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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

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

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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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 |
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| 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 | |

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| 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. | |

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| | 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) | |