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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit:- 1st Bn. The Royal Scots
 (The Royal Regiment)

Officer Commanding:- Lieut. Col. J. Masterton-Smith

Month:- March 1945

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
0800 1. LF 102577 0900 1140 1230 LF 096560 1900 2340	C Coy moved forward to SOUTH of Lake LF 095559. Bn standing by to move. C.O. & O.C. Coys recce new area. Bn marched to new area, less Def Pl, which remained behind to guard R.A. Bn arrived at 096560 and estab posns extending 500 yds EAST & WEST. Recce patrol, Lieut. McPherson and Pl. Task. To recce Pagoda LF 084542 - Village LF 085538 - Pimple LF 081531. If no enemy encountered Pl to occupy Pimple LF 081531. Recce patrol returned reported area patrolled occupied.	RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC
1215 2. 1300 1345 1400 /1430 1500 1530 1600 1630 1700 1900	Carrier Patrol from A Coy left, Lieut. J.H. Crockatt with 4 carriers, R.A. OP and 3" Mortar. Route. Village LF 085538 - Pagoda LF 084542 - High ground LF 081531. Task. To find if enemy in village, Pagoda, High Ground. If unoccupied A Coy to move forward and occupy. Pagoda LF 084542 reported clear by carrier patrol. Two carriers returned from village and reported clear. Capt. McCance and 25 O.Rs A Coy sent forward to occupy village. Reached NORTH end of village when engaged by LMG and Mortar fire from Japs concealed in village and Pagoda area. Lieut Crockatt's carriers also under GD fire approx 200 yds SOUTH of village. /Lieut. Crockatt ordered to withdraw and did so under GD fire. One carrier stuck and abandoned, crew rescued under MG and sniper fire from Pagoda area. Lieut. Crockatt contacted Capt McCance. Both ordered to withdraw to Bn area. Both parties returned to Bn area. 4 men of Capt McCance's party missing. 3 of missing men reported back. Fourth later found dead. C.O., I.O., Capt McCance and Lieut Crockatt to Bde. Patrol sent to look for other missing man - unsuccessful. C.O. and I.O. returned.	RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC

2100		Lieut Morse and 3 O.Rs sent to find if Japs in Wood LF 095534. Route. Due SOUTH from Bn area.	
0130	3	Lieut. Morse returned and reported Jap footprints on track at approx LF 093545. Thought Japs lying up between Wood and Village at LF 085538.	RMC
1000		C Coy and Tac HQ left Bn area for LF 097542.	RMC
1100		C Coy and Tac HQ arrived.	RMC
1100		Air strike on SATPYAGYIN LF 0653	RM Crockatt Captain, I.O. 1st Bn The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)
1107	LF 096560	GD fire on C Coy.	
1115		LMG fire on C Coy.	
1117		Gunner OP pinpointed LMG at LF 095535.	
1125		C Coy put down 2" Mortar Smoke and HE.	RMC
1135		Order from Bde Comd to withdraw to Bn area.	RMC
1140		RA fire on area LF 095535.	RMC
1200		Village at LF 085539 bombed Chaung EAST of village strafed.	RMC
1225		C Coy and Tac HQ returned to Bn area.	RMC
1230		Pagoda LF 084542 bombed and strafed. Bde Comd in Bn area.	RMC
1330		Carrier patrol to Pagoda area. Task. To try and draw enemy fire.	RMC
1415		Carrier patrol returned, reported Japs firing from right of Pagoda. Recovered body of missing man from yesterdays ops. Abandoned carrier found untouched.	
1700		Abandoned carrier disabled by own Piat fire.	RMC
0815	4.	C.O. left for new area. LF 104551.	RMC
0900		Bn marched off to new area.	RMC
0930	LF 104551	Bn arrived at new area. LF 104551.	RMC
1230		Lieut. Kelly rejoined Bn.	RMC
1600		O Group Conf. Strength 26 Offrs 687 O.Rs.	RMC APP I
0200	5.	Jap patrol 6/8 men on C Coy perimeter fired on by own LMG and dispersed.	RMC
0300		Japs fired 4 Grenades from GD. Grenades landed 100 yds SOUTH of Bn perimeter. No casualties. For ops 5 March see OO.	RMC
1030		C & D Coys reached start point.	RMC APP II
1055		Enemy LMG post knocked out by Flame Thrower at approx LF 095536.	RMC
1120		B Coy ordered to move forward to protect C Coy Left flank.	RMC
1145		C Coy consolidated on Objective.	RMC
1200		D Coy " " "	RMC
1245		B Coy consolidating LF 087533 covering track and Chaung.	RMC
1255		A Coy ordered forward to occupy Ridge LF 093537.	RMC
1415		Bn HQ joined Tac HQ. Coy locations:- Bn HQ LF 086538. A Coy LF 089538	

		B Coy LF 085536 C Coy LF 083537 D Coy LF 082539	RMC	
1435	LF 086538	Enemy shelling D Coy area. 1 wounded.	RMC	
1450		Bde Comd at Bn.	RMC	
1500		Lieut. Bagot and 4 O.Rs left in carrier to contact 1 RWF at LF 114532.	RMC	
1700	LF 086538	Lieut. Bagot and 4 O.Rs returned. NES. 30 Japs killed during days Ops. Own casualties, 1 wounded. Many small articles of equipment and documents captured.	RMC	
1900		Standing patrol 1 sec B Coy on Pimple LF 084525.	RMC	
2100		Enemy jitter party between B Coy and Bn HQ. Lasted 5 mins. No casualties.	RMC	
2130		Standing patrol B Coy reported much digging and chopping 100 yds SOUTH of Pimple.	RMC	
2330		Standing patrol B Coy reported digging continuing and feels anxiety.	RMC	
2359		Lieut Kelly sent to reinforce standing patrol with additional sec. On arrival killed two Japs and wounded one who escaped.	RMC	
0200	6.	Jitter party on SOUTH and C Coy perimeter. 1 Jap killed by 2" Mortar fire. For ops orders 6 March see APP III	RMC	APP III
0900		O Group Conf.	RMC	
0930		Bde Comd to Bn area.	RMC	
1045		Tac HQ moved to approx LF 086530. Start line between tr junc LF 095524 and point on tr LF 086525. Zero Hour 1130.	RMC	
1100		A & B Coys leave for start line.	RMC	
1130		3" Mortar concentration started on THANGON LF 0851. MMG concentration on High ground SOUTH of THANGON. 16 Fd Regt RA concentration on ACE	RMC	
1135		A & B Coys crossed start line.	RMC	
1140		Mortar and arty concentration ends.	RMC	
1140		MMG concentration ends. Enemy shelling LF 086530.	RMC	
1145		Enemy shelling B Coy WEST of THANGON.	RMC	
1150		A Coy temporarily held up by enemy LMG. Now moving forward.	RMC	
1155		B Coy being fired on by LMG on their left.	RMC	
1200		D Coy moves 100 yds from old A Coy posn. Enemy slight shelling on them.	RMC	
1205		A Coy ask for RA fire on QUEEN.	RMC	
1210		B Coy at LF 085515.	RMC	
1220		Tanks with B Coy approaching objective. A Coy between ACE and KING dealing with LMGs and snipers. D Coy ordered to move forward behind and EAST of A Coy.	RMC	

1225		A Coy past KING and attacking QUEEN.	RMC
1235		A Coy on QUEEN clearing it.	RM Crockatt Captain,
		B Coy on objective.	I.O. 1st Bn The Royal
1235	LF 086538	D Coy moving behind and EAST of A Coy.	Scots (The Royal
		C Coy ordered to be ready to move into THANGON with tks.	Regiment)
		Air OP directing fire on approx 20 Japs SOUTH EAST of village.	RMC
		20/30 Japs pulling out of KNAVE moving SOUTH.	
1240		Enemy shelling both HE and AP LF 086527.	
1250		D Coy posn left of wood at LF 095523.	RMC
1325		C Coy ordered to clear THANGON from EAST to WEST.	RMC
		B Coy now at SOUTH WEST corner of THANGON.	RMC
		A Coy still clearing QUEEN. Almost ready to move to KNAVE.	
1335		Japs running from D Coy towards B Coy.	
1340		KNAVE captured.	RMC
1350		A Coy set fire to Jap two ton amn truck.	RMC
1425		C Coy clearing THANGON.	RMC
1430		D & A Coys ordered to put up 77 Gren Smoke to show posns.	RMC
1435		THANGON reported clear. Japs blew up one of their own guns.	RMC
		A,B,C Coys ordered to consolidate.	RMC
		A Coy LF 091508 B Coy on High ground LF 085511	RMC
		C Coy on Spur at LF 084514 D Coy to move to LF 102511.	RMC
1530	LF 091515	Bn HQ consolidating LF 091515.	RMC
1615		C.O. went to D Coy to show O.C. D Coy area for consolidation. On moving forward to LF 097515 fired on by Japs.	RMC
1620		D Coy withdrew under Smoke to consolidate at LF 094517. At the same time 3" Mortar and MMGs engaged enemy.	RMC
1700		Water and food sent up to the Coys.	
		Japs bodies counted in days ops 10. 2 75 mm guns captured. 1 enemy 2 ton truck destroyed. 200 rds 47 mm A/Tk amn captured. Many small articles of equipment and docs found. Own casualties 4 Killed 7 Wounded.	RMC
2100		Recce patrol D Coy left for MYINTHA LF 1050. Route. D Coy area - 100 yds EAST of tr challenged by enemy. No shot fired patrol withdrew.	RMC
0905	7.	Enemy shelling on ridge LF 0951.	RMC
1045		Div Comd at Bn HQ.	RMC
1100		Jap 47 mm A/Tk gun found intact. Abandoned by Japs in Bn attack on previous day.	RMC
1400 hrs		3 men in jeep left to join D Coy.	RMC
1430		Long burst LMG fire heard and A Coy reported Jeep stationary 500 yds EAST of their perimeter.	RMC

1440-1545		Capt. Fenton and batman in carrier found jeep and body of driver. Area searched but no sign of other two men. Jeep and body of driver brought back.	RM Crockatt Captain, I.O. 1st Bn The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)
1630	LF 091515	Capt Fenton and one sec Def Pl and two carriers made further search, found body of second man apparently sniped and killed while trying to escape 1500 yds SOUTH EAST of A Coy. Patrol unable to find third man. His equipment found.	
1715		Patrol returned.	RMC
0800	8.	Tac HQ to D Coy area. Plan. D Coy with one tp 3 DGs and 1 Wasp to destroy enemy in MYINTHA 1050 and return to present location.	RMC
0825		C Coy temporarily take over D Coy posns.	RMC
0830		D Coy start advance. 3" Mortar Smoke on MYINTHA from 0825 - 0830. 3" Mortar HE on MYINTHA 0830 - 0845. MG Pl 2 Manch on MYINTHA 0830 - 0900.	RMC
0920		D Coy under shell fire.	RMC
0930		D Coy report small village at LF 110507 clear but still under shell fire, suffering some casualties.	RMC
0945		Own arty engages enemy arty firing at D Coy.	RMC
1000		D Coy regroup to attack MYINTHA.	RMC
1025		One Pl D Coy enter village.	RMC
1050		Pl D Coy report village clear. No enemy encountered. One enemy truck destroyed.	RMC
1053		One sec C Coy sent to un-named village. LF 110507 to retrieve dead man of D Coy.	RMC
1130		D Coy returned. C Coy returned from D Coy area to previous location. Casualties - 1 Killed 15 Wounded.	RMC
1300		Lieut. Gen. NYE V_C I G S arrived in Bn area.	RMC
1310		" " " " left	RMC
1415		C.O. 1/8 L.Fs and recce party arrived at Bn area.	RMC
1530		Carrier patrol of Def Pl sent to contact 20 Div patrol coming from MAGYI LF 0847.	RMC
1630		20 Div patrol arrived at A Coy area.	RMC
1745		Carrier patrol returned.	RMC
0900	9.	Bn marched off to new area. 1/8 L.Fs. took over old area.	RMC
1100	THABYATHA	Bn arrived at THABYATHA LF 0757. Day spent in improving camp area.	RMC
		I.O. 1st Bn The Royal Scots	RM Crockatt Captain, (The Royal Regiment)
	10. THABYATHA	Day spent resting, cleaning clothes. Organised parties to IRRAWADDY for swimming.	RMC
1930		Mobile cinema performance.	RMC

0900 1930	11.	Church Services. Resting cleaning clothes and swimming. Strength - 24 Offrs 665 O.Rs Div Concert Party band performance.	RMC RMC APP IV RMC
0900 1100	12.	Bde Comd visited Bn. C.O. recced new area YWALAGON LF 1652. Bn pack up to move next day.	RMC APP V RMC RMC
0730 0930 1400-1600 1600	13. YWALAGON	Bn move by MT to new area. Bn arrived at YWALAGON LF 1653. C.O. & Coy Comds recced new area THABAUNG LF 2447. O Group Conf.	RMC RMC RMC RMC
0500 0745 0830 1000-1230 1600	14. THABAUNG	Bn march off to new area. Bn arrived THABAUNG LF 2447. Breakfast. C.O. & I.O. recced area Kg LF 307448. O Group Conf.	RMC RMC RMC RMC RMC
0600 0730 0900	15. Kg 307448	Bn marched off to new area. Bn HQ & HQ Coy arrived at Kg LF 307448, A & D Coy TAUKSHAGON LF 3045, B & C Coys at THAYETKAN LF 3244. Bde Comd visited area.	RMC RMC RMC
1230 1400 1500 1600 1845	16.	Bde Comd visited area. Def Pl patrol to TADA-U LF 4546 fired on from several enemy posns in NORTH EAST of village. 2 Japs killed, 2 probables. Own Casualties 1 Killed. 2 i/c Coys recced area THINBAN LF 4245. O Group Conf. Def Pl patrol returned.	RMC RMC RMC RMC
0500 0730 1445 1515 1605	17. LF 440454	Bn march off to new area. Breakfast at 6½ MS LF 412448. Bn continue march. Bn arrived at new area. BN HQ & HQ COY LF 440454. A Coy LF 443457 B Coy LF 442451 C Coy LF 442453 D Coy LF 437451 C.O. to Bde. I.O. 1st Bn The Royal Scots	RMC RMC RMC RMC RM Crockatt Captain, (The Royal Regiment)
1230 1500 1530 1700	18. LF 440454	B Coy and Tac HQ leave to search TABETSWE LF 4844. B Coy and Tac HQ at rly and tr junc LF 487434. Lieut Kelly and Pl sent forward to patrol TABETSWE. Lieut. Kelly reported village clear. Pl of C Coy sent to LF 469428. B Coy remained at LF 487434. Tac HQ returned to Bn area. Strength 24 Offrs 669 O.Rs.	RMC RMC RMC RMC APP V

0800	19.		Recce party to area PALEIK MS LF 5445.	RMC
0900			Bn moved by MT to PALEIK MS.	RMC
1100		PALEIK MS	Bn at LF 550455 in PALEIK MS area.	RMC
1630			O Group Conf.	RMC
0630	20.		Mortar Pl left to sp 1/8 L.Fs at LF 5647.	RMC
			Recce party left for area LF 565474.	
0730			Bn marched to new area.	
0810		LF 565474	Bn arrived at LF 565474 after crossing MYITNGE river by Bailey br and took over posns from 1/8 L.Fs.	RMC
1500			Mortar Pl returned to Bn.	
1615			C Coy moved out under comd 1/8 L/Fs to block gap between 1/8 L.Fs and 2 Norfolk at LF 565480. Def Pl took over C Coy area.	RMC RMC
0600	21.		C Coy back under own comd.	RMC
0800			O Group Conf.	RMC
0945			Tac HQ to LF 558488. Bde Comd at Tac HQ.	RMC
1030			A Coy moved forward to consolidate at 553499. No enemy encountered.	
1135			C Coy moved forward to 560503. No enemy encountered.	RMC
1200			Def Pl ordered to move up and help A Coy consolidate.	RMC
1230			C Coy on their objective. B Coy moved forward to 558503.	RMC
1400		LF 560499	Bn HQ & HQ Coy LF 560499 A Coy Kg LF 553497 B Coy LF 558503 C Coy Chy LF 559503 D Coy LF 565503	RMC RMC RMC
2100			A Coy killed 1 Jap who entered their perimeter. Lieut. R.L. Reid joined the Bn.	RMC RMC RMC
0700	22.		Patrol of D Coy linked up with 1/8 L.Fs at LF 573496.	RMC
1000			1 Jap W.O. captured and sent back for interrogation.	RMC
1700			Inter Coy football A v B I.O. 1st Bn The Royal Scots	RM Crockatt Captain, (The Royal Regiment)
0900	23.	LF 560499	Inter Coy football HQ v C. Day spent cleaning clothes and improving Camp area. Organised parties for swimming. Organised parties into MANDALAY.	RMC
1100			One wounded Jap captured.	RMC
1700			Inter Coy football HQ 2 v D.	RMC
0800	24.		Inter Coy football HQ 1 v B. EME inspection of all arms. Parties for swimming and into MANDALAY. Beer Issue.	RMC
1700			Div Comd Bn HQ. Inter Coy football HQ 2 v Adm.	RMC
0900	25.		Church parades. EME inspection of all arms.	RMC
1700			Inter Bn football 1/8 L.Fs v Bn. Strength 26 Offrs 674 O.Rs.	APP VI

0800 1330 1340	26.	Inter Coy football HQ 2 v Adm. Corps Comd Bn HQ. Talks to Mortar Pl on success of 2 Div in recent ops. Corps Comd left. Order of The Day by Lieut. Gen. Sir Montagu Stopford received and made known to all ranks. See APP VII G.O.Cs Personal Note No. 3 received and made known to all ranks. See App 8.	RMC RMC RMC APP VII App VIII
0615 0800 1645 1900	27.	Advance party left for new area. Final of Inter Coy football B v Adm. O Group Conf. Mobile Cinema Show. Message received from H.M. The King by Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander SEAC and the Supreme's reply. Orders received to move from present location to area MYINGYAN PK 7704 Adm orders issued. See App X	RMC RMC RMC APP IX RMC APP X
0700 1800 2100 2230	28	KETLAN Bn moved by MT to new area. Bn arrived at area KETLAN LL 2492. BN HQ LL 247924 A Coy LL 246923 B Coy LL 248924 C Coy LL 235916 D Coy LL 246925 Patrol of C Coy 1 Offr and sec to estab ambush at LL 212918. 2 Enemy thought dressed as Burmans fired 1 rd GD on Bn perimeter at LL 246925. 4 men very slightly wounded. 1 Evacuated.	RMC RMC RMC RMC
0600 0800 1230 1430 1700 2100	29.	KETLAN Kg LL 208919 C Coy patrol returned NES. Lieut Morse with recce patrol left for high ground at LL 203942 via DAINGLE LL 2192 Bn marched to new area. Bn less 2 Coys at Kg LL 208919. C Coy at LL 206942. Adm Coy and Def Pl at KETLAN. On arrival at new area, patrol of C Coy, directed by 2 friendly locals, killed 3 Japs and wounded another who escaped in area Chaung LL 2092. Captured 1 LMG and Docs. Major Russell rejoined Bn. Lieut McPherson with recce patrol went up tr from fwd Coy to LL 201952. Hit rd 150 yds EAST of rd - tr junc LL 197967, lay up ½ hr. 20 Japs in marching order seen moving NORTH main rd. Heard much movement of Tpt including tr vehs.	RMC RMC RM Crockatt Captain, I.O. 1st Bn The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) RMC RMC RMC

