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WAR DIARY

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Unit 6 KOSB

~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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Month and Year Sep 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOUVILLE 3697	Fri 1	I II	Infm received that a move fwd to a conc area would take place the following day and preparations were made accordingly. Later in the day it was advised that this move would not take place until the day after. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Sat 2	I II	An inter-coy Drill Competition was held, and was won by A Coy, followed by C, HQ, D and Sp (equal) and B Coys. Harbour parties went off to recce new area and returned in the evening having completed the recce. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Sun 3	I II	The Bn left HOUVILLE early in the morning and proceeded in TCVs to the area LA FEUILLE. This move was done using Bn 3 tonners to tpt the inf. Bn HQ was est at 478168. A Church Service was held in the afternoon. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
HADENCOURT 6737	Mon 4	I II	The Bn again moved in own tpt to area HADENCOURT 6737, arriving about mid-day. In the afternoon a route march was held of approx 7 miles. The Pipes and Drums played during this march. Weather fine	CWPR
HERICOURT 103081 (Sh72)	Tue 5	I II	All Bn vehs left early in the morning and moved to a conc area at HERICOURT 103081. The remainder of the Bn moved in TCVs in the afternoon, arriving in the late evening. A Warning Order was received that the Bn would be required to move the following day as adv gd to the Bde, moving towards ROULERS. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
795545	Wed 6	I	Bn left at 0800 hrs with C Coy as vangd and proceeded by the route BETHUNE - LA BASSEE - LILLE - TOURCOING - MENIN - ROULERS. On arrival at 5646 it was discovered that the br there was blown and an alternative br at MEURCHIN 5522 was used. No enemy was encountered. Eventually HOUIN was reached and br there was found to be blown. Infm was then received that enemy were adv SOUTH towards br at LAUWE 7954 and the Bn was ordered to cross immediately and est a br head to	

		II	protect the br. This was quickly done, C Coy leading followed by A D and B. No opposition was encountered and Bn HQ was est at 795545. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
795545	Thu 7	I II	The Bn remained in this posn during the day. No enemy were encountered other than a few prisoners brought in by the recce. In the afternoon 53 Div crossed our front and orders were received to conc in present area and have maximum rest preparatory to an early move the following day. The CO attended an O Gp during the night. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
ZULTE 885590	Fri 8	I II	The Bn moved off behind 6RSF to occupy line of R LYS from 9664 to PLAATSE 0068. No enemy other than stragglers were encountered and the Bn was fully est and in posn by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ was est in ZULTE. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ZULTE	Sat 9	I II	No move took place during the day and the arrival of other allied fmns on our front rendered the tactical sit less important. The day was therefore devoted to adm and trg. The Bn Soccer Team played the local team in the evening and won by 4-2. The Pipes and Drums also played a programme. The Div Concert Party (Tam O'Shanters) gave a performance in the village hall in the evening. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
SEMPST 7070	Sun 10	I II	The Bn left ZULTE at approx 0930 hrs and proceeded in TCVs to the area of SEMPST J77. In the afternoon Coy Comds carried out recces on the ALBERT CANAL, but later in the evening infm was received that assault crossing would not take place in this area. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
SEMPST 7070	Mon 11	I II	No move from SEMPST took place but late in the day orders were received that the Bn would proceed tomorrow to relieve 9DLI of 50 Div who were in contact with enemy in a br head across ALBERT CANAL SOUTH of GHEEL. The day was spent in trg and adm. Soccer match against local team took place in evening, and Pipes and Drums played a programme in the village. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
Area 056824	Tue 12	I II	The CO together with Bn O Gp set off early to recce posns to be taken over. The remainder of the Bn moved later to a posn SOUTH of the canal, opposite the br head. During the recce by the O Gp, Lt IH JOHNSTON, Sig Offr, was killed by a mor bomb while crossing the br across the canal. In the afternoon Coys began to cross and to carry out the relief of their opposite numbers. Relief was completed by midnight, Bn HQ being est in area 079856 (Sh 25 and 35). Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
Area 094908	Wed 13	I	At 0515 hrs it was reported by 8RS that enemy had withdrawn from GHEEL 0888. Patrols were accordingly sent out which est the fact that the	

			counter-attack came in from NE but was successfully repulsed. The enemy then opened sluice gates about two kilos WEST along the canal and the water rose to such a point as to be in grave danger of flooding the whole br head posn. It was decided, however, to hold on. At 2000 hrs, a further hy counter-attack was put in from the EAST. Certain slight penetration was effected but the attack was beaten off and the sit restored. B Coy was required to carry out a local counter-attack to retake territory lost, which it did successfully. 8RS were withdrawn from br head during the night, their posns being taken over by RSF and KOSB.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
074926	Sun 17	I	The day was spent in the br head posn without incident other than steady shelling and mortaring of the posns and of the crossings. A small op by A Coy to retake certain houses was carried out successfully. Houses at 078928 and 078933 were cleared, several enemy killed and one 20 MM gun knocked out. In the evening the relief of 6RSF by 2 Gordons was carried out.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
074926	Mon 18	I	Certain re-adjustment of posns took place and B Coy was withdrawn to centre of area in res. Typhoon attack on suspected enemy posns was carried out with some success. At 1800 hrs a hy conc of enemy shelling took place followed by a very sharp counter-attack which came in on both sides of the br head in the form of a pincer movement and was supported by tks. The attacking enemy were at once engaged with arty fire which completely broke up the attack and killed many of the enemy. At 2130 hrs the relief of 6KOSB by 2 A&SH commenced and continued, coy by coy, during the night.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
GHEEL 0888	Tue 19	I	The relief continued throughout the night and by approx 0400 hrs the whole Bn was relieved and proceeded to billets in GHEEL. The day was spent in rest and adm. The Div Comd visited the Bn and stated that he was very pleased with its performance in the br head. In the evening the Pipes and Drums beat retreat in GHEEL.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
GHEEL 0888	Wed 20	I	Orders were received to conc in MOLL 1790 but subsequently cancelled and the Bn instructed to take over the def of the SOUTH bank of the canal from 156950 to br 042912. This was done with A B & D Coys and Carrier Pl fwd, and C Coy in mob res. Bn HQ was est 079893.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
VELDHOVEN 373144	Thu 21	I	Bn was relieved early in the morning by 1/6 Queens Regt and on relief proceeded to a conc area at MOLL 1790. From there the Bn moved off across the ESCAUT Canal, with a view to harbouring in the woods NW of	

		II	EINDHOVEN. Owing to delays, however, it was necessary to stop for the night at VELDHOVEN 373144. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
391267	Fri 22	I	The Bn left VELDHOVEN at about 1400 hrs and proceeded with the adv through EINDHOVEN and towards a br at 3925. On approaching this br infm was received that the Bn was to come under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde forthwith, and to cross to other side of the canal and direct an attack on BEST 3726. The Bn accordingly moved to an FAA in woods at 3926 and at 1815 hrs the attack commenced with B and C Coys fwd followed by A and D. The attack met some resistance, but this was successfully dealt with by arty, and all Coys gained objectives. Bn HQ was est area 391267.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fair	
385258	Sat 23	I	Certain adjustments to Coy posns were carried out during the day and local attacks were made by A and B Coys to assist a major attack being made on the left flank by 46 (H) Inf Bde. Bn HQ moved to gen area 385258.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather dull	
STEENWEG 382268	Sun 24	I	6RSF and 8RS passed through, and further adjustments were made to KOSB posns, which now took the form of a tight def posn in the area STEENWEG 3826. Bn HQ moved to 382268. RSF and RS occupied similar def posns to the north.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	
STEENWEG 382268	Mon 25	I	Bn remained in same posns throughout the day. RS and RSF carried out certain minor attacks of a local nature and returned to their former posns for the night. The Bde Comd held an O Gp in the evening but no imminent move for 6KOSB is envisaged.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	
BOSCHKANT 4031	Tue 26	I	6RSF continued adv along axis and took a number of prisoners. In the afternoon the Bn was ordered to move fwd to area BOSCHKANT 4031 and occupy posns there. This was done in adv to contact fmn and posns finally adopted without great opposition being encountered. Bn HQ est 399317.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fair	
BOSCHKANT 4031	Wed 27	I	An attack was made by C Coy on posn at 397317. This attack met with minor opposition which it succeeded in dealing with. D Coy then initiated an attack on a posn at 395320. The first phase of this attack was successful but the second objective turned out to be very heavily defended and accurate machine gun fire caused by cas among D Coy, killing Maj COKE and CSM MELVIN and wounding Capt WELLS. The remainder of D Coy remained pinned down in an exposed posn for the remainder of the day, from which they were finally extricated by a	

		II	successful night attack by 6RSF which captured the objective. D Coy were withdrawn to Bn HQ area, where they were joined later by A Coy who rejoined the unit after two days spent guarding the br at ZON 4425. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Thu 28	I II	8RS carried out an attack at first light and succeeded in capturing posns to the front of 6RSF, meeting with some opposition. Enemy remained active throughout the day and at about 1700 hrs brought in a stiff counter-attack on 8RS posns. This counter-attack was successfully beaten off by arty and many cas caused. The enemy asked for a short truce to collect his wounded, which was granted. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Fri 29	I II	Patrols during the night contacted 10 HLI on left. No alteration in posns except A Coy moved fwd to a different posn and B Coy moved to 398313. Some shelling and mortaring throughout the day otherwise nothing out of the ordinary took place. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Sat 30	I II	B Coy moved fwd to block gap between 10 HLI and ourselves on left and D Coy occupied posns vacated by B Coy. Enemy remained quiet throughout the day until 1800 hrs when he commenced a hy arty conc. No counter-attack developed however & the front remained quiet for the rest of the night. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR