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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 2 R.S.

~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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Month and Year Oct 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.T. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the field	1 Oct		Locations:- Bn H.Q. 908872, A Coy 908872, B Coy 925954, C Coy 923859, D Coy 917863, Spt Coy 901862. General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	2 Oct		Locations:- As before Orders:- Special Order of the Day issued by Bde Comd. Postings:- Lt Cadger posted to the Bn. Officers	See Appendix 1 JTC
	3 Oct		Locations:- As before General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	4 Oct		Locations:- As before Lecture:- The Bde Comd spoke to all officers and senior N.C.Os of the Bde in the theatre at BORGO S LORENZO. He congratulated the Bde on the fine work of the past eighteen days and went on to speak of various matters which he wished to be brought to the notice of all ranks.	JTC
	5 Oct		Locations:- As before Re-organisation:- The Bn ordered to re-organise on a three coy basis with a cadre Coy. Re-organisation to take effect from 1200 hrs 6 Oct 44. Command:- Capt G. Gilchrist relinquished command of D Coy and assumed command Spt Coy.	Appendix 2. JTC
In the field	6 Oct		Locations:- As before Rejoining Unit:- Capt J.H. Davidson rejoined the Bn from course in U.K. Command:- Capt J.R.B. Walker assumed command H.Q. Coy w.e.f. this date. Capt H.D.G. Taylor assumed command Cadre Coy w.e.f. this date.	

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	7 Oct		Rejoining Unit:- Capt R. Fletcher rejoined the Bn from course in U.K.	JTC
	8 Oct		Locations:- As before Church Parade:- A Bn Church Parade was held in BORGIO S LORENZO. Appointments:- Capt W.S.H. Coltart relinquished appointment of adjutant. Capt G.M. Macrae assumed appointment of adjutant.	JTC
	9 Oct	1800	General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	10 Oct	1800	General Infm:- Routine	JTC
In the field	11th Oct	0730	Locations as before	
		0900	Bn 'O' Gp composed as under left Bn. HQ to proceed to BADIA DI SUSINANA. Composition of 'O' Gp:- C.O., Sigs. O., I.O., OsC. 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'Sp' Coys, O.C. Mortars, Lt. Steele.	See Appendix 3.
		1200	C.O. received orders that the Bn would relieve the FORRESTERS in their present locations on the 12.10.44.	
		1900	Bn 'O' Gp returned from recce.	JTC
	12th	0630	Bn left BORGIO SAN LORENZO en route for new area.	
		0900	'A' Ech and Rear HQ remained in PALAZUOLA area. Bn collected mules in area 047083. These were loaded and on the orders of the C.O. the Bn moved to area 0810. Order of march:- Bn HQ, Two Dets Mortars, R.A.P., "A" "B" "C" Carriers (dismounted role)	
		1630	Tac HQ established at 085109 R.A.P. " " 081112	
		1700	"A" Coy in position 084104	
		1730	"B" " " 092112 "C" " " 087108	
		1740	Carriers " 089101 Mortars " 086112	JTC
In the field	13 Oct	0930 1230	C.O. visited all Coys in the new location. Bde Comd visited Tac H.Q.	

		<p>1300 B Coy established fwd elements at 993113, skeleton manning by day, 1 Pl by night.</p> <p>1330 Intermittent shelling in Bn area.</p> <p>1345 A Coy received orders to send out a fighting patrol (Lt Allwright and 22 men). Time out 2400 hrs. Task to proceed to Pt 553 and clear it.</p> <p>1600 Bde informed Bn that partisans were operating in the following areas:- 126113, 127118, 119117, 136126, strength not known.</p> <p>1700 A.C.M.O. established O.P. in area 087108.</p> <p>1800 Last Light sitrep to Bde:- Intermittent shelling of Bn area during the day, and B Coy manning area 993113, otherwise N.T.R.</p> <p>2030 B Coy patrol moved from the forward pl to pt 556 to occupy this posn until A Coy's fighting patrol moved through. This posn was occupied without incident.</p> <p>2200 A Coy's patrol passed through B Coy's area en route to objective.</p> <p>2400 A Coy patrol crossed start line and proceeded to objective. Route out:- 096114, 097116, Pt 553. Returned by the same route. Time in:- 0445. Furthest point reached:- 102117. The patrol reached a point approx 400x from the objective and from here a recce patrol was sent fwd to the house at pt 553. They found the objective clear of the enemy and returned to the main body with this infm. The patrol comd then established a Standing Patrol in area until 0330 hrs. During this time much activity heard from area of pt 653 (This proved to be the action between 11/LF and enemy). Patrol returned without incident.</p>	JTC
In the field	14 Oct	<p>0330 Medium and 4.2 mortars engaged suspected posns in areas 108125, 105123, 106123, 106118 on request from C.O.</p> <p>First Light</p> <p>1020 Locations:- As before.</p> <p>1100 B Coy are mortared (No casualties).</p> <p>1100 B Coy area again mortared. (Two casualties:- Pte Lane seriously wounded and since died, L/Cpl Bell wounded). Medium arty engaged suspected mortar posns and the mortaring ceased. 3" Mortars also engaged these posns.</p> <p>1230 B and C Coys received orders for patrol activity, night 14/15th Oct from the C.O.</p> <p>1800 Last light sitrep. Other than intermittent shelling and mortaring of the Bn area N.T.R.</p> <p>1820 Recce patrols left Coy areas. B Coy (Lt Renfrew and 3 men) recce patrol. Time out:- Last Light. Time in:- W.T.C. Task:- To see if enemy occupy posns 098107.</p>	

		2200	Lt Cadger returned, they stated that they found that the objective was a three story building, they [laid] up for approx 15 mins and as no movement was heard or seen, they then attempted to enter the house, but all the doors on the ground floor were heavily barred. They saw a chink of light from the window above but could not say if the posn was occupied by the enemy or civilians.	
		2310	Lt Renfrew returned, the patrol did not reach the objective.	JTC
In the field	15 Oct	First Light	Locations:- As before	
		0650	B Coy area mortared (counter-mortar fire brought down).	
		1000	Lt Cadger and 2 O.Rs went to VALPIANO to investigate a haystack and farm which was thought to be a probable enemy O.P. The two O.Rs (Snipers) remained in a posn of observation in preparation for a fighting patrol to 098107 that night.	
		1020	B Coy's snipers went fwd to posns, to keep house at 100111 under observation in preparation for fighting patrol at last light.	
		1255	C Coy patrol returned. No contact with the enemy and the suspected posn was not an O.P.	
		1540	B Coy area heavily mortared. Counter-mortar barrage fired.	
		1845	B Coy patrol (Lt May and 17 O.Rs) left Coy area. Object:- to proceed to the house at 100111, the patrol will return in the early morning and the O.P. party will remain throughout the day. C Coy patrol (Lt Cadger and 17 O.Rs) left Coy area. Time in:- WTC. Object:- to proceed to house at 098107 and clear if necessary.	
		2220	C Coy patrol returned and reported that the objective was clear and no signs of enemy occupation or activity in that area.	JTC
	16 Oct	0530	B Coy patrol returned to Coy area.	
		Last Light	Locations:- As before	Appendix 4.
		1220	B Coy and Tac H.Q. areas mortared.	
		1300	B Coy shelled (Pte Henderson slightly wounded).	
		1720	C.O. ordered A Coy to provide two fighting patrols. Strength 1 and 15. Patrol Comds:- Lts Cathcart and Coles. To proceed to MARTINFABRO and IL POGGILOLO. Time out:- Last light. Time in:- First light. B Coy to provide a standing patrol of 1 and 8 to pt 556 095115. Time out:- Last light. Time in:- First light.	
		1742	Carrier area mortared.	
		2030	Light shelling in B Coy area.	JTC

In the field		<p>0615 A Coy patrol reported back and report that this posn is occupied by the enemy. Strength believed 1 pl with outposts 100 to 150 yds from this posn.</p> <p>0845 Contact patrol to BOLDRINO left B Coy area.</p> <p>0730 Recce patrol to MARTINFABBRO Strength 1 and 3 backed up by 1 pl. Task to see if enemy still occupy this posn.</p> <p>1330 A Coy patrol reached MARTINFABBRO. No enemy contacted, 1 pl now established at this location. Recce patrol will proceed to IL POGGIOLO.</p> <p>1430 C Coy ordered to proceed to POGGIO MORRO. To leave Coy area at last light.</p> <p>1530 I.O. and interpreter went to BOLDRINO to question civilians and obtain further infm regarding enemy dispositions. A little infm was obtained but was not of much value as it was stale.</p> <p>1600 Recce patrol from C Coy (Lt Cadger) left Coy area and preceded the Coy in an advance to Pt 692.</p> <p>1830 C Coy moved out from present location at last light enroute for pt 692</p> <p>2245 C Coy contacted Lt Cadger's recce patrol at C. DEI PRETI, reinforced it and then proceeded enroute for POGGIO MORRO.</p> <p>2310 A Coy's recce patrol fired on by three spandaus from IL POGGIOLO. N.B. In accordance with instructions received from Bde the C.O. briefed B Coy for an attack to take place at last light. O.C. B Coy made recce and plans accordingly. This was later cancelled by Bde.</p>	JTC
	20 Oct	<p>0430 C Coy's fwd elements after leaving C. DEI PRETI were fired on by automatic weapons, strength of enemy estimated at approx 20. Situation of the enemy rather obscure, three casualties. Lt Ross, Sjt Richmond, Pte Quarry wounded. C Coy established themselves 1 pl:- C DEI PRETI, 2 pls and Coy H.Q. BOLDRINO. 1 pl of B Coy u/c O.C. C Coy established at VALGEMIGLIA. The original intention was that when C Coy occupied pt 692 this pl would patrol fwd to CALAMELLO.</p> <p>First Light Locations:- A Coy 1 pl at pt 553, remainder of Coy in area 085109. C Coy less 1 pl at BOLDRINO, 1 pl at C. DEI PRETI. 1 pl of B Coy VALGEMIGLIA. All remainder of locations:- As before</p> <p>0640 Recce patrol to IL POGGIOLO (from A Coy's fwd pl).</p> <p>0930 Recce patrol returned with the infm that IL POGGIOLO was still held by the enemy.</p>	

		1200	C.O. instructed O.C. A Coy that he would occupy MARTIN FABBRO and pt 653 area.	
		1300	Intentions for night 20/21 Oct. A Coy recce patrol to IL POGGILOLO 1 and 3 to see if enemy still occupied this posn. Also contact patrol to 098119 at 2400 hrs with 6/Gordons. C Coy recce patrol of 1 and 3 to pt 516. Task to see if enemy occupy this posn. Occupation of pt 587 by 1 pl at night (This is sentry post during the hours of daylight). Standing patrols in area 105108.	
		1800	A Coy established MARTIN FABBRO 1 pl on pt 653.	JTC
	21 Oct	0630	C Coy's patrols returned and report no contact with the enemy. A Coy's recce patrol report that the enemy still occupy IL POGGILOLO.	See Appendix 6.
		0740	Intelligence O.P. reported movement in area 115116. 2 men moving around but could not state if enemy or civilians.	
		1000	Intentions for night 21/22 Oct. C Coy:- Standing patrol to 105108, Recce patrol to Pt 516. Pl to occupy pt 587. A Coy:- Standing patrol to 102119. Recce patrol to IL POGGILOLO. Contact patrols with the 6/Gordons at 098119 at 2400 hrs. Contact patrols with C Coy at C. DEI PRETI. Carrier Pl to relieve 1 pl B Coy at VALGEMIGLIA. Mortars to establish new posn in BOLDRINO area.	
		1400	Mortar O.P. established at Pt 725 (102101) and Mortar location VALPIANO.	
		1800	Last Light Sitrep to Bde:- Reporting that it had been a quiet day.	
		2015	Carriers reported in posn at VALGEMIGLIA.	
		2210	Patrol to pt 516 reported no contact with the enemy. (A further patrol sent out by O.C. C Coy).	
	22 Oct	0500	This patrol returned and reported that they had heard movement at MONTACCIO but had not contacted any enemy.	
		0730	All patrols other than A Coy reported that they had not made contact with the enemy. But a patrol of C Coy reported that they had reached house at pt 442 and that this was occupied but they could not say by whom. A Coy's patrol which left at 0400 hrs had not yet returned.	
		0855	A Coy's patrol report that from a posn approx 100x from the house they observed two men in military greatcoats. These believed to be sentries.	
		First Light	Locations:- Carriers:- 099111, Mortars 092108, 1 pl B Coy returned to B Coy area. Remainder as before.	

In field		<p>1200 Intentions for night 22/23 Oct. A Coy:- Standing patrol to 102119, Contact patrol to 098119, with 1/Herts at 2400. Recce patrol to IL POGGIOLO at First Light.</p> <p>1200 C Coy:- Standing patrol to 105108. Recce patrol to IL POGGIOLO at last light.</p> <p>1800 Sitrep to Bde:- Quiet day N.T.R.</p> <p>2050 C Coy patrol to IL POGGIOLO returned and reported that this posn was occupied, still believed to be enemy.</p>	JTC
In the Field.	23 Oct	<p>0625 Observation party of A Coy's patrol returned from IL POGGIOLO and stated that the fire from the Bren Gp directed on the objective had failed to draw fire from this point.</p> <p>0630 All other patrol reports collected N.T.R. No contact with enemy.</p> <p>0700 C.O. ordered A Coy to send out a further patrol to IL POGGIOLO to see if this posn was still occupied.</p> <p>0925 A Coy reported IL POGGIOLO clear</p> <p>0930 C Coy sent out a recce patrol (Lt. Cadger & 3 O.Rs.) to proceed to POGGIO MORRO, Pt. 575 & BADERZA.</p> <p>1000 A Coy reported that "S" mines had been located in the area of IL POGGIOLO. And this area had been marked off and was being searched.</p> <p>C.O. ordered Pioneers to proceed to this point to clear area.</p> <p>1200 POGGIO MORRO REPORTED CLEAR PATROL PROCEEDING TO Pt. 575</p> <p>1237 Pt. 575 reported clear patrol proceeding to BADERZA</p> <p>1240 O/C. A Coy informed C.O. that Cpl. Coleridge had found 23 "S" mines. These were laid in no definite pattern, but appeared to be scattered over the complete area.</p> <p>1415 C Coy's recce patrol on approaching BADERZA was fired at from the direction of the Il Castelletto ridge. The patrol is returning to Coy HQ with an Italian partisan found in that area.</p> <p>1630 A Coy reported that 45 mines had been lifted by Cpl. Coleridge.</p> <p>1630 Intentions 23/24 Oct. B Coy Patrol of 1 and 12 (Lt. Barnetson) to POGGIO MORRO Pt. 692 & Pt. 569. From this patrol a recce patrol would go forward at first light from 569 to CALAMELLO. Signals arranged were as follows:- 692 clear 1 White. 569 clear - 2 white, enemy contacted - 1 red S.O.S task - 2 red. Recce patrol signal if clear - 2 green.</p> <p>C Coy:- 1 pl to occupy pt 442 and POGGIO MORRO, 1 pl to pt 575. A fighting patrol to BADERZA, if unoccupied to occupy with 1 pl. Coy H.Q. to C. DE PRETI.</p> <p>A Coy:- Standing patrol to 102119.</p>	

		1930	Pt 442 occupied by 1 pl of C Coy, patrol enroute to pt 575 and BADERZA.	
		2045	B Coy patrol passed through Pt 442.	
		2105	C Coy pl occupied BADERZA.	JTC
In the field	24th	0610	B Coy patrol reported in area 300x S.E. of pt 569. A recce patrol consisting of Lt Barnetson, Cpl Hay D and Pte Balkwell went fwd to pt 569 and beyond. (nothing has been heard or seen of this party since this time.) Locations:- C Coy H.Q. 103113, 13 pl Pt 442, POGIO MORRO, 14 pl BADERZA, 15 pl 115116, Remainder as before.	
		0630	A Coy's patrol N.T.R.	
		0730	B Coy on orders from C.O. proceeded to IL POGGIOLO area. Details for two patrols by this coy were given by the C.O. at the same time.	
		0930	Tac H.Q. prepared to move to BOLDRINO.	
		1030	B Coy established in IL POGGIOLO.	
		1100	Recce patrol from B Coy (Cpl Johnstone and 7 men) left coy area. Object:- to see if the enemy occupied PEDRETO.	
		1125	A fighting patrol (Lt May and 1 pl) left B Coy area enroute to IL CASTELLETTO and LA CELLETTINA.	
		1130	Tac H.Q. moved from present location.	
		1325	Tac H.Q. established at BOLDRINO.	
		1350	Mortars moved from VALPIANO to C. DE PRETI, O.P. established at POGIO MORRO.	
		1420	A Coy report that all the paths in area of IL POGGIOLO have been cleared of mines and marked accordingly, Pioneers still working in other area.	
		1617	B Coy recce patrol returned and stated that the enemy occupied posns in area 117129. These appeared to be outposts and were manned.	
		1620	Intentions night 24/25 Oct. C Coy:- Recce patrol from BADERZA to 433 119127. Object:- to obtain information re first light situation at this posn. B Coy:- Recce patrol to CASTELLETTO during the night. B Coy patrol (Lt May and 1 pl) to CASTELLETTO by day to be withdrawn to coy area. The remainder of No 10 pl under the command of C.S.M. Cameron will contact No 10 pl on ridge SOUTH of 569.	
		Last Light	Locations:- Command Post 098107, A Coy H.Q. and 7 pl 102116, 8 pl 098121, 9 pl 099117. B Coy 107117. C Coy H.Q. 103113, 13 Pl Pt 442 - POGIO MORRO, 14 Pl Pt 432. 15 Pl 575 115116. Carriers 099111, Mortars 103113.	

		2020	O.C. B Coy reported that Lt May's Pl was now in Coy area and stated that the patrol had reached 111129 without trouble, few mortar bombs fell in this area whilst patrol was there. Patrol Comd observed pt 698 108138 and reported that several enemy posns were dug in on this feature. They were fairly well camouflaged and enemy were occupying. The patrol returned to IL POGGIOLO.	JTC
In the field	25th	0450	Runner for C.S.M. Cameron's patrol reported that contact had not been made with 10 pl up to that time.	
		0645	Patrol to CASTELLETTO returned and stated that this posn did not appear to be occupied by night. Patrol was followed in by a deserter (Pole). Identification No 2 Coy 1028, now part of Buhrman Battle Gp. He was sent to Bde under escort for detailed interrogation and useful infm regarding enemy dispositions in PEDRETO area was obtained from him.	
		0830	C Coy recce patrol to pt 433 reported enemy in occupation at this posn.	
		1030	C.S.M. Cameron contacted No 10 pl's patrol and instructed and guided them to Coy area. With the remainder of 10 pl under his command he occupied a posn on the ridge 123117 pending relief by 1 pl of C Coy at last light.	
		1035	The Pioneer Officer reported that all tracks in area of IL POGGIOLO and VALDIFUSA had been cleared. 60 mines in all had been lifted.	
		1200	Intentions night 25/26 Oct. C Coy:- Recce patrol to pt 433 to see if enemy in occupation. Time out:- 0400 hrs Time in:- 0700 hrs. 1 pl to relieve B Coy pl at 123117. A Coy:- Standing patrols as on previous nights.	
		1800	Last Light Sitrep to Bde:- Quiet day N.T.R.	JTC
	26th	0500	Relief of 10 pl by C Coy completed without incident.	
		0625	C Coys patrol reported that owing to adverse weather conditions and the nature of the ground they had not reached the objective.	
		0855	1xpl of B Coy moved from present location to C. DEI PRETI. N.B. Adverse weather conditions and heavy rain had made the stream in the SINTRA VALLEY a fast flowing river through which it was impossible for men or mules to cross. Supplies for the maintenance of fwd troops were got over the river by improvised rope and tackle.	
		1800	Sitrep to Bde:- Despite adverse weather conditions and difficulties, maintenance and supplies to fwd troops had been carried out otherwise N.T.R.	

In the field		2350	<p>Intentions night 26/27 Oct. Recce patrol from C Coy to pt 433 to see if this posn occupied by the enemy or not. C.O. received orders from Bde that the Bn would relieve 1 Herts in their present locations 27/28 Oct.</p>	JTC
In the field	27th	0030 0630 0700 0750 0900 1200 1550 1555 1740 1820 1850 1900 2045	<p>C.O. issued orders to O.C. C Coy stating that the BADERZA pl would be withdrawn at first light. But patrol to 433 would carry on if practicable. Pl would concentrate at IL POGGILOLO.</p> <p>Patrol to 433 reported that they had reached a posn approx 25x from this location, ground conditions prevented them from making further advance. They arrived at this posn at 0330 and left at 0410 hrs. During this time they did not hear or see anything.</p> <p>C Coy's pl arrived at IL POGGILOLO.</p> <p>A recce patrol from B Coy (L/Sjt Tibbetts and 3 men) left Coy area to proceed to PEDRETO. Object:- To see if enemy occupied this posn.</p> <p>C.O. gave the following orders regarding relief of the first Herts.</p> <p>A Coy:- 1 pl and Coy H.Q. to remain in MARTIN FABBRO, 1 pl to occupy IL POGGILOLO, 1 pl to relieve pl of 1 Herts at VALDIFUSA at last light.</p> <p>B Coy:- To relieve No 2 Coy 1 Herts on pt 734 at last light.</p> <p>C Coy:- To relieve No 1 Coy with 1 pl on CECO, 2 pls and Coy H.Q. to remain at Pt 556, this relief could take place during the hours of daylight.</p> <p>Carriers:- To relieve Carrier pl of 1 Herts on 677, 102131 at last light.</p> <p>Mortar Pl:- To establish posn in area 102120.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. to be established in 1 Herts Tac H.Q. at pt 520.</p> <p>B Coy's recce patrol to PEDRETO returned and reported they had reached a point 115129 at 0950 hrs and remained for 25 mins. They saw a trench at 116128 occupied by 1 enemy. No other movement seen.</p> <p>C Coy pl from 123117 had been withdrawn.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. moved from present location.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. established at Pt 520.</p> <p>B Coy now in posn at Pt 734.</p> <p>C Coy fwd pl in posn on CECO, remainder of Coy had been established from 1700 hrs on pt 556.</p> <p>Carriers in posn at Pt 677.</p> <p>Mortars reported in posn in area 120102.</p>	Appendix 7.

		2050	A Coy reported fwd pl in posn VALDIFUSA, Coy now in locations as ordered by the C.O.	JTC
		2059	Bde informed relief completed.	
	28th	0600	First Light Sitrep:- Quiet night no mortaring or shelling.	
		1215	Intermittent shelling and mortaring in area pt 677 and VALDIFUSA. C.O. visited all sub-units in the Bn area.	
		1800	Last Light Sitrep to Bde:- Other than intermittent shelling in Bn area during the day N.T.R. From 0130 hrs until 0630 hrs intermittent shelling and mortaring of area pt 677 and VALDIFUSA. A.C.M.O. and Bde infmd during these periods. And counter-mortar fire was put down on suspected enemy posns.	JTC
	29th	1000	Advance party from 6/Gordons to recce area prior to the Bn being relieved arrived at Tac H.Q. Bn was relieved by 6 Gordons during the day. Relief completed by 2300 hrs. Bn concentrated in the area 073118 for the night 29/30.	JTC
	30th	1030	Bn H.Q. embussed in area 072108 and moved to concentration area BORGIO S LORENZO 932908. Order of march:- Bn H.Q., Spt Coy, C, B and A Coys. Move was completed by 1600 hrs.	JTC
	31st	1800	Routine.	JTC
			Field Nov 44	JT Campbell Lieut Col Commanding 2nd Bn The Royal Scots, The Royal Regt.