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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

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

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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REF GS GS 4040 Sheet 48

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