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**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 4th BN. K.O.S.B.

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Commanding Officer LT COL C.L. MELVILLE

Month and Year SEP. 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
AMERSHAM	1		Maps drawn for new Op. General principle was to create a formidable block of 1 Airborne Div, 82 + 101 U.S. Airborne Divs, Polish Para Bde and 52 Div in the area RENAIX, LESSINES and ATH.	See Appx 16
	4		Bn moved to new Conc Area at WOODHALL SPA, LINCS.	
WOODHALL SPA	5		Op postponed 48 hrs on account of bad weather. By this date the ops area was in Allied hands. "O" Gp. visited emplaning airfids at FOLKINGHAM, SALTBY, COTTESMORE.	
	6		Maps drawn on 1 Sep returned, new issue drawn. Bn allotment of DUTCH and GERMAN currency drawn.	
	7	0010	O.O. No 1 and O.O. No 2 issued Ops postponed 24 hrs.	See Appces 1 and 2
	8		GOC briefed all Coy Cmds in Div on most recent plans. Adjnt, OC HQ Coy, I.O. and Atk Pl Cmd briefed by C.O.	" Appx 19
	9		Unofficial visit by the G.O.C. I.O. collected 1/25,000 map cover of Ops area from Div HQ.	
	10		Bde Cmd took salute at Bn Church Parade March Past. Further change of ops plan.	
	11		Leave up to 72 hrs started. Bn allotment of maps broken down into Army Block Serial Gps.	
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	17		Official news received of 1st Airborne Army landings in HOLLAND.	
	18		G.O.C.'s briefing Conference for all Coy Comds and equivalent in the Div. He described plans and units involved in Airborne Army - same units as mentioned above under 1 Sep. 52 Div has several possible roles:- a) To assist 1 Div in holding ARNHEM bridgehead. b) To advance against Germany with the British Second Army. c) To clean up resistance down the SCHELDT to ANTWERP and the Estuary. d) To mop up units of German 65 Corps who are defending reprisal weapon sites north of AMSTERDAM.	

			Likely landing place : an airfd at DEELEN - no flying dates given.	
WOODHALL SPA	19.		Received 190700 SITREP of 1 Airborne Corps Capt COUTTS, Lt McMILLAN and their loading parties warned to move to airfd p.m. 20 Sep. Bn Exercise : a) To practice modified man loads - based on lightened rucksack, with excess kit wrapped in bedrolls which are all overloaded on to Bn tpt. Found that 2 IN MOR teams in particular are still too heavily loaded. Decided to plan redistribution of amn. b) Practised carrying one full strength Rifle Coy on 12 Jeeps and Trailers.	See Appx. 3.  Seep Appx 18 GWH
	20	2315	Move of a/m loading parties postponed 24 hrs. CO, 2i/c, Adjt summoned to Bde Conf.	GWH
	21	0200  1700 2045- 2315 2045	CO's 'O' Gp called : New op. Bn on 4 hrs notice to move to an airfd as and from 0400 hrs. Strength of force 30 offrs 431 O.R's - force to be glider borne. D Coy and remainder of Bn not affected to be cmd by Major RAE - probably following up in Dakotas at later date. CO, 2i/c to Div Comd Conf. CO held Coy Confs to coordinate changes in load manifests Op postponed 24 hrs.	GWH
	22	1000 1000 1400  1615 1700	All new load manifests recd by CO from Coys 210700 Sitrep recd. CO held further briefing Conf for Coy Cmd and equivalents : op to be known in Bn as YANK. Outline plan : 4 KOSB with similar force from 5 KOSB and skeleton Bde HQ, sp by modified Bty, Fd Arty, to land in gliders West of main NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM axis, and move up to southern bank of river near Arnhem to protect rear of 1st Airborne Div posns. Op cancelled. 211900 Sitrep recd.	See Appx 20 See Appx 4  See Appx 5 GWH
	23	1200 2000	221030 Sitrep recd. 230210 Sitrep recd.	" " 6 " " 7
	24	1315 2000	Warning order recd to move loading parties to airfd. Loading parties departed for FOLKINGHAM airfd : Capt COUTTS & ½ ATK PL, Lt McMILLAN & one pl D Coy, Lt Brebner (RAMC) and Bearer Sec.	GWH GWH
WOODHALL SPA	25	0900 1600	232230 Sitrep recd. 240729 Sitrep, 241600 Sitrep, 242300 Sitrep recd.	See Appx 8 See Appces 9,10,11. GWH
	26	1230	251200 Sitrep from Bde I.O. Draft of 44 O.R.'s posted from No 44 RHU - all Scottish Regts : many are 51 Div.	" " 12 GWH
	27	1130	261230 Sitrep recd.	See Appx 13.
	29	0930 1700	271200 Sitrep recd. Ref entry on 24 Sep., Loading Parties returned to unit locn.	" " 14 GWH

	30	1000	281900 Sitrep recd.	" " 15 GWH
		Notes	:- a) The following Appendices are fwd in connection with the various ops which have affected the Bn throughout the month. No. 16 - HQ Airborne Tps Planning Int. Summary No.1. 17 - Bn Standing Orders for Airtn 18 - Carriage of Kit and Eqpt. 19 - Situation - Enemy Order of Battle as on 8 Sep 1944 20 - "WACO" Operation - Aircraft Load Tables 21 - " " - Amn Statement b) Appendices are fwd <u>only</u> with Original War Diary.  C.L. Melville Lt. Col. 3 Oct. 44.	GWH