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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 1 KOSB

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year Feb 1945

Commanding Officer _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Still training. Coy training as usual. Entertainments as usual.	
	2		Demonstration and lecture on 17 pounder Gun mounted on Valentine Chassis. Otherwise nothing of interest to report.	
	3		Coys on boating practice. Lt Walker to lead a patrol across the MAAS to recce enemy defences in area 904150.	
	4		Trg and entertainments as usual. 2 Lincs sent a patrol across the MAAS in the ARCEN area, which came back having encountered no enemy. The RUR captured two prisoners who were wounded in a minefield. Lt Walker was wounded while making a recce for the patrol.	
	5		Preparations were made for the unexpected move to the LOUVAIN area. The advance party under the 2IC left at mid-day. Movement Order No.2 was issued and can be found under Appx 'A'. The cross river patrol led by L/Sgt Scott of "O" Coy crossed the river, but on coming back drifted a long way down stream and so lay up in the WEST bank till daylight, when they found that they were in the RUR sector. Account of this patrol may be found under Appx 'B'.	
	6		The Bn moved in MT to the LOUVAIN area, starting at 0600 hrs. The Route was as follows:- HORST - VENRAY - DEURNE - HELMOND - EINDHOVEN - HECHTEL - BOURG LEOPOLD - DIEST - LOUVAIN. The Bn area was in HERENT just NORTH of LOUVAIN. The wheeled vehicles arrived at about 1600 hrs and the tracked vehicles from 2000 hrs onwards. Locations were as follows: Bn HQ 848606, "A" Coy 845608, "B" Coy 843610, "C" Coy 849610, "D" Coy 839610, and 'A' and 'B' Echelons at 818637. The whole Bn was in civilian billets.	
	7		All day was spent in cleaning up kit and equipment and settling into billets. Everyone appreciated very much the welcome given us by the inhabitants and the comfort and luxury of the billets.	
	8		All day spent in checking G1098 equipment. Training Directive No.3 will be found under Appx 'C' and instruction on Ex 'BAGPIPE' under Appx 'D'. A flying bomb was blown up by AA fire during the morning.	
	9		Coy training started with individual and later section training.	

	10		Instruction on training areas and Range will be found under Appx 'E'. Coy training as per programme. Entertainments in DIEST and LOUVAIN.	
	11		River crossing. Notes will be found under APPX 'F'. Church parade in HERENT at 1030 hrs.	
	12		Officers Day held from 1000 hrs to 1800 hrs on Bn Assault river crossing. Snipers trg programme will be found under Appx 'G'.	
	13		Trg by Coys as per programme. The Pipe Band beat Retreat at 1600 hrs.	
	14		Trg as per programme.	
	15		Ex 'Bagpipe' performed by "A" & "B" Coys in the HAECHT area at 8269.	
	16		Ex 'Bagpipe' carried out by "C" & "D" Coys. "HQ" Coy held a dance in the local Hall.	
	17		Trg as usual. Capt (QM) Lymers came to the Bn as QM. Capt JW Lewin having broken his leg while proceeding on leave to the UK. Night river crossing exercise by "A" & "B" Coys.	
	18		Rev WIG Wilson took the Church Service in the morning having come to the Bn for the weekend.	
	19		Officers Study Day No9 (Details under Appx 'H') was held in the morning in the form of a Treasure Hunt which was won by "A" Coy. Night river crossing exercise done by "C" & "D" Coys.	
	20		Coy training as usual. A dance was held by "A" & "B" Coys in the local hall. A Bde Int Day was held for 'I' personnel in the Bde at Bde HQ.	
	21		Nothing of interest to report. Coy training as usual.	
	22		"C" & "D" Coys held a joint dance in the local hall, otherwise nothing to report. CO returned from leave in the UK. Publication of 1/K.O.S.B. Movement Order No.3 (Details under Appx 'J').	
	23		Rev ES Easton left us and the Rev WIG Wilson returned to us. The 'R' group left for 15 (S) Div HQ in the GOCH area at 2400 hrs arriving at a point just north of GOCH at 0900 hrs to meet the Bde Comd. Publication of Movement Order No.4 - 1/K.O.S.B. (Details under Appx 'K').	
	24		The Bn 'O' Group left for the GOCH area at 0200 hrs, arriving at HEIDHAUSEN 944445 at about mid-day. The plan was to take over posns from 10 HLI of 15(5) Div as soon as the Bn arrived. The 2IC arrived with the Bn at 1730 hrs and take over was completed by 2330 hrs. Posns were as follows :- HQ 944445, "A" Coy 951432, "B" Coy 949436, "C" Coy 953435, "D" Coy 949439.	
	25		A fairly quiet day. "C" Coy were in rather an exposed posn and were subjected to a certain amount of mortar fire during the day. Lt Simpson of "B" Coy took out a fighting patrol to the farm at 959431 and inflicted several casualties on the enemy in the ensuing battle. "D"	

			Coy sent out a recce patrol to HERRINGSCHENHOF 963430, which was found to be unoccupied.	
	26		A little mortaring and shelling of the fwd coys and in the woods on our right. The attack of the 4 Armd Bde which was to have taken place at 1400 hrs through our posns finally went in at 1800 hrs and shortly afterwards PW started coming in. By first light they had captured and occupied STEIN 968416.	
	27		9 Bde was ordered to attack and secure the line of the WEEZE-UDEM RD between 965403 and the bridge at 974409. The operation was carried out in 2 phases and coincided with the similar operations of 8 Bde on our left flank. Phase I 2 Lincolns cleared and captured wood at 960418, with a dawn attack and were on their final objective by 0830 hrs. Phase II on the right 1 KOSB and on the left 2 RUR were to clear and capture woods at final objective and if possible secure bridge and buildings at 973398. The Bn cleared the woods and was astride the road at 1345 hrs having advanced directly behind the barrage and captured 4 Officers and 180 ORs. The Bn was supported by 2 Tps of Churchill tanks of the Scots Guards. An attack on the buildings and bridge at 973398 failed owing to an SP gun which knocked out two tanks, and heavy MG fire from the objective. During the whole day there was intermittent heavy mortar harassing fire at various points. The Bn suffered few casualties considering the opposition. The PW belonged to II and III Bn 7 Para Regt for the most part. The 8 Bde on our right had been held up by enemy in the woods at 959403 so our right flank was open. The enemy did not counter attack and we spent a quiet night. Dispositions were as follows :- HQ at 966404, "A" Coy 968402, "B" Coy 965404, "C" Coy 967405, "D" Coy 972402.	
	28		In the early morning 8 Bde cleared the remainder of the wood on our right thus closing our right flank. During the afternoon 185 Bde passed through and secured a foot hold over the Muhlen Fleuth in the area 970390 and the approaches to KERVENHEIM. At about 1700 hrs the 2 Lincolns under command 185 Bde passed through and attacked KERVENHEIM and eventually managed to penetrate nearly halfway into the town. <div style="text-align: center;"> Casualties Killed :- Nil and 8 Wounded:- 4 and 48 Missing:- Nil and 1 </div> Under Appx 'L' will be found a detailed report on Operation "HEATHER".	