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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

Month and Year December 44.

Commanding Officer Lt-Col H.P. Mackley O.B.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st		Situation normal. Bn still in ASTEN 612131.	Rfts. 4 OR's
	2nd		Situation normal. Bn still in ASTEN.	
	3rd		Situation normal. Bn still in ASTEN.	Rfts. 6 OR's
	4th		Situation normal. Bn warned to be prepared to take over from 4 Welch Regt. 160(W) Bde in area BAARLO 8504.	
	5th		Situation normal. CO and IO went to BAARLO to recce area and disposns of 4 Welch in preparation of take over.	
	6th	0945	Recce new area by CO and Coy Comdrs.	Rfts. 41 ORs
Field	7th	0830	Bn "O" Gp. Bn to be ready to take over from 4 Welch and 2 Mons after last light. Bn sector extends from right incl. HOUT 8402 to left incl BAARLO 8505. Bn to hold this sector and prevent enemy patrolling, special attention to be paid to concealment and control of movement by day. Coys to man outposts O.P's covering FERRY HO 872052 LOCK GATES 868038 - HOUSES 859027 and track 848016. Bn to move up embussed by route ASTEN - MEIJEL - BERINGEN - HELDEN - ONDER to ass. area in wood 8304. Take over to commence after last light and Comd. to pass at 0430 hrs 8th. Coy and Pl Comdrs to do advanced recce starting 1130 hrs. 1240 Bn moved up by route given to ass area. 1445 Bn halted in ass area while meal was prepared. 1800 hrs Bn HQ est at 853048. "A" Coy occupied BAARLO by 1900 hrs.	
	8th		0430 relief completed. Coy location as follows: "C" Coy Pl at 840023, 843025 and 843029 with sec by night at 847016. "B" Coy with Pl at: 842034, 887042 and 853044 with sec by day at 854031 and by night, Pl in this area, with sec at 859027 and further Pl at 849032. "A" Coy Pls at 860047 with sec by day at 843038 and by night at 848038, Pl at 860050 with sec by day 868049 and by night 872052 Pl at 860057. Battle Gp located in BONG 849051 as counter attack force and carrier Pl at Bn HQ for local protection and counter attack. During the early part of the night one of our patrols was attacked by enemy patrol at 857026.	Cas: 1 OR Killed 2 Wounded Rfts 8 OR's

	9th		Slight shelling during the day. Our O.P.s observed enemy movement around known posns 859018, BELFELD 8602, 872038 and 874047.	Cas: Nil Rfts : 1 OR.
Field	10th		Slight shelling and MG fire. Enemy activity observed as on previous day enabling some posns to be pinpointed. No enemy patrols were contacted during the night 9/10th. RE's laid A/Pers minefield covering lock 868038.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	11th		Enemy shelling and MG fire was slight and some activity was observed in suspected enemy localities. Civilian reports stated that enemy patrols crossed from area BELFELD in rubber boats. 2315 hrs Battle Gp patrol shot up at 862030 by enemy patrol with MG and grenades. One of our patrol was wounded but brought back safely. Enemy withdrew after grenade had been thrown at them and were not subsequently contacted.	Cas: 1 Wounded Rfts : 1 OR PW's : Nil
	12th		0315 hrs Battle Gp patrol shot up in houses 867048 by enemy patrol of unknown strength. One of our patrol killed and one wounded, but remaining man caused cas to enemy with a grenade. One wounded POW was brought in.	Cas: 1 Killed 1 Wounded Rfts : 4 OR's PW's : 1
	13th		Enemy activity normal. Bn 6 pdrs fired at O.P. in church tower BELFELD and enemy retaliated with Arty fire. C in C presentation of medals at ZOMMEREN 591112.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
Field	14th		Enemy activity normal. Shelling slight. Suspected enemy crossing places reported to be from BELFELD to behind artificial bank 865033. RE's by night laid A/Pers minefield covering south edge of this bank 863029.	Cas: Nil Rfts : 30 OR's PW's : Nil
	15th		Enemy activity normal. 1200 hrs Div Comdr visited Bn. 1500 hrs Corps Comdr visited Bn. By night enemy patrols suspected but no contact made.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	16th		Enemy activity normal. Slight shelling and MG fire during day. No contact with our patrols. Civilians reported three enemy broke into HO 853027 during night.	Cas: Nil Rfts : 2 OR's PW's : Nil
	17th		Enemy activity and shelling slight. Enemy air activity increased over night and several fighter bombers and recce aircraft (incl jet propelled) flew over the sector during the day. By night RE's laid A/Pers minefield at north end of artificial bank 866035.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	18th		Enemy [activity] and shelling slight. Visibility poor owing to mist.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	19th		Enemy activity and shelling slight. A very quiet day, visibility poor, which limited observation, due to mist. Bn warned to be prepared for relief by 2 A&SH on 20th Dec.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil

Field	20th		0800 hrs Coy reps carried out recce of new area. 1330 take over by 2 A&SH began, owing to bad visibility it was found possible to change over all except fwd posts in daylight. Relief of fwd posts completed by 2000 hrs. Coys lifted by MT to new location. "A" Coy EGCHL 7703, "B" Coy HELDEN 7803, "C" Coy HUB 7603, Bn HQ and "S" Coy at EGCHLHOEK 7703, Bn HQ at 771038.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	21st		1030 Bn O Gp. CO gave probable future role of Bn, namely that the present system of relief and occupation of river line would continue. Since the latest arrivals of reinforcements had brought the Bn up to WE, it was proposed to reform "D" Coy on 22nd Dec using the Battle Group as a nucleus. The new coy to be comd by Major A.F. REDDICK, Capt A.N. SCOTT assuming comd of "S" Coy. 2 Pl's from each coy in turn would do 24 hrs duty. One with each of the fwd Bns to provide patrols or ambush parties.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	22nd		Situation normal. "D" Coy reformed.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
Field	23rd		Situation normal. Bn at rest. Recces made for take over from 2nd Gordons. 1830 Bn O Gp. Bn to be prepared to take over from 2nd Gordons in KESSEL 8200 sector on following day. Detailed timetable worked out.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	24th		Situation normal. 1400 hrs Bn commenced take over from 2nd Gordons. Coys moving independently in accordance with timetable. Bn was disposed as follows: "A" Coy area KESSEL EIK 807988, "B" Coy area VEER and KESSEL 8200, "C" Coy around 828015, "D" Coy in reserve near Bn HQ. Bn HQ est at 816014. The following fwd posns were manned by night. "A" Coy 801983 and 808987. Carriers Pl 810991 and 813995. "D" Coy 817998. "B" Coy 822002, 831006 and 835008. "C" Coy 839009. Take over completed by 2100 hrs. Enemy activity during night was slight.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	25th		Little enemy activity. Visibility poor.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	26th		Visibility improved and a certain amount of enemy movement was seen, enabling some of their posns to be located. Coys began wiring of all posns with trip wires and erection of donnert fence, as near to river as poss in their sector.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
	27th		Enemy activity slight. Visibility poor restricting observation.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil
Field	28th		Enemy activity slight. Observation again restricted by bad visibility. During night 28/29 Dec, a telephone cable to a fwd posn of "A" Coy was cut. Investigation procured an enemy cap and some leaflets. But no contact was made with enemy.	Cas: Nil Rfts : Nil PW's : Nil

	29th		Far bank of river obscured by mist during most of day. Some increase was heard in noise of enemy working.	Cas: Nil Rfts: Nil PW's: Nil
	30th		Situation quiet. Very little enemy activity observed.	Cas: Nil Rfts: Nil PW's: Nil
	31st		Div Comd visited an O.P. in the Bn area during the morning. Visibility was improved and some further enemy posns were located. B.L.A. 5th January 1945	Cas: Nil Rfts: 2 OR's PW's: Nil
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Field			<u>Part Two Administrative</u>	
	2nd		A/Capt. Preston D.W. S.Staffs admitted to hospital and SOS this unit wef 2nd Dec.	
	5th		WS/Lt Adey G.G. RS posted to WE of 10th H.L.I. from 2nd Army Signals and TOS this unit wef 4th Dec 44.	
	6th		WS/Lt MacLean B. H.L.I. of Canada admitted to hospital and SOS this unit wef 5th Dec.	
	8th		WS/Lt Armitage G.A. D.L.I.) Posted to WE of 10th H.L.I. and TOS WS/Lt Pickin I.G.G. D.L.I.) this unit wef 7th Dec 44	From 33 RHU
	24th		3308480 Sgt. Chapman W. Signals) Awarded the C-in-C's 3326194 Sgt. Wilson A. Mortars) Certificates 3314977 L/C. McGrane T. S.B. Section) Can/515 Lt D.H. Struck. Awarded the MC. 4039943 Sgt. Daly T. Awarded the D.C.M. 5722364 Sgt. Preedy F. Carrier Pl.) Awarded the M.M. 3311619 L/Sgt McDonald A. Carrier Pl.) 7044188 L/Cpl Riddick W. D Coy) 5187671 L/Sgt Dawson H.) B.L.A. 5th January 1945	
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