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WAR DIARY
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~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~
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REF. MAPS:-
INDIA 83 K/SW, 83 L/NW
UKHRUL
SANGSHAK

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
1st July - LEISHAN - TOINEM	0730 hrs. Bn column proceeded via track East to LUINEM (6901). Long march with extremely steep gradients and flooded "paddy" crossings to negotiate. Arrived LUINEM approx 1400 hrs. "B" Coy remained at LEISHAN. Weather again making movement and administration difficult. Remainder Bde column situated this area and continuing march to UKHRUL tomorrow. Information received of 40 Japs holding LAMLANG (7593) against the attentions of the 1/11 Sikhs. N.T.R. throughout night.	JR Stewart Capt
2nd July - TOINEM	1400 hrs "B" Coy rejoined Bn. "D" Coy moved out with Bde H.Q. towards THOUBAL RIVER. Remainder Bn spent day resting apart from recce patrolling. Recce patrol to THOUBAL R. at approx 737050 N.E.S. Recce patrol to PHADANG (7204) N.E.S. Patrol to APHUNG (6504) received report from locals of 10 armed Japs at MAICHON (6708) and a large number of sick and wounded enemy at KHOKAN (7111). Locals say Japs at LAMLANG making every possible effort to get food in locality (NAGAS most un-cooperative to the Jap!).	JR Stewart Capt JR Stewart Capt
3rd July - LUINEM	0730 hrs. Bn less "D" Coy moved down to THOUBAL R. (square 7100) thence East up hill to approx 767010 and dug in in torrential rain. Track to hill had been almost impassable to men or mules because of knee deep mud and no detours. Orders received at 1700 hrs to march on UKHRUL next morning to reinforce 4/8 G.R. who with 2 Coys had taken small part of South end of village. Japs holding strong posns in Fort, Hospital, P.O. area and all Northern half of village. D Coy remaining at THOUBAL R. to assist with rations from air drops.	JR Stewart Capt
4th July - UKHRUL	0500 hrs. "B" Coy moved to 793003 to establish Admin box for Bn. Tac H.Q., "A" & "C" Coys with Tac H.Q. 4/8 G.R. moved at 0700 hrs towards UKHRUL and by 0900 hrs were established in P.O. area opposite the FORT. 4/8 G.R. already there were endeavouring to move North through village against determined Jap L.M.G. & M.M.G. fire from the FORT and posns to the East & North. Slightest movement by our troops brought down automatic and sniper fire.	JR Stewart Capt

	1300 hrs. "C" Coy relieved 1 Coy 4/8 G.R. on Eastern perimeter of base. "A" Coy & Tac H.Q. situated just below "C" Coy's small ridge but perimeter very small and confined among huts and broken down buildings. Received reports of enemy Gun situated about 1500 yds to the South. Reports received of elements 33 Bde column about 4 mls to North of UKHRUL. In the afternoon, "C" Coy had 1 B.O.R. killed and 1 wounded by snipers from the FORT. 1900 hrs 4 enemy grenade discharger shells caused slight wounds to 4 B.O.R.'s in "A" Coy. Slight Jap movement observed during day on jungle clad ridge approx 2000 yds to the South. All quiet throughout night in our sector.	JR Stewart Capt
5th July - - " -	Fighting Patrol from "A" Coy reached a posn on rd approx 1000 yds to the South of our posns, lay in ambush for some time but N.E.S. Reported enemy gun remains un-discovered. Another "A" Coy patrol moving via rd and track junc 807925 surprised small Jap party, killing three, probably wounding one and took one very sick and hungry prisoner, without loss to themselves.	JR Stewart Capt
UKHRUL	From brief interrogation prisoner appeared to be a straggler from enemy unit withdrawing from Kohima.	JR Stewart Capt
	1400 hrs. An enemy gun firing from a posn approx 2500 yds due South fired four shells in our area causing slight wounds to 2 B.O.R.'s. Between 1600 hrs & 1715 hrs, one 75 mm gun firing from approx same posn heavily shelled area Bde H.Q. and Mountain Bty posn (squares 7601 & 7701), causing a few casualties but no damage to our guns caused. Mtn Bty replied to enemy fire and for a period a gun dual was in progress. (A second enemy gun was discovered firing during above period from vicinity HUMPUM (Sq. 7995). 1800 hrs. Jap sniper engaged our posns from a well concealed tree posn at range of about 80 yds. No casualties suffered and a Sec of "A" Coy claims to have killed this sniper. Successful air drop took place today which relieved our ration situation after being 1½ days short.	JR Stewart Capt
6th JULY - UKHRUL	0700 hrs. 1 Pl "A" Coy set out and established themselves approx 806995. 0800 hrs. Our 3" mortars engaged area in which some fire smoke was seen rising on ridge about 2000 yds due South. 1300 hrs. Remainder "A" Coy joined their leading Pl area 806995. Coy's object to prevent enemy mvt in or out of South end UKHRUL. Enemy were holding strong posns on ridges and defiles to the EAST & SOUTH areas of rd preventing any further mvt of "A" Coy. Patrol to area 793977 killed two Japs in some old bashas. (Both in starved condition, one rifle between them). Night 6/7th July	JR Stewart Capt JR Stewart Capt

	recce patrol to FORT found it occpd by estimated 15 men. Much noise of digging and moving of timber etc. Another Recce patrol found HOSPITAL (807998) also occpd and digging and work going on. Small enemy party approx 0100 hrs moving near "D" Coy. Posns fired on and chased off. Search in morning produced Jap Officer's sword and equipment and bloodstains where one Bren gunner claimed a kill. Proposed Air Strike on FORT was cancelled due to rain and mist over area.	JR Stewart Capt NOTE. "D" Coy had re-joined Bn and took over "A" Coy's posns evening 5th July.
7th JULY - UKHRUL	0900 hrs. "B" Coy established area 785987 in base to prevent enemy mvt EAST or WEST. One of their patrols to rd & track junc (805978) was fired on by L.M.C. and Grenade Discharger and estimated enemy at weak Coy strength holding strong commanding posns. "A" Coy still held up in their restricted posn. 33 Bde elements reported in North end of UKHRUL.	JR Stewart Capt * It was considered that the enemy shelling was a cover to allow remaining Jap elements in FORT, HOSPITAL and other strong points in UKHRUL to withdraw to the EAST and SOUTH EAST. Probably the Jap was giving us the benefit of his last shells before dismantling his Gun and withdrawing.
8th JULY - - " -	Between 1000-1100 hrs and 1130-1230 hrs enemy 75 mm gun from same undiscovered posn to the South heavily shelled our confined area, firing between 50 and 60 shells at very close range. We suffered 2 B.O.R.'s killed and 12 B.O.R.'s wounded. Approx 1330 hrs "D" Coy patrol to FORT found it unoccupied and 1 Pl "C" Coy searched the area.* Fort was extensively damaged by bomb, mortar and shell fire. It had a most commanding posn over open ground with perfect nests for sniping activities. 1 Pl "D" Coy reached HOSPITAL area by 1800 hrs with no enemy opposition and had patrols pushing forward to rd & track junc 807995 finding enemy still in occpn	JR Stewart Capt
UKHRUL	there. 1900 hrs "D" Coy less 1 Pl established area Hosp. (807998), remaining Pl area just North of rd & track junc (808995). This Pl had a few exchanges of shots here and continuing to probe en. posns. All UKHRUL now clear of en. with elements 33 Bde holding North half and 89 Bde the Southern positions.	JR Stewart Capt
9th JULY - - " -	0430 hrs. "D" Coy occpd without opposition Jap posn at 808995. 0800 hrs. "A" Coy pushed through to occupy ridge 806990 and patrol fwd. Area cleared up to rd & track junc 807982. Remainder Bn now pushed through to occupy HUMPUM village killing 2 Japs (stragglers). "A" Coy established rd block west of WANTUNG (7994). 1 lone Jap wounded 2 I.O.R.'s in attached Mule Coy moving through village during the night. Villagers confirmed Jap withdrawal East with many sick and wounded.	JR Stewart Capt
10th JULY - UKHRUL	0730 hrs. Bn moving by bounds, established on rd area sq. 4991 and FINCH's CORNER 753889 by 1400 hrs with no enemy seen except 1 Jap killed during march. Patrol contacted 1st DEVONS near M.S. 34 (732882). In new area many signs of hasty Jap evacuation. Much	JR Stewart Capt * This area probably

	valuable Signal equipment found plus an assortment of ammo, saddlery and clothing.* Quiet night spent in our area.	housed a Jap H.Q. Vehicle marks seen on
11th July - FINCH'S CORNER	Patrol to contact 1/11 Sikh at SANGSHAK (7887). Killed 4 Japs en route. Bn had patrols out in all directions trying to contact & destroy enemy remnants. Further contact made with DEVONS who report contact with our troops further South. IMPHAL-UKHRUL now open and free of enemy, apart from isolated elements to the West. 1300 hrs. First M.T. convoy arrived from South carrying G.O.C. 7th Ind. Div who congratulated Bn on their recent work. 1600 hrs. Ambulance Jeep convoy passed on to UKHRUL to evacuate Bde wounded. Quiet uneventful night spent.	rd to South and on rd to SANGSHAK. JR Stewart Capt
12th July - - " -	Fighting patrol to valley area sqs. 7487 & 7486 could not discover any Japs to kill in very thick country. 15 cwt convoy arrvd from Imphal with rations but rd becoming almost impassable due to heavy rain. Jap elements west of rd seem to be avoiding our sector in their attempts to straggle East. Main en. mvt taking place between THOUBAL R. & rd further South.	JR Stewart Capt
13th July - - " -	Another patrol working in close country to the South-East found no traces of enemy. Heavy rains restricting ground mvts.	JR Stewart Capt
14th July - FINCH'S CORNER	Our Patrols EAST & NORTH still unable to contact any Jap parties.	
15th July - - " -	N.T.R. own area. Devons report engaging small Jap parties engaged trying to cross rd in their area.	JR Stewart Capt
16th July - - " -	N.T.R. own area day & night. Rd now useable only by Jeeps with chains. Heavy rain unabating.	JR Stewart Capt
17th July - - " -	N.T.R. own area. Columns of 23 Bde passing through each day on way to rest area (a number of very bedraggled prisoners going through each day. NOTE. Not the slightest semblance of any of the "all-conquering, invincible Jap super-men"!!).	
18th July - - " -	Another quiet, uneventful day. Our patrols still searching adjacent areas (NOTE:- Our patrol area is very limited indeed). Jap ammo dump discovered nr FINCH'S CORNER - 140 75 mm shells with fuses and 8 105 mm.	JR Stewart Capt
19th July - - " -	During night 18th/19th 3 Japs approached our posts but quickly made off on fire being opened. One Jap probably wounded.	JR Stewart Capt
20th July - FINCH'S CORNER	1 Jap with extensive wounds found near area "D" Coy post which had engaged 3 enemy previous night. Evacuated after treatment in A.D.S.	JR Stewart Capt
21st July - - " -	0745 hrs. Bn moved to area M.S. 25 (657818). Strenuous march through terrific mud & rain. M.T. bogged at various places en route.	JR Stewart Capt JR Stewart Capt

22nd July - Area 657818	Bn marched to area M.S. 16 under better road conditions. Reached our camping site 1430 hrs. Bde of 2 Div in area preparing to move up rd to SANGSHAK area.	JR Stewart Capt
23rd July - M.S. 16 IMPHAL-UKHRUL Rd	Bn moved complete by M.T. to KOHIMA, where we became established in a tented camp area 508755 by 1800 hrs.	JR Stewart Capt
24th July - KOHIMA	Bn spent day removing a month of filth and dirt from bodies & clothes. New kit issued and a day spent in organising our area.	
25th - 31st JULY - KOHIMA	Week spent in refitting and general smartening-up with various Coy & Bn parades. On 30th July memorial service was held in memory of our dead of the past 10 months on active service.	JR Stewart Capt