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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt-Col J.D.S. Young DSO MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WISTON PARK STEYNING	9th		Capt TR Meechan and 4 ORs left for FRANCE to establish Beach Control Party.	
	11th		Advance Party consisting of 2 Officers and 2 ORs left for FRANCE.	
	13th		Bn left for HAYWARDS HEATH (Marshalling Area). Road Party left same morning for MT Marshalling Area at WANSTEAD. Bn arrived at HAYWARDS HEATH at 1600 hrs.	
	17th	0700 0900 1800	Bn left HAYWARDS HEATH for embarkation area at NEWHAVEN arriving at 0830. Bn embarked aboard LCIs(L). Convoy sailed for FRANCE.	
FIELD	18th	0800 1115 1200	Bn arrived COURSEULLES-SUR-MER waded ashore 0830. Left for assembly area 0900 arriving 1030. Discarded FMO marched on in FSMO. Hot meal served at tea point by Canadian RASC. Bn marched off to conc area at VAUX-SUR-SEULLES, arriving at 1600 hrs. Bn HQ est at 835778.	
	19th		C.O. away to conference. Weather wet.	
	20th		C.O. left for Recce at 1000 returning at 1600. Weather dry. Dornier 217 shot down by AA fire in late evening. Crew of 3 killed.	
	21		C.O. to conference. Weather dry.	
	22		C.O. to conference. Weather dry.	
	23		C.O. to conference. Weather dry. Party of transport arrived.	
	24		Rest of tpt arrived.	
	25		Bn moved off for FAA 1800 hrs arrived at 2100 hrs.	
	26	0730 0730 0730 1030	Tpt arrived at FAA. Bn less A2 vehs moved to 909735. Arrived location 0930. Arty Barrage opened up. Bn advanced on CHEUX. 44(L) Bde captured ST MAUVIEU. 46(H) Bde in outskirts of CHEUX. Bn advanced to CHEUX at 1815, contacted enemy south of CHEUX. After skirmishing, consolidated for night.	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFICERS - 1 wounded ORs - 8 wounded 1 killed
	27th	0730	Bn moved fwd, halted by enemy armour. 1000 hrs tanks broke through onto Bn area and were engaged by own Anti-Tank guns. 5 enemy tanks	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFICERS - 1 wounded

			knocked out. Remainder withdrew and posn restored by 1100 hrs. 1 Signal truck burnt out after receiving direct hit.	ORs - 1 missing 77 wounded 20 missing 13 killed
	28th	1300 1830	Bn relieved by 6 KOSB. 1630 Bn left CHEUX for COLLEVILLE. COs "O" Group. Bn to attack MOUEN. 1945 Bn crossed starting line supported by tanks. MOUEN heavily defended by German Armour. A & C Coys reached objectives but are ordered to withdraw during the night by CO. B & D Coys were pinned down and suffered casualties, and withdrew. B, D and Bn HQ spent night in farm east of Mouen.	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFICERS - 4 wounded 1 missing 3 killed ORs - 45 wounded 7 missing 22 killed
	29th	0800	Bn relieved 2 GH. B Coy sent to reinforce CAMERONIANS.	<u>CASUALTIES</u> ORs - 25 wounded
	30th		Bn posns shelled. CO and 2i/c injured. Major Sinclair 2 Gordons takes over comd. Bn left to take up def posn south of MONDRAINVILLE. [signature] Maj For LT COL COMDG 10th BN THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFRS 1 wounded ORs 18 wounded 3 killed

INTELLIGENCE LOG

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT	REMARKS
25th June	0730	Bn moved off on foot (less vehs) to FAA at 909735. Order of March - A, B, HQ, C and D.	
	0930	Bn arrived at FAA. Bn bedded down for night.	
26th June	0600	Stand to. A2 echelon arrived. Breakfast served at 0700.	
	0730	Bn (less vehs) moved southwards.	
	0745	Supporting Arty barrage opened up. 44(L) and 46(H) Bdes moved fwd into attack.	
	0750	Bn halted at 909739. Barrage continues.	
	0930	Bn moved off in same order of march. Route - X Rds 904732 - X Rds 894721 - Rd Junc. 894721 - track junction 898709 - LA MESNIL PATRI.	
	1430	Bn halted at FUP 905681.	
	1030	44 Bde captured ST MAUVIEU and are fighting between ST MAUVIEU and LA GAULLE. 46 Bde in outskirts of CHEUX.	
	1440	No move before 1700.	
	1650	No move before 1815.	
	1815	Bn advanced from LA HAUT DU BOSQ. Order of advance A, B, C, D and Rear HQ. "C" Coy shot 2 snipers in area LA HAUT DU BOSQ.	
	1900	A & B Coys encountered Hy MG Fire from area WOOD 908664.	
	1920	Enemy MG Fire coming from PANTHER tanks on wood 908664.	
	1930	Hy Tank Squadron moved up in support of Bn.	
	2000	Bn withdraw to CHEUX covered by tanks.	
	2100	CO at 912665.	
	2100	Enemy mortar fire in orchard 912664.	
	2115	Bn HQ est at 912668. Bn digging in.	
	2300	Rd in area 9166 shelled. Direct hit on rd junc 913669.	
		Casualties for day OFFICERS: 1 wounded, OR's 8 wounded 1 killed	
27th June	0415	Stand to. Breakfast 0500 hrs.	
	0700	Bn posns heavily shelled. Bn advanced, A on right supported by C - B on left supported by D. Fwd Coys came under hy MG Fire from PANTHER TANKS and mortars. Bn objective GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON. Axis of advance - Rd from 913668 to GRAINVILLE.	
	0730	Enemy mortars firing into wood 912667. Wounded coming in to R.A.P. R.A.P. moved to 912669.	
	0745	3 PANTHER Tanks broke through into LA HAUT DU BOSQ firing into CHEUX. Bn A/Tk Pl returning fire.	

	0800	Bn HQ moved to 913668. A/Tk Pl destroyed 3 tanks. 1 Panther attempting to escape overturned in road 910667. Rear HQ now 912673. Casualties heavy. Own tanks are engaging enemy armour.	
	0900	Tanks making progress.	
	0930	Rear Bn HQ outside CHEUX. Situation very confused but being restored. A&SH moving down road to COLLEVILLE, followed by tanks.	
	1200	Rear Bn HQ est in former posn.	
	1230	Bn of CORNWALLS out in front of our posns.	
	1800	Throughout day tank battles. Bn shelled and mortared all afternoon.	
	1600	6 enemy tanks dug in. Our 17 prs trying to knock them out.	
	2100	Inf of 11 Armd Bde moving up. 1 Offr and 7 ORs of 2 SS Pz Div "Totenkopf" captured during day. Casualties during day:- Offrs - 1 wounded 1 missing. ORs - 77 wounded 20 missing 13 killed.	
28th June	0500	Stand to. Dug in tanks not yet destroyed. No move before 1100.	
	1300	Bn relieved by 6 KOSB. Bn to move to COLLEVILLE. No move until further orders.	
	1630	Bn left CHEUX for COLLEVILLE.	
	1730	Halted at 918659. Snipers hindered progress. Enemy counter attack broken through some ground gained in COLLEVILLE area. Situation being restored.	
	1830	CO holding "O" group.	
	1945	Bn moved off to attack MOUEN. Arty barrage opened up.	
	2000	Bn advanced, A and B on left, D and B on right. Coys advancing in open formation. No opposition.	
	2002	Barrage continuing. Tanks supporting on left and right.	
	2015	A/Tk gun fire aimed at tanks on left. 1 Sherman knocked out. Hy MG fire from houses and rly sweeping top of corn. A & B Coys & Bn HQ pinned down by MG fire unable to advance. 5 PANTHERS destroyed. 3 Shermans knocked out. Casualties heavy. A Coy entered wood. On right - D & B advanced down right of rly towards wood. Before reaching wood, came under hy MG fire from Panther tank, dug in the orchard. OC Coy wounded, 2 Subalterns killed. Unable to advance owing to MG fire sweeping open ground, withdrew to sunken road.	
	2200	1 Sgt & 3 ORs went fwd to quieten MG posts with LMG fire to enable wounded to be evacuated by carrier from cornfield.	
	2300	Bn HQ and A/Tk Pl in carriers to COLLEVILLE dug in def posns taken up for night. A2 ech remained outside COLLEVILLE. B & D Coys in COLLEVILLE. A & C Coys withdrew during darkness to A2 echelon. Casualties during day:- Offrs 4 wounded 1 missing 3 killed. ORs 45 wounded 7 missing 22 killed.	
29th June	0415	Stand to. No large events during night.	
	0800	Bn evacuated posns and moved to centre of village to take over from 2 Glas H. Bn HQ est at 929651. A & C Coys rejoined bn.	

	0945	A2 ech arrived at Bn HQ. Shelling of Bn posns all day. Tech store truck hit and burnt out.	
	1800	Counter attack on Cameronian posns at GRAINVILLE.	
	2220	Situation restored. B Coy sent to reinforce CAMERONIANS. Casualties during day:- 25 ORs wounded.	
30th June	0400	A & D Coys moved up to deal with possible enemy counter attack.	
	0800	Bn to cross river and move to right flank of Bridgehead. C.O.s "O" Group.	
	0940	Bn move cancelled.	
	0950	Bn posns shelled. CO & 2i/c injured. Bn to await further orders.	
	1100	Major Sinclair, 2 Gordons, took over cmd of Bn. Bn ordered to take up def posn S of MONDRAINVILLE.	
	1415	Bn moved off to MONDRAINVILLE. Order of march A, Bn HQ, B & D.	
	1615	Bn arrived at 922633 and proceeded to dig in. Posns mortared whilst digging. Wood immediately in front cleared by A Coy. A Coy in front, B Right, D left. Enemy MG on right flank in wood. Hy fighting to NW of GRAINVILLE. Arty barrage by field and medium guns on enemy posns. All our mortars firing at enemy posns across river. Arty barrage laid on wood prior to Bn moving in. Casualties:- Offrs 1 wounded ORs 18 wounded 3 killed	

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Month and Year July 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	JUNE 30th		4 Officers and 60 ORs posted as 1st Reinforcements from 32 RHU.	
FIELD	1st		Bn still in Wood South of Mondrainville 922633. C.O.'s "O" Group. Bn to be prepared to be relieved by R.W.F.	<u>CASUALTIES</u> ORs - 1 wounded <u>POSTINGS</u> 4 Offrs from 32 RHU
	2nd	0100	Bn relieved by RWF and marched off to NORREY-EN-BESSIN arriving at 0500 hrs, for period of rest. Situation throughout day normal. C.O. returned to take up command of Bn. Major Kenneth 2 A&SH takes up appointment as 2i/c. Major Sinclair returns to own unit.	
	3rd		Situation normal throughout day. 5 Offrs and 18 ORs posted as Reinforcements from 32 RHU. 70 ORs posted from Ox & Bucks.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	4th		Bn attached to 32 Guards Bde as reinforcements against possible enemy counter attack. Div Commander addressed Bn.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	5th		Situation normal throughout day. 1 Offr and 85 ORs posted as Reinf from Ox & Bucks.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	6th		Situation normal throughout day.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	7th		Situation normal throughout day. RAF Hy Bombers raided N of CAEN at night.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	8th		Situation normal. 1st Corps attacked CAEN. Exercise of Coys clearing wood of snipers, etc, practised by Coys 62861 T/Maj GT Palmer, Devons, posted to this unit from 33 RHU to comd "C" Coy.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	9th		Situation normal. 176939 T/Capt JS Hay to A/Major w.e.f. 29th June 44 to comd "D" Coy. 1 Offr and 1 OR missing believed killed now confirmed wounded (Major Stoker and C.S.M. Gent F.)	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	10th		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	11th		Situation normal throughout day. C.O.'s "O" Group. Bn at 2 hrs notice to move.	CASUALTIES:- NIL

	12th		Situation normal. No move for 24 hrs.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	13th		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	14th		111318 T/Major I. Mackenzie posted to WE 10th H.L.I. from U.K. as 2i/c and T.O.S. w.e.f. 14 July 44.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
		2300	Bn left for VERNON area, arriving 2355 hrs and digging in.	
FIELD	15th		C Coy and part of Bn HQ left as advance party for BARON. Bn arrived at 1730 hrs. Hy enemy shelling and mortaring all night until 0300 hrs on 16th. C.O.'s "O" Group. Bde with 2 Glas Highlanders in support to attack EVRECY and the High Ground on other side.	CASUALTIES:- OFFICERS:- 1 wounded O.R.s - 3 killed 28 wounded
	16th	0530	Bn unable to start attack due to extensive minefield in front of start line. Bn digging in behind start line. Hy enemy mortaring and shelling.	CASUALTIES:- OFFICERS:- Killed - Major GT Palmer
		0800	12 F.W. 190s on recce over area.	Missing - Lt R Bowers
		1500	Bn withdrew to North of Baron. Bn returned at 1700 hrs to take up def posns south of Baron. Rear Bn HQ at GOURNAY. With exception of shelling, situation normal. Enemy bombers over area.	ORs 16 wounded 1 killed
	17th	0600	Bn still holding defensive posns.	CASUALTIES:-
		2300	Bn moved to LE HAUT DU BOSQ arriving at 2359 hrs. Enemy bombers over area.	Officers - NIL ORs 15 wounded 3 missing 3 killed
FIELD	18th		67193 A/Maj I.H. Murray H.L.I. and 3 Canadian Lieutenants posted to WE 10th HLI from 32 RHU. Situation normal. Lt Col J.D.S. Young D.S.O. MC admitted 79th General Hospital, France. Lt Col D Russell Morgan posted from 2 A&SH and assumes command of Bn.	CASUALTIES:- WOUNDED Officers - Capt Scully ORs NIL
	19th		Div Comdr visits Bn. Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	20th		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	21st		Situation normal.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
FIELD	22nd		Situation normal. CO's "O" Group. Bn to proceed to CAUMONT to take over defence of town from a battalion 5th US Infantry Div.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	23rd		Bn left LE HAUT DU BOSQ for CAUMONT by TCVs, arriving at SALNY at 1500 hrs. Bn to relieve US Infy during hours of darkness.	CASUALTIES:- NIL

	24th		Bn arrived 0030 hrs at CAUMONT, and takes over from US Bn.	CASUALTIES:- OFFICERS:- Capt K Ingram
	25th		Situation normal. Slight shelling of town during morning.	
	26th		Situation normal. Div Comdr visited Bn OP at CAUMONT.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	27th		Situation normal. 2nd Army Comdr Lt Gen M.C. Dempsey visited Bn OP.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	28th		Situation normal. Bn to be relieved by 6 KOSB during night and return to SALNY.	CASUALTIES:-
FIELD	29th		Bn relieved by 6 KOSB moved off to SALNY at 0200 hrs arriving 0400 hrs. CO's 'O' Group. 15(S) Division to attack on line south of CAUMONT. One Bn 46 Bde objective LE BOURG. 2 Gordons objective LUTAIN WOOD. Bn objective Xrds at HERVIEUX. 2 A&SH objective LES LOGES. 2 Bns of 46 Bde objective Pt 309 and high east of ST MARTIN LE BESACES. 11th Armd Div to secure right flank and take as first objective ST MARTIN. On left flank 43rd Inf Division objective JURQUES and high ground west of town. 6 Gds Tk Bde in support of 15(S) Div.	
	30th		Breakfast 0300. Bn moved off to FUP at 0415 hrs. Bn left FUP at 0755. Bn crossed start line at 1100 hrs, reached objective by 1400 hrs. Coys dig in, 46 Bde passed through at 1430 hrs. Bn posns shelled during evening.	CASUALTIES:- WOUNDED Officers:- Lt T Carruthers ORs:- 5 killed 36 wounded
	31st		Bn still in posn. Situation normal. Gds Armd Div passed through during night. Reinforcements arrived from RHU.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
			D.R. Morgan Lt Col Commanding 10th Bn H.L.I.	

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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
Field	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
Field	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
FIELD	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
FIELD	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

Field		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" & "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&SH passed through Bn at 2335 to conc in area between 10/HLI & 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&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 & "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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Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

Month and Year August 44

Commanding Officer Lt-Col D Russell Morgan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st		<u>Administrative notes and appendices for the month of August</u> 113653 T/Capt Moore E.B. posted to W.E. 10th H.L.I. from 32 R.H.U. wef 1st August 44.	
	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.	

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Month and Year SEPTEMBER 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st	1500	Situation normal. Bn still at CONNELLES. Warning Order for move on 2nd Sep issued. 1500 move cancelled.	CASUALTIES:- NIL
	2nd		Situation normal. C.O.s Route March. Brig visited Bn. Recce party left Bn location at 1430 hrs for LE TRONQUAY 467127. Bde 'O' Group 1900 hrs. Bn 'O' Group 2145 hrs. 227(H) Inf Bde Movement Order issued. Bn to move to conc area. Move to be in two phases. Marching tps will march to embussing point at GAILLEBOIS- CRESENVILLE 407017 arriving Bde SP at HOUVILLE 366972 at 1420 hrs. Order of March - B, Bn HQ, C & "A". 2 hrs rest and embuss for remainder of journey to LE TRONQUAY. Tpt to move in Bde convoy to LE TRONQUAY crossing Bde SP at HOUVILLE at 1100 hrs. Route as shown in Bde Move Table No.8.	CASUALTIES:- NIL Rfts: 20 1 copy with original War Diary Sheet 9E/5
Field	3rd		Tpt left Bn at 0915 for new location. Passed SP at 1105 arriving LE TRONQUAY 1400 hrs. Marching personnel moved off at 1130 hrs, crossed Bde SP at 1420 and arrived embussing pt at 1530 hrs. Embussed 1800 hrs arrived LE TRONQUAY 1845 hrs. Bn HQ established 467126. Bde 'O' Gp 2100 hrs. Bn 'O' Group 2200 hrs. 'O' Group - Bn to move embussed on the 4th Sept to area East Gaillefontaine 6335 by Route "SKY". Harbour Party to leave at 0700 hrs to recce area. Order of March - IO, Carriers, Fwd HQ, Mortars, A/Tk, A1 Ech, C Coy, Bn HQ, B & A Coys, A2 Ech, "B" Echelon. To cross Bn SP 1130 hrs. Move "non-tactical".	Sheet 9E/4
Field	4th		Bn left LE TRONQUAY embussed at 1130 hrs and crossed Bde SP at 1135 arriving at 6335 at 1400 hrs. Bn HQ est 635358. Bn took up def posn. Bde 'O' Gp 2145 hrs. Bn 'O' Gp 2300 hrs. Coys ordered to clear woods at FORGES-LES-EAUX at first light. Clearing to be done by "A" & "B" Coys and two secs of carriers. Starting at 0630 hrs. Bn to move on 5th Sep to CONCHY-SUR-CANCHE 0503. Bn tpt less marching pers to move at 1130 and cross Bde SP 699412 at 1230 hrs. Coy to move in TCVs at 1400 hrs to cross Bde SP at 1440 hrs	Sheet 9E/4 Sheet 9E/4 Sheet 72

			(dependent on TCVs being available). Move "non-tactical". Recce Parties leave at 0700 hrs for new location.	
Field	5th	0630	"A" & "B" Coys assisted by two secs of carriers cleared woods at FORGES-LES-EAUX, no enemy seen. 1200 hrs Bn tpt, "A1", "A2" and "B" Echelons left Bn area for CONCHY-SUR-CANCHE. Crossed Bde SP at 1230 hrs. Route:- Xrds 6335 - CRIQUIERS 6536 - ABANCOURT 7039 - rd junc 699412 - GOURCHELLES 7142 - Rd junc 719431 - rd junc 742436 - x rds 7346 - HORNOY 8154 - AUMONT 8358 - rd junc 851638 - AIRAINES 8567 - LONGPRES LE CORPS SAINTS 8872 - rd junct 879739 - LONG 8876 - AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER 8980 - MOUGUILLE 8786 - AUXI LE CHATEAU 9996 - LIGNY SUR CANCHE 1001, arrived 1915 hrs. Bn HQ est at 059036. Coys remained at EAST GAILLEFONTAINE as TCVs were not available.	MAPS LE HAVRE-AMIENS 1/250,000 AMIENS-MONS
	6th		Bde "O" Gp at 0900 hrs. No move before 1200 hrs. 227 Bde to occupy COURTRAI 8556 and guard NW approaches. Move dependent on availability of TCVs. Route:- Xrds 059037 - Xrds 126007 - rly crossing 163117 (Bde SP). Route "SKY" ST POL 1611 - rd junc 1814 - DIVION 2921 - CAMBLIGNEUL 3712 - HERSIN 3917 - Xrds 4217 - rd junc 4522 - Rd junc 4620 - BERMELLS 4722 - Xrds 5122 - WINGLES 5422 - Xrds 5324 - Br 5625 - AMEULLIM 5926 - Br 5828 - Xrds 6033 - LILLE 6937 - HALLUIM 7554 - MENIN 7555 - COURTRAI 8658. Bde to "HEDGEHOG" at 2000 hrs if destination not reached. Move "non-tactical". Harbour parties to Bde at 0700 hrs 7th Sep. 2300 hrs no move before 1000 hrs 7th Sep.	CASUALTIES:- NIL SHEET 7: 1/100,000 MAPS:- 1/250,000 LILLE & GHENT
Field	7th		Bn left CONCHY-SUR-CANCHE at 1045 hrs and proceeded on route given. Coln diverted north of LILLE as some enemy still occupied COURTRAI. Bde now to conc area HELCHIN 9446. 44 Bde to occupy COURTRAI and extend NE. 46 Bde, under comd 7 Armd Bde, engaged with enemy AVELGHEM 9750. Harbour parties sent fwd. Move contd on route LILLE - RONCQ 7449 - TOURCOING 7746 - MOUSCRON 8148 - DOTTIGNIES 8745 - HELCHIN 9346. Arrived HELCHIN at 2300 hrs. Bn HQ est 930457. Bde "O" Group 2330 hrs. 44 Bde to hold crossing of River LYS from excl COURTRAI - excl OISENE 9968. 227 Bde to take over crossings of LYS from incl OISENE - excl GHENT, with 10/HLI right area excl GHENT - excl DEYNZE 0473 and 2 A&SH left area DEYNZE - OISENE. Approach move to be made tactically as some enemy possibly still on route. Order of March:- Div Recce - 2 A&SH - Bde HQ - 10/HLI - 2 Gordons. Route:- HELCHIN - KERKHOVE 0152 - ANSEGHEM 0053 - CRUYSHAUTEM 0484.	Casualties:- Nil Sheet 72
	8th		Bn "O" Group 0030 - Orders given for move to River LYS. A Coy to hold br DEURLE 1075. C Coy to hold bridges around WEST of GHENT. Route as for Bde, then to CRUYSHAUTEM - NAZARETH 0970 - DEURLE 1074. Tps to op under comd - Pl MMGs - Pl REs - One tp 6pr RA - move embussed under "A" Coy Gp - Bn R Gp - "C" Coy Gp - "B" Coy Gp.	Casualties: Nil

			A2 & B Ech to remain under Bde control. Bn SP - Xrds 929459. Time of Start - 0810 hrs. CO & IO to travel with Bde "O" Gp. 0800 hrs move postponed. Recce party moved off. 1120 Bn moved off. 2 A&SH encountered slight opposition. 1700 hrs "A" & "C" Coys deploy and moved on to objectives. No opposition encountered. 1900 hrs "B" Coy and Bn HQ est 163768.	
Field	9th		Situation normal. 1200 hrs A, B & C Coys crossed River LYS to clear enemy from the area. 2 PW taken. Bn 'O' Gp. 'C' Coy to take over rd and rlwy bridges south west of GHENT. 1400 Bn to be ready to move. 1530 Div Comdr visited Bn. 1800 move cancelled until further orders. Bn to be in readiness to move.	Casualties: Nil
	10th		Situation normal. Bn at 2 hrs notice to move. 6 P.O.W. taken.	Casualties: Nil
Field	11th		Situation normal. Bn O Gp 1100 hrs. Bn to be ready to move by 1400 hrs. Bn S.P. 163768. One platoon of B Coy 1 Mx under comd. Bn to move to HUMBEEK 652694. Bn moved off 1400 hrs, arrived HUMBEEK 2200 hrs. Route:- DEURLE - NAZARETH - CHRUYSHAUTEM - STRYTHEM - ASSCHE - WOLVERTHEM - HUMBEEK, 1/250,000 Sheets 2 & 3. Bn HQ est at 652694. Bde 'O' Gp 1600 hrs during move. 44 Bde take over GHEEL and push NORTH to bridge over canal at 0792. 227 Bde conc EYNTHOUT 1790. 15(S) Div advance and take MOLL and push through to DONCK 1795. Plan subsequently changed and Bde to take MOLL and DONCK.	
Field	12th		Bn O Gp 0800 hrs. Infm of MOLL-DONCK attack. Bn O Gp 2230 hrs. Bn move 0830 hrs to conc area EYNTHOUT by T.C.V. Order of March: A, B, C, HQ. Move non-tactical until reaching conc area. Route "AYR". Wireless silence during move. Bn 'O' Gp to move with Bde. R.V. 0845. Carrier Pln, dismounted, to secure high ground over canal on morning of 14th. Arty SP - 4 Fd Btys, 2 Med Btys, 1 Hy Bty. Bn O Gp will recce with Bde Comdr at 0900 hrs 13th. Bn S.P. 632625 to be passed at 0810 hrs. Bde S.P. 637657 at 0830 hrs. Order of March: Sec Carriers, 2 Mortars, 2 A/Tk, all Sec Pioneers, A Coy, Sec Carriers, Bn HQ, 2 Mortars, 2 A/Tk, B Coy, A2 Ech, S Coy, RAP, Sec Carriers, 2 Mortars, 2 A/Tk, C Coy, L.A.A. Halts 10 mins every hour.	Casualties: Nil
Field	13th		Situation normal. Bn moved off at 0810 hrs. Orders amended during move. Bn to move on and occupy MOLL. 2 A&SH to push through and secure bridge at DONCK. Bn passed over ALBERT CANAL to MEERHOUT. A2 Ech left convoy at MEERHOUT. Div Recce report a few enemy at MOLL. Bn halted just short of MOLL. Bn to attack, 'B' on left, 'A' on right, 'C' in reserve. Arty barrage on MOLL for 7 mins. A/Tk guns to fire A.P. shots at Church Tower which is probably an enemy OP. Arty Barrage and A/Tk shots at 1800 hrs. Bn attack 1810 hrs. No enemy opposition, enemy having withdrawn over canal. B Coy occupied	Casualties: Nil

			posn on rd leading to DONCK 170913. A Coy 179917 on rd leading to LOMMEL. C Coy in reserve in MOLL 167904. BHQ est at 169905.	
	14th		Situation normal. 2 A&SH unable to occupy DONCK, bridge over canal being destroyed by enemy. Bn HQ shelled at 1100 hrs.	Casualties: Nil
Field	15th		Bde O Gp 1400 hrs. 44 Bde Bridgehead not very successful. If 44 Bde cannot make further progress the following Op will be carried out by 227 Bde. 2 A&SH to create a diversion at DONCK with boats. 2 Gordons to build and launch Kapok bridge and form bridgehead in wood at 143945. HLI to cross and take DESSCHEL 1696, having formed up behind wood 1593. 2 A&SH to pass through Gdns and HLI and extend right of bridgehead to WHITGOOR 1896. Sptd by 4 Fd Btys, 1 Med Bty, 1 Hy Bty. Med Bty to fire on DESSCHEL, Fd Btys on wood 1495. After this arty at call of HLI. A/Tk 17 pdrs to DESSCHEL, 6 pdr A/Tk and LAA in wood. Surprise crossing to be made in lifebelts by volunteers if available. S.L. edge of wood 1595. Launching to be ready at 0200 hrs. Bn to cross canal 0300 hrs and cross S.L. at 0600 hrs. Route:- Gdns & HLI. 168903 - 1591 - 155921, A&SH. Direct route to canal and crossing to be taped. Bn Guides to meet Gdn guides at 2 A&SH location. Guides left 2200 hrs.	Casualties: Nil
Field	16th		Bn O Gp 0200 hrs. 2 Gdns started off 0130 hrs. Bn to follow up as closely as possible in order to cross in darkness. Time of start 0300 hrs. Hot tea to be issued in assembly area. Order of March 'C' Coy with I.O., leading 'B' Coy, Bn HQ, A Coy. Transport to move up in rear of marching column. Method of crossing and subsequent operation. Only one br available therefore 'C' Coy to cross first and advance to clear S.L. B Coy to follow to Start Line. Bn HQ and 'A' Coy to cross later. Attack on DESSCHEL to be made by C Coy left B Coy right. Bn left MOLL 0300 hrs arrived conc area ACHTERBOSCH 1692 at 0500 hrs where contact was made with rear of 2 Gdns. Bn moved up to assembly area behind 2 Gdns at 0700. No further advance could then be made as leading coy of Gdns had not succeeded in making initial crossing of canal. HQ est 148936. 1500 hrs. Original plan abandoned and Bn withdrawn to occupy former locations in MOLL. Orders then received for 227 Bde to extend 44 Bde Bridgehead North of GHEEL 0888. Bn diverted en route and Harbour parties sent forward to recce Bn area 1091. C.O. attended Bde O Gp 1630 hrs. Bde intention to extend bridgehead by crossing canal in area from LOCK 078928 to 101934 while 2 G.H. crossed on west of bridgehead. 8 assault boats to be made available for crossing by 2 Gdns and 2 A&SH. 10 HLI to make all arrangements for taping the crossing sites and working the boats. Night 16-17 to be used for listening patrols to locate enemy on canal bank and for RE recce for boat embarkation	Casualties: Nil

Field		places. Day of 17th to be occupied in preparation and inspecting of boats. Night 17-18 taping to be completed and boats to be carried forward and launched and crossing to be made. Bn arrived new area 1920 hrs. Bn HQ est 103913. R.E. recce to begin 2100 hrs with taping party from B & C Coys and pioneer party for marking crossing sites with stakes. Recce began from right of sector 2200 hrs. Severe flooding encountered on approach to canal 101932 and canal bank could not be reached. Taping and pioneer parties were left at a central R.V. while R.E. recce officer and Bn I.O. completed recce of canal ☉ Approaches found to be waterlogged or impassable over most of the sector. Enemy active on far side of canal with snipers and mortars.	
Field	17th	RE Recce completed 0500 hrs. Recce report forwarded to Bde HQ. Plan to make assault crossing as proposed now cancelled and instead orders given for 227 Bde to relieve 44 Bde in existing Br Hd and subsequently to extend its perimeter 1900 hrs. Carrier Pln took over from coy 6 RSF at posn covering possible crossing place at 090930.	Casualties: Nil
	18th	Bn withdrawn to conc area prior to crossing canal. 1600 hrs Bn left present location for GHEEL. Posns taken over by 7 Seaforths. Arrived GHEEL 1700 hrs. Bn HQ est 089882. A Coy area shelled during night 18-19.	Casualties: 1 OR KILLED
Field	19th	2 Gdns relieved Bn of 44 Bde in bridgehead. Bn warned to be prepared to extend bridgehead thus held by crossing canal 19-20 and attacking westwards through 2 Gdns to increase bridgehead by 500-600 yds on that side. Bn O Gp 1700 hrs. Bde intention given. Bn to move up to assembly area behind wood 072925 until normal evening German counter attack is over. Bn to cross by existing assault boat ferry during darkness. Mortar personnel to be used for ferrying and carriage of ammunition. Carrier Pln to work dismounted under comd of B Coy. A1 Echelon to remain in last location. A/Tk Pln to provide three gun teams to take over 3 guns left in Br Hd. Method of attack. B Coy right, C Coy centre, A Coy left. Arty Spt on call. Time of crossing to be ordered by Bde. Time of attack to be ordered as soon as Coys reported on S.L. Bn HQ to remain in assembly area until morning 20th. Bn left GHEEL 1830, arrived 2000 hrs. Bn dug in in assembly area. 2215 hrs Bn commenced crossing canal. Crossing completed without incident by 2400 hrs.	Casualties: Nil
	20th	H hour for attack 0200 hrs. Coys reached their objectives by 0300 hrs without serious opposition. 0415 hrs B Coy having advanced beyond objective were heavily counter attacked and forced to withdraw to correct objective, suffering some casualties. After	Casualties: 10 KILLED 20+1 WOUNDED 8 MISSING

Field		<p>first light all coys were subjected to MG and Arty fire whenever movement was made.</p> <p>0630 Bn HQ (advanced) crossed and est posn 074930.</p> <p>0815 C.O. called to Bde O Gp. Orders given for further attack to extend Br Hd for a further 300-400 yds on Bn sector. Orders passed by wireless to Coys.</p> <p>1100 hrs Orders for attack cancelled. 1300 hrs C.O. received orders from Bde Comdr. 1400 hrs Bn O Gp. Orders given to hold fast in present posn. Bde to come under comd 7 Armd Div while remainder of Div prepared to move to area EINDHOVEN. Arrangements made for issue of food. 1700 hrs C.O. called to Bde HQ for orders. 1800 Bn O Gp. Bde ordered to evacuate Br Hd at once as 7 Armd Div did not wish to have heavy commitments on this sector. Evacuation commenced with HLI 2000 hrs followed by simultaneous withdrawal of A&SH and Gdns. Bn withdrawn by 2300 hrs. A few casualties occurred by accurate arty fire on crossing. Bn returned to billets in GHEEL less 'A' Coy who took over covering posn on canal in area 081928.</p>	
Field	21st	<p>1400 hrs 'C' Coy relieved A Coy. 1600 hrs Bn O Gp.</p> <p>Bn to occupy defensive posns on line of canal from including wood 0792 to incl br 118938. Posns occupied with three Coys forward. A Coy right B centre C left. Bn HQ est at 092908. 1900 hrs orders received from Bde. 227 Bde less 10 HLI to rejoin Div area EINDHOVEN. 10 HLI come under comd 131 Bde from 0800 hrs 22nd and remain in present posns.</p>	Casualties: Nil Rfts: 20
	22nd	<p>Bde O Gp 0900 hrs. HQ 131 Bde. 7 Armd Div to be relieved on 23rd by 49 Div. Present 131 Bde sector of canal from excl HERENTHALS 9890 to incl br 118938 to be taken over by (right) 10 HLI incl br 118938 to incl br 064925, left 1/6 Queens. Relief of these two Bns would probably be carried out afternoon 23rd.</p>	Casualties: Nil
Field	23rd	<p>131 Bde Cmdr visited Bn and warned C.O. that relief could be expected during afternoon. Present location of 227 Bde VELDHOVEN (1/100000 Belg S.W. Sheet 4) 3714.</p> <p>1400 Relief of Bn begun by 1/7 Queens. 1600 hrs Bn embussed and left location to join 227 Bde. Route GHEEL - MOLL - LOMMEL - STEENSEL 3411 - VELDHOVEN arriving 1900 hrs. Bn met by Bde L.O. and led to area received shortly beforehand by harbour party on N.W. side of EINDHOVEN. Bn HQ est 419197. Coys dispersed in civilian billets.</p>	Casualties: Nil
Field	24th	<p>Situation normal. C.O. attended Bde O Gp. 1530 hrs Orders given for Bde to advance on SCHIJNDEL (ref 1/100000 Holland Sheet 5) 4137. These orders were cancelled before completion of O Gp and Bde ordered to enlarge Br Hd of 46 Bde at BEST ref 3726 by attack from</p>	Casualties: Nil

		canal to NAASTERBEST 3626. Bde to advance order 2 Gdns, 2 A&SH, Bde HQ, 10 HLI. Attack to be made by passing 2 Gdns round North of BEST to capture AARLE and establish base on main rd west of BEST. 2 A&SH and 10 HLI to pass round and attack NAASTERBEST from this position. 2100 hrs C.O. attended further O Gp at Bde. 227 Bde still to attack NAASTERBEST but as 46 Bde and 44 Bde were not sufficiently advanced attack would be made due north from canal. 2 Gdns to secure start line N of canal for subsequent attack with right 10 HLI, left 2 A&SH. Arty and MG fire plan made in support. H hour for attack 1000 hrs. Bn O Gp 2200 hrs information and general plan of Bde Ops were given out. Bns to be prepared to move off at 0730 hrs next day.	
Field	25th	0645 hrs Bn O Gp. Orders given for attack on NAASTERBEST. Bn to advance on narrow sector facing canal ref 3724 to NAASTERBEST with right flank on rlwy. Main enemy strong pts were known to be situated along this rlwy. Attack to be made on either a one or two coy front according to the appreciation of the ground made by C.O. at advanced O.P. One troop S.P. guns under comd to follow up Bn for demolition of houses etc, order of advance A, B, C Coys. 0730 hrs Bn moved off and crossed canal by bridge 380244 at 0930 hrs. Then moving into F.A.A. wood 3727 while 2 Gdns cleared start line. C.O. and Bn O Gp meanwhile viewed the ground from OP in factory on S. bank of canal and C.O. decided to attack with A Coy right, C Coy left. B Coy in support of A Coy. As 2 Gdns were not able to reach their objectives and clear start line the subsequent phases of the operation were not carried out. Bn remained in assembly area. 1830 hrs CO visited Bde HQ for orders. 2130 hrs Bn O Gp. 46 Bde to remain and deal with enemy in BEST while remainder of Div advanced to area LIEMDE 3632. 227 Bde to advance on route BEST - VLEUT 3828, clear wood 3830 and form hedgehog north of wood. Advance through wood to be made with right 10 HLI, left 2 A&SH. Arty spt on Bn call to clear allotted sector with right 'A' Coy, left 'C' Coy and B Coy in reserve.	Casualties: Nil Rfts: 37
Field	26th	Bn left Assembly Area 0700 hrs. Coys on start line S of wood at 0830 hrs. Bn began advancing through wood meeting some opposition from M.G.s. 1345 hrs support given by rocket firing Typhoons. A Coy held up by heavy MG fire halfway through wood. B Coy ordered to clear this opposition by left flanking movement through C Coy 1600 hrs. Before this operation could be completed Bde was ordered to withdraw into Bn hedgehog posns south of wood. Carriers withdrew and dug in in area 390300. During the clearing of the wood about 60 POW were taken at the expense of 2 killed and 20 wounded. Advanced Bn HQ established 392299. Spasmodic mortaring and shelling of Bn	Casualties: 22

			posns. Contact patrols made throughout the night with flanking units.	
Field	27th		Bn remained in hedgehog positions. Typhoons made further attacks on wood. Spasmodic shelling of our posns by enemy arty. 44 Bde passed through to NE of the Bde posns prior to making flanking attack on area north of wood. Fighting patrols were carried out by coys and brought in a further 14 P.O.W. Bn ordered to extend the perimeter of the hedgehog towards the road next day. By night contact patrols were made with flanking units. 44 Bde made night attack on area N of road.	Casualties: Nil
	28th		Situation normal. Slight enemy shelling. Orders given for coys to advance slightly into new positions reced by C.O. and Coy Cmdrs. At 1100 hrs and 1300 hrs further Typhoon attacks were made on the wood, preceded in each case by propaganda broadcasts by Div I.O. and patrols subsequently brought in a total of 5 PW, and stated that large numbers of enemy were prevented by their own MG's from surrendering. 1700 hrs Coys occupied rear posns. By night the usual contact patrols were made.	Casualties: Nil Rfts: 9
Field	29th		Situation normal. Fighting patrols sent out which encountered heavy MG and mortar fire on S edge of wood. Enemy sniping and shelling more pronounced than on previous day. Two men wounded by shellfire. One Officer P.O.W. taken. By night contact patrols were made and a fighting patrol sent to secure P.W.'s from a new enemy posn observed in SE corner of wood. This posn was found to be empty by night.	Casualties: 2
	30th	1700	Situation normal. Very little enemy activity. Patrols from fwd coys reported previous M.G. posns empty and only snipers in S edge of wood on Bn sector. B Coy patrol lost one man killed by sniper. C.O. visited Bde HQ and received warning order that Bn might be relieved next day for period of rest and re-equipping. H.P. Mackley Lt Col O.B.E. Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry	Casualties: 1

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Month and Year September 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	5th		<u>PART TWO ADMINISTRATIVE DIARY</u> Can/497 WS/LT Owen JH H.L.I./CAN. admitted to CCP on 4th Sept 44 and S.O.S. this unit.	
	14th		2LT Short R.H. H.L.I. granted immediate emergency combatant commission by CinC and T.O.S. 10th H.L.I. wef 14th Sept 44.	
	15th		2/LT Healey A. H.L.I. granted immediate emergency commission by CinC and T.O.S. 10th H.L.I. wef 15th Sept 44.	
	18th		CDN/616 WS/LT Drew S.S. R.C.A./CAN posted to W.E. of 10th H.L.I. from 33 R.H.U. and T.O.S. wef 18th Sept 44.	<u>AUTHY</u> :
	21st		WS/LT McGilp F.I. H.L.I. posted to W.E. of 10th H.L.I. from 32 R.H.U. and T.O.S. wef 19th Sept 44. WS/LT Mitchell JL H.L.I. admitted hospital. Evacuated through 153 Field Amb on 20th Sept 44 & S.O.S. this unit.	<u>AUTHY</u> : 32/Inf/2141/Serial Wo 1650 dated 18/9/44
Field	23rd		T/Capt Agnew EM H.L.I. missing in action Nr AART Belgium ref 075927 sheet 25/35 TOURNHOUT-GHEEL on 20th Sept 44 believed wounded and P.O.W.	
	27th		Cdn/467 T/Capt McCabe RA (PEIH) (CAN)) Wounded in action on 26th Cdn/356 WS/LT Graham D H.L.I. (CAN)) Sept 44 and S.O.S this unit.	
			Field 30th September 44	H.P. Mackley Lt Col O.B.E. Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

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Month and Year OCTOBER

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st		Situation normal. Night Patrols activity negative. 0700 Orders received for harbour party to proceed to new location. 1230 hrs C.O. of 1st Gordons arrived at Bn HQ to commence taking over. 1200 mortar pl put down harassing fire on enemy posns in wood to conceal fact that Bn was preparing to move. 1500 Relieving unit began taking over posns. Rear posns to be relieved during daylight and fwd posns at dusk under cover of 4.2 in mortar fire. 2000 handover completed. 2100 Bn moved off embussed to rest area MILHEEZE 6526 by route:- VLEUT 3828 - NEINSEL 4430 - BEEK 5427 - GEMEERT 5729 - BAKEL 6225 - MILHEEZE 6526. (Ref Sheet 5 HOLLAND 1/100,000)	CASUALTIES: NIL P.W.'s: NIL
Field	2nd		0030 Bn arrived at MILHEEZE. Bn HQ est at 642266. Bn began four day period of rest, regrouping and trg. Trg to cover chiefly elementary battle drill, handling of weapons and street fighting.	CASUALTIES:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
	3rd		Situation normal. Bn engaged in trg. 1400 C.O. addressed Officers and afterwards Coys independently.	CAS:- NIL
	4th		Situation normal. Bn engaged in trg.	CAS:- NIL
Field	5th	1730	Situation normal. 1430 Dutch LO addressed coys in turn on "Conditions likely to be met in Germany". Bde Comd addressed all Offrs and NCOs of 227 Bde in Cinema at DEURNE 6520 on pts of general discipline and on the general plan of the forthcoming operation.	CAS:- NIL
	6th		Situation normal. Bn "I" Section attended one day conference at Bde HQ. 1400 C.O. attended Bde 'O' Gp. Preliminary orders given for forthcoming operation. (Details not given as operation later cancelled). 1645 Div Comdr addressed all officers of the Bn.	
	7th		Situation normal. 0830 hrs COs parade, rehearsal for parade before Div Comdr on following day. 1500 C.O. and 2i/c attended Corps Comdrs conference. Operation as outlined on 6th October cancelled. Details of further ops not yet known. Dutch LO attached to Bn.	
Field	8th		Situation normal. 0430 "C" Coy reported that enemy mines had been laid on rd MILHEEZE - DEURNE, one mile south of their posn 653226.	

		Two Jeeps from outside units became casualties as a result of these mines. The remainder of mines in road neutralized by Bn Pioneer Pl. 1000 Bn paraded before Div Comdr. Div Comdr addressed Bn and afterwards took the salute at a march past of the Bn and Pipe Band. Parade followed by Bn Church parade attended by Bde Comdr. 1130 hrs Contact made with units of 11 Armd Div on left flank with a view to preventing infiltration of German mining parties by night. Bde ordered cycle patrols to be sent out hourly during night between 10/HLI and 2 Gordons along rd MILHEEZE - DEURNE.	
Field	9th	Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys.	
	10th	Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys.	
	11th	Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys.	
	12th	Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys. Warning orders that 13th October would be available for trg. Trg would include wood clearing.	
	13th	Situation normal. Training carried out by Coys. 1630 Officers and NCOs attended demonstration of armoured troop carriers. 2100 CO to Bde for conference and to receive outline of next operation.	
Field	14th	Situation normal. 0930 CO attended coordinating conference at Bde HQ and received maps and details of next operation. 1100 to 1230 Coys practised embussing and debussing with armd troop carriers. Sigs personnel attended 19 Set operating course at Bde HQ. 1700 Bn conference of Coy and Specialist Pl Comdrs to discuss details for forthcoming operation. Details for the moment to be issued to Officers only and no maps to be issued until a later date.	
	15th	Situation normal. Bde 'O' Gp. Proposed operation cancelled. Bn to remain in present location until further notice. Coys engaged in further training.	
	16th	Situation normal. Coys engaged in training.	
Field	17th	Situation normal. Coys engaged in training.	
	18th	Situation normal. Bde O Gp 1000 hrs. Bde to be prepared to return to DONDERDONCK 3930 and take over def posns previously held by Bde, relieving two Bdes of 51(H) Div. Move to be made embussed, marching personnel in TCVs. Bn to pass SP 1135 hrs. Route:- MILHEEZE 6424 - HELMOND 5522 - AARLE 5425 - BEEK 5427 - LIESHOUT 5126 - NIENSEL 4330 - ST OEDENRODE 4332 - DONDERDONCK 3930. Order of March:- A, Bn HQ, B & C.	
	19th	Situation normal. Bn moved off embussed at 1135 hrs on route as detailed above. Bn passed SP at 1145 hrs, arriving DONDERDONCK at 1420. Take over completed by 1800 hrs. Bn HQ est at 392299. Recce patrols sent out during night. No enemy were contacted.	

Field	20th		Situation normal. Admin 'O' Gp 1400 hrs. Patrol intentions for night 20/21 Oct laid on. During day fwd posns were mortared intermittently and sporadic bursts of MG fire were observed. Patrol sent out at 2000 hrs, encountering enemy MG fire, returning to Coy area without loss.	
	21st		Stand to. Situation normal. Bn mortars employed on suspected enemy posns throughout morning. Early morning patrols contacted enemy posns in area of wood fwd of Bn posns. Occasional enemy mortaring throughout day. 2100 hrs A Coy patrol sent out, encountering MG fire from def posns in area 3830, returning without loss. 2400 B Coy patrol sent out.	CASUALTIES: 1 WOUNDED
Field	22nd		Stand to. Situation normal. B Coy patrol attempted to search a portion of wood in area 385306 but attempt abandoned due to thick nature of undergrowth. No enemy fire was encountered but noise of enemy withdrawing from area of wood was heard. Patrol returned without loss. Enemy mortar fire dropped on 'A' Coy's posns, causing one casualty.	Casualties: 1 Killed 8 Wounded
Field	23rd		Stand to. Situation normal. Patrols out during night and encountered enemy posns as on previous night and returned without loss. Fwd posns of 'B' Coy mortared. 7 wounded. 1400 hrs C.O. attended planning conference at Bde HQ. 1500 hrs Bn planning conference. 15(S) Div to take part in op to clear wood and adv to BEST - BOCKSTEL rd in conjunction with attack of 51(H) Div on SCHIJNDEL and 53(W) Div attack on S'HERTOGENBOSCH. Clearing of Northern part of wood to be a preliminary phase and to be completed by 1300 hrs. One Sqn COLDSTREAM GDS tks (6 Gds Tk Bde) to operate in support. Op probably to commence on 25th Oct.	
Field	24th		Stand to. Patrols out during night. Enemy posns previously held were found to be evacuated and although patrols fired their weapons and showed themselves openly, no enemy movt could be seen. Bn 'O' Gp 1030 hrs. Plan changed owing to advance of 51 Div and apparent withdrawal of enemy. 227 Bde to clear wood area DONDERDONCK - VLEUT - DE NACHTEGAAL - LIEMDE at once, 2 GORDONS on right, 10/HLI in centre, 2 A&SH on left. On reaching road BOKSTEL - BEST, Bns were to consolidate and await further orders. 15(S) Recce Regt were to recce along track VLEUT - LIEMDE for enemy posns. Bde to pass SL at 1200 hrs. 1200 hrs Bn started to clear wood, 'C' Coy left, A Coy right. Both fwd coys reached first report line, no signs of enemy, and posns showed hurried evacuation. Coys pushed on to rd BOKSTEL - BEST and consolidated. No enemy opposition had yet been encountered. Coys then told to push on to line of rly BEST - BOKSTEL and reached objective before last light. Bn HQ established	

			363295. 'A' and 'C' Coys dug in on line of rly, B Coy in area Bn HQ.	
Field	25th		Stand to. Situation normal. Still no sign of enemy. Bn to move to conc area NOTEL 3226. Bn moved off in two bodies. Marching personnel at 1230 hrs by route SNEIPSEND 3427 - track junction 323282 - NOTEL 3226. Tpt left at 1400 by route VRILKHOVEN 3432 - x tracks 320298 - NOTEL 3226. Bn HQ est at 323270. Bn 'O' Group. Bn to move to area MOERGESTEL 2330 on 26th, where Bde would assist in attack on TILBURG.	
Field	26th		Stand to. Marching personnel moved off at 1035 hrs passed SP 300069 at 1135. Route:- Main road OIRSCHOT 3125 - MOERGESTEL 2330. Order of march:- C, B, Bn HQ, A. Bn reached MOERGESTEL at 1630 hrs. Bn HQ est at 229305. 1400 hrs CO attended Bde 'O' Group. Details of plan for clearing of TILBURG in conjunction with 44 Bde. HLI to mop up GOIRLE 1527 after passage of other two Bns in armd carriers. Then adv in turn on Armd Carriers and enter NE part of town. 1700 hrs Bn 'O' Group. Details of plan to clear TILBURG and GOIRLE. Planning done entirely from air photographs and town plans. 2100 C.O. attended Bde 'O' Group. Change of plan in attacking TILBURG. Bde advance to be made through 44 Bde area west of town, and HLI to clear GOIRLE from the north.	
Field	27th		Bn 'O' Group 0900. Details given for clearing of GOIRLE and subsequent clearing of TILBURG. Bn to move to fwd assembly area at VOORT 1825. 1125 hrs Bn passed SP to move to VOORT by march route:- MOERGESTEL 2330 - BIEST 2126 - HIVARENBEK - VOORT. Tpt followed later by same route. Arrived assembly area 1400 hrs. 1530 hrs Orders received from Bde Comd that 44 Bde had advanced rapidly and Bde was to move in rapidly to occupy TILBURG. 1600 hrs Bn began to move into TILBURG by march route via BROEKHOVEN 1630. Tpt much delayed by traffic congestion and only tracked vehs could cross the temporary bridges. Bn entered TILBURG without opposition at last light and took up billets for the night. Al echelon and food brought up by 2100 hrs.	
Field	28th		Situation normal. Carrier patrols sent to check roads SW of town. Bn 'O' Group 1000 hrs. Bn to move to conc area HEEZE. Area changed en route to ASTEN 6113. Bn moved off embussed from TILBURG at 1730 hrs by route - TILBURG - HILVARENBEK - STEINSEL - EINDHOVEN - GELDROOP - HEEZE - ASTEN. Order of march - S Coy (tracked vehs), A, Bn HQ, B & C. Bn arrived ASTEN 2100 hrs. Bn HQ established 616147. On arrival orders given for alarm posns South of ASTEN to be manned in case of emergency.	

	29th		Stand to. Situation normal. 0800 CO attended Bde 'O' Group. Bn def posns south of ASTEN coordinated. 0845 CO carried out recce of ground with Coy Comdrs. 1100 hrs Bn ordered to take up def posn around ASTEN in event of enemy counter attack. Bn HQ est at 619132. 1500 hrs Bn ordered to move fwd and take up posn in area of wood 6409 to relieve recce unit of 7 Armd Div. Bn moved and took up posns by 2359 hrs. Bn HQ est at 640103.	Casualties: 2 Wounded
Field	30th		Stand to. 2 GORDONS on left were attacked twice at 0430 and 0730. Both attacks beaten off. Own patrols active on Bn front while Recce Regt on right patrolled canal. Some PWs were taken. 2300 enemy infiltrated through our lines, believed to be Coy Strength, and took up posn in wood 6409. Div Arty and Medium Arty brought to bear on wood during night and concs were put down on tracks 6509 to prevent enemy escaping. MGs & Bn mortars fired on track also. 2400 Tanks moved up to protect flanks. Noise of enemy movt in area 6508 engaged by arty fire.	18 P.O.W. Taken Casualties: 1 Killed 7 Wounded
Field	31st		0015 Sig Sgt and Cpl on line repair party captured by enemy in wood. Sgt escaped but was wounded in doing so. Arty brought down on wood at different intervals from 0100 to 0700. 6 PWs were taken. 0700 hrs A Coy with spt of tanks swept wood thoroughly but owing to misty nature of morning and poor visibility enemy escaped. A Coy reported wood cleared of enemy. Enemy shelling of fwd posns during day. Reinforcements for month of October 140 H.P. Mackley Lt Col Officer Comdg 10th Bn H.L.I.	21 P.O.W. Taken Casualties: 2 Killed 2 Wounded

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Field	6 Oct		WAR DIARY PART II - ADMINISTRATIVE. A/Capt D.W. Preston posted to WE 10/HLI from 7 Seaforths and TOS this Unit wef 7 Oct 44 WS/Lieut. D.R. Turner posted to WE 10/HLI from 32 RHU and TOS this Unit wef 7 Oct 44	
"	20 Oct		WS/Lieut. J.A. Kerr (276868) posted to WE 10/HLI from 32 RHU and TOS this Unit wef 18 Oct 44 2/Lieut. D.D. Farmer granted immediate emergency commission by GOC 21st Army Group wef 20th Oct 44	Authy EXPOR/A/8390 of 191230A
	26 Oct		A/Capt W. Laing 190340 to be T/Capt wef 19 May 1944. WS/Lieut./CDN520) Jackson R.G. admitted CCP and sos wef 20 Oct 44	
	30 Oct		WS/Lieut. 277441 D.R. Turner admitted CCP and sos wef 29 Oct 44	
			Field 31 Oct 44	H.P. Mackley Lieut.-Colonel Commanding 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

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Field	1st		Bn still at 619132. Situation normal. Patrol activity. CO to "O" Group at Bde HQ 1400 hrs. Details given for 227 Bde to advance on MEIJEL 7106 from west if 44 Bde attack on the village was successful. Orders received later that night for this op to be replaced by advance of 10 HLI and 2 GDNS into houses 300-400 yds ahead of them.	CASUALTIES: WOUNDED 5 KILLED 2 PW:- 5 REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
	2nd	1000	Situation normal. 0930 hrs HLI and GDNS advanced with tank and RA support and occupied several houses immed fwd of their posns and no opposition was encountered. "A" Coy ordered to move fwd to houses 637092 their posns being taken over by Coy 2 A&SH. Bn engaged in active patrolling. Spasmodic shelling of fwd posns. Some enemy patrols were shot up.	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- 3 REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
FIELD	3rd	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night.	CASUALTIES:- 1 MISSING PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	4th	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night.	CASUALTIES:- 1 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	5th	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night. Bn 'O' Group. CO warned all Coy Comdrs to be prepared to be relieved by 6 R.S.F.	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- 3 ORS
	6th	0600	Situation normal. Active patrolling during night. 6 RSF began taking over from 10 HLI and 2 GDNS at 1230 hrs. Take over completed by 1800 hrs. Bn returned to ASTEN 6113. Bn HQ est 620131.	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- NIL
	7th	0600	Situation normal. Warning order issued for Bn to be prepared to relieve 8RS & 6KOSB on 8th Nov in area MOOSTDIJK 6909.	CASUALTIES:- 1 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINFORCEMENTS:- 4 ORS
FIELD	8th	0600	Situation normal. Relief of 8 RS and 6 KOSB to begin at 1500 hrs and to be completed by 2300 hrs. 1330 hrs Bn left ASTEN for MOOSTDIJK. 1500 hrs relief commenced. Bn HQ est at 695096. One Pl 8	CASUALTIES:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL

			RS under comd Bn for patrol purposes. Patrols sent out during night.	
	9th	0600	Situation normal. Enemy mortaring of fwd posns. Bde Comdr visited Bn and advised C.O. to be ready to be relieved next day by 6 KOSB. Bn to return to previous location in ASTEN. Take over to commence at 1200 hrs and be completed by 2000 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	10th	0600	Situation normal. Bn relieved by 6 KOSB at 1200 hrs. Bn left for ASTEN at 1300 hrs. Bn HQ est 620131. Take over completed by 2000 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 26 ORs
FIELD	11th	0600	Situation normal. Bn still resting in ASTEN.	CAS:-) PW:-) NIL REINF:-)
	12th	0600	Situation normal. Bde 'O' Gp. Bn to relieve 6 RSF on 13th Nov. Relief to start at 1400 hrs and be comp at 2000 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 2 OFF & 43 ORs
	13th	0615	Situation normal. Bn 'O' Gp 0900. Details given for relief of 6 RSF. 1100 hrs Corps Comdr visited Bn and Div Comdr visited Bn at 1200 hrs. Bn left ASTEN at 1330 hrs to relieve 6 RSF and arrived at 1400 hrs. Bn HQ est at 637104. Take over completed by 1800 hrs. CO decided to form a "BATTLE GROUP" as a nucleus for a future "D" Coy. Battle Gp to consist of 3 secs, one from each Coy, each sec to be armed with 2 Bren LMGs - 2" Mortar - and one P.I.A.T. Battle Gp to be comd by Lieut J D Robinson.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	14th	0630	Situation normal. Fwd Coys reported some shelling and extensive minefields fwd of their posns. Pl of REs att to Bn commenced clearing mines in Bn area. Bn warned to occupy MEIJEL as patrols of 44 Bde reported that enemy activity in this area had apparently ceased. One Coy of REs to be in spt of Bn. Axis of advance - Main Rd MEIJEL - ASTEN. "C" Coy to occupy area BERG 6907 and consolidate. "B" Coy to pass through and occupy MEIJEL followed by "A" Coy who was to pass through and consolidate in area DONK 7105. "C" Coy on completion of this were to pass through MEIJEL and consolidate in area 713066 with patrols along rd to canal. "B" Coy patrol entered MEIJEL during night and remained in there. Enemy patrols were met in village.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	15th	0630	Situation normal. Bde Comdr visited Bn at 0930. Bn 'O' Gp 1015 hrs. Bn to move into MEIJEL by stages as planned. Bn moved at 1115 hrs. First objective occupied by "C" Coy at 1300 hrs. Many mines were encountered in this area and were cleared by Bn Pioneer Pl and REs. "B" Coy passed through and reached second objective at 1330 hrs. "C" Coy passed through "B" and took up posn in area 713066. "A" Coy moved up to "C" Coy posn and then passed through MEIJEL to take and	CAS:- 6 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL

			consolidate area DONK at 1700 hrs. Bn HQ est at 708069. Two vehicles destroyed by mines. Patrols sent out during night. Sporadic shelling of MEIJEL. 44 Bde reached area N of MEIJEL. Enemy outposts encountered on west Bank of Canal.	
FIELD	16th	0630	Situation normal. Bde "O" Gp 1500. Bn 'O' Gp 1730 hrs. Bn 'O' Gp. "B" Coy to move to area 725066 with fwd pls on west bank of DEURNE canal preparatory to crossing canal to link up with adv of 51(H) Div from South. One Pl of 'B' Coy took up posn at 716067, rest of Coy remained in old location. "C" Coy moved to area 715065 to fill in gap between "A" & "B". Shelling of village during night.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 1 OFFR
	17th	0630	Situation normal. 'B' Coy moved into area 716067. Shelling of village during day.	CAS:- 1 KILLED 2 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- 6 ORs
	18th	0630	Situation normal. Patrols attempted to cross canal but as enemy was still present, patrols returned. Pioneer Sec shot up by MG believed at 729068. 3 casualties. Bde 'O' Gp 1900. Bn 'O' Gp 2100. "B" to push fwd 2 Pls across canal to cover construction of bridge next morning. Bn to cross bridge when complete and occupy BERINGEN 7506 and relieve Recce Regt of 49 Div.	CAS:- 3 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	19th	0630	Sit normal. "B" Coy pushed two Pls fwd across canal without opposition. Recce patrol sent to BERINGEN to contact troops holding village. Bde 'O' Gp 1400 (Details given for future Bde adv to Sevenum - Op "NUTCRACKER"). Bn to move after last as soon as bridge over canal completed. 1945 hrs Bn moved off into BERINGEN, coys by march route, tpt to follow on completion of bridge. Bn arrived BERINGEN 2130 hrs. Contact patrols between Coys. Bn HQ est at 748059. Bn 'O' Gp 2000. Remainder of 227 Bde to cross canal 20 NOV and adv on SEVENUM by route BERINGEN - track to ACHTERSTE STEEG 8012 - SEVENUM. 10/HLI to follow up in reserve. Scots Gds Tanks in support of Bde. In view of muddy nature of track to be used, Bn tpt limited to tracked vehs and 4x4 wheeled vehs. Essential stores from other vehs to be loaded on to extra carriers taken from carrier pl. Carrier Pl to fight on foot.	CAS:- 7 WOUNDED 1 KILLED PW:- NIL REINF:- 4 ORs
	20th		Sit normal. Bn to be ready to follow up 2 GDNS and 2 A&SH. Bn 'O' Gp 1330. Details issued for follow up of Bn. Move postponed at 1600 hrs as bad going held up adv of leading Bn. 1900 Bde 'O' Gp. Adv on SEVENUM to be contd next day on 2 Bn front, 10/HLI to remain in reserve.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	21st		Sit normal. Bn ready to move in spt of rest of Bde. Move again postponed due to bad conditions of tracks, which slowed down	CAS:- 1 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- 13 ORs

			progress of leading Bns. Bde 'O' Gp 1800 hrs. Leading Bns to cont adv on SEVENUM. HLI to move up in support.	
	22nd	0630	Situation normal. Bn moved off to concentrate behind 2 A&SH at BROEK 8011. Bn HQ est 806115. Bn to be prepared to cross HELMOND - VENLO rly and occupy HORST 8318. Bn maintained along very difficult track by using carriers and "weasels" to bring up supplies.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
FIELD	23rd	0630	Situation normal. 0830 hrs Bn moved off supported by Sqn of Tks from 3 Scots Gds and 1 troop of "Flail" tks. Bn reached HORST 8318 without encountering any opposition by 1100 hrs. Bn HQ est 829186. Bn consolidated around northern end of village. Rest of Bde in southern part. Bn area heavily shelled at 2030 hrs.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL
	24th	0600	Situation normal. "C" Coy moved fwd to 832203 to cover construction of bridge at 833203. Carrier sec went fwd with pioneers to clear rd from 832203 to 820210. 1730 hrs Bde 'O' Gp. 2100 Bn 'O' Gp. Bn to do right flank protection to Bde advance on TIENRAIJ 8523. Bn to occupy EIKELENBOSCH 8521 supported by Sqn of 3 Scots Gds tks and 1 troop of "Flail" tanks. Order of march:- A, Fwd HQ, B & C, the carriers to join in en route. Axis of advance:- track 843203 to EIKELENBOSCH. "C" Coy to recce and clear at first light route from main rd to this track.	CAS:- NIL PW:- 1 REINF:- NIL
FIELD	25th	0630	Situation normal. 0830 hrs Bn left HORST and advanced to EIKELENBOSCH 8520 on route indicated. Def posns taken up around village. "C" Coy moved fwd to cover rly at 859219. Bn HQ 853209. Battle Gp patrolled to woods 8721 and located enemy at 875201. Bde 'O' Gp 1700 hrs. Outline plans given for next operation. Bn 'O' Gp 2030. Bn to advance next day to secure MEGELSUM 8625 and MEERLO 8525 and subsequently occupy BLITTERSWIJK 8727. 2 GORDONS meanwhile to continue adv to river area BROEKHUIZEN 8923. Route:- Detour round TIENRAIJ to avoid shelling (to be reced by "C" Coy) thence up track, reced by night patrols, from 864232 to MEGELSUM. Order of march:- "C", "A", Fwd HQ, Battle Gp, "B". Bn supported by Sqn 3 Scots Gds Tks. Phases of operation:- "C" Coy to occupy GUN 8724. "A" to pass through and occupy MEGELSUM 8625. Battle Gp to secure left flank by holding MEERLO 8525. "B" Coy to pass through in to wood South of BLITTERSWIJK and patrol fwd into town, if BLITTERSWIJK occupied attack to be made.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 6 ORS
FIELD				
	26th	0630	Situation normal. Bn advanced on route as detailed above at 0830 hrs, Recce having already reported MEGELSUM unoccupied. 1200 hrs "A" & "C" Coys in posn, rest of Bn moved up to MEGELSUM. Battle Gp moved up to MEERLO. Coy of 2 A&SH relieved "C" Coy in Gun. "C" Coy moved up to wood 8626 and patrolled fwd to BLITTERSWIJK and found small gps of enemy in southern outskirts. B Coy moved up behind	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- NIL

FIELD			wood 8626 where Coy Cmdr carried out recce with CO. Tanks unable to move up owing to swampy nature of track. 1600 "C" Coy cleared southern part of BLITTERSWIJK and move through to north, taking up def posns. "B" Coy moved up and occupied posns in Southern part of village. Enemy posts on left flank engaged by tp of tks. 1730 Battle Gp moved up to posn guarding western approaches. Bn HQ est 868249. Bn HQ shelled during evening. "C" Coy extended posns after dark. Coys patrolled towards river, encountering enemy to NW. BLITTERSWIJK heavily shelled during night. Ground near river flooded up to depth of 2 ft.	
FIELD	27th	1400	Situation normal. C Coy est OP at 877274 and observed enemy movement on east bank of MAAS. B Coy patrol located enemy movement and posns covered by wire and minefield west of BLITTERSWIJK. A Coy found similar posns between HELLING 8626 and rd WANSSUM - BLITTERSWIJK. Bn to be relieved by 2 RUR, relief to commence 1600 hrs. Harbour Party left to recce billets in ASTEN. 2300 hrs relief completed at 2330 hrs and moved via VENRAIJ - DEURNE to ASTEN.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 4 ORs
	28th		Bn arrived in billets at ASTEN 6113 by 0500 hrs. Bn HQ est 612131.	CAS:- 3 WOUNDED PW:- NIL REINF:- 7 ORs
	29th		Situation normal. Bn resting in ASTEN.	CAS:-) PW:-) NIL REINF:-)
	30th		Situation normal. Bn resting in ASTEN.	CAS:- NIL PW:- NIL REINF:- 3 ORs
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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 EGCHEL 7703, "B" Coy HELDEN 7803, "C" Coy HUB 7603, Bn HQ and "S" Coy at EGCHELHOEK 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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			<u>Part Two Administrative</u>	
Field	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	H.P. Mackley Lt.Col OBE Comdg. 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry City of Glasgow Regiment.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1st		Bn still in KESSEL. The enemy began the New Year by a wild firing of verey lights and tracers along the whole front at midnight. Between 0200 and 0400 hrs an enemy patrol apparently about 20 strong engaged the fwd sec position at 817998 and by attacking them from two sides by MG fire and grenades, succeeded in taking four of the section prisoners. The enemy was also engaged as it withdrew by the adjoining fwd post of the carrier Pl, but managed to evacuate under cover of mortar fire any cas incurred. The subsequent search of the area failed to reveal the method of crossing, but it is thought the enemy made use of the hrs of darkness before the moon rose. Activity during remainder of the day was slight. But good visibility enabled some further enemy posns to be determined. Warning orders issued for Bn to be prepared to hand over to 2 A&SH on following day. During the stay of the Bn in this sector, a large portion of the front was wired in spite of the frozen ground and the bright moonlight.	Cas: 4 W PW's: Nil RFT's: Nil
Field	2nd		Enemy activity slight. Hand over to 2 A&SH at 1400 hrs and coy's were relieved according to timings laid down. Reliefs being completed by 2300 hrs and Bn returned to rest area with A coy at EGCHEL 7703, B coy HUB 7603, C coy HELDEN 7803, D and S coy's EGCHELHOEK 7703. Bn HQ est 771038.	Cas: Nil PoW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	3rd		Situation normal. Bn rested and carried out interior economy. C.O. and Coy Comdrs carried out recce of area for possible counter attack role. During the rest period one coy stood to daily in case of an emergency. In addition one Pl was supplied to each of the fwd Bn's to assist in patrolling.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	4th		Situation normal. Xmas dinners were held under coy' arrangement on this and the following three days.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	5th		Situation normal. Bn resting.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil

	6th		Situation normal. Bn still resting. Bn "O" group. Bn to take over from 2 Gordons in area BAARLO 8504, on 7th Jan. Take over to commence from 1330 hrs and to be completed by 2300 hrs.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	7th		Situation normal. Bn commenced relief of 2 Gordons. Bn HQ commenced at 1400 hrs. Rifle coy's at 1330 hrs. Take over completed by 2300 hrs. At 2000 hrs telephone cable between left hand post and Recce Regt was cut.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: 6 O.R.s
Field	8th		During the night a large amount of flares were seen to the north of the Bn front on the enemy side of the river. During the day enemy movt was only slight.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	9th		Situation normal. Throughout the day very little enemy activity was observed.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	10th		Situation normal. Very little enemy activity could be observed during the day as a thick mist was on and visibility was never more than 550 yds.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	11th		Situation normal. Visibility was again poor owing to mist and enemy activity could not be observed. During the day, our arty engaged five enemy boats on the far bank of the river and hits were seen on a house nearby. No direct hits could be observed on the boats, but the accuracy of the arty fire seemed to indicate that these boats were put out of action. Search of buildings in bn area carried out in co-op with Dutch underground forces.	Nil Nil Nil Cas: POW's: Rfts See Appx D1
	12th		Situation normal. The visibility had improved somewhat and a small amount of enemy activity was observed. The enemy used a 37 mm AA gun in a ground role firing into the fwd edge of the village of BAARLO.	Nil Nil Nil Cas: POW's: Rfts
Field	13th		Situation normal. A large amount of enemy activity was heard in STEIJL 8705 which was engaged by arty and mortar but the houses restricted observation of results. A fair amount of MG fire was heard throughout the day. Corps Comd visited Bn at 1100 hrs and accompanied by the CO visited HQs of forward coys. During the day, the bn area was shelled and one person killed and four wounded.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts: Nil
	14th		Situation normal. A large amount of MG and rifle fire was observed during the day but little enemy activity was observed.	Cas: 1K POW's: Nil 4W Rfts: 19 O.R.s
	15th		Situation normal. Visibility was very poor during the day and was down to 200 yds for most of the time. 1000 hrs Bn 'O' Gp. Bdes of the Division to be relieved in cycles. 227 Bde to be relieved by 1 Cdo Bde and to take over from 44 (L) Inf Bde in area of BLERICK on or about 19th Jan, date to be determined by arrival of 1 Cdo Bde. 44 Bde to go to rest and trg area near Brussels for a period of 14	See Appx D2

Field		<p>days. After period of rest and trg finished 44 Bde to relieve 227 Bde and 227 Bde to go to rest and trg area for 14 days. On completion of rest 227 Bde to relieve 46 Bde in area North of ROERMOND. In area BLERICK Bn as reserve will take over from 8 RS in area MAASBREE and SEVENUM. A&SH & GORDONS to take over from 6 KOSB and 6 RSF respectively in fwd positions. Bn split into 2 forces SEVENUM FORCE and MAASBREE force. Bn.HQ to be in MAASBREE. SEVENUM force to consist of "D" and "B" Coys under Comd of OC "B" Coy. "A" and "C" Coys in MAASBREE. Advance party to go to MAASBREE on 16th. Take over of BAARLO area by 45 CDO to be completed by 2100 hrs. "A" and "C" Coys to MAASBREE by March route, "B" and "D" coys to SEVENUM embussed. Bn to take over same posns as 8 RS.</p> <p><u>ROLE IN BRUSSELS TRG AREA</u> Cadres for junior NCOs will be run by RSM. Weapon firing esp PIAT to be practised : A drill parade each day and strict attention to be paid to the turnout and discipline: During period two night exercises will be carried out on coy level with practice on ATTACK and CONSOLIDATION. Discussions will be held on Infantry and tank co-operation when passing through fixed defences such as the SIEGFRIED LINE. Discussions concerning raids across river MAAS which is projected after return from rest and trg period. Entertainments, baths etc will be laid on.</p>	<p>CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: Nil</p>
	16th	Enemy activity and MG fire only slight throughout the day.	<p>CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: Nil</p>
	17th	Except for spasmodic bursts of MG fire the day was fairly quiet.	<p>CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: 8 O.R.s</p>
	18th	During the night MG fire and verrey lights were observed but after 1000 hrs no signs of enemy activity were seen or heard and no MG fire or shelling recorded.	<p>CAS: Nil POW's: Nil RFTS: Nil</p>
Field	19th	<p>During the night a very large amount of flashes were seen on the enemy side of the river and loud explosions heard. From daylight onwards all was quiet and nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. Visibility was good throughout the day. 1800 hrs Bn 'O' Gp. For final plans for change over with 45 Cdo and 44 Bde and role in new area. On 20th Jan Bn will be relieved by 45 Cdo Debussing pt rd junc at BONG 44053, coys to provide guides. Relief to be done in two phases, 20th MAASBREE force consisting of "A" and "C" and Bn HQ to move to MAASBREE on completion of hand over to 45 Cdo. "B" and "D" Coys to conc in area BONG 8405 for night 20/21st and proceed to SEVENUM on morning of 21st. Signal pl to take over from 8 RS Sigs at 1230 hrs, "S" Coy to move under pl arrangements, Bn HQ to move at 1400 hrs to arrive MAASBREE by 1430 hrs. Coys to start take over of rear posns at 1430 hrs. Tpt to be at check pt by 1500 hrs. Role</p>	<p>See Appx E1 & H1</p>

		in MAASBREE area - SEVFORCE Under Comd. of OC "B" coy, supported by 2 secs of mortars, Tp of LAA, 4.2 mortar Pl 1 med and 1 Fd Regt. Task to guard rd SEVENUM-BLERICK. MAASFORCE "C" coy PL at JERRICAN Bridge 847086, coy's in area ROOTH 8408. A&C coy's to be mobile coy each alternate day. If emergency arises, "S" coy less 2 secs Mortars to move down and assist MAASFORCE. Mobile coy to be prepared to move to any part of Bde area followed later by rest of Bn.	Cas: Nil POW's: Nil Rfts 22 O.R.s
	20th	Situation normal. Enemy activity almost negligible. 1230 hrs Sig Pl took over, 1400 hrs Bn HQ moved to MAASBREE arriving 1430 hrs. HQ established at 827081. A and C Coys commenced at 1430 hrs, B and D Coys at 1500 hrs. Take over completed by 2300 hrs.	Cas 1 W POW's Nil Rfts Nil
	21st	Situation normal. B and D Coys moved to area SEVENUM at 0800 hrs.	Cas-Nil POWs-Nil Rfts-Nil
	22nd	Situation normal. Bn in res at MAASBREE and SEVENUM.	Cas-Nil POWs-Nil Rfts Nil
	23rd	Bn handed over to Armed Recce Bn of 6 Airborne Div. Warning Order given for Bn to move to rest area for a period of trg. 1900- Bn 'O' Group. Final details given for hand over.	(See Appendix E2,3,4) H2)
	24th	Bn moved off 1030 hrs, embussed by route:- MAASBREE : PANNINGEN : MEIJEL : LIESEL : ASTEN : HELMOND : EINDHOVEN : VELDHOVEN : ARENDONCK : TURNHOUT : MERKSPLAS. Bn arrived at 1830 hrs. Bn HQ est at 999106.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 2 O.R.s (See Appendix E4)
	25th	Bn given 3 days for reorganisation after which trg was to be begun with particular ref to the breaching of fixed defs, in co-operation with tanks.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil (See Appendix J1 & 2)
	26th	General rest and re-organisation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	27th	General rest and re-organisation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 4 O.R.
	28th	First Details issued to CO for Operation "VERITABLE".	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil (See Appendix E6,7,8)
	29th	CO visited 30 Corps HQ for Bde Comds briefing and carried out preliminary Recce for future operation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil (See Appendix E5)
	30th	Discussion by Officers and Pl Comdrs on Storming of Fixed Defs such as the SIEGFRIED LINE in co-operation with tanks and R.E. specialist equipment.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil

	31st	1000 hrs. Representatives from Bn attended. Bde Discussion on above subject. Lt.Col. H.P. Mackley, OBE. relinquished command of Bn and was succeeded by Lt.Col. R.A. Bramwell-Davis. R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. Commanding 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry, (City of Glasgow Regiment)	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 3 O.R.s
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Commanding Officer Lt/Col. H.P. Mackley OBE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			ADMINISTRATION	
	6th		WS/Lt JACKSON G. CDN/520 posted to WE of 10th HLI and T.O.S. this unit w.e.f. 6th Jan 45 from 34 RHU	
	13th		2/Lt WILSON A. (Number not yet known) Granted Immediate Emergency Commission and T.O.S. WE 10th HLI w.e.f. 13th Jan 45	
	14th		276868 WS/Lt KERR J.A. admitted to hospital and struck off strength of this unit w.e.f. 14th Jan 45.	
	"		CDN/467 S/Capt. R.A. McCABE admitted to hospital and struck off strength of this unit w.e.f. 14th Jan 45.	
	17th		176939 T/Major HAY J.S. posted to WE of 10th HLI from 34 RHU and taken on strength of this unit w.e.f. 17th Jan 45.	
<p>R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. C Comdg. 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt)</p>				

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1st		Bn still in area MERKSPLAS carrying out training. CO and IO carried out recce of FUP for future operation. Warning order received for move to conc area.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appx E1
	2nd		Bn trg by Coys contd. 1500 hrs C.O., Coy Comdrs, I.O., Adjt., and Q.M. attended briefing by Bde Comdr for future op. Conference held in Model Room in Div HQ. Outline Plan of Operation given.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	3rd		Training continued. Bde Operation Order issued giving detailed plan for Operation "VERITABLE". Major F.G. Wood relinquished appointment as 2 i/c on leaving Bn. Recce party left for conc area.	Cas: Nil P.W.: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appx E2. H1.
	4th		Training continued. 1030 hrs All Officers attended address by Comdr 30 Corps on Op "VERITABLE", followed by address by Div Comdr. 1245 hrs All Officers with Officers of Supporting Arms attended issue of Orders for Operation "VERITABLE", by CO in Model Room at Div HQ. Warning Order received for move to conc area night 5/6th Feb. Bn Admin Order governing details of special equipment to be carried, and re-allocation of tpt for the op, issued. Movt order for move of Bn to conc area issued.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appendix (D.1. (D.1A (G.1. (E.3A
	5th		1100.-Bn 'O' Group- at which CO explained details of Bde Op Order No. 5. Major FBB Noble arrived to take up appointment of 2 i/c. Bn left MERKSPLAS embussed at 1500 hrs. Route:- TURNHOUT : POPPEL : TILBURG : VUGHT 3143 : OSS 4754 : Bridge NIJFTRIK 5757 : NIJMEGEN.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	6th		Bn arrived conc area 0400 hrs. Rest of day spent in rest and preparation for Op "VERITABLE". CO and Coy Comdrs carried out recce of FUP and SL for op. Bn HQ located E711620.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	7th		During morning C.O. addressed all coys; Coy and Pl Comdrs carried out further recce of FUP and SL. 1430 Bn 'O' Gp. Final details and timings given for operation.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 10 O.R.s See Appx D.2. G2
	8th		0530.- Bn began to move up to FUP. Order of March:- "C", "A", "B", Tac Bn HQ, Mortar Pl, "D" Coy, Rear Bn HQ. 1115.- Bn moved fwd to pass through gap made in minefield by 2 A&SH and advanced behind barrage to assault KRANENBURG 8056. Going for vehs very bad, which	See Appx D1A, D2. E5.) J.1.) Cas: 1 Offr K 2 W

		<p>held up RE specialist equipment. By 1600 hrs "C" Coy had successfully entered west end of village securing intact br over A Tk ditch, but "A" and "B" Coys were held up in area of rly station by small arms fire and point blank fire from a NEBELWERFER in the village. 1615 hrs Tac Bn HQ brought fwd on foot the Wireless Sets taken from the bogged down carriers and est HQ at 803559. 1635 "C" Coy completed its task of clearing the western half of KRANENBURG but "A" and "B" Coys were still unable to carry out their part of the op, except for one pl of "A" Coy which had succeeded in entering the village. "C" Coy Comdr therefore took on the task of clearing this remaining enemy posn from the rear. By 1800 hrs the post had been eliminated and the remaining Coys were able to proceed to their objectives which were consolidated by last light. After dark in spite of the great difficulty in moving vehs the majority of the Bn's essential tpt was brought fwd together with a hot meal. Owing to the great difficulty in moving fwd vehs in the boggy ground west of KRANENBURG the subsequent phases of the Div Op were set back and the Bn remained over night in KRANENBURG. In all nearly 200 PW were taken by the Bn during the operation.</p>	<p>ORs 12K 26W 5M PW: 185 Reinf: 30 O.R.s</p>
	9th	<p>0945 - 44 Bde and 2 Gordons having been successful in breaking through the SIEGFRIED LINE at NUTTERDEN 8455 the Bn was warned to be ready to take over from one Bn of 44 Bde in order to release them for a further advance. 1015- Bn 'O' Group. Bn to take over from 6 KOSB as follows:- "B" Coy - HINGSTBERG 848552 : "D" Coy - WOLFSBERG 844544 : "A" Coy - 840547 : "C" Coy - 830537. Move probably not to take place before 1300 hrs. Coy reces to be carried out in the meantime. 1500 hrs - Bn moved up to new area as above. "B" Coy were shelled en route in FRASSELT 8153. Tpt delayed by bad condition of tracks through minefield and A Tk ditch. Bn established in new posns by last light and Bn HQ est at 834546.</p>	<p>Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p>
	10th	<p>Following an advance by 44 Bde towards high ground SW of CLEVE, and attack by 2 A&SH along southern edge of forest 8655, Bn was ordered to remain in posn until tpt congestion caused by passing of 43 Div through to the south of CLEVE was relieved. 1800 hrs- Bn ordered to be ready for counter attack on 2 A&SH area 870550 should this be necessary. Recce of approach and FUP carried out at last light by CO and provisional orders given to Coy Comdrs.</p>	<p>Cas: 12W O.R.s PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p>
	11th	<p>0400 hrs- Warning Order for advance to be resumed. 0700 hrs- CO attended Bde 'O' Group. 0830- Bn 'O' Group. 44 Bde now est in South-Western outskirts of CLEVE. 2 Gordons to continue clearing northern edge of TIERGARTEN FOREST 8856 and enter north of CLEVE securing br head over canal area 9056. 10 HLI then to pass through</p>	

		<p>brhead and clear North Eastern part of CLEVE. Bn to be ready to move at 1000 hrs. 1000 hrs - Bn moved off on route - NUTTERDEN - Main rd through DONSRUGGEN - CLEVE, in order of March 2 tps 3 SG tks - "B" Coy - Tac Bn HQ - "D" Coy - "A" Coy - Pl RE - Rear Bn HQ - "C" Coy - Pl MMGs. Bn Coln halted for long period in DONSRUGGEN owing to difficulty experienced by 2 Gordons in clearing enemy from Northern edge of TIERGARTEN FOREST and entrance to CLEVE.</p> <p>1600 hrs.- Bn warned to recce accn with a view to commencing 48 hr rest period next day. This order was countermanded when it was found that 2 Gordons had been successful in gaining their brhead and pushing on beyond it. Div Comdr therefore directed that 10 HLI with support of tanks and flame-throwers should clear pocket of enemy resistance in area 891553 between 2 Gordons and 44 Bde. CO held brief 'O' Group and divided area into three zones to be cleared by Right- "B" Coy : Centre- "D" Coy : Left- "A" Coy. Bn coln moved off at once with leading inf riding on tanks and closely supported by flame-throwers Coys quickly overcame what resistance remained and linked up with friendly troops before last light. Coys then withdrew slightly to billets in area around 892558. Bn HQ est at 893562.</p>	<p>Cas: O.R.s 7 W PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p>
	12th	<p>Bn at rest and re-organising. CO addressed Coys in turn during morning. Bn HQ moved to 895562.</p>	<p>Cas: ORs 9W PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p>
	13th	<p>Rest and re-organisation. Bn ordered to recce possible counter attack against any enemy infiltrating into area MATTERBORN 8754 through REICHSWALD FOREST by rd running South from 890520. Kangaroos were allotted for this operation and Sqn 3 Scots Gds tks in support.</p>	<p>Cas: ORs 1W PW: Nil Reinf: 2 Offrs & 34 ORs (see Appendix D3)</p>
	14th	<p>Bde Op Order issued for attack on high ground south of CALCAR 0050. 1200 Bn 'O' Group - Orders given for Bn's plan in above attack. Advance to be made with 2 Coys up (in Kangaroos) closely sp by tks, with remaining two coys with tanks to mop up. 2130- Bn O Group.- Bde plan changed because of slow advance of 46 Bde against hy opposition around MOYLAND 9651. Bde advance now limited to the high ground south of MOYLAND.</p>	<p>(See Appendix D4) E.6. Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p>
	15th	<p>1000- Coln formed up in Kangaroos, 1200 hrs. Bn placed under comd 46 Bde and 227 Bde op suspended. CO and IO left to receive orders from 46 Bde HQ. 1300- B coln moved fwd by march route to conc area BEDBURG 9252, while CO and Coy Comdrs reced SL for Bn attack to be carried out that night. Bn HQ est at 925532. 1900 hrs- Bn 'O' Group. 46 Bde had reached SE corner of wood 964513 but unable to advance further in this direction or on MOYLAND. 10 HLI to attack by night across open ground to the south and secure features at</p>	<p>See Appx E.7. Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p>

		<p>962496 and 967502. Advance to be made on foot from SL previously taped by Int Section, 948509, following in bounds behind arty barrage moving 300 yds every 12 mins. One Sqn tks 4 Coldm Gds to be in sp. Advance to be made with 2 Coys fwd- "B" Right- "D" Left- with "A" Coy mopping up behind "B" and "C" Coy behind "D". "B" Coy objective area 961497: "D" Coy objective - 965502. Bn A Tk guns and tp SP guns to be brought into Coy areas on consolidation, when remainder of Bn essential tpt would be brought fwd under OC "S" Coy. Artificial moonlight to be provided during op and direction to be assisted by Bofors tracers on right and left bdy. 2230 Bn Gp moved fwd to cross SL at 2340. Tk support was withdrawn at last minute but Coys were ordered to carry on with attack keeping closely behind barrage.</p>	
	16th	<p>By 0130 Coys had consolidated on objectives and Bn HQ est at 951507. Coys were est as follows:- "B" 961497- "D" 965503- "A" 957502- "C" 960506. Heavy mortaring and shelling cont during the hours of darkness. During the night 2 counter attacks were made on "D" Coy posn sp by SP guns. Both were beaten off by small arms and arty fire. An enemy fighting patrol was also beaten off. Later a heavy counter attack was made with SP guns and succeeded in overrunning "B" Coys posn, causing a large percentage of casualties. The remainder of the Coy was withdrawn to a firm posn between "A" and "C" Coys. "B" Coy later reorganised as a one pl posn around houses 956502. 0730- "C" Coy ordered to attempt to clear wood 9650 and 9750 from the west. The attack was made in mist and heavy cas were incurred by enfilade MG fire as the Coy entered the wood. As an unsupported attack was not poss CO ordered Coy to withdraw to its previous posn. At about 0800 hrs reports were received of a number of inf (probably about 60) forming up with SP guns in front of "D" Coy. This was dispersed by arty fire before it attacked. Canadian attack which was due to release the Bn by midday was postponed and the Bn was ordered to remain in posn. Hy mortaring and shelling continued intermittently throughout the day. Over 100 PW were taken during this action.</p>	<p>See Appx J.2.</p> <p>Cas: Offrs 2W ORs 9W PW: 108 Reinf: 40 O.R.s</p>
	17th	<p>Bn remained in posn subject to continued mortar and shell fire and with movt by day harassed by MG fire from enemy posn in wood North of Bn posn. 1400 hrs Two Canadian Bns advanced through Bn and secured objectives at 961488 and 975497. Relief of Bn however was still not possible because of enemy remaining in wood 9650. In view of this remaining threat "A" Coy was ordered to take up posn between "C" and "D" Coys in area 962503 and 960501.</p>	<p>See Appx E.8.</p> <p>Cas: ORs 12K PW: Nil 9M 2W Reinf: Nil</p>

	18th		1400 hrs.- Two Cdn Bns began attack on wood 9650 but withdrew at last light to posns just outside wood. Bn to be relieved by Black Watch of Canada. Relief commenced 2200 hrs by Coys, and Bn returned to billets in CLEVE by 0500 hrs on the 19th.	Cas: Offrs 1W ORs 1K 5W PW: Nil Reinf: Nil See Appx E.9.
	19th		Period of rest and administration for 48 hrs. Bn HQ est at 894562. Coys in same billets as night 14/15 Feb.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	20th		Bn resting and reorganising. Warning Order issued for Bn to move with 46 Bde to area north of GOCH prior to attack between GOCH and UDEM.	Cas: Reinf: Nil PW: Nil See Appx E.10.
	21st		CO attended "O" Group at 1000 hrs at Bde HQ. Bn to be under Comd 46 Bde for attack through 227 Bde area 9442 to secure posn on rd UDEM - WEEZE 950393. Plan changed after visit of Div Comdr and 10 HLI ordered to revert to comd of 227 Bde, relieving 2 Glas H night 21/22 Feb, thus releasing 2 Glas H for participation in 46 Bde attack. 1300 CO and Coy Comdrs visited 2 Glas H to recce Coy posns. 2330- Bn moved off embussed by route CLEVE - PFALZDORF 9146 to ass area 9445 to take over from 2 Glas H.	See Appx E.11. Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 5 ORs
	22nd		Take over completed by 0700. Bn HQ est 944445. Coys located as follows:- "A" 951432 : "B" 949436 : "C" 954435 : "D" 949439. Owing to state of ground one "Kangaroo" under comd for distribution of food and getting A Tk guns in posn. Bn area shelled and mortared at intervals throughout the day. Sqn of 3 SG tks available for counter attack along with "D" Coy should the occasion arise. During the night "C" Coy patrolled to houses 949431 and found them occupied by enemy.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 62 ORs
	23rd		Arty deception plan to assist Bde on right in their advance brought down considerable enemy fire on our fwd posns. Shelling and Mortaring continued during day especially on wood south of "A" Coy. By night fighting patrol from "B" Coy brought in 6 PW from enemy posn located by "C" Coy.	Cas: ORs 1M 3W PW: Nil Reinf: 2 ORs
	24th		Div Comdr visited Bn and gave news of forthcoming relief and return of Div to rest area in Holland. 1400 Repls from Bn 1st KOSB (3 Br Div) arrived to recce posns prior to taking over. 1600 Co-ordinating conference at Bde HQ to arrange details for hand over attended by CO. 1800- Relieving unit arrived and began taking over at 2200 hrs. Bn conc in area 925452.	Cas: ORs 2W PW: 6 Reinf: 7 ORs
	25th		0750.- Bn moved off embussed to rest area at TILBURG on route:- GOCH 9043 - ASPERDEN 8745 - OTTERSUM 7846 - GRAVE Br - s'HERTOGENBOSCH - TILBURG. 1430.- Bn arrived TILBURG and took up quarters in billets. Bn HQ est at 167311.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	26th		Bn resting and carrying out interior economy.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 3 ORs

	27th		Bn resting and carrying out interior economy. Bn given sufficient allocation to enable each man to have 48hrs leave in Brussels.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 5 ORs
	28th		Bn held Drill Parade to practise Ceremonial Parade before Div Comdr on following day. R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt)	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: 41 ORs

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	1st		Bn paraded at 1200 hrs for address by Div Comdr who afterwards took the salute at a march past.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	2nd		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	3rd		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	4th		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	5th		Bn engaged in a period of rest and re-organisation. Warning Order for Bn to move along with rest of Div to area of BREE for training.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	6th		Div Trg Instr No. 23 issued giving details of future trg. (see Appendix E1) Recce parties left for new area at 1000 hrs. 1430 hrs - Bn moved off embussed for new area on Route MOERGESTEL : OIRSCHOT : BEST : EINDHOVEN : HECHTEL : PREE : BREE : ASCHE : OPGRIMBY. Bn HQ est at 556626. Bn arrived at 2130 hrs.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	7th		Bn trg areas allotted and Coy tactics, weapon trg, etc., practiced. First technique instrs issued for Op "PLUNDER", dealing with the crossing of a large water obstacle. (See Appendices - E2, E3, E4.)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	8th		Further "PLUNDER" instrs issued and 1st instrs for 15 Div Ex "BUFFALO" to be held on 14th March to practice this technique. (See Appendices E2, 3 & 4)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	9th		2015 hrs Bn Night Exercise held in area 5363 to practice the drill of crossing a water obstacle by night together with subsequent advance. Emphasis laid on control and maintenance of direction. Further instrs for "BUFFALO" issued. (See Appendix E7)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	10th		1000 hrs Div Comdr briefed CO and Rifle Coy Comdrs on future Op. at HQ 12 Corps. (See Appendix E18). Bn trg to incl loading of LVTs with vehs and 6pr guns. Further instrs for "BUFFALO" issued. (See Appendix E8).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:

	11th		Bn marching personnel did practice loading and unloading of LVTs incl practice crossing on the MAAS. Veh drivers practiced driving onto rafts with the aid of "Mock Ups". (See Appendix E5)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	12th		0930 hrs CO, IO and MTO did recce of marshalling area and LVT route for forthcoming Ex "BUFFALO". (See Appendix E9). Veh drivers practiced driving vehs on and off Class 9 and Class 50/60 rafts. CO and IO viewed model of area for future ops at HQ 12 Corps.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: N
	13th		<p>1000 hrs - Bde "O" Group for Ex "BUFFALO". (See Appendix E7,8 and 10, H1). Final Details of Bank Control, Comms, etc., given out and loading tables fixed for personnel and vehs travelling in LVTs. (See Appendix G1). 1600 hrs Bn "O" Group. (See Appendix E7). for Ex "BUFFALO". 227 Bde to cross river MAAS area 6172 to 6475, with right 10 HLI-Left 2 A&SH and secure a bridge head up to JULIANA CANAL 6472 to 6677. Bn assault to be made in LVTs in 3 waves 1st wave-"C" Coy right, clearing PAPENHOVEN 6273 and advancing to 6372. Left "A" Coy advancing to area 6474. 2nd wave-"D" Coy advancing through "C" Coy to secure bridge 6473. Left - "B" Coy advancing through "A" to take bridge 6475. 3rd Wave-Essential HQ and "S" Coy vehs (for details see loading table). Bn to assemble in Marshalling area 6076 by 0830 hrs 14th March where Inf and vehs would be loaded onto LVTs. Remainder of vehs also to be assembled in this area by Bank Control for passage over LVT ferry or Class 9 raft. Bn control of vehs on far bank to be arranged by Unit Landing Officer (Lt Short) assisted by Regtl Police DRs and 1 sec Div Provost under comd.</p> <p><u>METHOD</u> Initial assault wave to enter water at H-Hour under control of LVT Sqn Comdr. 2nd Wave to cross as soon as 1st wave had cleared bank. 3rd wave to cross on orders of CO.</p> <p><u>Support</u>- 1 sec Mortar Pl, to be manhandled in 2nd wave and be est on bank. Remaining mortars to cross with vehs and be est in "A" Coy area, original two dets then moving up to "C" Coy. ATK Pl - 2 dets to "A" Coy, 1 det to "B" Coy, 1 to "C" and 1 to "D". Carrier Pl to move with and protect Bn HQ. Pioneer Pl- 1 sec to "C" Coy to tape and clear landing place, remainder "A" Coy for same task. MMGs- 1 sec to be manhandled into "C" Coy area, to be joined there by the remainder of Pl. Comms- Bn HQ to be crossed in 2nd wave and be est near "A" Coy. LVT wireless net to be used until after landing when 18 set comn would be resumed. 18 sets with ULO and LVTs 3rd wave, for calling fwd vehs. Bde rear link set to be manhandled in posn until Comd Carrier has landed.</p>	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:

		Instrs issued for night Ex "BUFFALO" on 15/16 Mar (See Appendix E11) and also 1st instrs issued for Op "TORCHLIGHT". (See Appendices E12 & H2.)	
	14th	0715 hrs - Bn moved off embussed for Ex marshalling Area arriving 0830 hrs. (See Appendices E10 and G1) 1100 hrs Final instrs issued. 1200 hrs All personnel embussed. 1415 hrs - H-Hour. 1530 hrs All Coys on objectives and were being sent fwd. 1600 hrs. Ex ends and instrs were issued for dispersal. Chief points noted on the exercise were:- Slowness in est control on far bank and difficulty of comms while manhandling sets.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	15th	0900 hrs Bde Conference on exercise. 1215 hrs Bn "O" Group. CO gave out points from day exercise and issued gen instrs for night ex. Emphasis was laid on the necessity for increased control on the far bank, and necessity for ensuring that all veh drivers were briefed as to their exact route and destination. Night Ex to be the same in all respects as the daylight practice. Bn to leave for marshalling area at 1415 hrs (See Appendix E11). H-Hour for exercise to be 0400 hrs 16th March. 1415 hrs Bn moved off embussed to marshalling area where it had evening meal and rested. 1800 hrs Bn "O" Group. Final details given for night exercise. As 5 LVTs were out of action for repairs 3rd wave was curtailed for exercise purposes. MO and fwd RAP personnel from 2nd wave to change places with sec Mortar Pl in 1st wave, in order to be able to deal immediately with any cas on far bank. Vehs of 3rd wave to be preloaded by 1900 hrs, remaining personnel to be loaded ready to move by 0300 hrs. At 1900 hrs CO gave Coy Comdrs gen idea of the future op for which Bn was now practicing.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	16th	0300 hrs. All personnel of Bn and vehs loaded into LVTs. 0400 hrs. Assault wave of LVTs crossed. Owing to difficulty of landing the LVTs on the far bank the leading Coys were landed at scattered places and there was some delay before Coys could be rallied, and control regained. This also occurred with the follow up wave. 0530 hrs -Right hand Coys had advanced to their objectives but owing to delay, left hand Coys were still moving up. Thereafter landing of vehs proceeded satisfactorily until exercise ended at 0700 hrs. Draft Bde Op Instr issued for Op "TORCHLIGHT". (See Appendices E14 and H3).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	17th	0900 hrs CO, IO, and OsC "B" and "D" Coys carried out recce of marshalling area and approach routes for future op near XANTEN. (See Appendix E13). Warning Order received for Bde to move to marshalling area on 22nd Mar preceded by Harbour Parties on 20 Mar.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL

	18th		Int Sec constructed Sand Model of area for future op to be used for briefing within the Bn. Bde Op Order No.5 issued for Op "TORCHLIGHT". (see App E18)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	19th		Bn Admin instrs issued dealing with special feeding arrangements and giving revised loading tables for LVTs and priority of vehs on ferry service. (See Appendix G2 and G3).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	20th		0900 hrs 2 i/c and OsC "B" and "D" Coys carried out recce of Op area. Unit Harbour party left for marshalling area. 2030 hrs. Bde Comdr briefed all Officers on the future op. (See Appendices D1, E7 and H9.)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	21st		1000 hrs CO briefed all offr and NCOs in gen idea and Bn plan for future op. (See Appendices D2, G4, H18, J2) Warning Order for Bn move issued. (See Appendix E20)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	22nd		0600 hrs All tracked vehs left for marshalling area in order not to delay move of main convoy. 1030 hrs. Adjt gave out orders for move of Bn coln to ass area. 1700 hrs. Bn embussed less tracked vehs left for ass area. Route:- ASCHE 4970 : BREE 5084 : LOOZEN 4972 : WEERTE 5897 : BERINGEN 7406 : MAASBREE 8207 : HORST 8318 : LOTTUM 9019 : TWISTEDEN 9429 : KAVALAER 9632 : UDEM 9842, thence along rly line to LABBECK 0540 : to ass area 0542. (See Appendices D3 and E21).	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	23rd		Bn arrived ass area 0300 hrs. Bn HQ est at 064433. Coys dispersed under cover in HOCHWALD FOREST. 1030 hrs Bn "O" Group. Final infm and details about operation. (See Appendix H10) Landing to be made slightly further right than planned in order to enable LVTs to take advantage of beaches to facilitate landing. LVTs to leave loading area by H-80 mins. Loading to be completed by 0300 hrs. Details of arty programme given which was to consist of groups of concs fired on a time basis but also available on call as required (See Appendices E18 and J2). From 0930 no high angle fire to be used on account of airborne ops at 1000 hrs. 1200 to 1300 hrs CO spoke to Coys and explained the gen idea of the Operation. 1500 to 1600 hrs Coy and Pl Comdrs carried out recce of river. 1730 hrs Bn attended Church Service.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	24th		0030 hrs - Loading of LVTs completed. 0040 hrs Bn began moving down to river in LVTs. 0200 hrs. "A" and "C" Coys crossed river without cas but were landed several hundred yards to the right of the right hand objective. As a result "A" Coy had to take on the strong point of WOLFFSKATH 119461 (C Coy objective) in order to get on to their own axis. The river bank at this point was strongly held by 3 Coys of 1/21 Para Regt and the second wave together with Bn HQ were held up while the clearing of the bank was going on. On the landing of	

the 2nd wave an erroneous report was received that the leading Coys had cleared the bank. "B" and "D" Coys accordingly attempted to move fwd and Bn HQ moved inland from the bank although not landed in the correct place to get clear of stray fire falling near the river. When the posn became a little clearer it was seen that "A" and "C" Coys had succeeded in clearing most of the strong point around WOLFFSKATH but had suffered a large number of cas incl both Coy Comdrs wounded. "A" Coy lost their remaining Offr Lt Picken who was killed silencing a 20 mm gun which was fired directly at WOLFFSKATH. The Coy was rallied by the CSM and brought under comd of "C" Coy. "B" and "D" Coys had not been able to carry on to their objectives. Bn HQ having landed well to the right was for the time being in "No Mans Land" and was once attacked by small arms and grenades and subsequently fired on from both the right flank and from a posn on the river bank behind it which had been occupied since the landing. At 0500 hrs it was possible to extricate Bn HQ. The posn was then that "C" Coy had managed to advance some 500 yds north from WOLFFSKATH while "A" Coy had encountered large quantities of small arms fire in attempting to clear westward along the river bund. "B" Coy had been ordered to continue clearing the enemy posns westward along the bund as it was appreciated that advance inland was impossible until this was done nor could vehs safely be ferried over. "C" Coy were instructed to press on to their original objective in OVERKAMP 1247 with "D" Coy following up. Bn HQ was temporarily est at WOLFFSKATH 119461. 1000 hrs Airborne troops flew in across Bn area to their landing places. 1100 hrs. Coy of 7 SEAFORTHS supported by 2 troops of DD tanks reached Bn from 44 Bde bridgehead without having encountered any enemy opposition. "C" Coy had by now reached the southern edge of OVERKAMP where they were temporarily held up by determined opposition but were subsequently able to get fwd and allow "D" Coy to move through and capture the north end of OVERKAMP. On the left 2 A&SH had experienced similar difficulties in the initial stages of the attack and were still engaged in clearing the bund towards "B" Coy. At about 1200 hrs the two linked up and the bund was clear. To assist the Bde on to their further objectives a Coy from 7th SEAFORTHS with tank support was ordered to take LOHR 1047 while the remainder of the Bn passed through OVERKAMP to clear up REE 1147 MEHRBRUCH and MEHR 1248. 1600 hrs Bn HQ moved fwd into OVERKAMP at 123470 while "B" Coy joined the other Coys in concentrating nearby 123472. During the evening 9 CAMERONIANS passed through to attack HAFFEN 1149. During this day's action as

Cas: Offrs 3K:4W
 ORs 10K:61W
PW: 180
Reinf: NIL

		was revealed by a captured Bn Order, the Bn broke through the sector held by three Coys of a German Para Regt taking approx 180 PW and causing large numbers of cas. (Effect vouched for by two of the Bns SBs who were for some time attending German cas in a German RAP). The Bn lost 3 Officers and 11 ORs killed, 4 Officers and 61 ORs wounded.	
	25th	Bn remained at rest in OVERKAMP. A burial service was held at 1400 hrs for those killed in the previous day's operation. The Bn was warned in the evening that it might be required to assist 46 Bde or to take over from one of its Bns. 2300 hrs Bn was placed at 1 hrs notice. 2330 hrs. CO attended "O" Group at 46 Bde HQ to discuss take over from 7 SEAFORTHS and 9 CAMS in the area HAFFEN-MEHR. Bn warned to be ready to move at once.	Cas: ORs - 1K : 1W PW: 12 Reinf: NIL
	26th	0030 hrs Bn "O" Group. Bn ordered to take over from 7 Seaforths and 9 Cams to release them for operation on following day. Take over to be carried out as follows:- "A" Coy to take over from Coy 9 Cams area BRUCKSHOF 1249 : "B" Coy to take over from Coy 9 Cams area WISSHOF 1250 : "C" Coy to take over from Coy 9 Cams at STOPPENDAHL 1249 and Coy 7 Seaforths at AVERFORTH 1249. "D" Coy to take over from Coy 7 Seaforths in area 134494. Bn HQ est at 119491. Take over completed by 0400 hrs. Coy doubled up in posns with outgoing units. 1445 hrs "C" Coy attacked the moated house at BELLINGHOVEN 1350 but found it clear of enemy. Bn HQ moved up to AVERFORTH 1249.	Cas: NIL PW: 7 Reinf: NIL
	27th	During afternoon Bn was ordered to take over whole of Bde front by relieving 2 Gordons with one Coy in area 108510. Posns reorganised as follows:- "B" Coy to take over from 2 Gordons in area mentioned: "D" Coy to take over posn vacated by "B" Coy: "A" Coy to push out to area 127509 (already patrolled during day) this change over was completed by last light. 1900 hrs 2 Sqns Recce Regt arrived to take over from operational commitment of Bn in existing Coy posns to enable Bn to rest in preparation for an op to be carried out the following day. 2100 hrs. CO attended Bde "O" Group. Orders given for a Bde attack on wood 1352. 46 Bde at present holding up to SE corner of this wood against stiff opposition. Attack to be made with HLI right-Gordons left in bounds dependent on advance of 46 Bde through wood on right 1452. (See Appendix E23). Troops allotted in support:- Each Bn to have 1 tp CROCS, 1 tp 17 pr SP, 1 Pl MMGs. Arty fire plan to incl "softening-up" all through night followed by groups of concs immed prior to attack. (See Appendix E24). Enfilade small arms fire to be given from flank by Recce Regt. Limit of advance to be determined by progress of 46 Bde on flank. If this was slow Bns were to halt on reaching eastern edge of wood and dig	Cas: NIL PW: 7 Reinf: NIL

		in for night. 2200 hrs Warning Order for following day issued to Coys.	
	28th	0900 hrs CO and IO carried out recce of FUP and SL area 146517, while Bn moved up to conc area 144497. 1030 hrs. Bn "O" Group. CO gave details for attack. Initial advance to be made as far as edge of wood with "A" Coy right-"D" Coy left "C" Coy mopping up and "B" in reserve. Troops of Crocs to be in close support of leading Coys and 2 Wasps to be under comd "C" Coy. Assault to be made frontally, closely following arty concs with support of enfilade fire from MMG Pl and Recce Regt and close support of crocs. From the mornings recce little enemy activity had been apparent and it was not expected that enemy opposition would be strong. 1200 hrs Bn moved up to FUP area 145513 while Coy Comdrs carried out recce from SL. 1415 hrs Attack began. 1435. Coys reached eastern edge of wood without opposition and were ordered to carry on to final objectives. 1610 - Final objectives reached without opposition although advance of 2 Gordons on left delayed by mines. Bn HQ est at 137521.	Cas: NIL PW: 1 Reinf: 1 and 10
	29th	As a Bde of 3 Div had cleared HALDERN 1253 and remaining ground ahead of Bde advance, Bde op role was ended. Bns were told to move fwd into suitable accm where personnel could rest. Bn est in following areas:- "A" Coy 131551: "B" Coy 130538 : "C" Coy 128535 : "D" Coy 138542 : "Sp" 130533 : Bn HQ 134536.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	30th	Bn at rest.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: NIL
	31st	Bn at rest. Messages of Congratulation received from Army and Corps Cmdrs. (See Appendix J3)	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf: 4 Offrs and 70 ORs.
<p>F.B.B. Noble Lt. Col. Major Comdg 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt.)</p>			

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Commanding Officer Lt.Col. RA Bramwell-Davis

Month and Year MARCH 1945.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			<u>Administrative War Diary</u>	
Field	24th		<p>162941 WS/Lt LJJ Picken DLI) Killed in action on the 24th of March 276868 WS/Lt JA Kerr HLI) 45. Buried in Bn cemetery ref. Sheet 285564 WS/Lt D McVean HLI) GS GS 4414 No 4204, Map ref. 119466.</p> <p>67193 T/Major IH Murray HLI) Wounded in action on the 24th of 138555 WS/Capt AF Reddick HLI) March 45. 315725 WS/Lt GG Hutchison H.L.I.) Evacuated through CCP. 330186 WS/Lt NB Hubbard Essex)</p> <p>326363 WS/Lt M Timmons HLI took over duties of Signal Officer wef 23rd March 45.</p> <p>304166 WS/Lt GG Adey Royal Signals posted to 3rd Br, Div Signals wef 24th March 45 and SOS this unit.</p>	<p><u>Authy:</u> SA/160/A/101 Dated 23rd of March 45.</p>
Field	26th		<p>138556 T/Capt AN Scott HLI to be A/Major wef 25th of March 45 289894 WS/Lt JD Robinson HLI to be A/Capt wef 9th of Feb 45. Cdn/223 WS/Lt IF McMillan HLI Can to be A/Capt wef 25th of March 45.</p> <p>324306 WS/Lt JC Coates DLI posted to WE of 10th HLI from 32 RHU and TOS this unit wef 22nd March 45.</p>	<p><u>Authy:</u> 2E 21/2025/4 (ORG) 5th Nov 44.</p>
Field	30th		<p>203126 WS/Lt SJ Burrows N Staffs) 271204 WS/Lt F Hollands RWK) Posted to We of 10th HLI from 33 335350 WS/Lt TC Nolan Lincs) RHU and TOS this unit wef 30th 335325 WS/Lt SL Hooker RF) March 45</p> <p>B.L.A. F.B.B. Noble Major Lt. Col. April 45 Comd 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regt.)</p>	<p><u>Authy:</u> 33 RHU 3012 A Per 180 dated 26th March 45</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1st		Bn at rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	2nd		Bn at rest and re-organisation.	Cas: NIL PW: NIL Reinf:
	3rd		1030 hrs-Warning Order for probable move to conc area BOCHOLT issued. 1100 hrs-Bn now to proceed to conc area IBBUREN V9808. CO and recce parties to RV at HEEK A5790. 1600 hrs- CO met Div Comdr at HEEK A5790 and was informed of change of plan. Div now to be under Comd 8 Corps. Bns to conc on arrival next day area GREVEN A9188.	Cas: NIL PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	4th		1030 hrs-CO contacted Bn recce parties in new Bn area EMSDETTEN A8697. 1050 hrs-Bn left embussed to new conc area by route:-HALDERN : HAMMINKELN: BOCHOLT : STADTLOHN : AHAUS : METELEN : BURGSTEINFURT : EMSDETTEN. 1500 hrs Bde Comdr visited CO and issued Warning Orders for next day. Bde to clear wooded area between TECKLENBURG - LENGERICH to LOTTE - HASBERGEN. 1800 hrs- Bn arrived in EMSDETTEN and occupied billets. 2100 hrs-CO attended Bde "O" Gp. 15 Div to be under comd 8 Corps to exploit their success. Div to take the lead when bridgeheads over river WESER had been secured by 11th Armd and 6th Airborne Divs. General axis of Advance- MINDEN : CELLE : UELZEN. Preliminary task to clear wooded area this side of OSNABRUCK. 227 Bde to clear area already stated with right 2 GORDONS - left 10 HLI. 2215 hrs.- Bn "O" Group-Operation outlined above to be carried out with 3 Coys fwd: Right "B" -Centre "D" - Left "C", each Coy to have under Comd 1 sec Carriers-1 Wasp and 3 Carriers (from Mortar and A Tk Pls) to enable 1 Pl to be lifted. Advance to be made by bounds (See Appendix J.1.) Recce parties to move ahead of Bn by separate route to recce harbour area west of OSNABRUCK. Tpt to move separately under Bde Control.	
	5th		0730 hrs-Bn moved off embussed on approach march through SAERBECK A9397 - rd junc V9704-TECKLENBURG W0502. 0930 hrs- Bn crossed SL	Cas: Nil PW: Nil

		and debussed to commence wood clearing. Apart from congestion on rds progress was satisfactory and no enemy were found. A few small dumps of enemy stores were discovered. 1800 hrs- Coys reached the final bound and marched into billets on the western outskirts of OSNABRUCK. Bn HQ est at 181077.	Reinf: Nil
	6th	0700 hrs-Recce parties left for new conc area. 1130 hrs- CO attended Bde "O" Group. Div to conc as soon as possible this side of river WESER in area LAVELSLOHE W6825 - BOHNHORST W7326. TCVs allotted to each Bn but had not yet arrived. 1800 hrs-Bn HQ tpt and "S" Coy vehs moved to new area by Route:- OSNABRUCK - BOHMTE 3919 - BUTENHOLM 4821 - RAHDEN 5926 - LAVELSLOHE - WARMSSEN. Bn coln arrived 2200 hrs and Bn HQ was est at 759294.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	7th	1200 hrs Remainder of Bn less "B" and "C" Coys left in available TCVs and arrived WARMSSEN 1630 hrs.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	8th	0800 hrs-"B" and "C" Coys left for WARMSSEN arriving at 1200 hrs.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	9th	Bn in conc area WARMSSEN. Warning Order to move fwd to area WUNSTORF issued. (See Appx D.1. & E.1.)	Cas: PW: Reinf:
	10th	1430 hrs- Bn moved embussed to WUNSTORF by route:- PETERSHAGEN 8420 - MUNCHEHAGEN 9828 - SACHSENHAGEN 0423 - WUNSTORF, arriving at 1800 hrs. 2000 hrs CO attended Bde "O" Group. 15 (S) Div to take over lead from 11 Armd Div and advance on axis CELLE - UELZEN - DOMITZ. Bde to advance next day through Div Recce in area 4342 and capture CELLE. 46 Bde to advance at same time and on our right flank. 3 SCOTS GDS tks to be in support of Bde Group. Advance to be made embussed in TCVs and on tks. 2 GORDONS to lead Bde coln followed by 10 HLI. Advance to proceed with all possible speed by day and by night to capture CELLE and secure crossings over river ALLER. 2130 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn task in next day's advance to assist 2 GORDONS in taking CELLE and to form bridgehead over river ALLER. RF Sqn 3SG to be in support of Bn for this Op. Bn Order of March:- "A" Coy on tks plus 1 tp SP ATk guns plus Sec Carrier Pl, plus 1 Wasp, plus Sec Mortar Pl. -Adv Bn HQ - "C" Coy - "B" Coy - "S" Coy with Pl MMGs - 2 Pls 4.2" Mortars - Tp 289 A Tk Bty RA - Pl RES with Bulldozer: Rear Bn HQ - "D" Coy - RAP.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	11th	0800 hrs-Bn coln moved off and followed 2 GORDONS in slow advance until outskirts of CELLE were reached at 1900 hrs. Warning Order issued for Bn attack on CELLE at 2400 hrs. Bn harboured beside rd for hot meal. 2215 hrs- Bn "O" Group. 2 GORDONS to secure bridgehead over canal at 553480, Bn then to pass through at 0100 and secure bridgehead over river ALLER in area of rly bridge. Bridge believed blown but not defended. Method:- "A" Coy to	

		<p>approach as near as possible to river on tanks and try to cross by rly bridge, failing this by assault boats (carried with Coy on Sec Carriers) ; "C" Coy to cross by asslt boats 400 yds left of "A" Coy.: "B" Coy to be prepared to deal with poss enemy gun site 5767494 and form left flank protection of bridgehead. : "D" Coy to clear houses on this side of bridgehead and form firm base. H-Hour not before 0100 dependent on 2 GORDONS securing necessary crossing over canal.</p>	<p>Cas: Nil PW: 14 Reinf: Nil</p> <p>Appx J.2.</p>
	12th	<p>0315 hrs-Bn passed through 2 GORDONS. 0530 hrs- Leading Coys crossed river without opposition and as "B" Coy were not committed they were ordered to follow up. 0640 hrs-"A", "B" and "C" Coys were est in brhead 1 mile deep on far bank. Bn HQ was est at 572496. During morning "D" Coy moved across river to join other coys. Bn HQ and Bn tpt left at 1500 hrs to rejoin Bn by means of intact bridge at 621483. Bn all conc on far side by 1930 hrs. and moved for night to GR. HEHLEN 5753. 2100 hrs- CO attended Bde "O" Group to receive details of plan for next day. Adv to be cont to UELZEN with 10 HLI at head of Bde Group. 2245 hrs Bn "O" Group- Bn to adv next day at head of Bde Gp to capture UELZEN, sptd by Sqn 3 SG tks ; Bty 319 Fd Bty RA ; with under Comd Pl RE and bulldozer. Order of March:- "D" Coy on tks : Tp SP A Tk : Sec Carriers : 1 Wasp : Sec Mortar Pl : "B" Coy on tks : Adv Bn HQ : "C" Coy in TCVs : "S" Coy and Supporting Arms : "A" Coy : Tp RA on wheels : Rear Bn HQ : RAP. Advance to be carried out with all speed and thick woods on each side of rd not to be cleared unless essential. Sqn of Recce Regt to operate ahead of Bn.</p>	<p>Cas: Nil PW: 42 Reinf: 1 Offr</p>
	13th	<p>0800 hrs Bn Coln moved off. 0900 hrs - Coln held up by crater at 667604. 1040 hrs-Recce Sqn found diversion and entered ESCHEDÉ without opposition. 1100 hrs-Bn followed up on diversion. 1200 hrs-Bn again held up by crater 707645 and slight enemy opposition dealt with by "D" Coy and tks. Diversion made and advance cont. 1320 hrs-Held up by further crater at 747670 covered by SP gun, Pl of "D" Coy deployed to stalk this gun which made off under cover of smoke. Tk bridge laid over crater and adv of coln cont at 1500 hrs. 1530 hrs-Small party of enemy attacked flanks of coln but were soon mopped up. 1630 hrs- Coln halted by very large crater and delayed action bombs at 770685 and covered also by 2 enemy guns. RE work being impossible a detour was made by tracks through the wood to by-pass the crater and cut off the enemy def it. 1900 hrs-Coln reached lateral rd at 780707 and leading Coys with tks cleared village of WEYHAUSEN on main axis. 2100 hrs-Bn withdrew into "Laager" area at 780707. Bde Comdr decided that the coln should</p>	<p>Cas: Nil PW: 40 Reinf: Nil</p> <p>Appx J.3.</p>

		cont its advance at midnight by cross-country route to UELZEN to avoid the many delays which would probably be caused by demolitions on the main axis. The Bn was given 3 hrs for rest and food.	Cas: Nil
	14th	<p>0015 hrs- CO gave out orders for continuing the adv. Fmn of coln to be as before. "C" Coy followed by "B" Coy to ride on tks followed by HQ and "A" Coys in TCVs. "D" Coy to remain in posn on far side of crater on main axis. Route:- By most direct side rds through HOSSERINGEN - SUDERBURG - HOLDENSTEDT - UELZEN. 0130 hrs- Coln moved off and made good progress with no opposition. A few enemy were overrun in the villages but the speed of our adv was unexpected. About 0430 hrs the coln passed through HOLDENSTEDT and began the final adv on UELZEN. On reaching the area 8886 the leading tks ran into an enemy coln coming towards them. Numerous flak sites on the open grd nearby sent up Verey lights and a General alarm was soon given. An enemy amn truck which had been set on fire trapped one of our leading tks in its flames and blocked the rd for a further adv. The enemy who had now been thoroughly roused began to come into action on either flank. In view of this and the fact that it was almost daylight the CO ordered Coys to hold objectives around the rd-rlly crossing at 888868. "C" Coy attempting to adv to a posn on the road junc 892876 met an enemy counter attack coming in from their right front and pulled back to a firm posn at 890870. Meanwhile a number of enemy supported by SP 4 Barrelled 20mm AA guns, infiltrated from the woods to the east and cut the main rd where "S" Coy and part of Rear Bn HQ were halted putting out of action a number of vehs and taking 16 prisoners from "S" Coy. This party then manned further 20mm AA guns on the west of the rd and set on fire some of the TCVs in the Bn coln. Prompt action was taken by the Tp of 319 Fd Bty RA which had deployed beside the rd and fire was directed against the enemy over open sights, causing the enemy finally to withdraw. At 0715 hrs, "A" Coy supported by arty fire attacked enemy in a small wooded feature at 882872, which had been giving trouble. Over 70 PW were taken bringing the total to over 200 for the night's operation. The PW were found to belong to a new unit which had just arrived from DENMARK and was in process in occupying posns for a strong def of UELZEN. Between 0800 and 0930 hrs considerable parties of enemy cont to infiltrate into our posns particularly from the woods immediately to the east. During this time the Bn was cut off from the rest of the coln and engaged groups of enemy from all sides. One SP 20 mm which remained in action cont to give serious trouble by fire at very close quarters. At 0930 hrs the Bde Comdr sent fwd</p>	<p>Cas: 7 ORs Killed 1 Off & 57 ORs wounded PW: 214 Reinf: Nil</p>

		<p>an additional Sqn of tks to reopen the main axis to the Bn while at the same time the 2 A&SH began to move fwd along our right flank to clear the enemy from the woods 8985 and 8986. By 1030 hrs the situation had eased except that "A" Coy in a rather isolated posn were being subjected to rather heavy mortar and MG fire. "D" Coy who had rejoined the Bn at this time were sent to assist them by taking up a supporting posn on their left flank. Since it was now appreciated that the enemy was holding UELZEN in strength the Bn consolidated and re-organised in its existing area while a Bde attack on UELZEN was prepared, to take place overnight. There was intermittent shelling of our posns during the remainder of the day. 2030 hrs- CO gave orders to the Coy Comdrs for the night attack. The Bn to capture the village of VEERSEN while 2 GORDONS passed through to enter UELZEN. Bn attack was to be made at 0030 hrs with "B" and "D" Coys fwd on tks and "A" and "C" Coys following to mop up. Arty fire plan to be put down before the advance.</p>	
	15th	<p>0030 hrs- Leading Coys moved off with tks. Strong opposition was met in the village but "D" and "C" Coys on the left succeeded in reaching their objectives at 8898883 and 887881 respectively. "B" and "A" Coys on the right had more trouble in dealing with enemy in houses and the tks were unable to penetrate more than 100 yds into the village owing to the narrow streets and presence of numerous "Panzerfaust" squads. At 0500 hrs all Coys were engaged in heavy fighting inside the village. "D" Coy had been counter attacked by an enemy force incl SP guns which fired into their posns at close range and made them untenable. "C" Coy in its firm posn at 887881 now became fwd Coy on the left. "A" and "B" Coys in their areas now began house clearing against heavy opposition which was now found to consist of 6 SP guns closely supported by infantry escorts of 6 to 10 men with Panzerfaust and automatics while snipers and MGs were sighted in houses covering every approach. Close quarter fighting cont all morning and in the course of it the CO was wounded. By mid-day it was decided that "A" and "B" Coys would continue their house clearing until the Bn was est on the line of the east-west rd running through the centre of the village. When this was finally achieved in the afternoon, there was still unlocated snipers in the area and the fwd posns were dominated by SP guns at ranges even of less than 50 yds. Numerous attempts which were made to stalk these resulted in one being put out of action, but the infantry escorts surrounding them made approach very difficult. As a result of the resistance on our objective and equally strong opposition on the main rd, 2 GORDONS on our right</p>	<p>Cas: 1 Offr & 17 ORs wounded PW: 23 Reinf: Nil</p>

		had been unable to advance any further than we had. It was decided therefore that 46 Bde should attack the town, while 44 Bde cleared that part of the town east of the river in 9089. 46 Bde would take over existing posns of 227 Bde during the night. During the hours of darkness 9 Cams relieved the Bn.	
	16th	0100 hrs-Hand over to 9 Cams began. 0600 hrs-Relief completed and Bn returned to rest in area HOLDENSTEDT.	Cas: 1 Offr and 27 ORs wounded PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	17th	Bn rest and re-organising. 1800 hrs-CO attended Bde "O" Group. Orders given for task to be carried out in connection with the capture of UELZEN and subsequent advance to the ELBE. 227 Bde to be prepared to assist in clearing UELZEN and then to occupy area 3 miles to the north. 2100 hrs- Bn "O" Group. CO passed on probable future intentions and gave order of march for the move.	Cas: 12 ORs Missing PW: Nil Reinf: 3 Offrs
	18th	Bde Comdr brought change of plan during morning, UELZEN had now been by-passed by 11 Armd Div and the eastern portion of it captured by 44 Bde. 227 Bde would advance through UELZEN when it was finally cleared and advance to area BEVENSEN 9002, BARUM 8698, VINSTEDT 8497 ; 1330 hrs CO attended Bde O Group. In view of 11 Armd Divs breakthrough to LUNEBURG advance of 227 Bde now to be extended to area WENTHAUSEN 8921 : HOLZEN 9020 : REINSTORF 9819. Time of move dependent on time taken by 46 Bde to clear UELZEN. Advance later to be cont by whole Div to the ELBE and an immediate crossing made if opposition was light. 2000 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn Order of March given:- "C", "D", and "B" Coys on tks of Sqn 3 SG : Tac HQ : "S" Coy : Rear HQ : and "A" Coy to travel with Bde HQ as local protection.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	19th	0745 hrs-Bn coln began adv as Rear Bn of Bde Gp. 1000 hrs- Bn halted in area WULFSTORF 8613. 1115 hrs-Orders received for adv to be cont to area SCHARNEBECK 8525 with a view to the Bde Group closing up to the river ELBE by night. 1600 hrs- Bn in posn in SCHARNEBECK with Pl guarding canal crossing at 848272. 2000 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn to move fwd during night in conjunction with the rest of Bde to close up to river ELBE. Immediate objective of Bn LUEDERHAUSEN 8131, from which point adv was to be cont to ARTLENBURG if rd was passable to tpt. Patrols to be made along river bank to gain infm for RE purposes. Bridges at 803285 and 813318 blown and now being repaired. Vehicles would probably not be able to proceed over 2nd br until next day. Advance to be made by march route without tanks or vehs in order "A" : "C" : "D" : "B" starting at 2200 hrs. Rear HQ and Tpt to be called fwd later.	Appx J.4. Cas: 4 ORs Killed 2 ORs Missing

	20th	<p>0005 hrs- Bn reached LUEDERSHAUSEN where br was still being built, infm received from Coy of 1st CHESHIREs in this location that ARTLENBURG was occupied by at least 1 Pl of enemy. 0100 hrs- Bn "O" Group. As Bde Comdr did not wish night attack to be made on ARTLENBURG, Bn would occupy posns at LUEDERSHAUSEN with "C" Coy fwd at MARIENTHAL 8233 as firm base for patrols. Each Coy to send Offr Recce Patrol to a selected area of the river bank to make a report on suitability of bank for storm boats or LVTs. 0230 hrs- "C" Coy est in posn and patrols began. 0600 hrs- All patrols returned and reported that they were unable to carry out full recce on account of enemy posns. Enemy were reported at southern, eastern and western approaches to ARTLENBURG. Also at AVENDORF 8135 and at points on river bank between these places. 0930 hrs- Enemy carried out recce of "C" Coy posns which was beaten off with cas. During the day REs attempted to build bridge over crater 823326 but were prevented from doing so by enemy SP guns dominating the ground from the far bank of the river. 1700 hrs- Bn "O" Group. Bn to capture ARTLENBURG by night exploiting to AVENDORF. 2 A&SH on right and 2 GORDONS on left would be closing on river at same time. Attack to be supported by arty fire plan and "pepper pot" of MMGs, 4.2" Mortars and tks. Attack on ARTLENBURG to be made from FAA in "C" Coy area by "B" Coy right-"D" Coy left. "A" Coy to pass through after capture and attack AVENDORF. Tac HQ to be est in "C" Coy area.</p>	<p>Cas: 2 ORs wounded PW: 4 Reinf: Nil</p> <p>Appx E.2.</p>
	21st	<p>0100 hrs- Attack started. Heavy opposition was encountered at approaches to ARTLENBURG, particularly on "D" Coy front. This was rapidly overcome and many PW were taken. 0400 hrs-"A" Coy and Tac HQ moved to southern end of ARTLENBURG. 0415 hrs-"B" and "D" Coys on final objectives after roughly searching the town. 0500 hrs-"A" Coy commenced attack on AVENDORF with arty support but found it unoccupied and were able to consolidate by 0600 hrs. "B" and "D" Coys at first light carried out a more systematic search of their areas in ARTLENBURG. Bn now warned that an immediate crossing of the river would not be made and that the Bde would remain in its posns for a week or 10 days during which time OPs and listening posts would be manned to gain infm about enemy posns, etc., on far bank. "D" Coy was withdrawn to LUEDERSHAUSEN, leaving "B" Coy to occupy ARTLENBURG.</p>	<p>Cas: 2 ORs Wounded PW: 184 Reinf: Nil Appx J.5.</p> <p>Appx D.2.</p>
	22nd	<p>Bn OPs est by Int Sec and Snipers in ARTLENBURG and by "A" Coy in AVENDORF. During the following days considerable enemy movt was observed especially in area of ferry 838351 and a number of posns were pinpointed.</p>	<p>Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p>

	23rd		Bn contd its task of holding river and observing enemy. Outline plan received for future crossing of ELBE.	Cas: NIL PW: Nil Reinf: 1 OR Appx E3 & E5
	24th		By night "C" and D Coys relieve "A" and "B" Coys respectively in fwd posns at ARTLENBURG and AVENDORF.	Cas: Nil PW: 2 Reinf: Nil Appx D.3.
	25th		Bn remained in same posns with same tasks.	Cas: Nil PW: 4 Reinf: Nil
	26th		1000 hrs- CO attended Bde "O" Group. Operation of crossing ELBE (Op ENTERPRISE) would be carried out by 44 Bde. In view of recent advances made by the Russian forces timing would now be brought fwd to night 28/29 April. 227 Bde to be prepared to cross at first light 29th into brhead made by 44 Bde and extend it to west and north west. (See Appendix E6). 1100 hrs-All Coy Comdrs attended briefing on Op "ENTERPRISE" by Bde Comdr.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	27th		Details of Bn crossing of ELBE and subsequent advance issued.	Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil Appx E6 & E7 & H1
	28th		Admin instrs concerning passage of vehs of Bn over ELBE issued. (See App G2) and vehs assembled in Waiting Area.	Cas: 3 ORs missing PW: Nil Reinf: Nil
	29th		0400 hrs. "A" and "B" Coys plus Tac HQ moved fwd to assembly area in ARTLENBURG. 0600 hrs- Bn Recce Parties crossed to layout FAA in 44 Bde br head area 841359. 0730 hrs-"C" Coy crossed by stormboat and remaining Coys began to cross by LVT ferry. Enemy shelling of crossing place continued throughout this operation. 0845 hrs- All Coys and Tac HQ assembled in FAA 1100 hrs. Bn moved fwd in Order:- "D" : "C" : "A" : "B". Opposition was slight coming chiefly from RAD troops. 1240 hrs-"C" and "D" reached intermediate objectives in wood. 1350 hrs-"A" and "B" Coys est on final objectives 823383 and 821387. 1545 hrs- "C" and "D" Coys on final objectives at 810389 and 810384. Tac HQ est in "A" Coy area. After final mopping up had been done a total of 72 PW had been taken. 1830 hrs- Bn "O" Group. 2 GORDONS now on objective TESPERSHUDE 7937 and 2 A&SH to be on objective GRUNHOF 7938 by 2200 hrs. Bn to adv to 2nd objective area 790409 to 800410 during night. Probable time of start being 0200 hrs. Stages of advance "D" Coy to take over area 795397 from 2 A&SH: "C" Coy to pass through and take HASENTHAL 7940 : "A" Coy to pass through "C" and take RAPPEN-B 7941 : "B" Coy at same time to pass through and occupy wood 795407. Arty programme to be put down on these objectives as Coys adv through "D" Coy posns.	Cas: 2 Wounded PW: 72 Reinf: 102 ORs Appx J.6.
	30th		Owing to difficulty with commns H-Hour was postponed to 0245 and roles of "A" and "C" Coys reversed. 0400 hrs All Coys had reached	

		<p>objectives without opposition although some shelling was encountered. A number of PW was taken. HQ est 796397 in "D" Coy area where Russian slave labour camp had been liberated. Some sniping and mortaring cont between "A" and "C" Coy areas as enemy still occupy wood 783413. 1130 hrs- Bn moved to WIERSHOP 8041 to take over from Recce. 2030 hrs - Bn "O" Group. 15 Div to cont to expand its brhead and 227 Bde would move fwd next day to line KRUMMEL 7838 - HAMWARDE 7843 - BRUNSTORF 7847. 2 A&SH to move next day to BRUNSTORF. 2 GORDONS now moving to HAMWARDE. 10 HLI to move next day to WORTH 7744. WORTH reported clear by Recce but enemy to north and NW. Advance to be made at 0600 hrs through 2 GORDONS supported by 2 Tps COLDM GDS tks. Bn to be divided for move into (a) mobile and (b) Marching colns. Mobile coln to be led by Carrier Pl followed by "C" Coy on tks and Tac HQ with supporting arms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">F.B.B. Noble Major Comd 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry</p>	<p>Cas: Nil PW:89 Reinf: 1 OR</p>
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			ADMINISTRATION	
	12th		102028 WS/Lt D.S.S. MARR wounded in action.	
	14th		129008 T/Capt R.T. JOHNSTON wounded in action. 333116 WS/Lt R.H. SHORT missing in action. CDN/520 WS/Lt R.J. JACKSON (HLI of Canada) posted to WE of 10 HLI from 34 RHU and TOS of this unit w.e.f. 14th April. 143409 T/Capt R.C. STRUTHERS) 333143 WS/Lt A HEALEY) Mentioned in Despatches (Awarded whilst serving as Sgt)	
	15th		33622 T/Lt.Col. R.A. BRAMWELL-DAVIS Wounded in Action Major F.B.B. Noble OBE assumes Comd of Bn w.e.f. 15th April. 308288 WS/Lt C.G. BINTCLIFFE (Suffolks)) Posted to WE of 10 HLI 327367 WS/Lt H.W. SIMPSON (Kings)) from 34 RHU and TOS of 292494 WS/Lt J. WEST (Yorks and Lancs)) this unit w.e.f. 15th April 45	
	25th		336633 WS/Lt D.D. FARMER to be A/Capt w.e.f. 25th April 45 284750 T/Capt D.H. St CROIX (RWK) posted to WE of 10 HLI from 34 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 25th April 45	
	26th		210803 WS/Lt J.A. DICKENSON posted to WE 10 HLI and TOS this unit w.e.f. 26th April 151833 T/Capt D.R. BAYLISS posted to WE 10 HLI from 33 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 26th April 45.	

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	1st		<p>Recce found to be in occupation of WORTH and Bn occupied posns by 0900 hrs around the village. 1130 hrs-Bde Major visited CO and informed him that on 2 A&SH front surrender of GEESTHACHT was being negotiated and that a truce was in force until 1700 hrs. 2 A&SH and a Bn of 53 Div would then occupy GEESTHACHT. 10 HLI would patrol at 1700 hrs to HOHENHORN and occupy if no opposition was met. 1530 hrs-Bn "O" Group. CO gave orders for "B" and "C" Coys to send fwd patrols at 1700 hrs on both rds leading to HOHENHORN. Patrols would send back word as to whether enemy occupied village or not. If there was no opposition Bn would move fwd at 1800 hrs on both routes to occupy HOHENHORN less "C" Coy who would remain in WORTH until relieved by a Coy of 2 GORDONS. If HOHENHORN was occupied Bn attack would be staged for next day. 1730 hrs- Patrols reported enemy in occupation of HOHENHORN with apparently arty or Mortar support from the north. On orders of Bde no attack was to be made on the village before next day. 2000 hrs-CO attended Bde "O" Group. Div would move fwd next day on three Bde front (Right 44 Bde : Centre 46 Bde : Left 227 Bde) to clear Forest of SACHSENWALD 7552, after handing over GEESTHACHT sector to 53 Div. 227 Bde to advance to area immediately to east of BERGEDORF with Right HLI followed by 2 GORDONS and left 2 A&SH. Objectives Right HLI-to take HOHENHORN 7545 adv quickly through wood 7345 and take KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDORF 7146 exploiting to wood 7467 and continuing if unopposed to NEU-BORNSSEN 6946; 2 GORDONS to follow up and give assistance on flanks if required. Left 2 A&SH - to take ESCHEBURG 7144 and BORNSSEN 6945. Each leading Bn to be supported by Half Sqn 4 COLDM GDS tks. 2245 hrs-Bn "O" Group. CO gave out orders for next days operation. Phase 1-Attack on HOHENHORN. Attack to be made on 2 axes with "B" Coy and tp COLDM GDS tks on right and "C" Coy plus tp COLDM GDS tks on left. H-Hour 0800. Attack to be supported by Fd and Med arty concs on HOHENHORN and area to the North of it. Mortar Pl to smoke poss enemy gun to the North of HOHENHORN. Inf to move</p>	<p>Cas: Nil PW: Nil Reinf: Nil</p> <p>Cas:- NIL PW:- NIL Reinf: 9 ORs</p>

		<p>deployed on either side of tks. Phase 2-Subsequent Advance: After capture of HOHENHORN by "B" and "C" Coys, "D" and "A" Coys would pass through and continue advance preceded by 2 tps of the Recce Regt. Order of March- 2 tps of Recce Regt: "D" Coy on Tks: "A" Coy: "B" Coy : Tac HQ : "C" Coy : "S" Coy : Pl REs : MMG Pl : Rear HQ. "D" and "A" Coys to deploy right and left of rd respectively on reaching wood and search to a depth of 200 yds while "B" Coy escorted tks. On reaching far edge of wood Recce to take over lead.</p>	
	2nd	<p>0800 hrs- "B" and "C" Coys began adv and met Small Arms opposition and 20mm AA gun on the outskirts of the village. Coys and tks deployed and attacked these posns. Approx 40 PW were taken from a unit of Marines. 1045 hrs-HOHENHORN reported clear and Recce passed through followed by "D" and "A" Coys. 1230 hrs-Recce report slight opposition at edge of wood 7345. "A" and "D" Coys supported by tanks soon overcame this opposition and took a large number of PW. 1400 hrs-Leading Coys reached far edge of wood and halted while Recce took over adv. Slight enemy opposition was encountered but "A" and "D" Coys were able to adv and enter KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDORF taking more PW. At exit from village tks were delayed by AA gun at 712468 which was covering the rd. By 1540 hrs this had been eliminated by tk and arty fire and the Bn was firmly est in the village. 1630 hrs- "A" and "D" Coys cont on main axis towards NEU-BORNSSEN while "B" Coy plus tp of tks gave flank protection by advancing on parallel side rd to south. 1715 hrs-"A" and "D" Coys held up by AA Gun half a mile beyond village. Tks and infantry were deployed to deal with this gun. 1740 hrs-"B" Coy reached 704463 against some opposition and began clearing houses in this area. By 1800 hrs "A" and "D" Coys had been able to adv to just short of X-rds 700465 but were held up here by enemy snipers and Bazooka parties. Enemy snipers also became very active in "B" Coy area and on the flanks of "A" and "D" Coys, making movt very difficult. CO asked Bde Comdr whether 2 GORDONS could assist by clearing wood on our right flank. This became unnecessary however as at 2015 hrs opposition slackened and Coys were able to adv to their final objectives. 2100 hrs-"A" and "D" Coys were est in tight perimeter around Tac HQ and tks in NEU-BORNSSEN 694467 with "B" Coy at X-rds 700465. Rear HQ remained in KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDORF along with "S" Coy. CO was told that from First Light tomorrow a truce would be in force in the Bde area to allow negotiations to proceed with a member of the Staff of the German Army Group North. CO would be prepared to meet and receive any such rep at our FDLs at 0700 hrs on 3rd May.</p>	<p>Cas:- 3 ORs Killed 1 Offr 10 ORs Wounded P.W.:- 162</p>

	3rd		News was received that truce would continue as negotiations were going on at a high level for the surrender of the German armies in NW Germany and DENMARK. Meanwhile the Bde would be relieved by a Bde of 53 Div who were to occupy HAMBURG. 0915 hrs- CO of a Bn of SWB arrived to work out details of relief of the Bn. Relief to commence 1130 hrs and be completed by 1300 hrs. 1200 hrs- Bn "O" Group. It was made known that BERGEDORF and HAMBURG had surrendered and that large scale negotiations for complete surrender were in progress. 15 Div would conc for next 48 hrs in area North of SACHSENWALD. 227 Bde to move in afternoon to area WITZHAVE 7255-ROTHENBEK 7556. Route:- KROPPELSHAGEN-FAHRENDHORF-FRIEDRICHSRUH - ROTHENBEK. Method of Movt-"D" and "A" Coys carried on tks: "B" Coy carried on 20 Carriers of "S" Coy : "C" Coy carried on rest of "S" Coy and A Ech vehs. 1500 hrs Bn coln moved off. 1800 hrs-Bn arrived in Billets in WITZHAVE. Bn HQ est at 724557. 2130 hrs-Orders issued for Bn to proceed next day to Bde area at AHRENSBURG 6567. Move to be made by March route. Tpt to move independently at 1000 hrs preceded by Recce parties.	Cas:- NIL PW: 72 Reinf: Nil
	4th		0900 hrs- Marching Coln left for AHRENSBURG. 1500 hrs-Bn arrived in billets in AHRENSBURG. Bn HQ est at 660678.	
	5th		0800 hrs-Hostilities ceased and surrender of all German troops in NW Germany and DENMARK became effective.	
	6th		1100 Bn attended Bde Group Church Service (See Appendix G1). 1815 hrs-CO held Conference attended by Coy Cmdrs, Adjt,. I.O., and Q.M. The following points were given out:- (a) <u>Immediate Future</u> -Surrender of numerous enemy fmns north and NW of HAMBURG still to be accepted. Small bodies of PW would be evacuated in the normal way. Large bodies would be disarmed and remain static. All displaced persons would be directed to HAMBURG. No other movt of civilians to be allowed. (b) <u>Later Moves</u> -Div would later move, probably to following areas. 44 Bde-KIEL : 46 Bde-CUXHAVEN : 227 Bde-LUBECK (2 A&SH-TRAVEMUNDE) (c) <u>Long Term Policy</u> -Bn will probably be in LUBECK for three months. Drive to be made on turnout, drill and discipline. Numerous Welfare amenities already been started in LUBECK and would be increased later.	Appx G1.
	7th		Final surrender of all German Forces in Europe completed.	
	8th		1600 hrs- CO held Bn parade and March past as rehearsal for the Parade before the Div Comdr next day.	
	9th		1100 hrs- Bn paraded and was inspected by Div Comdr who gave a short address, thanking all ranks for the support they had given	

		him in the many battles since Normandy. After the address the Bn Marched Past.	
	10th	1830 hrs- CO held Conference attended by Coy Comdrs, Adjt., I,O., and Q.M. Warning was given that the Bn would move to LUBECK probably in about 10 days time, taking over from units of 5 Div who were at present occupying the town. Meanwhile the Bn would move on 13th May to an immediate conc area to allow Div HQ to move into AHRENSBURG. A few further details of the reorganisation of the Bn on peacetime lines were discussed. It was decided to disband A2 and B Ech on 11th May and to centralise as much as possible of the Bn tpt in charge of MTO. It was explained that the policy with regard to enemy fmns was to leave them for admin purposes under their own Comd, until they had completed all the clearing up that was required, after which they would be evacuated to selected PW areas.	
	12th	Orders issued for Bn to move next day to area ZARPEN 8389-BADENDORF 8789. Recce parties visited new area during the Day. (See Appendix D1).	Appx D.1.
	13th	0900 hrs-Tracked veh coln left for new location-1000 hrs. Remainder of Bn coln left. 1130 hrs-Bn arrived in new area. Bn HQ est at 834901. 1500 hrs CO and IO attended a Conference at Bde HQ on the disposal of PWX and DPs. Immediate action would be:- (a) To collect all stray German PW. (b) To gather together all Russian PWX and DPs in readiness for their evacuation to the Russian area in the first week in June. Bns were allotted areas in which to carry out these tasks by making detailed searches of these areas and maintaining control posts on main rds. 1730 hrs-CO gave Coy Comdrs instrs for carrying out plan outlined above.	
	14th	Coys began collection of German PW and Russian DPs. 1900 hrs- Lt. Col. RA Bramwell-Davis returned from Hospital and resumed Comd of Bn.	
	15th, 16th and 17th.	Coys continued collection and disposal of German PW and Russian DPs. Recces were made for future accn in LUBECK.	
	18th	Orders issued for Bn to move to LUBECK next day. (See Appendix D2) 1730 hrs-CO held first of a series of weekly Conferences for Coy Comdrs to discuss administrative points. 1830 hrs-Bn Adv Party left for LUBECK. Total figures for the collection of German PW over the 5 previous days was 897.	Appx D2
	19th	0900 hrs-Tracked vehs left for LUBECK. 1000 hrs. Remainder of Bn coln left arriving at 1130 hrs. The Bn took over from 2 NORTHAMPTONS and One Coy of the 2 RSF. Bn HQ est at 956921 with	

		Coys as follows:- "HQ" Coy 957923: "S" Coy 957933: "A" Coy 971878: "B" Coy 006918: "C" Coy 954909: "D" Coy 947903. Coys took over VP guards in their areas. (See Appendix D.2.).	Appx D2 & D3
	20th	Bn Op Instr No. 1 issued, giving details of guards and other commitments in the Bn area. (See Appendix D.3.).	Appx D.3.
	23rd	CO held Conference of Coy Comdrs, Q.M. etc to discuss admin points (See Appendix G2&3).	Appx G2 & 3
	24th	Bde Comdr visited Bn and inspected all Coy areas.	
	25th	On orders from Bde, Bn est Check Points to check all movt of German vehs, and impound all those being used without authority.	
	26th	Check of German vehs continued.	
	28th	Div Comdr visited Bn to inspect general area.	
	29th	"A" Coy moved to accn in area 957914 as a first step towards centralising the Bn in NE part of LUBECK. On orders from Bde, the Bn carried out a check of all RED CROSS personnel in the area, and arrested those illegally wearing RED CROSS insignia. (See Appendix D4). R Bramwell-Davis Lt. Col. Commanding, 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry, (City of Glasgow Regt.)	Appx D.4.

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			ADMINISTRATION	
	3rd		WS/Lt A. HEALEY HLI posted to WE 10 HLI from 33 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 3rd May 45.	
	5th		155494 T/Capt PA SMEETON (HLI) posted to 32 RHU and SOS this unit w.e.f. 26th April 45. Remains attached to this unit. 143409 T/Capt RC STRUTHERS. Awarded French Decoration: Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star.	
	12th		33622 WS/Lt.Col. RA BRAMWELL-DAVIS DSO awarded bar to DSO. 336653 A/Capt DD FARMER awarded The Military Cross. 3328034 L/Sgt SCANLON T. awarded The Military Medal.	
	14th		33622 WS/Lt.Col. RA BRAMWELL-DAVIS DSO posted to WE 10HLI and resumes Command of Bn w.e.f. 14th May 45. 58192 WS/Major FBB NOBLE OBE Appointed CO for period 17th April to 13th May 45 (incl). Granted Temporary Rank of Lt.Col. for period of Appointment.	
	25th		CDN/223 A/Capt IF MACMILLAN (Canloan) posted to 4 CITR, Whitley Camp, Aldershot and SOS this unit w.e.f. 25th May 45. Relinquishes Rank of A/Capt. CDN/515 WS/Lt DH STRUCK MC appointed to A/Capt w.e.f. 25th May 45.	
	31st		315725 WS/Lt GG HUTCHINSON posted to WE 10 HLI from 39 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 27th May 45. CDN/616 WS/Lt SS DREW (Canloan) posted to WE 10 HLI from 38 RHU and TOS this unit w.e.f. 31st May 45.	
			R Bramwell-Davis Lt.Col. Commanding 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry.	