sheet II - " -
Area BEST	22		BN moved across WILHELMINA Canal and attacked BEST 3726. A Coy under hy mortar fire all along advance. Other Coys encountering very fierce MMG fire. <u>46 Casualties</u> . Bn consolidated area 376258.	- " - LT BOUDREAU WOUNDED. CPT WHITE SPUNNER EVACUATED SICK
Area BEST	23		BHQ moved to 383259. Bde attack - 2 Glas H. right 7 Seaforths left, moving from Rd (running N.S) to Rly. Coys reached objectives against severe opposition.	CPT H.C. LONG CPT C.G. GREEN MAJ J.M. ANDERSON LT C. PARK LT McLENNON
	Night 23/24		7 Seaforths right coy unable to get to its objective. Enemy infiltrated & counter attacked over B Coy.	OR <u>Cas 10</u> . ALL WOUNDED LT MAYERS BATTLE EXHAUSTION

		Casualties 57. O.C. B Coy wounded, lay doggo in a shelter for 10 hours then evacuated by 9th CAMS who attacked over same ground.	CAPT L.R. PARKER - MISSING.
- " -	24	Bn concentrate in area 383259.	
Area BEST	25-26	Bn in defence position. Total P.O.Ws since 23rd 52	Appx A II
- " -	27	Bn move to defence position at X Rds 379267. Bn in defensive position 3726. Intermittent shelling and mortaring from enemy. Patrols carried out by Capt Stanton, nights 28/29, 29/30, 30/1 OCT.	- " - - " - - " - - " -

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BEST 379267	1		Bn in defensive position round the Xroads of Best 379267. Church parades held in COY areas. Captain Stanton took out patrol to area of Railway to listen for enemy transport. Arty fire brought down on Naastebest as a result.	App A: Sheet V 1/100,000
- " -	2		Visit by Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO. Advance party left for HELMOND 5522. CSM TAIT M.C.? granted commission as 2/LIEUT.	App A
- " - HELMOND	3	1430	Bn relieved by 5th BN Seaforths - 51(H) Division. Bn move to Helmond.	App A - " -
- " -	4		C.O. addressed BN. Pipe Band played at 1230 hrs and 1700. Bdier addressed all officers.	- " -
- " -	5		BN engaged in Training. 58 OR reinforcements. Bn dance in evening.	- " -
- " - HELMOND	6		Div Comdr. Maj General C.M. Barber DSO addressed all officers at 1645. Massed pipe bands played at 1730 hrs. Bn recce party left for MOOK 7251.	- " - App A [Sheet 5 1/100,000]
- " -	7		30 O.R reinforcements arrived at 1200 hrs & 23 more at 2300. LT P.C.N. Miller and Capt W.A.C. Lambie joined BN. Recce party returned from MOOK - move cancelled.	
- " -	8		Bn church parade. Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO took the march past. Major Fife & Lieut Rose joined BN.	App A
- " -	9		Div Comdr Maj Gen C.M. Barber DSO addressed BN & later took the march past. Remdr of DAY - Training.	- " -
- " -	10		Maj Fife posted to 8th BN Royal Scots. BN - Training.	- " -
- " -	11-15		Bn engaged in Training.	- " -
- " -	16		Bde exercise with RAMS area 4514 (Sheet 26 NE 1/25,000). Bn practised forming up in confined area & moving out.	
- " -	17-19		Bn - Training. C.O. spoke to Bn and mentioned his request to relinquish command owing to nervous strain.	
HELMOND	20-21		BN engaged in Training.	App A [Sheet V 1/100,000]
- " -	22-23		Bn church parade followed by communion service. Bn - Tng.	

- " - ACHT 4023	24		Lieut Colonel Campbell handed over Bn to Major J.C. Davies M.C. T.D. as BN was due to move. Bn left Helmond arrived ACHT 408233 (Sheet 18 SW) at 1900 hrs. Major J.C. Davies M.C. T.D. commanding.	App A
BEST MOERGESTEL	25	0700 1345	BN marched to BEST 379267. Mounted tanks for an advance to contact operation. Objective Moergestel (2330). BN on objective without a fight. Bde O Group 1400 hrs. C Coy remained in Moergestel - remainder of BN occupied woods 2030 (Sheet 17 NE 1/25000) at 1615. Bn took up a defensive position.	App A
Area 2030 OOSTERWIJK	26		BN move to concentration area 229328 for an attack on Oisterwijk 2334. Attack started 1000 hrs moving through 7th Seaforths bridgehead over stream. C. A. B. Btn HQ. D Coys were the order of march. Street fighting was spasmodic but enemy mortaring was heavy. BN cleared the village & occupied defensive positions by 1500 hrs. P.O.W. - 10. Casualties - 16 ORs wounded. Maj A. Hamilton killed. Capt Stobbs took over "B" Coy. Wasp flame throwers effectively used against 30 enemy - dug in. Lieut Col Campbell relinquished command on Posting.	- " - App A
OOSTERWIJK TILBURG	27		Bn handed over defence positions to a Bn of 51(H) Div & advanced towards TILBURG. Assault commenced 1645 hrs (Map ref 1732, Sheet 17 NE). Bn crossed canal 178327 by Assault boat & entered TILBURG. Occupied area 1633 - 1732.	App A App A
- " -	28		Pipe Band played in TILBURG. BN remained in the Town.	
TILBURG Area LEESEL	29	1130	BN left TILBURG in T.C.Vs in rapid divisional switch over to meet a threat developing towards DEURNE. BN attached to 44 BDE, took up defensive position in area of WOODS 6513-6613. Div relieved American troops in the area.	App A Sheet 27 NW/W (1/25,000)
LEESEL	30		Enemy observed forming up to front of D Coy. Arty engaged at 0815 & inflicted casualties. At 1215 hrs an enemy tank with supporting infantry attacked D Coy. Enemy shelling also heavy. B & D Coys involved in bitter fighting but enemy repulsed. At 1245 enemy appeared to be cutting across right flank in an endeavour to cut off BN. A Squadron of Gds Army Tank Bde arrived 1330 hrs & enemy began to withdraw. 1 P.O.W. 9 killed 20 wounded. Lieut Rice evacuated.	
LEESEL	31		BN in defensive position. Hy mortaring & shelling. 4 POW taken. Cas 1 killed, 6 wounded. Capt Lambie & Capt Lewis evacuated.	App A.

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LIESEL	1	1000 hrs	BN returns under command 46 Bde. Move to village of LIESEL 6614. Bn in harbour. 1700 hrs return to command 44 Bde - O Gp 1730. Cas - 3 wounded from shelling.	App A
LIESEL				
- " -	2	0815	Bn left Liesel and attacked SE - West of Road. C Coy right D Coy left - objective Phase I line of Track 635117 NE to 688117. Phase II B Coy right A Coy left - objective Track 689112 to Xroads 693113. Objectives gained without opposition by 1000 hrs. At 1500 hrs Bn returned to command 46 Bde. Bn visited by Brigadier R.M. Villiers DSO. Lieut-Col H.C. Baker-Baker DSO MBE joined BN and assumed command as from 27 October 1944.	
HUTTEN	3		BN in defensive position. C Coy temporarily disbanded.	App A
6911	4		Div Commander visited BN in defensive position. Extensive local patrolling by COYS at night.	
- " -	5		BN move to new defensive position 6941. Patrolling by Coys at night.	Sheet 27 N.W/W
HEITRAK 6941	6-9		BN in defensive position. On 9th 8 OR reinforcements received & 1 officer, Maj C.G. Myburgh.	
- " -	10		Div Commander visited BN in defense position. Patrolling by night.	
- " -	11		Maj C.G. Myburgh posted to KOSB BN.	
	12		BN move to rest area 6517. Def Postns taken over by 9th Cameronians.	(Sheet 4 1/100,000)
	13-14		BN in rest area - Princess Irene Barracks, Vreikwijk 6517 - Brigadier visited BN.	
HUTTEN	15		BN took over defense positions - HUTTEN - from 7 Seaforth's.	
HUTTEN	16-18		BN in defensive position with standing patrol by day & night at 708122. This was by a canal bank the other side of which - some 45x - was enemy positions. We were at the edge of a wood.	App A.
VREIKWIJK	18-19		BN move to rest area - 6517 Princess Irene Barracks.	

	20		BN left camp 0800 hrs to FAA 6812.	
	21		Bn advance through 9th CAMS bridgehead over Canal. A Coy leading. A Coy reached 796125 with little opposition. D Coy detached to area North of Tek Junction 761124 for protection of FAA of 11th Armd Div infantry Bde which arrived later. Bn HQ established in Woods 794125. Hy shelling. Maj J Rollin & Maj E Mc Elliott casualties. Lieut Col H.C. Baker-Baker sustained slight wound, remained on duty.	(Sheet 27 NW/E) 1/25,000
KRONENBURG	22		BN moved to Kronenburg 7914.	App A
- " -	23-24		Bn in Kronenburg as a harbour area - the front having moved forward rapidly.	
HORST	25		BN moved to HORST 8318 at 1300 hrs. Bde O Gp 1800 hrs. Bn O Gp 2000 hrs.	- " -
WOODS 8316	26		BN move to area 851180 at 0800 hrs for Wood Clearing operation. A & D Coys cleared from 8316 to 8417. No opposition but S & Teller mines found scattered. B Coy detached to area Grubbenvorst.	- " -
MELDERSLO	27		BN in wood clearing operation. A Coy 8720 - 8821, C Coy 8819 - 8920, D Coy 8719 - 8820, B Coy returned to command. Bn returned to area Melderslo in evening.	
- " -	28		Bn in harbour at Melderslo.	
WOODS N.W of BLERICK 8712	29		Bn moved to area of woods & took over a defensive position from 49 Div Recce. Hy shelling & mortaring. Patrols out at night.	App A
- " -	30		Bn in defensive positions. Patrols out at night.	- " -

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WOODS AREA 873120	1	2359	BN in defensive position. An obvious recce was carried out conforming to a plan of diversion to an impending attack on BLERICK. Recorded tank noises broadcast in BN area. CAS. 2 wounded 1 missing from a Patrol led by 2/Lt McLaren.	App A
- " -	2		Plan of diversion continued in BN area.	App A
	3		Bn in defensive position. 44 Bde + 7 Seaforths successfully attacked Blerick. Our casualties 2 killed 8 wounded.	App A
- " -	4		Bn moved from defensive position at 1330 hrs to Broek 698092 (Sheet 27 SW/W). 15 OR reinforcements.	- " -
BROEK	5-7		Bn in position at Broek.	App A
ASTEN	8		Bn moved to Asten - Bde rest area. 37 OR reinforcements also 2 officers Lieuts Pipken & Kelly.	
ASTEN	9-16		Bn in rest area. Training by Coys.	App A
HAELEN	17		Bn moved to Haelen - Buggenem area for defensive position overlooking the MAAS. Relieved 1/6 Welch Regt. B.H.Q. 755941, B Coy in Buggenem 7794.	App A
- " -	18-19		Bn in defensive position HAELEN - BUGGENEM. A Coy join B Coy in Buggenem.	App A
- " -	20-21		Bn in same defensive postns. Strong current in River MAAS prevented our patrol crossing on night 21/22.	- " -
- " -	21-27		Bn in defensive position - same area. Standing patrols out each night forward to River bank area.	- " -
- " -	28		Bn moved from defensive position to Bde reserve area ROGDEL 7397. Relieved by 9th BN CAMS.	- " -
ROGDEL	29-30		Bn in reserve at ROGDEL.	- " -
- " -	31		BN in reserve " "	- " -

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROGGEL 7397	1		BN in reserve at ROGGEL 7397. New Year's dinner held in Coy areas. C.O. toured coys. Recce parties proceeded to Neer 7897 in the afternoon.	App A
- " - NEER 7897	2		Bn left ROGGEL and relieved 7th Seaforths at Neer 7897. BHQ established 773978. Coys stretched in defensive positions along River MAAS from WAIJE 7998 to NEER 7897. Standing patrols out at night along river bank.	- " -
- " -	3		Bn in above defensive position. Enemy patrol of 7-9 men engaged on this side of MAAS by A Coy. Maj J.C. Davies M.C. T.D. assumed command in absence of the Commanding officer on U.K. leave.	- " -
NEER 7897	4-6 7		BN in defensive position, with Standing patrols out at night. - " - . B Coy Stdg Patrol opened fire at an enemy patrol which had crossed the MAAS. Two enemy were killed - yielding a G.A.F. formation identity.	App A - " -
- " -	8		Bn in defense position. Visited by both Div and CORPS Commanders.	- " -
- " -	9-13		BN in defense position.	- " -
- " -	14		- " - . Lt. Col H.C. BAKER-BAKER re-assumed Command of the BN.	- " -
- " -	15-19		BN in the same defensive position.	- " -
- " -	20	0415	Enemy patrol - strength approx 10 - crossed MAAS engaged by C Coy Stdg Patrol. 1 enemy POW taken - our losses 1 POW & 2 wounded.	- " -
- " -	21-22		Bn in defensive postn.	- " -
NEER 7897	23		BN relieved by 8 Parachute BN. Relief complete by 1430 - except for Standing patrols relieved at night. BN moved to MONASTERY 7004 for harbouring prior to a further move to TILBURG.	App A
TILBURG 1732	24		Bn arrive in Tilburg. COYS billeted in civilian houses etc.	1/25000 17 NE App A

- " -	25-31	BN engaged in Training - area Tilburg.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG (Sheet 5 1/100,000)	1		BN engaged in Training M.Ref 1732.	A.
	2-4		- " - On the 4th Corps + Div Comds addressed all officers. BN left for Nijmegen at 1600 hrs.	A
NIJMEGEN	4	2300	Bn arrived at Nijmegen 2300 hrs M Ref 717625.	A
- " -	5-7		BN concentrated in Barracks.	
GROESBEEK 753553	8		BN attacked through Canadian FDLs + with terrific barrage stormed the outer defs of the SIEGFRIED Line. All objectives were taken by 1430 hrs, D Coy being the first COY into GERMANY. POW for the day were 220. Lieut Cecil wounded. BN supported by Tanks & Flails.	A. B.
(7954 Area 7755)	9-10		BN in defensive postn. 10 POW.	A
MATERBORN 8855	11		Bn moved to the MATERBORN feature & took over from the 6 RSFs. BHQ 881559.	A
CLEVE	12-13		Bn in reserve - moved to CLEVE 884548.	A
Area 9153 ROSENDAAL 945527	14	1200 hrs	Bn moved to FAA 919537. BN attacked through elements of 43(Wessex) Div. D Coy secured ROSENDAAL. A Coy followed through with C Coy to the WOODS immediately S.E. Severe fighting & heavy mortaring prevented C Coy from securing all their objective & B Coy passed through & established itself at 953521. Heavy shelling & exchanges of fire went on sporadically through the night. 18 POW. Lieut Frencham wounded.	A A
- " -	15-16		BN in defensive position. 6 POW.	
Area 9451	17		Bn H.Q. moved to 944519. COYS in Harbour 9451.	A
CLEVE	18-19		BN moved to CLEVE - rest area.	

BUCHOLT	20		Moved to Comd 227 Bde. Attacked through 43 Div to area Bucholt. Operation carried out in RAM Inf carriers supported by Churchill tanks from 6th Guards Tank Bde. BHQ established at 945445. COYS & BHQ subject to heavy shelling. 120 POW.	A
- " -	21		BN in defense Postn. Bombed from AIR at night - Sup Arms suffered casualties.	A
Area 9345	22		Bn relieved by 10 HLI & went to FAA for attack under 46(H) Bde.	A
SCHL CALBECK(WOODS (9441 (9442 (- " - (NIJMEGEN	22		BN relieved 6 RSF in woods 9443 & further cleared towards River Niers. Very heavy shelling & mortaring. Again BN was supported by Churchill tanks of 6 Gds Tk Bde.	A
- " - (NIJMEGEN	23		Bn in defense position. Bn relieved by COYS from 9th CAMS. BN went in TCVs to NIJMEGEN.	A
- " -	24		BN in barracks at NIJMEGEN.	
TILBURG 1732	25-28		BN in Rest. Moved to TILBURG on 25th in TCV's.	A

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		BN in Training. Rehearsal for Div Commander's inspection.	Appendix A
175324	2		BN training in wood clearing.	Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch
- " -	3		Bn inspected by Maj General CM Barber DSO. March past afterwards.	1:100,000
- " -	4		Bn joined the 2nd BN A & S.H in a church parade at 1000 hrs. Major R. Stanton took BN representatives to a DIV Church Parade at 1500 hrs. Service conducted by SCF 15(S) Div and was followed by the divisional massed pipe bands playing retreat.	
- " -	5		Recce party left for COURSEL. Bn in training.	
- " -	6	1430	BN moved from Tilburg in TCVs.	Sheet 4 Maseyck 1:100,000
COURSEL		2030	Arrived at COURSEL (Belgium)	
273762	7		COYs on individual training.	
- " -	8		Preparations being made for training in River Crossing.	
COURSEL	9-10		BN engaged in preparation for Assault River Crossing. R.E's assisted by building Class 9 bridge (on land) for training of Support COY.	
- " -	11		Church parade at 1100 hrs held by padre Rev D. McKean.	
- " -	12		Bn engaged in Tng with Buffaloes - mounting & dismounting.	
- " -	13		Demonstration of Buffalo loads under Bde supervision.	
- " -	14-16		I Sec taking part in exercise on the MAAS. 44 Bde & 227 Bde practising assault crossing. Lt Col Baker, the C.O. and other officers acted as umpires.	
- " -	17-20		Preparations continue for assault crossing.	
- " -	21	1930	BN moved in TCVs for Germany.	Q1 Essen 1:100,000
WOODS 0341	22	0530	Bn arrived in Concentration area between MAAS and RHINE at WOODS in HOCHWALD.	
HOCHWALD	23		Bn concentrate in HOCHWALD area.	
RHINE 1050	24		BN marched to S.B.W.A. Vehicles moved to V.W.A. At 1645 hrs the BN crossed the Rhine between XANTEN and Emmerich. Storm boats were used and the river crossed with the loss of only one	

			vehicle which was crossing on a Cl IX raft. On the other side the BN moved into an FAA in area 1050.	
AREA 1240	24	2300	Bn moved to defensive position area 1249.	
HOODMANHOF	25	0430 0745	Stand to from 0430-0630 during which time an attack was made, C Coy being involved. A smoke screen enabled C Coy to withdraw & join remainder of BN which moved at 1100 hrs to area 1547. COYs advanced to clear woods at 1448 - B Coy leading. At 1515 hrs B Coy commanded by Major R Stobbs cleared Hoodmanhof 1548. Carrier pty took this commitment over at 1630 hrs. B & C COYs advanced west to lake in area 1348. D Coy advanced N. and at 1830 hrs the BN was occupying a defensive position on its objectives - area 1448. D Coy was counter attacked at 2300 hrs and this was beaten off. Total POW for the day was 70.	
WOODS 1448	26		BN occupying same defensive position area WOOD 1448. At 2000 hrs BN moved to 175493.	
Area 1750	27	0500	Bn took positions from 2 KRRC preparatory to a further clearing operation. Bn advanced against minor opposition and took 10 POW. Finally established an objective in area 171650.	
Area 1651 Area 1652	28	1000 1430	D & A COYs advanced to positions at D - 161527, A - Wood 1652, C & B COYs remaining in position of previous night. Two Carrier patrols recce'd forward to Autobahn & found road cratered & impassable at 161540. 20 POW taken during the day. During the day B Coy captured 1 8mm, 2 x 20mm, 1 Quadruple 20mm guns.	P1 Bocholt 1:100,000
Area 1652	29		BN remained in same position & front was quiet.	
- " -	30		Bn remained in same area & position became semi-tactical.	
- " -	31		DIV Cmder visited BN in above position at 1145 hrs.	

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THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. H.C. BAKER-BAKER
DSO MBE

Month and Year APRIL 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
167526	1		Bn in harbour area after Rhine crossing and the battles which followed it. Church services held in COY areas.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 P1
- " -	2		The Commanding Officer spoke to the BN by Companies.	
- " -	3		Harbour party left at 1215 hrs. BN followed at 1700 hrs arriving at new area 2000 hrs.	
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824915	4		Bn again moved forward following the 6th Airborne Div which had passed through.	
- " -	5		Bn remained in this harbour area. B COY detached to clear a nearby wood capturing 4 officers & 4 OR's.	
- " -	6		Carrier Ptn moved under orders 46(H) Inf Bde for mopping up operations. Remainder of Bn moved overnight 6/7 to harbour at FRIEDWALD.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 N3
FRIEDWALD 758178	7			
FRIEDWALD	8		Church service held in local church in morning. BN moved at 1700 hrs to 761181 area.	
NE of FRIEDWALD	9		Bn in wood clearing operation. Area 7223.	
WIEDENSTAHL	10		Moved to WIEDENSTAHL 944220. Harbour area.	
WETTMAR 4863	11		T.C.V. move to WETTMAR. Advance to contact role.	
CELLE	12		Bn moved off 0630 hrs. Advance to Contact - entered CELLE 5849 at 1510 hrs - moved on at 2145 hrs across river to GARPEN 6354 and occupied semi-tactical position.	
GARPEN				
Area 8062	13		Advance to contact A COY leading on tanks of the 4th COLDSTREAM GDS. Enemy contacted at 1430 hrs & A COY cleared woods & hamlets as far as RADERLOH. 12 POW. B COY occupied hamlet 8062 and BN took up position there.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 N5
STADENSEN 8979	14		Bn moved forward in advance to contact role and occupied Stadensen. This village was turned into a defensive position with 1 Sqdn of 6th GDS Tank Bde, the Guns of 190 Fd Regt and two tps of A/T Guns - one S.P M10's - all within the village.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 M5

- " -	14/15		At 0100 hrs MG fire was directed at a nearby village occupied by 15(S) Recce. At 0355 a heavy attack came into the BN and enemy infantry on half tracks supported by many SP guns broke into the defence. A hand to hand battle ensued which lasted until dawn. Infantry fighting infantry, tackling SP guns & half tracks with PIATs - artillery firing over open sights - tanks seeking out enemy SP guns and our own SP A/TK Guns fighting magnificently in the breaking light. The C.O. Lt Col HC Baker-Baker decided to stand fast and fight it out in the now blazing ruins of a village. BN HQ had been burned to the ground. An enemy SP gun blew away the signal office at point blank range. By 0910 hrs B COY was established on the right and C Coy on the left, tank patrols and SP A/TK guns of our own were beginning to take a heavy toll of the enemy. It appeared that he had commenced to withdraw soon after first light but the open ground was proving very costly. New defensive positions were occupied by 1000 hrs and the enemy completely withdrawn. Altogether eight enemy half tracks and 12 S.P Guns were completely destroyed. Our own casualties were mainly in the soft vehicles burned out by the fire. Capt Scott and Lieut Renwick were killed - Capt Gordon wounded. OR casualties were Killed 5 wounded 28. The Bde Cmdr visited the BN at 1530 hrs. Div Cmdr visited BN at 1710 hrs. The enemy was identified as a battle group of Panzer Division CLAUSEWITZ.	
STADENSEN	14/15			
S of UELZEN	16	0130	Bn moved to 8885 - S of UELZEN into harbour.	
	17		Bn in reserve.	
UELZEN	18		Bn moved into attack and cleared Northwards into UELZEN. 70 POW taken. Bn on objectives, after street fighting, by 1800 hrs. Parts of the city blazed all night and COYs took up defensive positions away from the fires.	
BEVENSEN	19		Bn moved to Bevensen 9002 and harboured there.	
Area 9425	20		Advance to contact. Bn cleared Breetze and woods in area. Harboured at 9425.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 L5
KARZE	21		Bn moved to KARZE 9628. C Coy - def position at Brackede, D Coy - def position at Radegast, both on the banks of the Elbe. OP's manned overlooking the river.	
- " -	22-25		BN in same def position. Bde Comdr visited BN on 23rd. B Coy relieved D Coy at Radegast on 25th.	
- " -	26		Enemy patrol crossed Elbe engaged by MMG & mortar fire. 2 POW.	
- " -	27		Forward positions relieved by Sqdn of 15(S) Div Recce Regt. Bn concentrate in KARZE for Elbe crossing.	

ELBE RIVER KRUZEN	28		BN moved to HOHNSTORF 8633 and crossed Elbe in storm boats. Concentrated W of Lauenburg. BN advanced to acquire the high ground S of Lutau. Bn HQ 860378. Supported by amphibious tanks of Staffordshire Yeomanry.	
LUTAU	29		D Coy passed through to forward COYs on high ground to capture X Rds 866404. Sniping by enemy slowed up B & C Coys when they came to close on LUTAU and a platoon of enemy were dealt with by C Coy. LUTAU occupied by 1500 hrs.	
LUTAU	30		Bn in harbour at LUTAU.	

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SACHSEN WALD Near HAMBURG	1	0830	BN moved to BRUNSTORF in T.C.Vs. Wood clearing operation commenced at 1015 hrs. Sachsen Wald cleared by the Div. 85 POW taken - mostly stragglers. BN took up position at 2100 hrs in AUMUHLE.	
TRITTAU	2	0920	BN moved by march route to TRITTAU. B.HQ 767617. Harboured the night there.	
SCHONBERG	3	1100	BN marched (non tactical) to SCHONBERG. BHQ 787681.	
- " -	4		BN in harbour at Schonberg. Roads an amazing sight. Wehrmacht marching back in strengths from Sections to a Regiment in order to give themselves up. Vehicles of all descriptions taking back POW.	
- " -	5	0800	All German resistance concluded on 2nd Army front. Germans surrender unconditionally to Field Marshall Montgomery.	
- " -	6-7		BN in same position. Recce party under 2i/c left on 7th for KIEL.	
KIEL	8	1400	V.E. Day. BN move in T.C.Vs for KIEL via Bad Oldesloe. Arrived KIEL and COYS took up guards of equipment naval and food stores. BHQ on South bank of River Schwentine 603400.	
KIEL	9-10		BN in same position. Div Comd visited BN on 10th.	
- " -	11		BN HQ moved to take up headquarters on depot ship 565382. A & B Coys moved to 556372 on relief by Marines. S Coy moved to 555368. C Coy still in U boat pen area 580390 and D Coy at Naval arsenal 584394.	
- " -	12-19		COYS in same positions. B Coy employed in unloading ships of seriously wounded POW. These ships arrived from Russian area and contained Wehrmacht and civilians. B Coy supplied guards and other assistance to British naval authorities.	
KIEL	20		Church parade in COY areas. Advance party left for RATZEBURG but returned later when move cancelled.	
- " -	21		C & D COYS being relieved by R.A. COYS concentrating.	
- " -	22		Advance party left for NIENDORF under 2i/c Major Briggs.	

- " -	23		Relief of C & D Coys completed at 1000 hrs. S, A & B COYS left for NIENDORF. C & D COYS took over billets vacated by A & B - BHQ to 555368.	
NIENDORF Near LUBECK	24		B.H.Q. C & D COYS moved from KIEL to NIENDORF in TCVs. Arrived new location 1330 hrs. B.H.Q. at 034043. A & B COYS at Brodten 0503. C COY in HAVEN 0302. S COY WARNSDORF 0201. HQ COY NIENDORF 0204. D COY 9806 area.	
- " -	25-27		BN in same areas. Pipe Band played retreat on 27 at 1800 hrs.	
- " - NIENDORF	28		DIV Comd addressed the BN at NIENDORF. He thanked them for their magnificent efforts and spoke of actions at Cheux, Caumont, the SEINE, GHENT, Best, the woods at LIESEL, the MAAS, the Feb 8th offensive from Groesbeek, the RHINE, STADENSEN, and the Elbe. He revealed that the BN had had the HIGHEST casualties in the DIV - 52 officers 1052 ORs and attributed this to the great number of sticky actions in which the BN had fought.	
- " -	29-31		Bn in the same areas.	