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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Commanding Officer Lt-Col D Russell Morgan

Month and Year August 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FIELD	1st		Situation normal. Gds Armd Div advancing beyond ST MARTIN DE BESACES. Bn still at Xrds at HERVIEUX 688548. CO attended Bde 'O' Group at 2300 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- 19 ORs
	2nd		Situation normal. Bn 'O' Group 0400 hrs - Bn to occupy PT 238 683482 taking over posns previously occupied by 32 Gds Bde and mop up any pockets of resistance in area LE BRESSI 694470. Bn moved off on tanks and tpt at 1530 hrs arriving at PT 238 at 1900 hrs. No incidents during move. Bn HQ established at 682484.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	3rd		Situation normal. Enemy reported to have evacuated LE BRESSI.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 1 OR
	4th		Situation normal. "C" Coy area shelled during day.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
Field	5th		Bn "O" Group 0300 hrs. Bn to stand by to move at 0700 hrs. Bn "O" Group 0400 hrs. Orders:- 44 Bde to pass through to occupy area MONTCHARIVEL. 10/HLI to occupy AU CORNU 7741. 2 A&SH to occupy area 7737. 2 Gordons to push through and occupy ESTRY 748377. 10/HLI to bye-pass Gordons and occupy LE THEIL 762359. 2 A&SH to occupy CANTELOUPE 7836. Bn moved off at 0700 hrs on tanks and tpt arriving at MONTCHARIVEL at 0900 hrs and debussed. Bn advanced to AU CORNU - Order of March - D, C, B, A, Bn HQ. Bn shelled and mortared during approach to objective. Bn dug in on high ground overlooking AU CORNU. Shelling and mortaring continued during night. Owing to modification of Orders after move had begun only first objectives were occupied. Advance to be continued next day. 2 Gordons consolidated on X Rds 767403.	CASUALTIES:- 1 OFF Wounded REINFS:- 31 ORs
Field	6th		Bde 'O' Group 0100 hrs. Orders:- Bde to advance southwards on roads to VIRE and VASSY. 2 Gordons leading to seize and hold village of ESTRY, which enemy were still believed to occupy. 10/HLI following	CASUALTIES:- OFFRS:- 1 Killed 2 Wounded

Field		1400 1600  1930	2 Gordons to by-pass ESTRY and seize LE THEIL, but to assist 2 Gordons if resistance in ESTRY proved strong. 2 A&SH to seize and hold high ground area CANTELOUPE. S.P. - X Rds LA CAVERIE. Move to be made on foot with tanks in close support. 46 Bde at same time to clear high ground and woods East of AU CORNU. Bn shelled whilst forming up, SP was under sporadic MG fire. Recce Sqn reported mines at X Rds 758388. 2 Gordons and Gren Gds Tanks held up. REs assisted by Pioneer Plns sent fwd to clear mines. Recce Sqn reported enemy tank and MG post at X Rds 746378. Bn resumed advance at 1215 behind 2 Gordons. Gordons held up beyond X Rds 758388 by enemy tanks and MG post, on left flank. Tanks advanced to deal with this opposition. Gordons contacted enemy at X Rds 746378 and withdrew slightly. C Coy attempted to by-pass ESTRY on left flank but pinned down by MG fire on leaving road at 756386. Bn HQ on road 757387. One enemy MkV tank destroyed by SP Guns on Bn left flank. Hy enemy shelling and mortaring throughout afternoon, continuing until nightfall. At 1730 2 Gdns and 10/HLI with support of tanks were to attack ESTRY, attack to be preceded by a conc of Med & Fd Arty on objective. Bn to advance, C supported by A on left of road, B supported by D on right. B & C Coys reached objectives, but unable to advance on village due to enemy tanks and MGs. Tanks also held up by enemy A/Tank Guns. Bn dug in on objective. Bn HQ est at 746379. Bn ordered to stand to all night.	ORs 43 wounded and killed
Field	7th		Shelling continued intermittently all night. Bn stood to all night in event of enemy counter attack. Situation remained normal. Rd from AU CORNEU almost impassable to tpt due to heavy enemy MG fire and food had to be transported to Bn by Carrier Pl during day. A Coy withdrew to rear of Bn as former posn was untenable due to being under enemy observation and fire. Typhoon Rocket Fighters attacked tanks, mortar posns and gun sites throughout day. 100% stand to ordered all night.	CASUALTIES:- ORs 80 wounded
	8th	0600  1000	Stand to all night. No enemy counter attack. Bn to be relieved by 6 KOSB and guide party left for new location. Bn moved off by companies by march route. Bn HQ est at 747393. Bn area shelled just after move in. 44 Bde attacked and captured ESTRY but withdrew in face of heavy arty and MG fire. 30 reinforcements arrived from R.H.U. 2 Gdns moved back to 745406.	
	9th		Bn still in same location. Situation normal throughout night. Intermittent arty & MG fire fell around Bn area.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	10th		Situation normal. Div Comdr and Bde Comdr visited Bn during day.	CASUALTIES:- NIL

	11th		Situation normal:- Enemy shelling fwd of Bn area.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	12th		Situation normal:- Brig visited Bn. Bn to be relieved by Recce Unit of 11 Armd Div next day. Bn to stand by ready to move.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 64 ORs
	13th	1230	Situation normal:- 1230 Bn relieved by Recce Sqn of 11 Armd Div. Bn moved off by march route for LA MARTELLIERE. Route of March - Montchamps - ST. CHARLES DE PERCY - LA MARTELLIERE. Order of March - HQ, C, B, A Coys. Bn arrived 1030 hrs and dug in, tea on arrival.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 1 ORs
	14th		Bn to move to conc area at MALTOT at 1500 hrs. Moving by TCV. Bn left at 1500 for conc area arriving 1815 hrs, and dug in.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	15th		Bn visited by next Div Comdr, Maj Gen Barber and Bn paraded for his address.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	16th		Sit. normal. Brig visited Bn. Admin Day - Baths etc. Air activity during night.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
Field	17th		Air activity during night. Sit. normal. Brig visited Bn.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFS:- 15 ORs
	18th		Sit. normal. Bde 'O' Group. Bn to move to BOIS-HALBOUT 0146 by T.C.V. No move before 1400 hrs. Bn left at 1430 passed Bde St.Pt. at 1500 arrived 1730 and dug in. Bn HQ est at 014466.	CASUALTIES:- NIL Map Sheet 7F/3
	19th		Situation normal. Warning order issued to be ready to move at 1 hrs notice from 0600 hrs 20th Aug. No move before 1400 on 20th August.	CASUALTIES:- NIL RFTS:- 14 ORs
FIELD	20th		Situation normal. Brig visited Bn at 1000 hrs. Bde movement order issued for advance to contact on route FALAISE - TRUN - VIMOUTIERS 4964 - LE SAP 5859, to be known as operation "GALLOP". Bn movement table issued. Bn to act as advance guard with in support 1 Sqn from 34 Tk Bde - 1 Bty of 131 Fd Regt RA - 1 Tp of 129 SP A/TK Bty RA - 1 Tp of 286 A/Tk Bty RA - 1 MMG Pl of 1 Middlesex - 1 Pl of 20 Fd Coy RE, 1800 hrs operation postponed for 48 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL APP "A" att
	21st		Situation normal. Brig visited Bn.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	22nd		Sit. normal. Orders received that operation "GALLOP" would be extended to include to adv from LE SAP through MONNAI 6358 - BROGLIE 7370 - BEAUMONT-LE-ROGER 9376 to EMANVILLE 0274. New Bn mov order issued. Sp Arms and Bn role as before except that tp 129 SP A/Tk no longer in support. This op again could not be put into practice owing to presence of Canadian Divs fighting on our axis of advance. Orders for move to fwd conc area SE of FALAISE issued in order to facilitate eventual move to operational objectives. Bn to pass St.Pt. at 0615 hrs on 23rd. Route via FALAISE to conc area	CASUALTIES:- NIL APP "B" att

			PERTHEVILLE-NERS 2033. Move fwd to be made non-tactically and without tanks.	
	23rd	0615	Bn coln embussed, crossed SP. Bn arrived 0830 at conc area. Bde 'O' Gp. Orders given for further move to fwd conc area at MONNAI. Sp Arms as previously detailed for op "GALLOP", move to be made embussed. Route - TRUN - FRESNAY-LE-SAMSON 4958 - LE SAP 5859 - MONNAI. Time of start 0830.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	24th		Move postponed until afternoon and move limited to adv to conc area east of TRUN 3330, arrived conc area 1900 hrs. 2300 Bde "O" Gp. Op "GALLOP" to take place on following day. No changes from previous order of battle except that Tanks would follow in rear of Bde Coln.	CASUALTIES:- NIL Rfts 23 OR's
	25th	0015  0600	Bn orders issued for Op "GALLOP". Bn to act as advance Guard as in orders already issued until contact with enemy was made or objective at EMANVILLE was reached. 44 Bde & 46 Bde advancing simultaneously on parallel routes. Bn to move embussed on route - ORVILLE 5458 - LE SAP 5859 - N.D. DU HAMEL 7157 - LA BARRE EN OUCHE 8363 - SEBECOURT 9664 - LES AUTHIEUX 9871 - EMANVILLE. SP to be crossed 0600. Bn crossed SP. Advance made without incident except for occasional delays caused by destruction of road and large quantities of abandoned enemy equipment. Arrived EMANVILLE at 1800 hrs. Contact made with fwd US Forces. 2230 Bde 'O' Gp. Orders given for adv to be made next day to high ground between LOUVIERS 2289 and River SEINE. Move to be made embussed on route EMANVILLE - LE NEUBORG 0283 - LOUVIERS. Close spacing and high speed required in order to complete movt of Bde within 3 hrs and leave roads free for subsequent movt of US troops. Move to commence from SP - LE NEUBOURG at 0700 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL APP "C"
FIELD	26th	0030 0600 0700	Bn orders issued for above move. Bn to be ready to move at 0315 and vehs to be clear of EMANVILLE by 0430. Bn coln moved off and was halted short of SP at 0500. Bde Comdr arrived and issued modification of orders. 10/HLI with under comd 2 Gordons to occupy LOUVIERS, remainder of Bde to move later. Bn crossed SP and advanced to reach LOUVIERS 0800. Contact made with Mayor of Town and head of Resistance Movement in order to find accommodation for the Bns in the town which still inhabited by civilians. Bn HQ est 22538917. OP est at Bn HQ to watch high ground east of town which was believed still occ by small numbers of enemy. Coys disposed to guard brs across River EURE. 2 A&SH and 2 Gdns occ high ground between LOUVIERS & R SEINE.	CASUALTIES:- NIL  REF MAP 1/25000 LOUVIERS
	27th	1100 1300	C.O. with Bde Cmdr made Recce of R SEINE at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY 2690 with a view to crossing river on same day. Bn brought fwd to ASS. AREA at ST ETIENNE-DU-VAUVRAY 2692. Bde 'O' Gp 1500 and orders	CASUALTIES:- ORs:- 2 killed 13 wounded

		1900 1900	<p>were given for crossing of R. SEINE. 10/HLI to secure intact half of existing br at 272904 and form bridgehead round it, incl village of ANDE. 2 Gordons to cross 1000 yds further South and advance on MUIDS 3089. Initial crossings to be made in storm boats with rafts for ferrying tpt to be completed 4 hrs later. 44 Bde to cross on left flank and 46 Bde on right. 1530 Bn orders issued for crossing of river. One Pl of "C" Coy under Lt Graham to lead crossing and secure intact portion of bridge before it could be blown. Zero hr for crossing 1800. Subsequent crossings to be made by "A" &amp; "B" Coys to clear village of ANDE 2790 and wood 275902 respectively. "C" Coy to give fire support from west bank of River. Zero hr subsequently postponed until 1830.</p> <p>Leading tps across river after delay due to engine failure of storm-boats. Bridge secured intact by 2000 hrs and leading Coys secured objectives by 2130. Ferrying of vehicles began 2230. 2 A&amp;SH passed through Bn at 2335 to conc in area between 10/HLI &amp; 2 Gordons.</p> <p>Opposition during crossing and subs adv was slight.</p>	
FIELD	28th	0030 0500 0830 1145  1330	<p>Bn HQ est 273905. Bn maintained 100% Stand-to all night. Orders issued from Bde for advance to line Pt 144 3592 - CONNELLES 3092 with 2 Gdns right, 2 A&amp;SH centre, 10/HLI left. Bde "O" Group to receive infm and details for this advance. Bn 'O' Group - Orders given for preliminary advance to high ground SOUTH of CONNELLES. Slight enemy opposition to be expected and to be dealt with vigorously. Order of March "B", "C", Bn HQ &amp; "A" Coys. SP - Xrds 277906.</p> <p>Bn crossed SP adv to 1st objective without opposition. Posns taken up on reverse slope South of CONNELLES with "B" Coy left, "C" Coy right, A Coy depth. Further orders given owing to modification of plan by Bde Cmdr. Bn to take high ground and wood 3094, thus securing a firm base for passing through of 44 Bde. Slight elements of enemy known to be on high ground. Attack to be made in two phases with fire support from Arty, 4.2in Mortars and MMGs. Leading Coys - right "C" - left "B", "A" Coy in depth. 1st Phase to be taking of high grd, 2nd Phase clearing of wood. 2030 hrs Bn moved off. 2230 both objectives had been gained without opposition, the enemy having withdrawn in face of the Arty fire. Def posns occupied on high grd around wood and 100% Stand-to maintained all night. Bn HQ est 306942. 44 Bde passed through during night.</p>	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD				
	29th		<p>Bn still occupying same posns. Situation normal. Major Wood posted to Bn as 2i/c.</p>	CAS:- NIL REINFS:- 21 ORs

	30th		Situation normal. Bde Comdr issued orders, in view of bad weather and quietness of sit, for Bn to occupy billets in village of CONNELLES. 1400 Bn moved into billets in village. Bn HQ est at 303939. Bn given rest period for 48 hrs.	CAS:- NIL
FIELD	31st		Situation normal. New CO arrived at Bn.  F.G. Wood Maj for Lt Col Officer Cmdg 10th Bn The H.L.I.	CAS:- NIL

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	5th		113653 T/Capt Moore E.B. H.L.I. relinquished rank of T/Capt 1st August 44.	
	9th		291128 WS/LT Sunderland R.S. R.A.M.C. posted to 10th H.L.I. as R.M.O. wef 6th August. 266544 WS/Capt Walker W.A. R.A.M.C. posted to 153 Fd Amb and S.O.S. wef 6 August 44. 92548 WS/LT A.R.B. Wylie to be A/Capt wef 25 July 44.	<u>AUTHY:</u> 15(S)Div/100C/25/ MSA dated 6th August
	11th		92555 WS/LT Foulds J.M. to be A/Capt wef 7th August. Cdn/350WS/LT McLean B H.L.I./Cdn posted to W.E. 10th H.L.I. from 227 Bde and T.O.S. wef 9th August.	
	12th		138544 WS/LT Bridge F.H. H.L.I. posted to 10th H.L.I. and T.O.S. wef 10 August 44. Cdn/610WS/LT Carson F.J. posted to W.E. 10th H.L.I. and T.O.S. wef 11 August 44.	
	16th		299679 WS/LT Nicholson J.H. H.L.I. posted to 227 Bde and S.O.S. this unit wef 16th August 44.	
	18th		129145 WS/LT Ensor G.W. posted to Rfts group and S.O.S. this unit wef 18 August 44. 138544 WS/LT Bridge F.H. H.L.I. to be A/Capt wef 7 August. 156596 WS/LT Steward D.N. Bucks to be A/Capt wef 9th August 44. 111315 T/MAJ MACKENZIE I. R.S.F. posted to 6th Bn R.S.F. and S.O.S. this unit wef 10th August 44.	<u>AUTHY:</u> MS/21/1436 of 17 August 44
	19th		138555 T/Capt Reddick A.F. H.L.I. to be A/Maj wef 6th August 44.	
Field	24th		315725 2/LT Hutchinson G. H.L.I. posted to W.E. of 10th H.L.I. from 32 R.H.U. and taken on strength wef 23 August.	

	28th		66915 T/Maj WOOD F.G. Camerons posted to 10th H.L.I. and appointed 2i/c. T.O.S. wef 25 August 44.	
Field: 1st August	30th  44		207834 A/Capt Agnew E.M. H.L.I. to be T/Capt wef 1st July 44. 67193 S/Capt A/MAJ Murray I.H. H.L.I. to be T/Maj wef 9th August 44. WS/LT. COL. H.P. MACKLEY Cameronians 28106 appointed O.C. 10th H.L.I. wef 30th August, VICE A/LT. COL. D.R. Morgan 39640 A&SH to another comd.  F.G. Wood Maj for Lt Col Officer Comdg 10th Bn The H.L.I.	