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**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 2 R.S.

~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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Month and Year Sep 44

Commanding Officer Lt/Col J.T. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the Field	1 Sep	0030  1800	<p>Gen. Information:- C.O. called 'O' Group to VILLA PEYRON and gave the information that it was the intention of 1 Div to advance at first light. 2 R.S. would remain at present location and recce routes to ARROW ROUTE.</p> <p>Bn Move:- Bde gave orders that the Bn would move to FLORENCE immediately. Bn would laager in area of square 798698, and would be at one hour's notice to move.</p> <p>Leave:- Bn H.Q. established at 2000 hrs. Major MacKenzie, Lt. Allwright and 15 ORs proceeded on 7 days leave to ROME.</p>	JTC
In the field	2 Sep	0600  1600	<p>Orders:- Bn given orders to prepare for night attack on pt. 516 R.P. 819779 and pt. 518 R.P. 825777. Bn Comd gave warning orders of the impending attack. At 1030 hrs 'R' Group went fwd to recce ground. 'O' Group joined 'R' Group at 1130 hrs. Whilst Coy 'O' groups were recce'ing their tasks an enemy shell exploded 5 yards in front of D Coys jeep, seriously wounding Lt Meikle and C.S.M. Black and wounding Capt J.A. Dick, Lt Campbell and Sjt. Miller. Lt Meikle and C.S.M. Black have since died from wounds.</p> <p>Bde gave orders that the proposed attack would not now take place. Bn would be prepared to take over posns held by 11 L/F.</p>	JTC
In the field		1800	<p>Gen. Information- Capt. Gilchrist took over command of D Coy. C.O. gave orders for the Bn's move to new posns.</p> <p>Bn. Move- Bn moved from FLORENCE to occupy the posns of 11 L.F. Tac. H.Q. was established at 814737 at 2030 hrs. The relief was arranged as under:-</p>	See Appendix 1.

			<p>'A' Coy 2 R.S. took over from 'D' Coy 11 L.F.  'B' " " " " " 'A' " " "  'C' " " " " " 'C' " " "  'D' " " " " " 'B' " " "</p> <p>'A' Echelon, Carriers, Mortars, A/Tk all established at 801715.</p> <p>Locations-  'A' Coy reported relief completed 2315 hrs 818744  'B' " " " " 2320 " 814738  'D' " " " " 2325 " 814734  'C' (less 15 Pl.) " " 2330 " 814738</p> <p>(This Pl. went forward in the area 823759 to relieve 1 Pl. of 'C' Coy 11 L.F., and no contact was made with Pl. until the following day. The Pl. of 11 L.F. came back in small numbers and had not seen the relieving party. A sec. of 11 L.F. was found the following day by one of our patrols).  Local patrolling took place during the night - nothing to report.</p>	
In the Field	3 Sept	Locations-  Patrolling-	<p>As already stated ('C' Coy Pl still not contacted)</p> <p>1. Recce Patrol 1 and 3 'B' Coy.  Time out 0930 hrs. Time in 1145 hrs.  Task. To see if MONTORSOLI is occupied by the enemy  Answer - Yes  As the patrol neared the objective M.G. fire was directed on them from the yellow buildings on their right, they made for cover and withdrew. On the return route they found 1 sec. of 11 L.F. dug in alongside a hedge-row (This sec. was later brought back under cover of a patrol). As the patrol continued the return route they were fired on again by rifle fire.  Casualties:- 1 O.R. wounded.</p> <p>2. Recce Patrol Land 3 'C' Coy. 1030 to 1230 hrs. sent out to try and contact Pl., but did not see any sign at all. Recce carried out area 8175.</p> <p>3. Recce Patrol 1 and 3 'C' Coy. 1330 to 1700 hrs.</p>	

In the Field			<p>This patrol had the same mission as No. 2 and they contacted the Pl. in area 822755. He returned immediately bringing a runner from the Pl.</p> <p>4. The Pl. was contacted and withdrawn to the Coy. area just after first light. The following report was given by the Pl. Comd. Lt. Flett.</p> <p>"15 Pl. moved out of the Coy. area at 2330 hrs to relieve the Pl. of 'C' Coy 11 L.F., the area of the relief being 823759 (approx.). The Pl. went to the area but could see no sight of the Pl., having spent some time in recceing the area. The Pl. Comdr. decided to occupy the reverse slope of a feature at 822755 and the Pl. was to split up into sections and dig in for all round defence. By first light on the morning of the 3rd it became obvious that the platoon was under direct observation of the enemy. This was soon proved correct as the area was "stonked" for the period of the occupation.</p> <p>Owing to this, movement by day was very limited R/T communication failed this in all probability was due to the nature of the ground "screening". They saw no movement of the enemy or our own tps until contacted by the recce patrol.</p> <p>At 1625 hrs they heard a Vickers firing rapid at quick intervals rough direction over to the right.</p> <p>The platoon was withdrawn just after Last Light 3rd Sept.</p>	JTC
" " "	3/4 Sept		<p>Patrol Activity:- A fighting patrol consisting of Cpl. Howe and 12 men were sent out by 'C' Coy. Time out 2030 hrs. Time in 0220 hrs. Task:- To see if MONTORSOLI was occupied by the enemy. The patrol searched several houses in area 817755, and found no one there, then went cross-country into MONTORSOLI, searched about five houses here, then went slightly NORTH WEST and seeing no one returned, as by route stipulated. (Actually in MONTORSOLI when Vickers from the Bn. area opened fire (Harassing fire) at about 1115 hrs. 8 shells fired by the enemy appeared to be aiming at gun</p>	

			firing, which appeared to be 1,000 yards right of the cemetery (Approx. 825740 area). The result - No enemy contacted.	JTC
In the Field	4 Sept		<p>Patrol Activity:- A recce fighting patrol was sent out by 'B' Coy consisting of Lt. Sunderland with 1 Pl. and 3 sigs. with 18 sets. Time out 0100 hrs. Time in 0345 hrs. Task:- (1) To see if enemy occupy MONTORSOLI if not, do they occupy (2) FONTESECCA or (3) CASTIGLIONA.</p> <p>The patrol went out with a recce patrol approx. 100 yards in front of the remainder of the Pl. and reached 821762 having contacted no enemy, here they saw a pile of rubble blocking the road. As there was high ground to the left and a low ditch to the right the recce party decided to cross the rubble, this they did (5 in all). When across the N.C.O. i/c the party sent for Lt. Sunderland to point out the yellow buildings from which he had been fired on earlier in the day. The Pl. Comdr., Sergt., and Runner all came up and decided to send a sec. to search the house. The Pl. Comdr. went back to collect the sec. and then came forward again. When the fourth man was crossing the obstacle an explosion occurred (this proved to be a mine in the rubble) causing casualties including the Pl. Comdr. The Pl. Sergt. then took command and not knowing the extent of the mining decided to evacuate the wounded and return. This he did at the same time they put the two bodies of the two men killed by the wall at 821761 (these later collected). Casualties:- Killed - 2 O.R.'s, wounded - 1 officer, 7 O.R.'s</p> <p>Patrol Activity:- Recce and fighting patrols (recce 1 and 4. Fighting Pl. 25 men and 3 sigs.) Time out 0500 hrs. Time in 0845 hrs. Task:- To see if LA CASE was occupied by the enemy. Answer- Yes. (In all probability an outpost posn, defended by M.G.'s or P.38 etc.)</p>	
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			Gen. Inform.-	No activity in the Bn. during the day, local patrols at night. No enemy contacted. Nothing to report.	
In the Field	" " "	5 Sept	0300	Patrol Activity- Recce and fighting patrol (composition- 1 and 12 and 2-18 sets) Patrol leader Lt. Flett. Time out 0300 hrs. Time in 0730-0745 hrs. Task:- To see if enemy occupy LA CASE and if not are they in FONTESECCA. Patrol followed the given route and left 1-18 set in area 822757. Remainder of patrol pushed on to a pt. 827765, here they crossed the road and the recce patrol went forward leaving the fighting patrol at that pt. When the recce patrol had gone approx. 100 yards in the direction of LA CASE, there was a loud explosion. At first the N.C.O. i/c Fighting Patrol thought this to be a grenade thrown by the enemy, and deployed his patrol. When no fire or further noise was heard the patrol comdr. went forward to find the recce patrol lying on the ground 3 of them appeared to be badly wounded. It was then apparent that it was a mine that had exploded. The N.C.O. brought forward his patrol to protect the wounded party and sent back for medical aid. He then withdrew along similar lines to his advance. 1 of the wounded died very shortly after the explosion, the other 2 have been evacuated. Casualties:- Killed- 1 O.R., wounded- 1 officer and 1 O.R. Mines believed to be Teller Mines booby trapped with trip wires.	
			1000	Recce patrol consisting of L/Sergt. Wood and 5 O.R.'s was sent out by 'A' Coy. Time out 0930 hrs. Time in 1430 hrs. Task:- To see whether LA CASE was occupied by the enemy. Answer- No. No sign of enemy and only when the patrol left LA CASE moving in the direction of FONTESECCA did they come under very heavy mortar fire, they then returned to the Coy area.	JTC  JTC

In the Field		1230		A recce patrol consisting of 1 and 3 (patrol comd. Sergt. Peters) was sent out by 'C' Coy. Time out 1230 hrs. Time in 1500 hrs. Task:- To try and locate body of man, killed earlier in morning. N.B. The body was located and has since been buried.	
		1300		Recce and fighting patrol (composition- recce 1 and 4. Fighting 1 and 26- patrol comd. L/Sergt. Alexander) Time out 1300 hrs. Time in 1515 hrs. Task:- (1) To contact leader of No. 1 patrol to see if LA CASE clear of enemy, if so to push on to FONTESECCA. (2) Try and locate bodies of those killed on previous days patrol and bury same. N.B. This patrol did not reach LA CASE as the patrol leader had definite orders to return by 1515 hrs. and time did not allow him to carry out the task. The bodies of the men were not located.	
		1200	Bn Move:-	Bn given orders to hand over to N. Staffs. and to move into rest area R.P. 825680. Coys were relieved in the following order:- D Coy C A and B Coy. Tac H.Q. moved at 1730 hrs. Rear Bn H.Q. established at 1345 hrs. All Coys in new area by last light. The move was completed without incident.	JTC See Appendix 2.
In the Field	6 Sep		General Information:-	Routine	JTC
" " "	7 Sep		Bde Comd Lecture:-	The Bde Comd talked to all officers, W.Os, and Sjts in the Bde. He said that he was very pleased with the work of the Bde during the past fortnight. The men for the most part had gone into battle with little experience of war and they had proved themselves well.	JTC
" " "	8 Sep	0930	Lecture:-	A lecture was given to the Bn by the A.C.M.O. A Bn Counter-Mortar Section consisting of 1 Mortar Sjt and 1 member of the 'I' Section will operate in future.	JTC
In the Field	9 Sep		Training:- General Infm:-	See attached programme Routine	See Appendix 3.
"	10 Sep		Church Parade:-	Bde Church Parade at STADIA BERTA at 1030 hrs.	See Appendix 4.

			<p>Padres Thornton and Davies conducted the service. The Divisional Comd addressed the Bde and welcomed them to the Division. He took the salute at the Bde March Past.</p> <p>General Infm.: - Routine</p> <p>Orders: - Warning order received from Bde.</p>	JTC
"	11 Sep		<p>C.Os. Conference: - At 0900 hrs the C.O. ordered the Bn to be prepared to move.</p> <p>Recce Party: - 1 Offr and 1 N.C.O. from each Coy went forward to recce area for Bn in BORGO S LORENZO area. (Cancelled later by Bde.)</p> <p>At 1630 hrs I.O. and 1 offr from each Coy went to arrange relief of D.W.R. at same area. (Cancelled later by Bde.)</p> <p>Bde Order: - Bn placed on four hours notice to move w.e.f. 12 Sep.</p>	JTC
"	12 Sep	1330 1630  2000 2330 0040	<p>Bde Order: - Bn ordered to move to area NORTH of PANICAGLIA.</p> <p>Bde 'O' Gp.: - Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and the Bn ordered to take up position NORTH of PANICAGLIA.</p> <p>General Infm.: - B and C Coy Comd went fwd with C.O. to recce area and the Bn concentrated in BORGO S LORENZO area.</p> <p>Move: - B and C Coys moved to area and Tac H.Q. to 934934.</p> <p>B Coy reported in posn at 943047</p> <p>C Coy reported in posn at 934947</p> <p>A and D Coys remained in BORGO S LORENZO.</p>	JTC
In the field	13 Sep	0315  0400	<p>Detailed Account of Operations.</p> <p>B Coy's posn heavily mortared. The casualties inflicted were: - Killed: - Sjt Downs, Wounded since died Sjt Peacock, Wounded Ptes Brown 24, Brown 86, Baker.</p> <p>B Coy's fwd section reported that voices were heard in the direction of the wadi on the right and M.G. fire was encountered from this area. At 0450 hrs movement heard fwd of pt. 602 but enemy mortaring prevented a recce patrol from being sent out to ensure this fact.</p> <p>At 0500 hrs the Coy held off an attack launched from the EAST and SOUTH. At 0515 the Coy was attacked from the NORTH, during this attack the rear of the Coy area was shelled and mortared.</p>	JTC



			<p>The Coy defended and all possible D.F. tasks were brought down on the enemy posns. At 0545 the enemy infiltrated through the fwd posns and temporarily held pt 602. The enemy strength was estimated at 50. A little later the Coy was attacked from the rear. Some hand to hand fighting took place and casualties were inflicted on both sides. The enemy losses were estimated at 10 to 12 killed and 4 wounded. Our losses:- Killed:- Pte Gorman. Wounded:- Ptes Bonner and Collingwood. With the enemy holding Pt 602 the whole situation appeared unstable. Lt Young went out in daylight with a small recce patrol to ascertain the posn, he moved up to the building on Pt 602 before being fired on and having ensured that the enemy held the posn withdrew without casualties.</p>	JTC
In the field	14 Sep	<p>Detailed Account of Operations:-</p> <p>0625 Move:-</p> <p>0715</p> <p>0740</p>	<p>C.S.M. Cameron assumed command of the outpost defences. In the darkness he rallied the fwd force which had become disorganised to support the defence of 608 which was still held and did so successfully, the enemy withdrawing. Pte Andrews manned a bren during the attack and remained with this gun the whole time firing under orders from the C.S.M. He was under heavy spandau fire the whole time and had little cover. Pte Paterson displayed courage whilst i/c carrying party evacuating wounded in darkness.</p> <p>3" Mortars, Carriers and 1 Coy moved from BORGIO S LORENZO to area 934934.</p> <p>The posn in B Coy area now stabilised and it was found that the enemy had gained no ground whatsoever.</p> <p>D Coy, Carriers and Mortars arrived. O.C. D Coy went fwd and contacted O.C. B Coy to obtain infm., and arrange change over, this was put into operation forthwith. A Coy followed D Coy from concentration area, and remained in area 9393. Joined later by B Coy.</p>	JTC

In the Field	13 Sep	1030	<p>C Coy sent out a recce patrol to see if ridge in area 936956 was occupied by enemy. They reported no enemy in this posn. On this infm O.C. C Coy (Capt Scott) then made this point a pl posn. But at 1500 hrs this pl had to withdraw to original area as very heavy mortar and strong MG fire was concentrated on this ridge. Casualties:- Killed Pte Nicholas Wounded:- Sjt McGarva, Cpls McEwan and Howe, L/Cpl Baird, Ptes McGee Allen 63 Crosby Little Taylor 57.</p>	JTC
		Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>Pte. Glaves a Stretcher bearer was sniped and wounded on attempting to evacuate wounded. D Coy sent out patrol to IL MONTE and heavy fire from enemy posns about 942953 was encountered, spasmodic mortaring in Bn area throughout the day. L/Cpl Wilcox was wounded. All movement in fwd areas was very difficult by daylight. At 2330 hrs C Coy sent out patrol to retrieve wounded men in fwd area 936956. (2 of them were brought back)</p>	
		Locations:-	<p>Tac H.Q. 934934, A Coy 9393 area, B Coy 9393 area, C Coy 934947, D Coy 943947.</p>	
		Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>From 0600 to 0645 hrs fwd Coy posns mortared. At 1000 hrs Bde 'O'Gp. C Coy patrol reported that they had reached area 935955. No enemy had been seen in that area or activity.</p>	
		1100		
		1300	<p>C.O. called 'O' Gp and gave details of Bde attack on M Prefetto. Bn ordered to prepare mules. A Coy to move fwd for mopping up purposes. D Coy would move fwd on receipt of codeword YOUNGERS ALE. Little activity during the day. At 1800 hrs D Coy patrolled to IL MONTE. To see if enemy occupied the posn and if not to occupy.</p>	See appendix 5.
		1910	<p>Area EAST of Tac H.Q. shelled.</p>	JTC
		2015	<p>D Coy reported that enemy M.G. fire was encountered in front of Coy H.Q. coming from right flank. Arty engaged enemy. At 2030 hrs D</p>	



In the field			<p>The Coy deployed and by tactical bounds withdrew 333x Casualties being:- Wounded:- Sjt Holehouse Pte Henderson Missing:- Pte Christie.</p> <p>The Coy remained in this area for two hours and as any movement fwd was impossible the Coy withdrew to A Coys posn at 0250 hrs. C Coy arrived at A Coys area and on moving round to M Prefetto they failed to make contact with D Coy, thus they remained in that area.</p> <p>Lt Paterson reassumed duties of Signal Officer. C Coy found themselves in a posn on the road just in immediate front of pt 950 and the Coy Comd had received infm that there were two enemy M.G. posns on the right and left flanks. On this news the Coy Comd decided to send out a fighting patrol (Sjt Gott and 12 men.) to deal with the one on the right, as this went out several M.Gs opened fire on the remainder of the Coy inflicting casualties. Killed:- Cpl Boardman Ptes Berry, Bowers and Hurt. Wounded:- Ptes Drummond, Ewing and Sinclair.</p> <p>Sjt Gott moved fwd but was unable to advance owing to very heavy M.G. fire, but by fire and movement managed to extricate quite a number of men. Capt Scott came fwd to attempt to withdraw the remainder of the pl but was wounded by spandau fire and at the same time so was L/Cpl Ullathorne Ptes Sweeny and O'Rawe.</p> <p>The remainder of the pl reached the Coy area and dug in on the reverse slopes of the hill.</p> <p>C.S.M. Doonan went fwd to attempt to extricate the wounded but was himself wounded. Five men pinned down in bushes approx 150 yds from enemy for nearly twelve hours. Finally reached Coy area under cover of darkness. Sjt Gott assumed command of the Coy, organised and established all round defence until last light when Major Simpson re-assumed command. Sjt Gott was commended by O.C. Coy for his initiative and action under the circumstances which incurred a period of 16 hrs without communication and food.</p>	<p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p>
In the Field		Command Detailed Account of Operations:-		

			<p>At 0855 B Coy reported in posn 400x short of A Coy at 947960.</p> <p>At 0951 A Coy reported that they had been heavily mortared. Casualties:- Killed Pte Riley, Wounded since died Pte Morrison.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. moved to area WEST of 911 945962. No incident occurred other than intermittent shelling in wadi WEST of this location.</p> <p>Major Simpson and Lt Ross returned to the Bn. Major Simpson re-assumed comd of C Coy. NTR during the night.</p>	JTC
In the field	17 Sep	Locations:- Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>Tac H.Q. 945964, A Coy 945967, B Coy 944964, C Coy 947970, D Coy 943969.</p> <p>A quiet night. Patrols report nothing of interest. At 0830 hrs A Coy was mortared and Pte Falkirk was killed and Pte Paterson wounded. At 0900 hrs C Coy was mortared and about this time a force of approx 20 to 30 Germans put in an attack on the left flank. This was repulsed and beaten off by the Coy and the Americans in the area. Casualties inflicted on the enemy were five killed for certain, and several wounded. The Coy again took up positions and a second enemy patrol appeared wearing British Steel Helmets but this was driven off from a distance by M.G. and rifle fire and it is believed at least two were wounded. After the Americans had cleared M. SIGNORINA the Coy sent out a fighting patrol (Lt Ross and 12 men) to 948973 to clear the M.G. posn in this area. They cleared up this area killing two Germans the remainder withdrew through the trees. Documents from a wounded P.W. showed him to belong to A/A 2 Bn 305 Recce Regt. The C.O. gave out the following orders to B Coy:- The Coy would advance along following the axis Track 945968 - through A and D Coys to 938973 thence to track junc 949983 - Track N.E. to 1018 to M. PAGININO. Bounds:- 1. TEA 947976 2. SUGAR 948979 3. MILK 949983 4. BREAD 955986 5. BUTTER 959988 6. JAM 961990 7. CAKE 961993. 2 3" Mortars loaded on mules would move with Tac H.Q.</p>	JTC
In the field		1900 Orders:-		JTC



In the field			<p>At 1145 hrs reported that two M.G. posns had been wiped out and during this attack L/Cpl Watherspoon and Pte Morrison were killed. Pte Baume severely wounded (since died). D Coy reported that the Coy area had been mortared, Pte Murray was wounded.</p> <p>At 1156 hrs A Coy reached approx 300x SOUTH of objective but here advance delayed again by fire which was sweeping the area. At 1220 hrs it was reported that the Coy area was under heavy mortar fire. Arty and Mortar Fire brought down by us in area Pt. 1111 NORTH 200x. Enemy mortar located at 964996.</p> <p>At 1245 hrs A Coy consolidated with fwd elements at base of objective. At 1255 hrs two more M.G. posns reported wiped out, but advance very slow. Delayed by wooded country and intense fire. At 1300 hrs C.O. ordered A Coy to attempt infiltration in view of country to be crossed. At 1400 hrs Coy advanced 100x but again heavy M.G. fire in area prevented further advance. 2" Mortar used against suspected posns and at 1450 hrs the Coy adopted the method of infiltration and made little progress.</p> <p>On this infm the C.O. ordered that they would prepare for a night attack and for the moment dig in.</p> <p>You have done well, and I fully appreciate your difficulties. I am quite confident that you will reach your objective by one of the following methods which you will try in turn. 1. 3 I.B. are attacking RONCHI between 1800 and 1900 hrs, there will be a very heavy concentration of Arty fire for this attack which will include CEPPPO as a result of this a determined last light assault by you may bring complete success. You will carry this out.</p> <p>2. If this is not successful and you cannot subsequently complete the operation by night, which you will try, you will attack at First Light under cover of concentrated 2" Mortar smoke which you will put down yourself. I am</p>	
In the field		<p>Commanding Officer's Message to A coy.</p>		

			<p>sending up supplies for this tonight. The success signal for the capture of M. PAGININO will be two red flares fired from the top. At 1815 hrs A Coy attack went in but owing to trouble in comm no report could be obtained.</p> <p>Postings Officers:- Lt Barnetson, Lt MacBeth, Lt Coles, Lt Carstairs posted to Bn.</p>	JTC
In the field	20 Sep	Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>At 0400 hrs no signal had been seen from M. PAGININO. The C.O. therefore issued written instructions which stated that A Coy would find out for certain by first light if objective occupied or not. If so two green verey lights would be fired.</p> <p>At 0515 hrs two green verey lights seen fired from M. PAGANINO. But A Coy infiltrated through the posn mopping up and in this method cleared and gained the objective. The going was very heavy but at 0645 hrs C.S.M. Kellet, Cpl McGee, Cpl Bertram, L/Cpl Hamilton and Pte Casson u/c Lt Allwright gained the summit. During this action the Coy accounted for at least twenty Germans and took seven prisoners.</p> <p>Identification:- 715 Supply Coy.</p> <p>Casualties received by A Coy C.S.M. Kellet, Pte Reeve, Pte Hall J, Pte Halstead, Pte Davidson wounded. Pte Sharman suffered from shock.</p> <p>At 0920 hrs A Coy consolidated on M. PAGININO and a patrol (Lt Allwright and 7 men) moved fwd of the objective some six hundred to eight hundred yards. Reported that an enemy mule train had been shelled by arty while attempting to leave the area. At 1100 hrs Bde Comd ordered the 11/LFs and 1/Herts to move fwd with 2 R.S. in reserve. At 1145 hrs C Coy moved from present location to CHEPPO to relieve one Coy of 11/LFs. At 1530 hrs C Coy reported in posn 989970 M. CEPPPO. Nothing to report from this area.</p> <p>At 1700 hrs A and D Coys changed locations. D Coy relieving A Coy from M. PAGININO. The Bn remained in reserve.</p>	JTC



			During the night 19/20th the mule train was mortared. 9 Mules were lost, 2 Muleteers killed. Ptes Borland and Davies received wounds from mortar fire at the same time.	JTC
In the field	21 Sep		Locations:- Tac H.Q. as before, A Coy 958986, B and C Coys as before, D Coy 961993.  Detailed Account of Operations:- At 0930 hrs Bn ordered to move to concentration area SOUTH of RONCHI 9898. Order of march:- Tac H.Q., B, D, C and A Coy. The two fwd Coys and Tac H.Q. arrived in area of RONCHI at 1530 hrs. The Bde Comd gave orders to the C.O.  Locations:- B and D Coy and Tac H.Q. moved fwd to area 9899. Tac H.Q. 988001, B and D Coys area 987997, C and A Coys in area 971984.  Detailed Account of Operations:- Projected plan for patrol consisting of two pls to move fwd at first light to area 047021 cancelled by Bde.  Bn placed under four hours notice to move.	JTC
In the field		Last Light		JTC
In the field	22 Sep		Locations:- No change. Detailed Account of Operations:- At 0900 hrs Bde Comd gave orders for the Bn to have two coys ready to move fwd on original axis of advance. At 1030 hrs Command Post established at 997005. At 1230 hrs Bde Comd ordered that one Coy 2 R.S. should proceed on original axis. B Coy moved at 1330 hrs. At 1400 hrs fwd elements passed 1148 by the hill track moved through the fwd LF Coy. The going was very rough. The Coy made good progress with 11 Pl as advance gd. Beyond LAZZOLE things were uncertain according to L.F. Intelligence and orders had been issued that 9 pl would relieve 11 pl on each feature. 10 and 12 pl were held back with plenty of room for manoeuvring. The Coy went up a green hill 025012 whilst 11 pl contacted an 11/LF patrol moving with great care around 027014. 9 pl gave support from high ground on left. During this contact enemy mortars were accurately directed on the area inflicting casualties. The patrol made a dash for it. Lt Young Pl Comd 11 Pl was wounded at this pt.	JTC

In the field			<p>The Coy Comd who was assisting directing arty fire went fwd and comd 11 Pl until Lt. MacBeth arrived, he ordered 9 Pl to dig in. Lt Allwright quickly got control of the situation in 9 Pl. The enemy O.P. was not observed but the fire was very accurately aimed. Coy H.Q. moved to 9 Pl area and 11 Pl moved fwd immediately. M.G. fire was encountered from the objective. The Pl went to ground. The Pl and Coy Comd moved to the flank and found a possible line of approach, this was exploited with skill. Meanwhile 9 Pl moved fwd but were again fired on and went to ground. Coy H.Q. went to a flank as it was of the utmost importance to reinforce the successful Pl. The Coy Comd and Lt Allwright led the way to the covered approach and although fire was concentrated no casualties occurred at this point. 11 Pl consolidated on the least exposed flank but had difficulty as fire continued to sweep the area. Pte Donnelly was killed at this time. 9 Pl were held up again but with determination Lt Allwright continued along the axis given by the Coy Comd, consolidated and linked up with 11 Pl. Pte Dudley of 11 Pl who had now got in close silenced the most effective gun and killing at least one of the enemy. C.S.M. Cameron led the rest round the right flank in between the 2 Pls. 50% alert was ordered.</p> <p>2 men went fwd as a patrol from each pl during the night. Casualties were attended and evacuated during the night.</p>	
In the field		Last Light	<p>Move:- D Coy moved to area 997005 at 1445 hrs and at 1630 hrs to area 021010. During this second move Pte Laidlaw was wounded by shrapnel. At 1720 hrs R.A.P. established at 021010.</p> <p>Locations:- Tac H.Q. 988001, Command Post 997005, B Coy 035017, D Coy 033017, A and C Coys in area 971984.</p> <p>Postings:- Lt Renfrew posted to Bn.</p>	JTC  JTC

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		Hospital:- Discharge	Lt Cathcart discharged from hospital. JTC
In the field	23 Sep	Detailed Account of Operations:-	At first light B Coy resumed advance on orders from the C.O. Lt. MacBeth and 11 Pl went fwd as advance guard but 10 pl was in close support. In this way 039019 was taken, a patrol was sent out and Lt. Allwright with 9 Pl went fwd to the fwd slopes of final objective. 10 Pl moving in close support 11 and 12 Pls with 5 L.M.Gs held a posn on high ground to give covering fire if required. As the Coy Comd moved fwd one M.G. opened fire and as he proceeded fwd to clear it up another opened fire, but the fire of 11 ad 12 pls silenced this. C.S.M. Cameron got in some very good shooting with one of these guns. The enemy strength was reported twenty to thirty strong. 6 PWs were taken and as many again killed.
In the field			At this time The Gordon Highlanders came in from the right flank and collected weapons etc. From the objective 11 Pl patrolled fwd after consolidation and encountered fire which had worried the Gordons. Mortar fire encountered in this area, arty comm broke down. Lt MacBeth tried to get fwd by alternative route but fire was so intense and although wounded himself he tried to extricate his Pl. Cpl Easton (Pl Sjt) took command and got all back except Pte Dick who was severely wounded in the leg. Pte Denyer and Pte Chalkley who remained with Dick applied a field dressing under heavy fire and were wounded whilst carrying out same. Cpl Easton made repeated attempts to reach these men and co-operated courageously with the Coy Comd in a final attempt under 2" Mortar smoke. They reached and brought back Chalkley but intense fire prevented any further attempt. (An attempt with red cross flags met with the same result.) The men were recovered under the cover of darkness Pte Dick dead.

In the field		Last Light	<p>The operation covering two days and an advance of 7,500x cost the Coy two men killed, two officers and five men wounded.</p> <p>At 0500 hrs D Coy stood to in posn on M. PREVALIGO ref 033017 no activity. At 0700 hrs recce patrol of 1 Offr and 3 O.Rs. went out to see if ridge on left of Coy posn was clear of enemy.</p> <p>They had only moved approx 500x when they were engaged by M.G. fire and had no return. A fighting patrol was then sent out Strength 1 pl. to clear the ridge, the enemy withdrew, the pl engaging them with L.M.G. and rifle fire. It is believed casualties were inflicted. The patrol continued for approx 1000x but no further contact was made, they then returned to the Coy area.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs the Coy moved to 030019 vacated by B Coy.</p> <p>At 1130 hrs C.O. ordered Coy to move through B Coy and proceed to M. CARNEVALE.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs the first pl moved off and on arrival at 048021 was informed that a patrol had come under very heavy effective fire and they remained in area. Until posn was cleared. At the same time it was learned that a Coy of Gordons operating in this area was held up by M.G. fire. The C.O. was informed of the situation and at 1500 hrs the Coy was ordered to consolidate in area 039019. Pte Barber was killed by a shell at 0930 hrs.</p> <p>At 0930 hrs A and C Coy arrived in area 997005.  At 1005 hrs C Coy moved to 003017.  At 1230 hrs Tac H.Q. moved to area 043014 and A Coy to 022010.  At 1515 hrs Tac H.Q. established.</p> <p>Locations:- Tac H.Q. 043014, A Coy 022010, B Coy 048021, C Coy 033017, D Coy 040019.</p>	<p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p>
In the field	24 Sep		<p>Locations:- As Before</p> <p>Detailed Account At 0900 hrs A Coy moved from area 022010 to PGIO</p>	

			of Operations:- VALICAVA. They arrived and established in this area, no opposition encountered. Routine throughout the day. No activity. Major R.R. Finlay proceeded on leave, Capt J.R.B. Walker assumed command of the Coy.	JTC
In the field	25 Sep		Locations:- General Infm:- The Bn was concentrated in area 0401. During the day men were given a chance to get a clean change of clothing and washing facilities were available at timed intervals throughout the day.	
In the field	26 Sep		Locations:- General Infm:- Bde Orders:- As before. Routine. The Bde Comd ordered that the Bn would concentrate in Palazzoula on 27 Sep. Advance party to arrive at Bde H.Q. at 0900 hrs. C.O. awarded Efficiency Decorations (auth W.O. P/36063 (m 53) dated 15 Aug 44).	See Appendix 8.  JTC
In the field  In the field	27 Sep		Detailed Account of Operations:- At 0500 hrs Advance Party (I.O. and senior N.C.O. from each Coy) went to Bde H.Q. arriving at this locality at 0815 hrs, recce'd area and found accommodation in Palazzoula for Bn. The Bn moved concentration area in Palazzoula arriving at 1230 hrs. Order of march:- Tac H.Q., D,A,C and B Coys. The C.O. called an 'O' Gp at 1300 hrs and explained the general situation. He said:- The enemy still held M. GAMBERALDI and it had been decided to infiltrate round the rear. 2 R.S. would leave at last light on a night march, and pass through 1/Herts on to objective. (This later cancelled by Bde). At 2000 hrs the Bde Comd ordered the Bn to move at first light to area of 1/Herts. The C.O. ordered the Bn to move in the following order:- Tac H.Q., B and C Coys. A and D Coys would follow 2 hrs later along the same axis. But would remain in area 057032 until further orders. The Bn move would be in three phases:- 1. Move to TONCONE area. 2. Contacting of 1/Herts and arrangement of guides to IL CASONE. 3. The tactical move fwd through 1/Herts to the final objective.	JTC

			Supporting arms would be 2 M.M.G. Pls, 2 Det. 3" Mortar, 2nd Regt Field Arty.	JTC
In the field	28 Sep		Detailed Account of Operations:- Tac H.Q., B and C Coys and 2 Det Mortars and RAP moved to area 0707 and arrived in this area at 1400 hrs. Going was very difficult as rains had made the tracks almost impossible in places, this slowed down the advance considerably. At 1400 hrs the C.O. went to Bde Tac H.Q. At 1530 hrs C.O. received orders regarding the advance and general situation from Bde. At 1600 hrs C.O. sent for O.C. C Coy who arrived almost immediately. At 1630 hrs C Coy moved to PRESIOLA area on orders from the C.O., which stated that the Coy would establish themselves in PRESIOLA for the night, and at first light to advance to the area of IL CASONE. C Coy would contact one Coy of the Herts in the PRESIOLA area. They would move on to the objective by the following bounds:- 1. Pt 645 PORT 2. PRESIOLA SHERRY 3. Pt 711 WHISKY 4. Pt 684 BEER 5. IL CASONE GIN. D.F. Tasks were also arranged. F.O.O. moved fwd with the Coy Comd. At 1900 hrs C Coy reached PRESIOLA and had a non adventurous night. At 1700 hrs the Adjt infm the C.O. by R/T that the rains had made the river near 1/Herts H.Q. uncrossable and neither men nor mules could make the crossing. This made the supply problem very acute. The Bde Comd ordered the 11/LFs to man porter rations by an alternative route to supply C and B Coys and Tac H.Q. Guides went to meet them at 061052 and the rations arrived at 0930 hrs 29 Sep. O.C. 3 Coy 1/Herts reported that C Coy had arrived and married up with 3 Coy.	JTC
In the field	29 Sep		Detailed Account of Operations:- C Coy reported that 3 Coy 1/Herts had patrolled fwd and had been committed to battle on a pl basis at VALLONA 098088 and had to withdraw	JTC

<p>In the field</p>			<p>receiving six casualties. Enemy M.G. located at pt 711 103092 and at pt 606 098093.</p> <p>At 0700 hrs Bde Comd (Fwd with C Coy) ordered C Coy to move direct to IL CASONE. At 1130 hrs Tac H.Q. prepared to move and at the same time O.C. A Coy was given orders to move round the right flank to objective Pt 779 109079 in a series of bounds. Bounds:- 1. 095073 BRANDY 2. 107070 CHAMPAGNE 3. 107074 GIN.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs C Coy moved from present location (PRESIOLA) and when the 2 leading plns were in area of FONTANA they were very heavily engaged by enemy mortar and M.G. fire. They took up posn in two farm houses. Sjt Norris and Pte Ritchie were wounded by a booby trap. During this engagement the following casualties were incurred:- Wounded:- Sjt Broadley Ptes:- Swift, Tomkins, Parker, Valentine and Hall 36. The reserve pl and Coy H.Q. came under heavy mortar fire. The Coy Comd not knowing the exact situation regarding his fwd pl decided to proceed to the objective by an alternative route, this plan was carried out and they reached a point approx 300x from the objective when they were heavily engaged by M.G. fire and a sniper from the flank. The two rear sections engaged and silenced the M.G. and the pl and Coy H.Q. took up posn in a nearby house.</p> <p>In the meantime A Coy proceeded fwd and reached the first two bounds without opposition, on approaching the objective the fwd pl crossed a stream, came under M.G. fire and the advance was temporarily halted. The Coy Comd sent 8 and 9 Pls round on the left flank to get round this posn, but as 7 Pl moved fwd no opposition was encountered. The advance continued until the Coy was 400x from IL CASONE when very accurate M.G. fire was encountered. Fire was located coming from the top of IL CASONE and about 10 mins later they were heavily mortared, and the Coy Comd decided to remain dug in, and attack the</p>	<p>JTC</p>
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In the field	30 Sep	<p>Locations:-</p> <p>Detailed Account of Operations:-</p>	<p>Tac H.Q. 083079, A Coy 106079, B Coy 077070, C Coy 104073, D Coy 090076.</p> <p>At 1030 hrs B Coy received orders to prepare to move to MARRADI with the I.O. The Coy Comd recce'd the route and the Coy acted as guides for the Bn. and assured that transport was arranged for the journey to BORGIO S LORENZO. At 1100 hrs B Coy ordered to move. D Coy moved at 1200 hrs.</p> <p>During the morning A Coy came under spasmodic M.G. fire and mortaring from the right and left of their posns.</p> <p>The relief of the Bn went according to plan with the exception of the two pls of A Coy, 9 Pl managed to withdraw during daylight but 7 and 8 pls had to remain until darkness as they were under heavy M.G. fire.</p> <p>One casualty was incurred during this change and relief. Pte Gall was wounded and has since died. The Bn thus concentrated in BORGIO S LORENZO area.</p>	JTC
		<p>Field 8 Oct 44</p>	<p>JT Campbell Lieut Colonel, Commanding 2nd Bn The Royal Scots, The Royal Regt.</p>	