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**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 6 KOSB

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year Jan 45

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROOTH 851091	Mon 1	I  II	There was little activity on either side throughout the day. In the evening the Bn was relieved by 8RS and proceeded to a res Bn area with Bn HQ at ROOTH. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Tue 2	I  II	The day was spent in adm and rest. Preparations were made for the Christmas dinner celebrations which are to be held in the next few days. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Wed 3	I  II	The CO visited Coy Christmas dinners and gave good wishes for the coming year to all concerned. Celebrations were also observed in the Offrs and Sjts Messes. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Thu 4	I  II	The day was spent in adm, baths and entertainments. The CO visited Sp Coy's Christmas Dinner in the evening. A dinner was held in the Offrs Mess at Bn HQ. All Coy Comds attended. Weather fair	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Fri 5	I  II	The day was again spent in adm, baths and entertainments. The Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in SEVENUM at 1600 hrs. Weather fair	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Sat 6	I  II	B & D Coys practised the drills for clearing a minefield, a dummy minefield having been laid in the neighbourhood of Bn HQ. The Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in MAASBREE at 1600 hrs. Weather fair but foggy	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Sun 7	I  II	A & C Coys practised the drill for clearing a minefield. Church Services were held in all Coy areas in the morning. An O Gp was held at Bn HQ at 1730 hrs when orders were given for the relief of 6RSF tomorrow. Weather fair in morning but snow in evening	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Mon 8	I	The Bn relieved 6RSF in the area NORTH-WEST of BLERICK. Bn HQ, Sp Coy, B & C Coys moved by TCV and A & D Coys by march route. B Coy took over	

			<p>from C Coy RSF, A Coy from A Coy, C Coy from B Coy RSF, and D Coy from D Coy.</p> <p>Locations:- Bn HQ ANNA HOEVE 869133 A Coy 891135 B Coy 888142 C Coy 889123 D Coy 866133 Sp Coy 867136 A/TK Pl NIEUW CALIFORNIA 8614 CARRIER Pl 894129.</p> <p>The relief was completed by approx 1830 hrs.</p> <p>The night was very quiet.</p> <p>Weather - heavy snow fell all day</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Tue 9	I II	<p>A very quiet day. 6 shells fell in C Coy area, otherwise no shelling.</p> <p>Fair but very cold</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Wed 10	I II	<p>During the early hours of the morning two enemy boats were heard by C Coy going NORTH and subsequently 1st KOSB on our left reported a landing at 0315 hrs at 902147. This patrol was seen off but no casualties were reported. In the evening noises and Spandau fire were heard from the far side of the MAAS. The areas were engaged by mortars and arty (25 Fd Rgt [31 Bty] who today relieved 178 Bty firing for first time).</p> <p>Sunny but very frosty. 27° of frost forecast for night</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Thu 11	I II	<p>There was an increase in enemy shelling and mortaring of our fwd areas during the day but it was very haphazard and no damage was done.</p> <p>Otherwise the day was very quiet.</p> <p>Dull and very cold</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Fri 12	I II	<p>There was a decrease in enemy shelling and mortaring during the day, but there was a certain amount of harassing fire. 1st KOSB on our left reported that civilians who had crossed the R MAAS during the previous night had reported the location of a GERMAN hutted camp at 906137. At 1600 hrs, in conjunction with 1KOSB sp arms, this camp was fired on by Med &amp; Fd guns, 4.2 and 3" Mortars and MMGs. Fwd posts reported the fire to be accurate but no results could be observed.</p> <p>Dull. Much milder. Snowing</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Sat 13	I II	<p>There was some shelling and mortaring during the day but this was not considerable and there was no damage or casualties. At approx 2200 hrs movement was heard on the water in B Coy area. Flares were put up but nothing seen. Arty, mortars &amp; MGs fired DF tasks. Otherwise quiet.</p> <p>Fair. Snow during day. Frost at night.</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Sun 14	I II	<p>A quiet day with little shelling or mortaring. O Gp held at Bn HQ in evening when orders given out for alterations in posns on 16 Jan in view of No 6 DUTCH COY coming under comd that day. This alteration will place B C D and Dutch Coys up with A Coy in reserve in place of D Coy.</p> <p>Fair - frosty but clear</p>	AHE CWPR

ANNA HOEVE 869133	Mon 15	I II	Alteration in posns cancelled as Dutch Coy not now coming under comd. A quiet day with little shelling. Fair but foggy	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Tue 16	I II	A quiet day with little shelling. Fair. Snowing during day	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Wed 17	I II	At 0038 hrs an OP in A Coy area reported a boat crossing the MAAS at 896136 containing approx 18 men. The boat was fired on and the fire was returned by Spandaus. The boat went back to the other side pursued by arty & mortar fire. Results could not be observed but were believed to be good. Otherwise a very quiet day. A dull day. Snow continued.	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Thu 18	I II	A very quiet day. Mortaring and shelling practically NIL. Orders received that Bn will be relieved by 2 A&SH on 20 JAN and move to GRAMMONT, WEST of BRUSSELS for a fortnight's rest and trg period. Adv parties to go off tomorrow morning. Fair. Snow set in and gale developed in evening	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Fri 19	I II	An extremely quiet day with no shelling or mortaring. At 2130 hrs C Coy reported that their right hand listening post had spotted some enemy on this side of the river, had fired all their bren mags at the enemy and then withdrawn. Shortly after this it was reported that their left hand listening post had also encountered the enemy, who had attempted to distract their attention from the front at the same time attacking with 2 gps of 10 men from the rear. The latter were, however, spotted and fired on. After exhausting their ammo, and the enemy having dispersed, this post withdrew. In both cases, it was thought casualties had been inflicted. No further sign of the enemy was seen. Very strong gale with sleet showers.	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133  SEVENUM PM 790145	Sat 20	I II	As a cause of C Coy's encounter with the enemy last night a dead German was found by the Coy at dawn. A little later a further search discovered a PW in a slit trench. The latter stated that he had swam across the river last night along with an offr and 5 other ranks but that he could not face the return trip and had gone to ground in the hope of making the crossing this evening. The Bn was relieved by the 2 Argylls, 227 Inf Bde, and concentrated at SEVENUM 790145, prior to moving to Rest Area. Weather - fair - roads fair.	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Sun 21	I II	Bn moved by transport to Rest Area at Grammont 285495. The convoy passed the start point at SEVENUM at 0630 hrs and arrived at Grammont at 1600 hrs. Bn HQ was located in the Chateau, and companies were billeted in the town. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR

GRAMMONT 285495	Mon 22	I	The day was spent in cleaning and checking weapons, followed by general administration within companies. The CO visited companies. A warning order was received from Brigade that the Bn was to move to , not before 1200 hours, 24 Jan 45. Advance parties to proceed with DAA & QMG at 0630 hrs, 23 Jan 45.	
		II	WEATHER - FAIR	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Tue 23	I	The Commanding Officer held an 'O' Group at 1000 hrs to explain the situation to Coy Commanders. The BM arrived and informed the CO that the Bn would not move for two or three days.	
		II	The remainder of the day was spent in Coy Administration and Baths. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Wed 24	I	Companies fired all weapons on the range. Battalion will probably move on the 26th.	
			Weather - fair - snow during the night	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Thu 25	I	0900-1000 Coys carried out a Route March. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. The Pipe Band played Retreat in the town square at 1600 hrs. Operational order received from Brigade. Bn to move to area of Tilburg on the 26th. The Brigadier & BM visited us in the evening. The Bn held a dance in the evening.	
		II	Weather - cold	AJMB CWPR
AM GRAMMONT 285495	26	I	The morning was spent preparing for the move. 45 three ton lorries reported to the Bn at 1030 hrs. Convoy formed up and passed the start point at 1415 hours. Although the roads were in a bad state, the convoy arrived complete at its new location at 2300 hrs. The Bn was billeted in civilian billets in the town.	
AREA TILBERG PM 171314		II	Weather - snow in the morning - extreme cold in the afternoon	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	27	I	The companies spent the day reorganising after the move and checked all ammunition and weapons. As some 1941 ammunition was found to be defective, it was replaced. The CO held an 'O' Group for Coy Comds at 1400 hours and attended a conference at Brigade at 1700 hours.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	28	I	Today being Sunday Church Services were held by the Padre for companies in the morning, communion being held after the services. UK leave party left to report to Transit Camp at Bog Leopold. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday.	
		II	A few flying bombs flew over the Bn area during the night. Weather - cold, slight falls of snow.	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	29	I	Today was spent in training. Companies carried out route marches, schemes on assault on pillboxes. The medical officer commenced annual inoculation and vaccination of personnel in the Bn. At 1500 the Commanding Officer lectured to all officers and Sgt Pln Commanders on discipline within the unit followed by a lecture on "An assault on a	

		II	pillbox" and the use of "Kangaroos" & "Crocodiles" in conjunction with infantry. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
TILBERG 171314	30	I	The Commanding Officer attended a conference at 30 Corps HQ. The companies continued training on the lines of assaulting a strongpoint. Daily fitness parades and drill parades on Coy bases. Maj Carey MC rejoined the unit and took over command of 'C' Coy. Lt Bamford commenced trg as reserve Signals Officer. The CO attended a conference at Bde HQ at 1430 and held a conference for Coy Comds at 1800.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMBrown CWPR
TILBURG 171314	31	I	Coys carried out Pln exercises on assaulting a pillbox; the use of Bangalore torpedoes; with periods on drill; PT; Regimental History and compass works. HQ and Support Coy continued their specialist training. The Pipe Band practised for a parade on the 1st Feb. The Commanding Officer attended a conference at Bde HQ at 1430 hours. Two SP guns arrived to co-ordinate trg with an infantry company and the REs erected two pillboxes for this purpose. B Coy Comd reced and laid on a demonstration which will be held for the Brigade on Thursday.	
		II	Weather - complete thaw & rain	AJMB CWPR