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WAR DIARY

or

Unit 7/9th (Highrs) Bn The Royal Scots

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year October 1944

Commanding Officer Lt-Col M E Melvill

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HORNCASTLE	1st		AMERICA received ☉ ref Appx A "September" ☉ now indicates "Op cancelled" ☉ 48 and 72 hrs leave CANCELLED ☉ Normal privilege leave re-opens MONDAY 2 Oct ☉ maximum number 3 per cent per day.	
	2nd		Lt-Col M E MELVILL now on leave ☉ Comd of Bn devolves Major JG DAWSON.	
	3rd		Major CHATER and Lieut J.L. Brown represent Bn as "skeleton Bn HQ" on exercise HALF-A-LOAF ☉ 22 Set working to Bde HQ ☉ Duration - ends p.m. FRIDAY.	
	4th		Privilege leave increased to 5 per cent.	
	6th		Major JG DAWSON attended Bde Comd's Conference.	
	7th	0900	Major JG DAWSON addressed the Bn on 1) Past operations 2) Present 3) Future Briefly 2) Present - re-organise, and the intention of sea-buildup joining the Bn in near future 3) We are going overseas as soon as (2) completed.	
		1230	Message received from HQ 155 Bde priority IMMEDIATE ☉ "ALL LEAVE CANCELLED ☉ personnel on leave will be recalled forthwith.	
HORNCASTLE	8th	0110	Message BM/2 from 155 Inf Bde originated at 072245 ☉ "Airportable Ech at six hrs notice to move to marshalling area from 0001 hrs 9 Oct. Message A/1 (Appx A) issued. Lt-Col M.E. Melvill rejoined the Battalion.	
		2130	Lt-Col ME Melvill and Major JG DAWSON attended Bde Comds conference.	
	9th		CO's O Gp (ALL Coy Comds, 2i/c, Adj, QM, IO, and Capt. WADSWORTH, RAMC (att)) Subject - Operational ☉ "Division moving by SEA in present organisation of "jeepable" tpt ☉ To be followed by Ech III (sea build-up) ☉ Intention to re-organise as NORMAL INFANTRY DIVISION at first available opportunity ☉ We will meet up with 157 Bde ☉ Op Maps held by unit will be taken ☉ Personnel in LS Infantry : Tpt in LCT.	

HORNCASTLE		1430 1545	<p>Lt MACLEAN reports to 155 Inf Bde as Liaison Officer ☉ Lt MACDONALD now posted to "C" Coy and assumes command No. Platoon.</p> <p>WARNING ORDER received ☉ BM/3 091150 in cipher ☉ Op to be known as WHOLEMEAL ☉ Inf Bns will move tomorrow 10 Oct, remainder Gp 11 Oct.</p> <p>Immediate message received 155 Bde ☉ No movement before 0600 hrs 11 Oct.</p>	
HORNCASTLE	10		<p>Lt-Col M.E. Melvill and Major JG DAWSON attended Bde Comds conference. RASC Drivers (five) attached to unit withdrawn w.e.f. 9 Oct ☉ Vehicles to remain with Unit and to be responsibility of Reserve Drivers to be found within Airtn ech.</p> <p>Home Details ordered to return to BANCHORY.</p> <p>CO's Conference - Operational - attended by ALL Coy Comds, 2i/c, Adj and IO. "Division moving to Belgium to conc area, and come under comd 12th Corps ☉ Corps Comd has ordered that we will fully conc (as a Div) before moving to operations.</p> <p>CO's Conference - attended by full O Gp ☉ 1) Sea build-up joining Bn in this area ☉ 2) Re-organised in this locn on to the following scale of tpt - 45 Jeeps and trailers, 13 Carriers (Universal), 6 3-tonners, CO's staff car, and full scale of Motor-cycles (as Normal Inf Bn) ☉ 3) Bn now re-organising into the following: Ech 1 - All personnel (A1) not in other echs ☉ Ech 2 - All jeeps and trailers, all available MCs ☉ Ech 3 - Carrier platoon (13) ☉ Ech 4 - 6 3-tonners and CO's staff car ☉ Bn Ech 2 comd of Lt J STORIE ☉ Bn Ech 3 - comd of Capt BUCHANAN ☉ Bn Ech 4 - comd of Lt WILLIAMSON ☉ Warning order issued "Ech 2 at short notice to move after 0600 hrs 11 Oct ☉ Ech 1 may move p.m. 13th or a.m. 14th Oct ☉</p> <p>Two Norwegian Offrs attached to the Bn (Lts GAASLAND and KUERN DAL) are now withdrawn to Norwegian hqs.</p> <p>Capt BUCHANAN and Carrier party left Bn to report to COVENTRY to receive THIRTEEN UNIVERSAL CARRIERS.</p> <p>Message (Cipher) Immediate priority ☉ BM/3 (155 Inf Bde) ☉ wef 111545A Bde HQ and Inf Bns at 12 hrs notice, remainder Bde Gp at 24 hrs.</p>	
HORNCASTLE	12th		<p>13 Carriers (Universal) joined the Bn.</p> <p>Ech comd by Lt WILLIAMSON, previously referred to as "Ship-Build-Up" joined Bn ☉ This ech left BANCHORY, Scotland on 10th, staging at WISHAW (on 10th); CATTERICK on 11th.</p> <p>Message BM/3 - No move before 1200 hrs 13 OCT (received from HQ 155 Bde)</p>	
	13th		All surplus tpt returned.	

		1930	All Gas stores returned. Warning Order received - Ech One moves 12th ⊙ Ech 2, 3 and 4 on 16th ⊙ Marshalling Areas - Ech 1 - Q047387 (Sh 11) ⊙ Other ech 2, 3 and 4 - R0098 (Sh 12. ¼ inch to mile). Movement Order for Ech One issued (Appx B).	
FAREHAM	14th	0415 1400 1710	Entraining of Gp one (A & D Coys, HQ Coy). A, D and HQ Coy train arrives at FAREHAM Rly Stn (map ref - Q0126 - Eng and Wales ¼ inch Sh 12) ⊙ Moved by tpt to Marshalling Camp - map ref Q021270 (Sh 12). C, B and Sp Coy train arrives, and joins Bn in Marshalling Camp.	
FAREHAM	15th		CO's O Gp attended by all Coy Comds - Warning Order for move of 200 Men on 16 Oct; remainder Bn on 17 Oct(?).	
SOUTHAMPTON	16th	1200	Lt-Col M.E. Melvill, Adj, SO and IO, HQ Coy (less QM Staff and Bearer Sec of RAMC) also 'A' Coy complete, and Colour ptys from B, C, D and Sp Coys - B Coy - Capt FINDLAY; C Coy - Capt THOMSON, D Coy - Capt NORMAND, Sp Coy Lt CAIRNS ⊙ EMBARKED SOUTHAMPTON ⊙ Ship - TSS "ISLES OF GUERNSEY" ⊙ Strength of Pty: 204 Offrs and ORs ⊙ Destination OSTEND.	
OSTEND	17th	1400 1530	Party disembarked, met by G3 156 Bde HQ (Capt HAY) ⊙ Party moved to transit camp OSTEND (No. 60). Capts SCOTT, NORMAND, THOMSON, FINDLAY, GRAY and Lieut CAIRNS moved to conc area Sh 7 (Belgium & NE Fr. 1/100,000) East of WAEREGHEM 9762.	
OSTEND WAEREGHEM	18th	0830 1400	Moved by MT to WAEREGHEM by the following route:- X Rds 6397, THOUROUT 7584, X Rds 7579, LICHTERVELDE 7879, THIELT, DEYNZE 0572 thence to Conc Area. Est Bn HQ at 972638 ⊙ A, HQ Coys with Bn HQ in factory ⊙ nearest senior fmn HQ 156 Inf Bde 0464 ⊙ Factory SOCIETE ANONYME de Waereghem.	
WAEREGHEM	19th	1130	Remainder Bn arrived at this locn ⊙ Layout of Sub-Unit now 972638 (Factory) - Bn HQ, HQ Coy, A, B and Sp Coys ⊙ Factory at 973632 - C and D Coys ⊙ Lt Guthrie and 1 Pl 'C' Coy remaining at OSTENDE (duty-guard). A Coy (comd Major JOHNSTON) will now take over Report Centre at DEYNZE (relieving 4/5 RSF). Capt NORMAND, Capt FINDLAY, Lieut CAIRNS reported to Col CARTER at OSTENDE (duties - de-embarkation staff).	
WAEREGHEM	20th	1430	Bn 'O' Gp - attended by Coy Comds, 2i/c, Adj, IO. Order of the Day by Major-General E Hakewill Smith CBE, MC (Appx C).	
	22nd		Lt-Col M.E. Melvill and Lieut J.L. Brown visited HQ 157 Bde (Sh 2 1/100,000) 042983.	

WAEREGHEM	23rd		Party of 6 Officers, 10 NCOs visited OSTEND to inspect Defences. CO returned from Bde HQ with details of pending operation ☉ Lt-Col M.E. Melvill briefed 2i/c, Adj, SO, IO ☉ Details on Appx "D".	
	24th	1900	Echs 2 and 4 joined the Bn ☉ Casualties - CO's Staff Car and 1 M/C. Embarked at Tilbury on 22nd Oct ☉ Landed at OSTEND 24th.	
	25th	1930	CO met ARMY COMD in GHENT. J1880 Q JLBLt J1885 (1/4 inch Sheet Two). Conference at Bde HQ attended by Lt-Col M.E. Melvill. Ech 3 joined Bn ☉ No casualties ☉ Embarked at Tilbury, Monday 23rd ☉ Disembarked at OSTEND 1330 hrs to-day ☉ All Bn now concentrated in Belgium.	
	26th		Major J.G. DAWSON representing Bde Comd, recce'd Bde Gp Layout in new Conc Area. CO's O Gp - attended by OCs A B C D Sp HQ Coys, Adj, SO, IO, MTO, QM, MO ☉ Operational ☉ As Appx "D" but infm of Conc Area.	
	27th	1000	Colour ptys moved off to new conc area (Sh 2 Belgium and NE FRANCE) 1/100,000. OOSTVELD 9693 - 1 Offr and 1 NCO per Coy under Major J.G. DAWSON.	
Waereghem	28th		C and D Coys with Pioneer Pl moved by MT route to erected Wire Fencing (Task - 8 hours) at DE HANN (Sh2) - 7207 and then to proceed to new conc area at OOSTVELD 9693. Conference attended by OCs HQ, Sp, A, B Coys, MTO, ATk Officer, QM, IO - Subject - Movement of Main Body tomorrow.	
Waereghem OOSTVELD OOSTVELD	29th	0915 1400	All remaining Jeeps and Trailers with A Coy complete and 50% B Coy moved by MT Route to Conc Area ☉ Route. DEYNZE - LOOTENHULLE 0080 - AELTRE 9984 - KNESSELAERE 9790 thence to OOSTVELD 9693 (Sh 2 1/100,000). Remainder Bn moved from WAEREGHEM to conc area ☉ Bn now laid out as follows: Bn HQ in at 964937 ☉ A Coy 979945 ☉ B Coy - 967935 ☉ C&D Coys - 969940 ☉ Sp Coy - 958933 ☉ Comms - Line to A B C and D Coys ☉ Refs all Sh 21&31 1/50,000. Warning issued to all coys of pro-Nazi element and collaborators in Maldegem 0098.	
OOSTVELD	30th	1730	Bde O Gp attended by CO and IO at HQ 155 Inf Bde at BRUGES.	
	31st	1130	CO briefed ALL Officers of the Bn on Operation (Infatuate) ☉ Re-organisation of the Bn to the following:- Rifle Coys the same as before but MINUS LOBs and VICKERS GUN ☉ Support Coy - Mortar Platoon on Man-Pack; Modified Carrier Platoon as Appx "E"; No Anti-Tank Platoon required for Operation ☉ HQ Coy as normal <u>minus</u> Coy hq ☉ Officers left <u>out of battle</u> - Major J G DAWSON, Major CHARTERIS, Capt NORMAND, Capt SCOTT, (OC LOB), Mr WIGHTON and Mr NEWTON; Capt STRACEY, Capt ALLISON, Mr BILTON, Mr STOREY,	

Oostveld			<p>Mr WILLIAMSON ☉ ORs - CQMS and storeman of <u>all</u> Coys; Sjts - B=1; C=2; D=2; Corporals 1 per Rifle Coy; L/Cpls 1 per Platoon; Privates - 6 per Rifle Coy (excluding Drivers and Batman) ☉ <u>Specialists</u> - Mortar Pl - Sjt, Cpl, L/Cpl + Drivers: Pnr Pl - Sjt 2 Pioneers + Drivers: Carrier Pl - all NOT required for new organisation ☉ Intelligence Cpl, Sniper, 2 dogs and handlers; ALL Cooks; ALL Fitters & MT Staff, ALL Drivers; Ord Rm Clerk; One R.P.; Signal Sergeant and 3 others; ALL Batman of LOB Offrs ☉ <u>Dress</u> - Jersey pullover, windproof top, Mae Wests, Gloves, normal equipment (i.e. - small pack). In small pack - 24 hr Ration pack, Emergency Rations, Sterilization Tablets, Heavy pullover, pr Socks, cap comforter, Towel, Mess Tin, Two Sandbags, Water Bottles MUST be full - Note Respirators will NOT be carried ☉ Large Pack - Great coat, spare pair Socks, Washing & Toilet Kit, Windproof trousers - Remainder kit in Rucksack under LOB.</p> <p>Amn - As for Airtn Scale, less 75 Grenades (now only carried by Pnr Pl) ☉ Reserve Amn remains under OC LOB ☉ 3" Mortar Amn - carried by A B D Coys, 99 rds each, to be dumped on other side at Bn Dump ☉ Water shortage on "Objective" - 2 gallon Water Tins will be taken, 2 Water Bottles to be carried by each S-B. Blankets to be issued specially for Op ☉ Shell Dressings to be carried by other ranks ☉ Morphia carried by each Officer ☉ No pedal or motor cycles to be taken ☉ Wireless Silence till 0530 D-Day ☉ Listening watch from 0500 hrs ☉ Bn at ONE hour's notice from 0800 hrs 1st NOV ☉ Order of Bns, 4 Cdo, 4th KOSB, 5 KOSB, 7/9 Royal Scots ☉ D-Day as on Appx D ☉</p>	
OOSTVELD			<p>M Melvill 7/9th (Highrs)</p>	<p>Lieut-Colonel Bn The Royal Scots (The Royal Regt)</p>

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Oostveld BRESKENS	1st	0700 1435 1600 2000	C Coy complete with Capt NORMAND and all under comd Major J G DAWSON moved to BRESKINS 0919 (1/100,000 Sh 2) ☉ Task, movement of supplies for Op. INFATUATE. Message received from HQ 155 Bde, "prepare to move IMMEDIATELY." Bn moved off by tpt route:- EECLOO 0895 - WATERVLIET 1305 - SCHOONDIJKE 0914. Recce Colour Pty - One Officer and One NCO per Coy. embarked with Bde Comds pty (Tac HQ) landing at Uncle Beach 2030 hrs. 113239 Colour pty contacted LIEUT BEVERIDGE and one pl 'C' Coy who were on unloading duties ☉ They had NO casualties up to this time.	
FLUSHING Flushing	2nd	0315 0445 1130 1420 1800 2100 2215	Bn landed on "Uncle" Beach, with 2 pls 'C' Coy, which rejoined at BRESKENS. Conc at 111239 (former barracks German Army). Bn ordered to provide Patrol (Pl) to link up with 4 KOSB in area of Shipbuilding Yards ☉ This relieved 5 KOSB of this Task. Lieut TAYLOR and pl (B Coy) ordered to escort PWs and civilians from offices East Shipyards to area known as "TROUT" (see TRACE "A"). Enemy MG Fire (indirect fire) on to our locn ☉ no cas. Lieut WALKER killed by burst MG fire from Beach area directed through top storey window of Barracks ☉ Personal No. C Coy now under comd 5 KOSB, and situated in area 113247 ☉ B Coy in area 115243 with task of sitting on bridge at 114241 and prevent infiltration from area North into FLUSHING ☉ A Coy in area "FALMOUTH" 120240 with task observing area immediately North. Lt-Col M E MELVILL called to Bde HQ ☉ received "brief" for Op "assist 4 CDO landing". O Gp attended by OCs B and D Coys; Capt THOMSON (OC C Coy), Carrier Offr, SO, IO ☉ Plan see Appx A.	
Flushing	3rd	0205 0700	Bn HQ moved off ☉ Comms as per Diagram attached Appx A ☉ Report of action and timings Appx B. A Coy ☉ activity in FALMOUTH area up to 0330 hrs ☉ Own Arty falling short on own localities ☉ No casualties ☉ 0900 - Capt DR HADDON (Adjnt) joined Tac HQ.	

		1405	Major J.G. DAWSON assumed comd of the Battalion. Own casualties ☉ Listed on Appx 'C'. Two Coys 4 Bn KOSB came under comd this Unit, i.e. A Coy at 1000 hrs ☉ D Coy 1800 hrs. Re-organisation - B Coy (right) 097250 patrol sitting on spit looking to Gap in sea wall; D Coy (centre) 098249, C Coy at 099248; C Coy 4/KOSB (left) 100248, A Coy 4/KOSB 102250; Bn HQ at 100250; Rear Bn HQ and Sp Coy 111239	
	4th	1345 1730 1930 2230	CO and IO attend Bde Comds O Gp. "7/9 RS take over locality held by 4KOSB". Bn moved into new area, with sub-units as follows: Bn HQ = House 62 ☉ C Coy - Shipyards 109243 ☉ B Coy - Xrds 107244 ☉ D Coy 105239 ☉ A Coy 111241 ☉ Sp Coy with Bn HQ ☉ Patrolling Tasks for all Rifle Coys ☉ A&D 4/KOSB revert to own Unit. CO and IO attend Bde O Gp - plan for attack on Middleburg. Pnr Pl came under comd REs and moved fwd to clear gap in minefield - area Canal.	
Flushing	5th	0730 1430 1445 1530	Battalion at ONE hours notice ☉ CO and IO with Bde Comd observing Battle ☉ Major Dawson earmarked to rep Bde Comd as OC FLAG Pty to receive surrender of tps in Middleburg. Lt JL Brown (IO) detailed to rep Bn on recce to be carried out in a Water Buffalo ☉ Object - To determine whether it is possible to land a Bn (transported in Water Buffalos) to North Rd leading into Middleburg ☉ Capt Jones represented Bde Comd ☉ Pty comd by Capt comding Tank. Recce Pty moved off ☉ Route rd to KOUDEKERKE 095285, thence to TER HOOGE 123290 ☉ Area particularly heavy in minefields and anti- landing charges ☉ Flooded quite deeply, except for a part in the centre of KOUDEKERKE ☉ Big welcome from Dutch people of the village ☉ No Germans encountered ☉ At area of Ter Hooge decided impossible to proceed further, 1) owing to failing light, 2) extent of mined areas, 3) No comn to Bde HQ and with those three factors we decided to return with the following answer to Bde Comd "not practicable by night; but, with time and good navigation by day, it would indeed be possible, but a percentage of cas. must be expected owing to Mined Areas" ☉ On return journey, the tank got bogged on concrete bridge which was under water ☉ Time 1730 hrs ☉ Capt Jones & Lieut Brown waded back, arriving and reporting to Bde Comd at 0600 hrs 6th Nov. CO's O Gp to Coy Comds - "Pending success of 157 Bde in reaching SE of Middleburg and forcing surrender - or likewise with 4th Bn KOSB:- the 7/9 RS will be prepared to move up West side of Canal round North of Middleburg ☉ Tpt will be LVTs.	Flushing

		1930	No move before 0200 hrs 6 Nov.	
		2010	No move before 0900 hrs 6 Nov.	
Flushing	6th	0730	CO's O Gp - 0810 - CO ordered to report to Bde HQ.	
		0855	Warning Order - "A" Company prepare to move, Major Johnston to report to Bn HQ.	
		0930	Major Johnston briefed for Op:- A Coy with One MG platoon in support transported in LVTs to move across flooded area to search all concrete localities, if unable to be dealt with by his Force, they were to be reported to Bde HQ ☉ Force was also to recce the possibility of the remainder of the battalion moving in LVTs ☉ If Flag of Surrender was flown by the enemy, Major Johnston was instructed, on behalf of Bde Comd, to accept on terms of unconditional surrender ☉ Timings, Route and Narrative as Appx "D".	
		1630	A Coy reached MIDDLEBURG.	
		1640	Bn ordered by CO to be at half-an-hours notice to move.	
Flushing		1815	Major Dawson - Bn O Gp ☉ 1) C Coy to come under comd 4th Bn KOSB. 2) D Coy to provide one platoon for duty as escort to Bde Comd, if and when the Brigadier decided to go Middleburg that night, this platoon at 30 minutes notice ☉ 3) Bn (less A and C Coy) likely to remain in FLUSHING.	
		2230	C Coy moved from present locn to join 4th Bn KOSB, now moving to Middleburg.	
	7th		Line comn laid to Sp, B and D Coys.	
	8th	1100	Major J G DAWSON attended Bde Comds Conference.	
		1300	Bn O Gp ☉ Areas allocated for cleaning up and collection of British and Enemy Wpns, equipment and amn ☉ Discipline - Drill Parade each day: Turnout and Dress ☉ RAMC Bearer Sec (Comd - Capt WADSWORTH) remain under comd 7/9 RS ☉ Avoidance of Looting ☉ Complimentary - Bde Comd expressed that it should be made known to all ranks, his opinion that the Bde Gp has earned a distinction, that they well might feel conceited about ☉ The Bde Comd also made comment on how willingly all tasks were carried out.	
FLUSHING		1600	Bde Comd visited Bn Area. Bde Comd ordered that it should be recorded in the War Diary that the Cinema Projector complete with all its apparatus and also the Epidiascope, captured by the Battalion at FLUSHING, will be handed to HQ 155 Inf Bde for use within the Brigade ☉ At the end of Hostilities, this property to be returned to the Battalion as Regimental Property of the 7/9th (Highrs) Bn The Royal Scots.	
	9th	1110	A Coy returned to their former location, and revert to comd 7/9 RS.	
		1250	C Coy returned to their previous locn, and to Unit comd.	
		1415	Divisional Comd and Bde Comd visited Bn Area.	

Flushing			On orders and authority of Comd 155 Inf Bde, Major J G Dawson assumes rank of Lieut-Colonel (Appx F refers). Pioneer Platoon reverts comd 7/9 Royal Scots ☉ No cas.	
	10th		Brigade Church Service attended by Lt-Col J G Dawson and 250 ORs of the Bn. Movement Order received ☉ Intention 155 Bde Gp will move from Flushing to conc area south of MALDEGEM ☉ Unit details as on Serial 7 Appx A to Adm Instr dated 9 Nov 44 ☉ Movement on 13th Nov.	
	11th		Notification of Re-Inforcements received ☉ Offrs - Capt JW MARSH (The Royal Scots), Lieut DF MILLER (RS), Lieut DJ MALLAGH (RS), 2/Lt H. ORTON (Oxf and Bucks), 2/Lt KNOWLES FCF (Oxf and Bucks) ☉ ORs - 3 Sjts, 6 Cpls, 42 Ptes, total 51 ORs ☉ Draft Serial RXXGP (LAAP Scheme).	
Flushing	12th		Lt-Col JG DAWSON assumes comd tps FLUSHING. O Gp - Coy Comds only - Warning Order for movement on 13th. Order of the Day ☉ Lt-Gen GG SIMONDS, CB, CBE, DSO, A/C-in-C First Cdn Army ☉ Issued and read to all Offrs and Men of the Bn ☉ Appx H.	
BRESKINS FLUSHING	13th	1000 1200 1210	A and D Coys, Adjt and IO with half Bn HQ embarked at FLUSHING, on LCTs. The above party under Adjt. landed at BRESKINS, and moved by MT route to OOSTVELD. CO, SO and Sig Pl, B and C Coys embarked at FLUSHING and crossed to Breskens, proceeding to Conc Area at Oostveld.	
OOSTVELD OOSTVELD	14th	 (pm)	Capt NORMAND appointed OC D Coy and promoted to Major. Lieut CAMERON promoted to Captain and appointed 2i/c D Coy. Capt MARSH posted to A Coy. Capt KIM BUCHANAN to be 2i/c Coy. Lieut J STORIE to be OC Carrier Pl. Lieut DS MILLER to be 2i/c Carrier Pl ☉ Lieut DJ MALLAGH to A Coy. 2/Lt T KNOWLES to 'B' Coy ☉ Lieut EF STEWART to "D" Coy, 2/Lt M ORTON to 'D' Coy. LOB Pty at BRESKENS returned to Bn.	
SANTULIET	15th	1030 1500	Bn moved by MT route to SANTULIET (Sh 2 1/250,000 - D6112) ☉ Route KNESSELAERE H9891 - MALDEGEM J0198 - GHENT J18 - LOKEREN J3785 - St NICOLAS J4991 - ANTWERP - BREDA rd CAPELLEN, thence SANTULIET D6112. Est Bn HQ at 611123 ☉ B, C, D, Sp, HQ Coys in SANTULIET ☉ A Coy at 606128 ☉ Line comn to all Coys. O Gp - CO to Coy Comds - "Admin"	
	16	2100	Lt-Col JG DAWSON and IO attended Bde Comd's Conference ☉ "Admin"	
	17	0930	O Gp - CO to Coy Comds, MTO, QM, SO, IO ☉ Appointments - Major H ROSE to be Second-in-Command ☉ Capt CMG HERRIOT to be OC 'B' Coy	

SANTULIET			and granted A/RK of Major ☉ Capt W.E. SCOTT to be OC 'Sp' Coy ☉ Capt K.M.C. GRAY to be OC HQ Coy ☉ Capt J.W. MARSH to be 2i/c 'A' Coy ☉ Lieut J. STORIE granted A/RK of Capt ☉ Re-organisation of Carrier Pl - 7 Carriers (1 Comd and 2 Secs) 1 Carrier to Bn Comd, 1 Carrier spare, 1 Carrier each to OCs A, B, C, D Coys ☉ Spare Carrier, if reserve Bn, earmarked for Bde Comd ☉ C.O. proposes to try out the following organisation - 7 Carriers to Carrier Pl; 5 Carriers to Mortar Pl (one for Comd and 2 secs of mortars); 1 to Bn Comd ☉ remainder "Admin." ☉ Movement Order No.1 S/O/1 of 17 Nov 44 issued, attached Appx "G" ☉ Z hr 0800 hrs.	
VAGHT	18	0730	Bn in MT crossed Bn S.P. moving to BERGEN-OP-ZOOM 611275 (Bde SP) crossing this point at 0800 hrs ☉ Route as Appx "G".	
VAGHT		1130	Bn HQ est at VAGHT	
VAGHT		1730	All Sub-Units in this locn. CO and IO attended Bde Comd's Conference at HQ ☉ Op - Intention of Bde Gp to restore situation in S'HERTOGENBOCHE. Bn order to provide ONE COMPANY, at 30 minutes notice during hours of darkness, the remainder of the Bn at 60 minutes notice, w.e.f. 18 Nov. ☉ Task of Bn - to move without tpt to West of HERTOGENBOCHE on to dry ground (referred to as "Island") area of NIEWKUIK 2346 and to be prepared to make Eastward movement on to HERTOGENBOSCH ☉ 4 KOSB similar movement on East to move into objective on Eastward assault ☉ Warning Order - Bde Comd's appreciation that 52 Division likely to relieve the 4th Cdn Armd Div now on defensive posns on South Bank River MAAS with left flank excl TILBURG ☉ It is further thought that we would probably be responsible for sector North and WEST of HERTOGENBOSCH ☉ If appreciation becomes actual - 4 KOSB will be on right; 7/9th Royal Scots on Left ☉	
VAGHT		2100	CO to Large O Group - D Coy ordered to be Inlying Coy till 0800 19 Nov. thereafter each Rifle Coy as published in Bn Orders. (See Appx "I") Remainder of Bn, less LOBs, A Tk Pl, B ech at 60 minutes notice ☉ Scales Amn - each Rifle - 150 rds SAA, LMG 12 mags per gun; PIATs and 2" Mortar Amn - Airtn Scale ☉ 3" Mortar Pl - "man-pack" ☉ No tpt except ONE Jeep 22 - Wireless Set (Rear-Link to Bde HQ) ☉ Route to be recced on 19 Nov, but NO movement fwd rly line 243470 ☉ LOB will contain 2 L/Cpls and 9 men per Coy; Offrs and NCOs as detailed for attachment to 4 Cdn Armd Div ☉ Order of March Inlying Coy - Next for duty Coy with Tac Bn HQ behind First Platoon - Mortar Pl - Pnr Pl (less one section to be attached to Inlying Coy) - Next again coy for duty - Bn HQ - remaining Coy. ☉ Route (to-night only) - Direct Rd route via HELVOIRT Cross Rds 270399 ☉	

		2350	PRACTICE - "STAND TO" INLYING COY.	
VAGHT	19	1330 (am)	Four patrols sent fwd to recce routes ☉ CO, JLO (att from HQ 155 Inf Bde), IO - recce of route. CO lectured to all Officers and men of the Bn - "Lessons from Bn Operation at FLUSHING" ☉ 1900 hrs Inlying Coy - now 1 hrs notice (Bn 2 hrs notice).	
	20	1400 0520	CO with Rifle Coy Comds on recce of assembly area etc. ☉ Recce pty from all sub-units moved over route to assembly area ☉ PRACTICE - STAND-TO Bn.	
	21	0900	CO - Coy Comds, SO, IO - "Ops"	
VAGHT	22	2030	CO - Large 'O' Gp ☉ Relief of Linc and Welland Regt (4 Cdn Armd Div) on 24/25 Nov. area West S'HERTOGENBOSCH to incl HERPT 2151 ☉ Comd of the area to pass to OC at 1600 hrs 24 Nov. and then to 155 Inf Bde at 0800 hrs 25 Nov. ☉ LOBs - Capt GRAY (OC), Lieut MURRAY, WIDDOWSON, GUTHRIE, and Capt CAMERON; - one NCO and six men, each rifle platoon; A tk pl complete (Capt TRACEY, and Lieut BILTON); MTO all Drivers (less CO's car, CO's Jeep, 0 Jeep, 1 SAA Jeep, 1 Jeep per Coy ☉ Sjt Crosbie, & 1 Sniper NCO ☉ Admin - Amn scale, 150 rds ☉ Big pack to remain with LOB ☉ Respirators left behind.	
	23	1300 1430 1700 2030	Advance Party under comd Major ROSE moved by MT to RV at VLIJMEN 2647. O Gp - Bn HQ - Patrol programme for night 24/25 Nov. ☉ Warning Order to prepare to dig-in posns night 25/26 Nov. CO attended Bde O Gp. Large O Gp. - Op - Arty sp initially 1 Fd Regt and 2 Btys, eventually all to come under comd CRA, and will then have on call 4 Fd Regts 2 Mediums ☉ Mtn Gunners assume Counter Mortar Rote ☉ Division Policy for the "Holding of the Line" - First ten days, Units to sit "QUIET", and observe; if enemy crosses the River MAAS, he should NOT get back ☉ Patrolling policy - movement to the minimum; standing patrols to be thickened-up; Units NOT to cross river unless ordered by Bde Comd ☉ Units to be TEN DAYS in the line ☉ Stand To - 0700-0800 : 1700-1800 hrs.	
Vaght VLIJMEN	24	0900 1600 2215	Marching tps move to VLIJMEN 2647 ☉ Route - Comd to Br 2444 - NIEUWKUIK 2346 thence direct to Coy areas. Tpt under MTO via most direct road route ☉ No tpt beyond Cross Roads 272480. Comd Bn Area assumed by 7/9th (Highrs) Bn The Royal Scots. Relief of all fwd posns completed ☉ NTR.	
	25	0600	Sitrep - Burst of MG fire ☉ Patrolling NTR ☉ No cas.	

		1830	Sitrep - BOKHOVEN 2751 and HEDIKHUISEN 2351 under Mortar Fire - 44 Bombs ☉ MGs NOT active ☉ No cas.	
	26	0600 1800	Sitrep - Apart from intermittent MG and Mortar fire on fwd posns ☉ NTR ☉ patrolling - NTR ☉ No cas. Sitrep - Enemy OP identified and engaged by 258 Bty. - 5 out of 6 on to target. Slight MG and mortar activity ☉ No cas.	
	27	0600 1800	Sitrep - Quiet ☉ Patrolling NTR ☉ No cas. Sitrep - Loudspeaker heard from area 3052 ☉ Query Orders being relayed to FORT.	
VLIJMEN	28	0600 1700	Sitrep - apart from slight Mortar activity area A Coy OP 289508 ☉ NTR ☉ No cas. Sitrep - heavy mortaring C Coy OP at HEDIKHUISEN ☉ No cas.	
	29	0600 1700	Sitrep - No activity. Sitrep - Mortaring - No cas.	
	30	0600 1700	Sitrep - slight MG activity - Patrols NTR - No cas. Sitrep - Mortars active on fwd posn but NO cas. Defence Scheme fully complete and attached as Appx "J".	JG Dawson Lt-Col 5 Dec 44

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WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Commanding Officer _____

Month and Year November 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
(Ap prox)	3rd	0145 0210 0330 0400	<p>Tactical headquarters moved off.</p> <p>Own Artillery shells landing on own tps ☉ Coys affected - Carriers B Coy and D Coy ☉ Gunner Rep. with Colonel Melvill said it was enemy shelling and on this the Colonel ordered Lieut BROWN (IO) to push forward to the leading tps and order them to Advance ☉ At this time we had NO comm to rear headquarters, therefore not in touch with Bde HQ ☉ When it became evident that it was own shells, CO ordered the barrage to be lifted; this was delayed owing to the 22 set on man-pack, thereby message was delayed considerably ☉ It must be added that at this moment the Bn was wading in water over waist deep ☉ Cas. were heaviest with Carrier pl and "D" Coy ☉ The barrage was lifted a few minutes before 0315 hrs (H hr) ☉ The CO thereby postponed H hr till 0330 - the IO was ordered to pass this message to all Coy Comds ☉ Progress was slow, but morale high ☉ Comms to Coys intact, still no comm with Bde HQ ☉</p> <p>Leading elements just approaching F.U.P. ☉ water, and in parts current, made progress very slow at this point ☉ It was quite evident that Coy personnel and gps were out of positions as for "order of march" ☉ CO at this moment set up HQ in House a few yards from F.U.P. ☉ Major ROSE asked for permission to work forward to find a shallower FUP (!!!)☉ In doing so, the Bn "Snake" formation found themselves almost on to objective, and asked for "permission to assault now" ☉ This was agreed to by Colonel Melvill, and instructed that all comds "tie-up" at this point and organise the assault forward ☉ At this time, still no comm to Bde HQ ☉</p> <p>Tremendous cheering and cries "UP THE ROYALS" as Lieut CAMERON and 16 Platoon D Coy assaulted Pillbox (No.1) ☉ Support fire from Capt Buchanan and 2 secs of Carriers (dismounted) ☉ This was very successful - THIRTY PWs ☉ Bn morale very high ☉ Lieut Cameron re-organised & consolidated 2&3 Secs left : 1 Sec right on the bank in front of posn (Pillbox still under own fire) ☉ On right of 16 Pl,</p>	

		<p>Lieut TAYLOR moved his platoon into posn ☉ 18 Pl D Coy (composed of 17 & 18 Pls) - 12 men - moved to clear Hotel supported from fire of 16 Pl and B Coy ☉ Lieut George found Door locked, but found it easy to break through and, as soon as inside, garrisoned all the basement, and signalled for 16 Platoon to come across ☉ 16 Pl then moved into Blg (sp fire from B Coy) to move into second floor (time now almost 0600 hrs) D Coy HQ in Pillbox ☉ It was observed that main enemy oppsn came from White House (see diagram) ☉</p> <p>0630 Lt Beveridge and Platoon entered the Hotel, with purpose of locating 20mm gun that was holding up "B" Coy (enfilade fire on B Coy's left) ☉ Boche set fire to hotel ☉ It was then decided that the only way to get out of the burning building was to attack along trench system and Lt Beveridge & Platoon moved to clear the trenches supported by fire from 18 & 16 Pls. ☉ Boche SURRENDERED ☉ PWs numbered 130 including Garrison Comd of FLUSHING (Oberst REINHART) ☉ 18 Pl was called upon by OC B Coy to search a corner house, to assist B Coy fwd, and 18 Pl found nothing there. Major CHATER (OC D Coy) was killed as he was trying to get across to join 16 and 18 Pls in Hotel.</p> <p>C and B Coy who had been taking on the "flank" buildings during this stage, finally mopped them up, and the ENEMY fully and finally surrendered.</p> <p>0635 Lt-Col M.E. Melvill ordered Lieut BROWN to go back to Bde HQ and to inform Bde Comd of the situation (which was very dim) at that time, ie - 20mm in such a position that it completely dominated the situation and was <u>not</u> approachable ☉ 2 platoons in the Hotel, which was burning furiously ☉ Amn short ☉ Enemy in considerable strength ☉ only comn to Bde HQ via Gunner 22 Set (est at 0400 hrs) ☉ Casualties - appeared to be very high.</p> <p>IO arrived at Bde HQ and was given three propositions for Colonel Melvill ☉ 1) Typhoon support to knock out gun (note - means withdrawing own fwd tps) ☉ 2) Assistance of ONE or TWO Coys of KOSB Bn ☉ Possibility of withdrawing, with complete powers to Colonel Melvill to make decision but, if possible, not to do it ☉ KOSB Coys to be placed at disposal of OC 7/9 RS to assist in the withdrawal ☉</p> <p>CO during this time left Bn HQ and moved towards "B" Coy, and although warned of the danger of the piece of ground [...]</p>	
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WAR DIARY

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Unit 7/9th (H) Bn The Royal Scots

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Commanding Officer Lt-Col J.G. DAWSON

Month and Year December 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
VLIJMEN	1	0900 1400 1600 2330	Two civilians arrested by 'C' Coy are of BOKHOVEN ☉ Both men had concealed on their person Arms and amm ☉ No identity cards. One other civilian arrested by 'C' Coy in same area ☉ No arms, identity card NIJMEGEN. Report from Division I.O. to say these men were SABOTEURS from Div BRANDENBURG ☉ Their task was solely to obtain identifications (?). It was stated by the P.Ws. that they were to have been lifted from area of BOKHOVEN by a boat which would come across on the signal of striking matches (!). Patrol from "B" Coy (Lieut NEWTON), under comd Capt. GALLOWAY (Div. I.O.) set out to ambush the boat party, which, it is hoped JB, the enemy will would send in answer to the above signal ☉ A boat with FIVE Germans did answer and Capt GALLOWAY, taking on the role of one of the PWs, encouraged THREE members of the Boat to come ashore ☉ On the order of Div. I.O. to lay down their arms, one of the other two men in the area of the Boat fired Rifle shots and the whole German party withdrew to the Boat ☉ MG fire on fixed lines from enemy side covered the boat across the R. MAAS ☉ It was observed that definitely ONE casualty was inflicted on the enemy ☉ No cas. to own tps.	
VLIJMEN	3rd	1230 1600	Lt-Col J.G. Dawson, Major NORMAND, Capt GRAY, Capt BUCHANAN, Lieuts NEWTON, MIVIE, BROWN, STEWART and Capt STOREY attended lecture by F-M Sir Bernard L. MONTGOMERY. CO attended Bde Comd's Conference ☉ Subject: Relief of 155 Inf Bde by elements 4 Cdn Armd Division night 5/6th Dec. CO to Bn O Group ☉ Relief of Bn on night 5-6 Dec by Linc and Welland Bn ☉ Comd of area to devolve to OC Relieving Bn at 1600 hrs 5 Dec ☉ Intention that 7/9th (H) Bn The Royal Scots move to area WEST of HELVOIRT 2640 (1/100,000 Sheet 5 GSGS 2541) to concentrate and to be prepared to move by MT route to Div Conc area.	
	4th		Advance party relieving Bn arrived and attached to sub-units.	

VLIJMEN		2130	C Coy reported that BOKHOVEN OP party returning to B Coy HQ on being relieved was ambushed on the road at approx 268517 ☉ Enemy force believed to consist of Twelve men ☉ Own cas - TWO KILLED, query FIVE prisoners.	
		2130	Bn STAND-TO ☉ Line comn to BOKHOVEN OP "cut".	
		2145	Carrier pl to move to C Coy area to relieve TWO pls from their commitments ☉ ONE pl C Coy move to BOKHOVEN ☉ ONE pl 'C' Coy to 'C' Coy OP at HEDIKHUISEN 237517.	
		2144	Arty ordered to fire on "Z FOUR".	
		2200	Remainder of B Coy Platoon reported in ☉ Lt WIDDOWSON reported ambush of his leading section occurred at 1930 hrs (approx) ☉ The section was early in moving-off and was some 20 minutes in front of the platoon ☉ Two wounded men were able to give the platoon comd a "picture" of what had happened ☉ Enemy had taken FOUR prisoners and had made off in direction of Ferry at 263524 ☉ Own Cas later confirmed as 4 KILLED, 2 "shock", 4 missing believed prisoners ☉ Names Appx "A".	
VLIJMEN	5th	0700	Major H. ROSE, with Colour party, moved off ☉ Report to BEEK 6361 (1/50,000 Sh 48 GSGS 4040). (Appx B).	
		1400	Rear Bn HQ, comd of Capt D.R. HADDON (Adjt) moved to set up new HQ.	
		1600	Command of area passed to OC Linc and Welland Bn ☉ A Coy, 7/9th RS, still in posn at ENGELEN 2949 (Sh 5) with all OP posns still manned by 7/9 RS; their relief to be completed at dark. IO and remainder Bn HQ (less CO) moved to new HQ est at MONASTERY 247404; "A" Coy "HUT" 296426; "B" Coy 237403; "C" Coy 239404; "D" Coy 234401; "Sp" Coy 228398.	
HELVOIRT	6th		CO rejoined Bn ☉ No commitments with the former Defence Area ☉ Relief completed.	
STEIN	7th	0900	CO and IO left for new area.	
		1000	Bn, in TCVs, and all tpt moved off ☉ Appx C.	
		1515	Bn HQ est at 617659.	
		2100	Lt-Col JG DAWSON attended Bde Comds O Gp at Bde HQ 632611 ☉ Details Op SHEARS ☉ Appx D.	
		2300	Bn arrived new locn ☉ 'A' Coy - 615658; 'B' Coy 614657; 'C' Coy 613658; 'D' 613657; 'Sp' Coy 615656 ☉	
STEIN	8th		Capt MALONEY reported to BOURG LEOPOLD 2782 to collect 14 LLOYD 6 Universal and 6 Mortar Carriers ☉ Authy OSA/01600 and OSB/1702 dated 7th Dec 44. Planning Room set up (Op SHEARS).	
		2000	CO to Bn O Gp ☉ Op SHEARS (details Appx D) ☉ Lloyd Carriers - 12 to A Tk Pl; 1 to OC A Tk Pl; 1 to OC Mortar Pl.	

	9th	1700 2030	Capt STORIE attended a WASP Demonstration at BOURG LEOPOLD 2782 ☉ Bn attended Tank-Inf Demonstration ☉ CO attended Bde Comds Conference ☉ Op SHEARS ☉ SRY in sp ☉ CO to Bn O Gp ☉ Op SHEARS ☉ LOB's earmarked.	
	10th	0940	A, B & C Coys ☉ Coy Exercise with Tanks ☉ Area 7050 - 7150 - 7051 - 7151. Grenade accident C Coy ☉ 12 wounded ☉	
	11th	1000	KANGAROO ☉ Demonstration by D Coy 7/9 RS. CO attended co-ordinating conference DIV HQ.	
	12th	1400	CO - Tk Sqn Comd and Gunner Reps ☉ Conference Op SHEARS.	
STEIN	13th	0930 1015	CO - ALL COY COMDS, SO & IO ☉ Warning Order ☉ Likely objectives and routes. Received from HQ 155 Inf Bde (Cipher) ☉ G01-TOP SEC - OP SHEARS CANCELLED.	
	14th	1700	Major NORMAND and Lieut Brown attended "Tank-Inf Demo" (US Army) at HERZONGENRATH 8553 CO and IO attended Bde Comd's conference. Army Form C2118A taken into operation and shown as attached to this Diary as "Appx A/ONE".	
	16th	2000	CO to Bn O Gp ☉ Admin, Order of March ☉ Patrolling - only routine link-up by B and D Coy.	
GILLRATH (GERMANY)	17th	1700 2000	By agreement with OC 30 Corps Services Bn, command area of GILLRATH passes to Lt-Col J.G. DAWSON ☉ 7/9 (Highrs) Bn The Royal Scots (RR) NOW in GERMANY. Relief of 30 Corps Services Bn completed ☉ Layout - Bn HQ - House 83086620 ☉ A Coy - area HATTERATH 8467 with one pl PANHANDLE WOOD 852677 ☉ B Coy - Wood 847676 with fwd posn in BANCHORY WOOD 849678 ☉ C Coy - GILLRATH area ☉ D Coy 833675 with posn in TRIANGLE WOOD 833678 ☉ Sp Coy GILLRATH ☉ 3" Mortars in Quarry 833662 ☉ LOB - STEIN ☉ Cooking - A & B Coys at HATTERATH, remainder GILLRATH ☉ One Bty 186 Fd Regt RA in support, with OPs area TRIANGLE WOOD and B Coy locality ☉ Rep with Bn HQ ☉ RAP and Bearer Section GILLRATH. 2/Lieut M.W. ORTON wounded in action and evacuated to 157 Fd Amb. Pte STOREY (3661696: D Coy) killed in action ☉ Pte TOWNSEND (14775939: D Coy) missing believed PW (body recovered: NOW KILLED)JLBlt ☉ 1 Offr and 2 ORs endeavoured to repair comms between their posn (TRIANGLE WOOD) and D Coy hq ☉ In doing so they were ambushed by enemy patrol who opened with automatic fire from area track 833676; own patrol replied with Grenades and disengaged to TRIANGLE Copse ☉ Pte STORIE managed to get	

			to the Copse, but died within minutes ☉ Subsequent patrols did not regain contact with the enemy patrol.	
GILLRATH	18	1600	CO to Coy Comds:- Intention again stressed "NO withdrawal". (Comd in appreciation of the importance of this flank in relation to German thrust in the South) ☉ Line Comn - If line comn failed during darkness no attempts would be made to repair during hours of darkness, unless orders from this HQ ☉ Normal practice - if line fails, wireless will open immediately ☉ Reliefs - within Coys would take place at STAND-TO (mornings) ☉ Admin - more Amn being sent forward to be held in Coy localities ☉ Rations - one days to be held in Coys ☉ Water - more jerricans to be obtained. Sitrep - apart from slight mortaring in general area - NTR.	
	19		Sitrep - possible 8.8mm engaging area GILLRATH ☉ 90% shells did not explode ☉ Patrol (enemy) observed area 843680, engaged by Arty and own fighting patrol from A Coy, but enemy withdrew ☉ NO cas inflicted ☉ Movement on our sector very slight.	
GILLRATH	20	1800	CO and IO attended Bde Conference ☉ re-organisation of Bde FDLs. Sitrep - continued light hostile mortar fire ☉ Regrouping, see Appx "D".	
	21	0930	CO to Bn O Gp ☉ General situation, and intention of 12 Corps to hold present line of FDLs ☉ Adjustment to be made in Bn Area (as taken over from 30 Services Bn) to provide Coy "blocks", self supporting, and if possible, mutually supporting to each other ☉ Intention of CO to pull out coy in area of 8467 to EAST side GILLRATH ☉ Mines to be laid on CRE plan ☉ Booby Traps to be laid area Banchory Wood ☉ Recce to take place immediately. Op Order No.3 (Copies 8 and 9) show re-organisation ☉ Appx E Sitrep - NTR.	
	22	1520	Nebelwerfer identified on our front, engaged by Regt RA ☉ Otherwise NTR.	
	23		Own Mortars active ☉ Enemy activity NTR.	
GILLRATH	24		Enemy patrol (str. 14) approached C Coy Pl. posn in copse 831678, and were engaged by Automatic & Rifle fire ☉ Enemy returned fire and withdrew ☉ Own casualties - ONE killed (Pte.	
	25		C-in-C message to all troops ☉ Appx F. Sitrep - NTR. Regrouping - D Coy relieved C Coy (left fwd); A Coy relieved B Coy (right fwd) ☉	
	26		Sitrep - increase in hostile mortar activity (130 bombs) on fwd	

		1710	areas ☉ NO cas. D Coy - sent out fighting patrol, supported by one section Carrier Pl to destroy enemy patrol observed at 829683 ☉ Enemy again successfully disengaged, resulting in ONE carrier damaged own minefield, and ONE man injured ☉ Enemy cas. NOT known.	
	27		Sitrep - NTR.	
TEVEREN	28	2000	Comd of area handed over to OC 7 CAMERONIANS, on relief of all posns being completed.	
		2000	Bn HQ est at 838627 ☉ Layout, Tasks, etc - as laid down Op Order No.4 - (Appx G).	
	30	0700	Bn ordered to STAND-TO ☉ Enemy attack at first light area wood 8668 and TRIPSRATH 8767.	
		0930	CO - Coy Comds - Admin Conference.	
		1300	CO ordered to report to COMD 157 Bde ☉ TWO Coys now under comd 157 Inf Bde ☉	
		1400	B and C Coys move by march route to report to 2i/c (Major ROSE 7/9 RS) operating tactical Bn HQ at 863646 ☉ Subsequently B Coy at area 864646; C Coy at BAUCHEM 8564 ☉ Tasks re-inforce 6 HLI in area GEILENKIRCHEN (Note - 6 HLI had deployed TWO Coys to assist 1 GH and 5 HLI in dealing with enemy infiltration).	
TEVEREN	31	0015	CO ordered to report HQ 157 Inf Bde ☉	
		0100	CO to 'O' Gp ☉ Warning Order - Bn (less B and C Coys) may be required to move fwd to GEILENKIRCHEN ☉ Bn to be prepared as from 0400 hrs.	
		0230	D Coy to move fwd by march route to NIEDERHEIDE 8665 to be in posn by 0730 hrs to-day ☉ Tactical hq - signals personnel and Intelligence staff with CO and IO to move fwd at 0550 hrs ☉ Rear Bn HQ (comd Major ROSE) with A Coy and Sp Coy remain TEVEREN.	
		0600	CO est HQ (Tac) at 863646	
		1200	Situation at WOOD 8668 and TRIPSRATH 8767 restored ☉ IO with staff and signals personnel returned to TEVEREN ☉ CO remaining at Tac HQ, with Coys remaining in posns.	
		1400	Colour party under Major ROSE moved to HQ 5 HLI at HOCHHEIDE 8766 to prepare to relieve 5 HLI night 2/3rd Jan 45.	
TEVEREN		1930	CO ordered to report to HQ 157 Inf Bde ☉ G.O.C. 52 Div ordered 3 Bns to hold sector 157 Inf Bde instead of 2 ☉ Relief on 2/3 7/9 RS right; 4 KOSB centre; 5 KOSB left ☉	
		2030	CO to O Gp ☉ Relief of B Sqn 52 (L) Div Recce and 2 Coys and Carrier Pl 5 HLI will take place by daylight on 1st Jan 45 ☉ HQ and comms to be established by 1500 hrs ☉ C Coy wood 889668 ☉ B Coy 885676 ☉ Carrier Pl. (less track vehs) 882672	

		2359	<p>⊙ D Coy Ho. 889664 ⊙ A Coy 879663 ⊙ Bn HQ House at 885663(?) ⊙ 3" Mortars, to be recced ⊙ Pnrs to be recced ⊙ Recce Gp to move fwd at 0900 hrs.</p> <p>Available Offrs and WOs greeted "New Year In" ⊙ CO read messages from H.R.H. The Princess Royal and from the Hon. Col of the Bn.</p> <p>JG Dawson Lieut-Colonel Commanding, 7/9th (Highrs) Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regt.)</p>	
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Commanding Officer Lt-Col J.G. DAWSON

Month and Year JANUARY 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BRUGERHOF 8866	1	0900 1000	Adv parties recce Bn area prior to take over. Sector taken over. The Bn is now Right of the line in the British Army. 17 US Cav Gp on right.	
	4	1300 1700	Fighting patrol comd Lt McDONALD captured 3 PW found sleeping in slit trenches. PW from 6 Coy 343 G.R. Infm from PW stated they would be relieved at 1800 hrs. Ambush party lies up in front of Bn posn - one more PW taken.	
	5	1200	Snipers claim 2 kills in front of Bn posn - not confirmed.	
	9	1000	D Coy comd Maj NORMAND carried out raid on Xrds in front of Bn posn. Raid not entirely successful. Coy walked onto SCHU minefield. Own cas. Lt CAIRNS WLK and DUTCH interpreter killed, 19 ORs wounded, all in minefd. Great difficulty was experienced in clearing lanes through minefield as ground was frozen and covered in snow. Enemy 6 killed 4 wounded PW.	
	10		Bn relieved by 6th Bn The CAMERONIANS (SR). Bn moved to SCHINVELD 7664 in Div res.	
SCHINVELD	11		Commanding Officer attended preliminary conf on Operation BLACKCOCK.	
	12		Bn moved to conc area MEERSEN 6055 ☉ Planning for op contd.	
MEERSEN	15		A Sqn First CANADIAN Armoured Personnel Carrier Regt under comd Bn (KANGAROOS). Coys commence training with vehs. "O" Gp on Op BLACKCOCK.	Appx "B"
	16		Bn moved in KANGAROOS to conc area for op. Adv of armd coln postponed. Bn returned to Billets at two hrs notice.	
	17		Bn again moved to conc area. Adv again postponed.	
	18	0230 0600	Bn received order to move 0030 hrs. "O" Gp preceded coln to receive detailed orders. Coln consisting of 13/18 HUSSARS and Bn with Sp arms move off. "O" Gp joins Bn at SITTARD. Route now SLEK and thence by tracks in direction of KONINGSBOSCH.	

		1000	Three tanks "brewed up" on track - road blocked. A Coy and 2 sqdns 13/18 H in area woods 7376. Remainder Bn in area SLEK 7077.	
		1300	C Coy ordered to occupy KLOSTER LIBOSCH 7277. Slight opposition ☉ 2 enemy killed 16 PW ☉ Own cas. two slightly wounded by mortar fire.	
		1700	Bn HQ B and D Coys moved on foot to woods 7376. Def posn occupied.	
		1715	C Coy relieved by a coy 5 KOSB, rejoins Bn in woods.	
		1800	Bn HQ encountered small enemy patrol on move up ☉ Four PW captured ☉ The Regimental Sergeant Major personally captured a German WO I.	
	19	0400	B and D Coys move fwd to occupy wooded area 739760, in sp 1 Sqdn 13/18/ H. No opposition.	
		1300	B and D Coys attempted to occupy posn covering main rd in area WANDELTRUST 7577. Heavy opposition encountered. Coys withdrew to former posn 739760.	
	20		Bn area frequently shelled and mortared Lt MALLAGH and Lt McDONALD wounded 12 ORs wounded.	
		1400	'A' ech resupplied Bn.	
		1500	'F' ech joined Bn.	
	21		Bn once more under comd 155 Inf Bde.	
	22	1600	Bn relieved by 52 (L) Div RECCE REGT.	
		1800	Bn conc area KONINGSBOSCH 7574.	
KONINGSBOSCH	23	1800	"O" Gp for attack on HEINSBERG.	
		2100	Bn moved off by march route to assembly area.	
		2359	APHOVEN 8373. Lt STEWART and 2 ORs wounded by shell fire.	
HEINSBERG	24	0230	Bn moves in two colns:- LOCH coln comd Lt Col DAWSON, tps C Coy, D Coy, one Coy 4 KOSB, 1 tp Flails, 2 tps SP A tk Arty. RUPEE coln comd Maj ROSE (D.S.O.), tps A Coy, B Coy, 1 tp Flails, 1 tp SP A tk Arty, one Coy 4 KOSB. LOCH coln moved round WEST of HEINSBERG. Slight opposition encountered. 2 PW taken and occupied posns on rds leading into town from WEST and SW. RUPEE coln moved round EAST of HEINSBERG and occupied posns on rds leading into town from NORTH and EAST. No opposition.	
		0530	All Coys in posn. 4 KOSB commence clearing town. All Bn area mortared and shelled continuously all day. Enemy made two attempts to attack, one in B Coy area and one in D Coy area. One Royal TIGER knocked out by SP A tk tp in D Coy area.	
		1600	4 KOSB completed clearing of town. Bn total of PW 28.	
		1700	One pl D Coy under Capt CAMERON (M.C.) attacked small farm which had troubled Bn during day. Enemy had withdrawn.	
	25	1600	Bn took over defence of HEINSBERG. 4 KOSB moved into Bde reserve.	Appx C
		1700	Lt JL BROWN wounded by shellfire.	

	26	1200	A and B Coy comds recce Bn layout with C.O.	
	27	1400	Bn HQ est APHOVEN. For disposns see	Appx D
	28-	31	Intensive patrolling to R. ROER. No enemy found occupying any posns in Bn sector. Only enemy activity small recce patrols.	DR Haddon Capt Adj For OC 7/9 RS

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Commanding Officer Lt-Col H. ROSE D.S.O.

Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HEINSBERG	2	1600A	Bn relieved by 7 CAMERONIANS. Relief complete ☉ Bn moved by march route to area NACHBARHEID-BREBEREN 7771 (Res Bde area) and assumed counter attack role for div area.	
BREBEREN 7771) 4) 5		C.O. inspected defence of area, and made small alterations. Infm received that Bn would be relieved by a Regt of 35 US Div on 6 Feb ☉ Adv parties left for new locn.	
	6	1500A	Relief of Bn complete ☉ Bn moved by march MT route to new locn, arriving at 1700 hrs.	
EYSDEN 5668	8		CO and Adj visited Bde HQ to obtain infm concerning move to area MEERLO 8525 to relieve 1 NORFOLKS (3 Brit Div). Adv parties left for new locn.	
	9	0530 2315	MAIN BODY left by MT route for MEERLO arriving 1200 hrs. Relief of 1 NORFOLK complete.	
MEERLO 8525	10		CO visited coy areas and that of a DUTCH pl under comd in bn area ☉ Bde Comd visited.	
	11		Some shelling in Bn area ☉ CO visited fwd coys with Bde Comd.	
	12	2150	Increased enemy mortar and gun activity ☉ A Coy relieved B Coy.	
	13	0800	Own A/Tk guns engaged enemy OP in WELL 8529 ☉ Own 3" mortars engaged enemy posns in LOOI 8027 ☉ Slight enemy retaliation ☉ Level of local flooding rose by 5" during day ☉ No significant change in level of R MAAS ☉ Bde Comd visited ☉ Warning order received for colour parties to proceed to area TOURNHOUT.	
	14	1130 1300 1630	Destination of colour parties changed to ST ANTHONIS 7238 ☉ Colour parties left ☉ Colour parties 378 Regt 95 US Div arrived in Bn area. Main body 378 Regt 95 US Div arrived Owing to poor visibility, relief conducted in daylight ☉ Bn moved by MT route to ST ANTHONIS, arriving at 1830 A.	
ST ANTHONIS	15		Recce parties left for conc area GENNEP 7846	

7238 GENNEP 7846))	2200	CO attended conference at Tac HQ 155 Bde	
BROEDERSBOSCH 8340	16	0930 1100 1330 1630 1705 1730 1745 2130 2340	Bn arrived in conc area by MT route CO attended further conference at 155 Bde HQ ☉ Orders received to pass through 157 Bde in area BROEDERSBOSCH 8340 and to secure high ground at 828393 and 838398 Bn moved by march route on approach march passing through 157 Bde at 1600 hrs approx ☉ C Coy reported objective 828393 taken without opposition at 1630 D Coy (objective MOLENHUIS 836396) and B Coy (objective 838398) crossed SL. D Coy reported hy opposition and unable to make progress ☉ No comm with B Coy A Coy ordered to establish firm base in area 830397, and Tac Bn HQ set up in same area ☉ 2 tps 9 RTR arrived in SP ☉ D Coy ordered to withdraw to A Coy area but contact with pls of D Coy impossible owing to hy MG fire B Coy contacted and ordered to consolidate area 833398 Carrier Pl (dismounted) ordered to patrol to MOLENHUIS Carrier Pl ordered to reported MOLENHUIS clear ☉ B Coy ordered to proceed there for consolidation with carriers ☉ A Coy ordered to pass through and consolidate in area 837393 and to exploit to BRIDGE 846390 ☉ Tac HQ moved to area MOLENHUIS	
	17	0130 0430 0700	Coys consolidated as ordered 1 Pl A Coy reported exploitation to 844390 ☉ Enemy encountered on rd - 1 killed 3 wounded and 2 PW ☉ No cas own tps. A Coy consolidated in new area 833394 ☉ Cas during attack 5 OR's killed 27 wounded. Very hy mortaring and shelling in bn area all day ☉ 1 offr (LIEUT D.S. MILLER) killed and 1 offr (CAPT J.T. CAMERON M.C.) and 5 OR's wounded ☉ D Coy reorganised and est area 830394	
	18		Continued hy shelling of bn area ☉ Patrols contacted enemy at 845389	
	19		Hy shelling continued	
	20- 21		Decrease in shelling ☉ Suspected Nebelwerfer heavily engaged by own arty ☉ Rocket firing TYPHOONS attacked KASTEEL 8338 ☉ 1 offr (CAPT I. TRACEY) wounded by shrapnel. D Coy relieved B, and C Coy relieved A	
	22	2230	Patrol clash at 835392 ☉ Own cas 1 OR killed 1 wounded. Enemy attacked our standing patrol at 838395 ☉ 1 OR wounded ☉ Local counter attack by D Coy successful.	

	23		Bn relieved by 1 GLAS H and withdrawn to area 818402.	
	24		Major H. ROSE D.S.O. promoted to Lt-Col ☉ Lt. L.F. BILTON promoted CAPT (to be OC A/Tk Pl) Lt. L.D. GUTHRIE promoted CAPT (to be OC HQ Coy) Lt. R. MACLEAN reposted to the Bn from HQ 155 Bde and promoted CAPT (to be 2i/c D Coy) Lt. R.S.H. NEWTON promoted CAPT (to be 2i/c B Coy) Lt. J.B. WIGHTON posted to HQ 155 Bde Lts. C.M. DAVIDSON, A.E. BRADLEY, J.G. HARRIS and E. BURTON posted to the Bn, and to B, D, A and C Coys respectively	
	27		Bn moved by march route to area TERPORTEN 8542 to take over sector from 2 SEAFORTH H (51(H) Div) ☉ Relief complete 1900 hrs ☉ Carrier blown up on minefd - 1 wounded Bn came under comd 156 Bde	
	28		Bn sector quiet ☉ CO visited 6 CAMERONIANS (flanking Bn)	

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TERPORTEN 8542	1		Bn relieved by 6 CAMERONIANS, present posns having become superfluous owing to the occupation of GROOTE HORST 8639 by 6 HLI ☉ Bn moved by march route to area CUSTOMS HOUSE - SEMINARY 8840 and relief was completed by 1930 hrs ☉ D Coy jeep blown up by R mine at 875390.	
SIEBENGEWALD 8840	2		All quiet on the Bn sector, and owing to moves fwd by flanking bns during the day bn posns again became superfluous ☉ Considerable trouble was encountered during the day with civ population, freshly laid mines being found at first light in the fwd coy area ☉ Some suspect civs were detained, questioned and evacuated.	
	3		Bn ordered to follow 4 KOSB to area TWISTEDEN - KLEINE KEVELAER 9429, preceded by harbour parties ☉ Owing to rd demolition and hy traffic ahead, bn did not reach TWISTEDEN until 0100 hrs 4 Mar.	
TWISTEDEN 9429	4		C Coy ordered to move by march route to area SPITZFELD 9525 ☉ Tac HQ and Carrier Platoon moved to area 952283 ☉ B Coy ordered to march to reinforce C Coy ☉ 1 offr and 1 OR PW taken during the day ☉ RE stated that they were unable to complete bridge at 952283 for 12 hrs, and accordingly CO ordered the construction of a Cl 1½ bridge by SP Coy ☉ This was completed by 1800 hrs (known as MALONEY Bridge) ☉ OC B Coy was forced to open fire towards civs who were hesitant in complying with his orders ☉ CO visited Bde for orders for move SOUTH	
	5		Colour parties moved to WESTERBROEK 9616 at 0600 hrs ☉ The whole area was found to be occupied by US Army tps 75 U.S. Div ☉ Bn column left at 0830 hrs, but was halted at WALBECK 9623 until a new area was allotted ☉ Bn eventually moved into area allotted to 1 Mtn Regt RA at HOLT 9620, with the intention of moving to WESTERBROEK as soon as U.S. tps were clear of that area ☉	
HOLT 9620	6		Orders for move to WESTERBROEK cancelled ☉ R and O Gps and colour parties stood by from 0900 to move to any area ☉ Parties stood down 1600 hrs ☉ Orders received for non-operational relief of 71 Inf Bde (53(W) Div) on 7 Mar in area ISSUM 0927	

ISSUM 0927	7		Colour parties left at 0800 and main body at 0945, by MT arriving at ISSUM at 1200 hrs ☉ Bn relieved 1 HLI (53(W) Div) with no operational commitments	
	8		Orders received from 155 Bde to be ready to take over from 6 CAMERONIANS at ½ hrs notice from 1200 hrs ☉ 6 CAMS were holding posns in area of 145304 and would be moving fwd from 1400 hrs ☉ Colour parties left at 0815 ☉ Bn eventually took over posns at 1930 hrs ☉ Some mortaring and shelling of bn area during the night ☉ 2 OR's wounded	
	9		CO visited Bde at 1900 hrs for orders for bn attack on x-rds 169366 and RILL 1734 ☉ Timings were to be given later	
142304	10		Bn moved at 0705 to FUP area 152336 ☉ Tac HQ est 154336 and main HQ moved from ISSUM to 142304 ☉ A and B Coys crossed SL (161334 - 160336) 0900 hrs ☉ B Coy reported objective 167339 taken 0930 hrs with 9 PW and no opposn ☉ A Coy met slight opposn but reported objective X rds 169336 taken at 1005 hrs with 6 PW ☉ C Coy passed through and secured RILL 1734 with 9 PW, no opposn ☉ D Coy est in area 173340 by 1200 hrs, and Tac and main HQ est 167340 at 1600 hrs ☉ Slight mortaring on fwd coys during consolidation ☉ Own tps casualties 1 OR killed, 1 offr (CAPT MACLEAN) and 4 OR's wounded ☉ B Sqn 9 RTR under comd for op, went out of comd 1900	
	11		Orders received for move to area XANTEN 1141 to take over sector from 7 SOM LI (43 Div) on WEST bank of R RHINE ☉ Colour parties left 1430 hrs ☉ Bn left 2230 hrs by march route	
XANTEN 1141	12		Bn arrived in new area 0130 hrs ☉ MT coln arrived 0630 hrs ☉ Relief complete and comd passed 0700 hrs ☉ Lt-Col J.G. DAWSON resumed comd of Bn ☉ CO toured Bn area and visited 155 Bde for op instrs ☉ One ME 262 brought down in D Coy by own aircraft ☉ Recces of river bank carried out after dark by inf and the comds of other fmns.	
XANTEN	13		CO visited coys ☉ 4 inf O.P.'s est in bn area ☉ CO visited Bde for orders on disposal of civs and livestock ☉ Civs evacuation begun ☉ Slight shelling D Coy area	
	14		Continuation of civ evacuation and livestock ☉ Slight shelling C Coy area and OP.	
	15		CAPT BLACKETT (DLI) joined the Bn and posted to Sp Coy.	
	16		Lt-Gen DEMPSEY, G.O.C. British 2nd Army, visited the Bn ☉ GOC VIII Corps was also present ☉ Own arty engaged and removed BISLICH church tower	
	17		Visibility good, and much information of enemy mov gained by OP's ☉ Fire broke out at BIRTEN 1238 at 1830 hrs	
	18		Slight shelling bn area	

	19		Visibility good and considerable mov again seen	
	20		CO visited Bde.	
	21		Visibility good and considerable mov seen on other side of Rhine	
	22		Arty deception plan for fake crossing of Rhine commenced 0400 hrs ☉ Enemy reaction slight but OPs managed to obtain a few bearings on enemy gun positions.	
XANTEN	23		The second deception plan on the enemy took place 0330 hrs ☉ Results obtained were about the same as on the 22nd ☉ On this occasion the Bn played the part of creator of "Battle Noises" ☉ The Carrier Pl running back and fwd and Mortar Pl putting on a Smoke Shoot.	
	24		"The Great Day" at 0200 hrs the 15(S) Div made a crossing of the Rhine on our Bn sector, reporting opposition negligible. All our fwd outposts and OPs were fully manned. 1000 hrs. The first wave of the great Airborne Assault crossed over XANTEN. The Prime Minister passed through XANTEN at 1130 hrs on his tour of inspection of the Rhine crossing.	
	26		Events on the BN sector quietened down as the Rhine Bridgehead moved on, and the Bn settled down to bringing its administration up to date.	
XANTEN	27		Received instructions (which were later cancelled) to be ready to move to conc area NORTH of the RHINE.	
	28		Placed at 3 hrs notice to move from 1330 hrs. C.O. called to Bde for "O" Gp 1730 hrs ☉ BN to move across the Rhine with A Ech and concentrate area HAFFEN 1149 BN passed Bde SP 2000 hrs. Crossed Cl 19 Bridge over Rhine 086471 at 2030 hrs ☉ Arrived Haffen 2100 hrs	
HAFFEN 1149	29		C.O. visited Bde 1000 hrs ☉ No move from Conc Area before 1300 hrs ☉ CO called to BDE "O" Gp 1700 hrs ☉ BN to be prepared to move as part of 155 BDE Gp (Mobile) advancing up the Main Axis EAST from BOCHOLT 2260 BORKEN 3960 behind elements of 7 ARMD DIV. CO called BN "O" Gp for 1900 hrs and made all preparations for the move ☉ The BN was to be ready to move by 1000 hrs on 30th.	
HAFFEN	30		The Bn standing by 1000 hrs ready to move on Bde Instrs being received. BN placed at 6 hrs notice to move.	
	31		COLOUR parties left at 1600 hrs to recce concentration area for the BN in area GROOT BURLO 205607. BN to be ready to move off by MT Route at 0500 hrs 1 APRIL.	JG Dawson Lt-Col O.C. 7/9 RS

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GR BURLO A 3468	1		Bn arrived in GR BURLO at 0930 approx by MT route from HAFFEN ☉ Bde Comd visited ☉ All male civs of mil age detained and questioned, eight being evac to PW cage	
AHLE A 5389	2		Colour parties left for area AHLE 5389 ☉ Bn left by MT route at 1600 hrs, arriving at AHLE at 2100 approx, and were placed at 1 hrs notice from 030800	
Area V 958058	3		Colour parties moved off at 1030 hrs approx and main bodies at 1215 for conc area V 8704 ☉ Bn, as part of 155 Inf Bde Gp, came under comd 7 Armd Div w.e.f. 0500 hrs ☉ CO left in adv of main body to meet Bde Comd in area BIRGTE V 9505 ☉ Orders received for relief of 2 DEVONS (7 Armd Div) in area 9506 same evening, and for an attack EASTWARDS on 4 Apr to clear enemy pockets from high ground overlooking main axis south of IBENBUREN 9808 ☉ Main body marched from 907062 and relief complete by 2200 hrs. CO again visited Bde for final details for attack on 4 Apr.	
Area V 975060	4		Leading coys (C right, A left) crossed Bn SL at 0710 hrs, and reached objectives 966064 and 975065 respectively, by 0815 without opposition ☉ D Coy passed through to high ground 973059 and B Coy moved to area 973070 without incident ☉ 6 HLI passed through the bn at 0900 hrs, and after some steady fighting, during which D Coy became involved with small pockets of snipers, bn moved fwd to EAST side of main axis in area 9706 ☉ D Coy were later detached for close defence of br at 953054 ☉ 5 PW taken during day	
	5		Round up of civs and interrogation during morning ☉ 71 Bde (53(W) Div) passed through at 2100 hrs for attack on IBENBUREN 9808 ☉ Orders received for move on 6 Apr	
DIELINGEN W 4127	6		Bn moved by march route to area 995032, and thence by MT route in Bde gp coln to area DIELINGEN W 4127 arriving 2300 hrs onwards	
	7		CO visited Bde at 0730 hrs and Tac 7 Armd Div at SULINGEN W 7254 during morning and early afternoon ☉ Orders received late afternoon for attack during following day on KORNAU 4852 and BARNSTORF 5257 ☉ B and C Coys with Tac HQ moved to conc area	

			DIEPHOLZ W 4245 2100 hrs ☉ Remainder of Bn ordered up at 2200 hrs ☉	
JAKOBIDREBBER W 4650	8		H-hr previously fixed for 0300 hrs postponed to 0430 hrs owing to late arrival of rest of bn and lack of comn to RA ☉ Carrier Pl, B and C Coys gained objectives without incident, finding northern br in KORNAU 4852 blown but southern br intact ☉ RE having estimated that new br would take until 1300 hrs, Carrier Pl ordered to recce alternative route ☉ Br was found intact at 472529 for lt tfc, and adv was continued by this route ☉ Carriers reported br at 493538 and B Coy moved up to secure brhead, C Coy remaining at KORNAU as firm base and RE br party protection ☉ D Coy then passed through, with objective br at 505558, while carriers patrolled area DREEKE 5153 and DUSTE 5353 ☉ All brs in this area were found blown ☉ D Coy met some opposn in wooded area 5055, but made their way through wood slowly ☉ Carriers returned from patrol with some PW, and were ordered to op WEST of main rd in sp D Coy ☉ Br at 505558 captured intact, and D Coy reported enemy retiring in some confusion ☉ A Coy had meanwhile come up to sp D Coy on right ☉ Carriers and D Coy closely pursued the enemy and made a forceful entry into BARNSTORF, with the enemy completely routed, at 1530 hrs ☉ The pursuit was continued by one sec of carriers on to the high ground 5158 ☉ The br at 520573 was found to be destroyed, but the local burgomaster guided our tps to a br intact further EAST ☉ The bn, less C Coy, consolidated in BARNSTORF by 1730 hrs, C Coy remaining as br protection party at KORNAU ☉ The carrier pl patrolled towards BASSUM 6672, and contacted elts of 5 DG and 9 DLI in area 5560 ☉ Total cas own tps during day were 2 killed and 8 wounded, with 1 offr and 1 OR of 354 A/Tk Bty RA killed when their carrier went up on a mine at 500548 ☉ Total PW counted amounted to 2 offr and 107 O.R.'s. CO was called to Bde O Gp at 2145 hrs for orders for move on following day	
BARNSTORF W 5257				
SYKE 7380	9		CO left at 0730 with recce parties to meet Bde Comd at VILSEN 8370 ☉ Orders received there to take over from 2 DEVONS in area THEDINGHAUSEN 8685 and WULMSTORF 9183 ☉ Orders cancelled at 1300 hrs, and recce parties proceeded to new area of 2 DEVONS at SYKE 7380 ☉ Bn moved by MT at 1530 hrs and relief completed by 2100 hrs	
	10		Quiet day on bn front ☉ Bde Comd visited	
	11		Bn relieved during late afternoon by 2 WARWICKS (3 Brit Div) and proceeded by MT route to conc area STEYERBURG 8742 ☉ During	

			relief area came under cannon fire from own TYPHOONS ☉ No cas ☉ Relief complete 1945 hrs and bn conc in new area by 2145 hrs	
STEYERBURG 8742	12		Orders received during day to move to new conc area EAST of R WESER ☉ Colour parties left 1630 hrs and main body at 1830 hrs by MT route ☉ Bn arrived GADESUNDEN 0458 at 2000 hrs	
GADESUNDEN 0458	13		Bn in conc area with no commitments	
	14		Orders received by CO at 2200 hrs for RV for orders at 4 Armd Bde. HQ est area 1468 at 150700	
	15		Bde Comd issued orders at 0800 for bn to move up main axis as soon as 22 Armd Bde was clear, for mopping up op between ALTENWAHLINGEN 1468 and BOHME 1767 ☉ CO called up O Gp, which arrived at 1030 hrs ☉ Bn arrived at 1600 hrs, debussing at ALTENWAHLINGEN and moving fwd at 1700 hrs in approach to contact fmn, D Coy leading ☉ No organised opposn was met, but some shots were fired towards stragglers and 1 offr and 1 NCO from II Bn, 6 Marine Regt were picked up en route ☉ Objective finally consolidated at 1930 hrs ☉ Own tps no cas ☉ Enemy 1 dead and 1 offr and 10 OR additional PW found hiding in village ☉ Carriers patrolled to ALTENBOITZEN 2070 to contact 6 HLI and to BIERDE 1966 ☉ Civs reported that the enemy had left the latter village shortly before our arrival	
BOHME 1767	16		Bn moved during morning to conc area KIRCHBOITZEN 1872 and was placed at 1 hrs notice to move. Immediate award was notified of the M.M. to Pte. REASON, W., of D Coy ☉ Adv parties left at 1830 hrs for WALSRÖDE 2575 area	
KIRCHBOITZEN 1872	17		Bn moved at 0900 for conc area VIERDE 3478 ☉ CO received orders at Bde for attack on SOLTAU 4189 ☉ 5 DG (22 Armd Bde) were placed under comd for the op, which started from VIERDE at 1215 hrs, with the recce sqn 5 DG, followed by A Coy riding on C Sqn tks ☉ No opposition was met until the leading recce tk was hit at 387872 by a 75mm gun firing from 388875 ☉ A Coy proceeded to clean up the area, while C Coy riding on B Sqn 5 DG, proceeded to SOLTAU on a bypass route to the right ☉ Both coys reported that they were entering the town at 1930 hrs approx ☉ CO ordered a tighter consolidation in the centre of the town, instead of the complete occupation which had already been ordered ☉ These orders failed to reach the platoon comd of C Coy leading pl, who continued to his original objective, and met some opposition in the area of an allied PW camp at 421903 ☉ Own cas in this encounter were 2 OR's killed and 1 offr (Lt E. BURTON) and 2 OR's wounded ☉ By 2330 hrs the bn was firmly est in the centre of SOLTAU, after a slight	

			battle in the centre of the town, where 3 snipers and 1 enemy with a Pzfaust caused some delay	
SOLTAU 4189	18		During the night a recce patrol on foot went fwd as far as 422952 to find out the state of rds and brs, and to contact 11 Hussars who were believed to be in the area of the br at 420937 ☉ The patrol did not contact them, but as a result of this recce, the main axis through SOLTAU was workable by first light ☉ At first light coys pushed on to their original objectives, taking a total of 9 offrs and 234 OR's for the entire op, and capturing intact 1 S.P. 88mm gun ☉ During the afternoon the carrier pl attempted to mop up an enemy pocket on the rly line at 4290, but considerable opposn was met, and the attempt discontinued at 2000 hrs ☉	
	19		C Coy moved out at first light in an attempt to clean up the enemy pocket, but it was soon discovered that the opposition was well organised and much more numerous than had been supposed ☉ At 1500 hrs the attempt was again abandoned ☉ Own cas were 2 killed and 2 wounded, though enemy cas were estimated at at least 8 killed and 5 wounded ☉ Orders were received during the afternoon that the bn, as part of 155 Inf Bde Gp, would be relieved during the night by 160 Bde (53(W) Div) ☉ Pipe band played during morning in SOLTAU	
VERDEN 0081	20		Adv parties of 4 WELCH arrived at midnight and main bodies at 0230 hrs ☉ Relief was completed by 0330 ☉ Bn moved at 0800 by MT route to VERDEN 0081 to a conc area, arriving at 1100 hrs approx, reverting under comd 52(L) Div.	
	21		Orders received for attack through 156 Bde on USEN 8890 and eastern part of ACHIM 8791 ☉ Bn moved off at 1700 for conc area ETELSEN 9289 in Kangaroos	
ETELSEN 9289 USEN 8890	22		Bn moved off in Kangaroos, with B and D Coys leading on double axis, crossing the SL at 0400 ☉ B Coy reported USEN 8890 clear at 0505, and Bn gained objectives with little opposn and 244 PW, at 0610 hrs ☉ Some slight shelling by 88mm flak gun, and a few 105mm shells during day	
MAHNDORF 8194	23 24		Orders received for attack on MAHNDORF 8194 ☉ Bn moved off in Kangaroos at 1630 hrs, but while en route, bn was ordered to halt, H-hr having been postponed until 2230 hrs owing to hy daylight shelling ☉ H-hr was eventually fixed for 2230 hrs ☉ B and C Coys reported their objectives (the high ground to the SOUTH of the village) cleared by 0030 hrs and A and D Coys reported on objectives 801943 and 809946 respectively by 0345 hrs ☉ Some delay was caused by aerial 500-lb bombs which were buried in the roads, and 1 Crocodile, 1 AVRE, and 1 6pdr gun and tractor were	

		lost ☉ Mopping up continued during the day and 59 PW were taken ☉ C Coy, after some difficulty, cleared up an enemy pocket at 813948, own cas for the op amounted to 9 OR's killed and 3 offrs (MAJOR R.H.B. JOHNSON, CAPT J.W. MARSH and Lt M.W. ORTON) and 14 OR's wounded ☉ Shelling from 88mm flak guns and 105mm guns was particularly hy during day.	
BROKSt 7397	25	Orders received for an attack on one of the BREMEN sectors, later confirmed as ORANGE sector (bounded on the NORTH by the main rly, on the SOUTH by R WESER, on the EAST by the VERDENERSTRASSE and on the WEST by the ALTSTADT and REMBERSTRASSE) ☉ CO visited HQ 4/5 RSF (156 Bde) in BREMEN during the afternoon, and bn moved in Kangaroos, with 2 tps of tanks and a half sqn of Crocodiles, at 1630 hrs ☉ Bn passed through 4/5 RSF on a double axis at 1845 hrs, and B and D Coys reported objectives 739984 and 737979 reached without opposition by 1910 hrs ☉ B Coy later reported a small enemy pocket on the rly, which withdrew when engaged with fire ☉ A and C Coys reached objectives 730988 and 730981 by 2030 hrs; clearing of houses near coy firm base areas was begun and 4 KOSB passed through at 2100 hrs approx to NILE sector ☉ PW came in at a steady rate, and two of the city police were found who stated that a telephone line was still in op to police HQ in the enemy-held part of the town ☉ The Chief of Police was contacted and negotiations entered into, but these broke down at 0300 hrs, when the Chief of Police stated that Gen BECKER, the garrison comd, who, with his staff, was in a bunker in the BURGERPARK at 733998, had refused to come to the telephone and would have nothing to do with the British ☉ The area of the bunker was engaged with arty and mortars ☉ During the night two sentries of B Coy who had been posted at the rly bridge at 740987 were reported missing ☉ These later returned, having been liberated by 43 Div.	
	26	A small party of enemy infiltrated into A Coy area at 0830, and one tk was reported hit by a Pzfaust ☉ The situation was quickly restored, and B Coy and Carrier Pl of 6 HLI were placed under comd to assist in the garrison of the area ☉ By midday the sector had been completely searched and cleared; total PW numbered 22 offrs and 541 OR's, and the Carriers reported that they had captured the City standard ☉ 43 Div on right flank were contacted at 1530 hrs	
	27	Civ checking continued ☉ CO visited Bde in the evening for orders for taking over another sector of the town from 43 Div	

	28	GOC visited bn and addressed an all ranks parade in the BREMEN SPORTSPALAST at 1000 hrs, which was followed by a march past ☉ Pipe band was in attendance - the first band to play in BREMEN. Colour parties visited proposed new bn area in the NW suburb of the town.	
722011	29	CO and reps from the bn attended Div Church Parade Bn took over area in NW of BREMEN from 5 WILTS (43(W) Div) ☉ Complete in new area by 1700 hrs ☉ Local patrols by night	
	30	Patrol of one pl from D Coy ordered out to piquet rd jct 731015 at midday ☉ Further pl standing patrols ordered out at 1845 hrs to 739014 (to relieve 4 KOSB), 725015 and 719013 ☉ Patrols found from C and Sp Coys and MMG Pl 7 MANCH respectively. Following promotions and inter-coy transfers were announced:- CAPT W.E. SCOTT to be MAJ and OC A Coy (vice MAJ RHB JOHNSON) LT D.J. MALLAGH to be CAPT and 2i/c A Coy (vice CAPT JW MARSH) LT J McVIE to be CAPT (vice WE SCOTT)	JG Dawson Lt-Col

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Unit 7/9TH (HRS) BN THE ROYAL SCOTS

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt-Col JG DAWSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BREMEN 722011	1		C Coy sent out to X-rds 725030 as coy standing patrol ☉ 5 PW deserters taken	
WORPSWEDE 7914	2		Orders received for move to relieve 7 SOM LI (43(W) Div) in area WORPSWEDE 7914 ☉ Colour parties left at 0830 hrs and main body at 1200 hrs by MT route ☉ Bn arrived in new area at 1430 hrs ☉ Relief complete by 1515 hrs ☉ Some difficulty experienced with a liberated French PW camp ☉ Recordings of bn pipe band taken by BBC Recording van	
	3		Civs in the village checked, and 1 offr and 8 PW taken, incl several with alleged discharge papers	
	4		Patrol during evening to rly br 757145 by A Coy ☉ Br blown and 45 R mines found in area ☉ Infm received at 2045 hrs from BBC sources of the entire German forces opposing 21 Army Gp, to take effect from 0800 5 May ☉ Later officially confirmed	
	5		Pipe band played Reveille at 0700 hrs ☉ At 0755 buglers sounded "Heads Down" and at 0800 "Cease Fire", followed by the pipes and drums playing the regimental march, "Dumbarton's Drums" ☉ This was repeated in each coy area. Bn parade at 1500 hrs ☉ CO inspected the bn and addressed all ranks, and took the salute at a march past ☉ A number of German civs watched the entire parade ☉	
	6		CO called to Bde O-Gp at 2230 hrs ☉ Orders received for the taking over from 480 German Div and for recce parties into the area.	
	7		CO left the bn to assume comd of all Bde recce parties ☉ MAJ H ROSE, DSO assumed temporary comd of the bn and attended GOC's conference in BREMEN at 1200 hrs ☉ Recce party (comd MAJ RJ NORMAND) with under comd Carrier and Pnr Pls and 1 Armoured Car Tp A Sqn 52 Recce Regt, left at 1200 hrs for general area DORFHAGEN 6327 arriving at 1600 hrs ☉ Bn area reced at BRAMSTEDT 6330 and recce	

			parties joined Bde recce parties in harbour area OSTERHOLZ SCHARMBECK 7015 for the night	
BOKEL 6833	8		"Victory in Europe Day" announced ☉ Bn area changed to BOKEL 6833 ☉ New recces carried out ☉ Main bodies left WORPSWEDE by MT at 0900 arriving in new area at 1200 hrs ☉ CO resumed comd of the bn, and met the comds of 22 and 269 German Regts (OBERSTLT RICKMERS and OBERST RAMOTH respectively) at his HQ at 1400 hrs ☉ Orders for the disposal of wpns, amn and equipt issued ☉ Comd of Regt HEIDENREICH interviewed at 1700	
	9		Work on central dump at STUBBEN STATION 698358 begun ☉ All wpns amn and equipt of the three regts conc in this area ☉ German regt comds arrived at 1200 for orders	
	10		CO visited the three German Regts during the day ☉ Work on dumping continued	
	11		CO inspected Bn MT ☉ Notification received that all enemy arms and equipt in 52(L) Div area would be centralised in the bn dump at STUBBEN ☉ Full CO's O-Gp assembled at 1930 hrs; agenda - dinner ☉ The toasts "The King" "The Colonel-in-Chief" and "The Commanding Officer" were proposed ☉ 21 members were present	
	13		Day of National Thanksgiving ☉ Church Service held at 1115 hrs	
	14		CO held conference for coy comds at 1000 hrs ☉ Bn was infm that, at King HAAKON's request, 52(L) Div was probably to go to NORWAY to disarm the German armed forces there ☉ Bn to be relieved of its present op commitments by a Regt of the US Army by May 17th, and to conc SOUTH of BREMEN ☉ All German tps in the area moved out to conc at STADE 1558 ☉ Carrier Pl provided part of escort party	
	15		Normal adv parties left at 1000 hrs for area VILSEN 8470 ☉	
VILSEN 8470	17		Bn left by MT route for VILSEN at 1230 hrs, having been relieved by a bn of 175 Regt, US Army ☉ Bn arrived in new area at 1600 hrs	
	18-	22	Bn engaged in reorg and normal trg ☉ No op commitments	
	20		Warning received that 52 Div would NOT now move to NORWAY ☉ Adv parties ordered to stand by from first light 21 May for move to new area NORTH of MAGDEBURG ☉ Adv parties later stood down	
	22		CO called to Bde O Gp at 2100 hrs ☉ Orders received for taking over of all installations and camps in the northern half of Kreis GARDELEGEN Y 44	
	23		CO and 2i/c left at 0730 hrs followed by colour parties at 0845 ☉ Colour parties arrived in new area at 1430 hrs and harboured in JAVENITZ 5542 ☉ CO returned to VILSEN	

	25		CO moved to new area with OsC A and D Coys and other elts of the bn ⊙	
	26		Track column left VILSEN, harbouring for the night at HORST HANOVER	
GARDELEGEN 4842	27		Bn moved by MT route at 0545 hrs ⊙ Track coln arrived 1030 and wheels at 1250 hrs With the Div Arty, 102 US Div, occupying the accommodation most convenient for the guarding of the installations and VPs, the bn moved into temporary billets	
	28		Bn took over guards on the majority of installations w.e.f. 0900 hrs ⊙ Band played retreat in GARDELEGEN at 1430 hrs ⊙ The following appointments and transfers took effect: Maj J.D. Charteris (OC C Coy) to be full time Educn Offr Capt K.I.M. Buchanan (2i/c D Coy) to be OC C Coy Capt H.M. Williamson (MTO) to be 2i/c D Coy Capt D.J. Mallagh (2i/c A Coy) to be MTO Lt N.W. Murray (A Coy) to be 2i/c A Coy Capt R Maclean (2i/c C Coy) to be Asst Adj Lt A.E. Bradley (D Coy) to be 2i/c C Coy Capt T. Maloney (reposted to unit) to be comd Mortar Pl Lt J.L. Brown (reposted to unit) to be Signal Offr Lt N.M. Blair (Signal Offr) posted to D Coy Lt E.G.F. Stewart (D Coy) to be Unit Education Instructor Lt C.M. Davidson (B Coy) to A Coy	
	29		CO attended Bde O-Gp at 1600 hrs	
	30		Coy comds conference 1200 hrs	