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**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 97th Anti-Tank Regt R.A.

**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

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Month and Year November 44

Commanding Officer Lieut.Col. P.R.Henderson R.A.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the Field	1 Nov		46 Bde continue advance SE and reach hamlet of 6812 Hutter. 159 Bty move to 666148, 161 Bty to Loon 6615. 44 Bde "O" Group attended by Major Mason on next days proposed attack.	
	2 Nov		44 Bde advance to take all objectives and reach MOOSTDIJK 6908. E Tp encounter minefield in their position and lose one OR and a carrier	
	3 Nov		K Tp owing to U.S. advance on right, were in effect "L.O.Bd", but remain in situ. No further changes.	
	5 Nov		Major Napier leaves for course at HAIFA. 44 Bde attack against very stiff opposition and owing to boggy country make very little headway. Major Fleming R.A. suffering from slight concussion is rested. The following interpostings of officers took place - Lt Raby R.A. to 161 Bty as L.O. - Capt Lane R.A. to 286 as Capt (G) - Lt Geary to do Lieut Q - Lt Middlemiss R.A. D Tp - Lt McGregor H Tp. The following Tps were concentrated in reserve:- A C E I J K L Capt Lywood R.A. (203108) posted Regt, attached HQRA for all purposes	
In the Field	7 Nov		Major R.T. Ashby R.A. leaves for Staff Gunnery Course and is struck off strength 146 S.P. Bty under command are left in reserve at 630133. First intimation of probable reorganisation to include 12 S.P. Valentines.	
	8 Nov		F G H and L Tps only are deployed, other tps resting. 159 Bty less A Tp still at 645148, resting area Deurne. 346 Bty HQ move to 159 Bty billets	
	10 Nov		159 Bty HQ returns to old location. Lieut Raby R.A. returns to 159. C Tp relieves L Tp.	
	11 Nov		Lieut Horries R.A. (217547) attached from 3 Div and interposted to 161 Bty. B.C's conference. <del>Adjt to Brussels on duty.</del>	

	12 Nov		2i/c 61 A Tk Regt of 51 (H) Div calls for information of future ops	
	13 Nov		C.R.A's "O" Group attended by C.O. 346 Bty relieve 159 Bty and take over their BHQ. 159 BHQ to Deurne. J Tp relieve C Tp. 346 Bty in support 44 Bde. G Tp relieved by I Tp	
	14 Nov		51 (H) Div attack on our right. D relieve F Tp.	
In the Field	15 Nov		I Troop concentrating in Troop Area. C.O. and A/Adjt attend demonstration of devices for dealing with German Schu Mines. G, I, and J Tps out of line.	
	16 Nov		D Tp relieved. 286 Bty move to 663098.	
	18 Nov		T/Capt Hunt R.A. (226892) to 161 - T/Capt G.G. Griffiths (92118) to 346 - Lt. A.S.H. Telfer R.A. (258490) to 159 - Lt. A.M. Cameron (242556) to 286 attached from RHU. 346 Bty to 601149, 159 Bty to 664148.	
	19 Nov		Lieuts Middlemiss, Shaw, Bates, and Sture attached 8 Corps ATk Regt for SP experience. 1 Tp moved with HLI to Beringen.	
	20 Nov		RHQ move to DEURNE 652198, 286 Bty to 754066. 146 SP cease to be under command. 0900 hrs	
	21/22 Nov		No great change, all formations advance in Mud and rain. 161 to area Hilvareen	
	23		H Tp with 227 Bde to Horst. Major Masters and Lieut Ockleshaw attend demonstration of 17 pr D/S and APCBC at Bourg Leopold Ranges. Mud and Rain still hold up speed of advance. T/Capt Hunt posted to 43 Div	
	24/25		227 Bde and 46 Bde continue slow advance on Maas meeting only mines and mud with little other opposition. 286 Bty and 161 Bty do not deploy but move in rear of Bdes	
In the Field	26		Tac HQ move to area SEVENUM on line to HQRA. C.O. and Major Masters visit Bourg Leopold on reorganisation and Heppen Demonstration of Windsor Carrier, T 16 and Carden Loyd. No material change in situation, but advance continues.	
	27		CRA gives permission for Regt to be concentrated as Tank threat this side of Maas deemed negligible. 161 Bty to area Liesel. A/Adj attends Welfare Conference at Rear Div. Tac HQ withdrawn.	
	28		227 Bde relieved by 9 Bde. Div now with 12 Corps.	
	29		Orders received that 97th Anti-Tank Regt is to be disbanded and is to join 50 (N) Div.	
	30		Div Commander addresses all ranks giving his farewell.	