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WAR DIARY

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Unit 6 KOSB

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year June 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col JG SHILLINGTON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WORTHING	Thu 1	I II	In the forenoon there was a lecture and discussion on the night exercise which took place between A and C Coys during the night. Other trg included firing out to sea and bathing. At 1400 hrs the CO held a Coy Comds conference and emphasised a number of points to be borne in mind during the forthcoming operations. In the evening the CO inspected personnel of the residue with their loads. Weather thundery with some rain	RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Fri 2	I II	C and Sp Coys fired on KITHURST range. Other Coys carried out local trg in Coy areas incl bathing. In the afternoon a demonstration of all types of aircraft, allied and enemy, took place above WORTHING and was witnessed by many of the Bn. A mess meeting was held in the Offrs Mess in the evening. Weather hot	RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Sat 3	I II	All Coys carried out adm. In addition A Coy practised firing out to sea and D Coy carried out Weapon Trg and wiring. B and C Coys carried out a "Know your Enemy" Quiz. B Coy also fired on KITHURST range. Weather fine	RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Sun 4	I II	Church Services of all denominations were held in WORTHING. In the case of the Church of Scotland the service was a communion service and was voluntary. Weather fair	RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Mon 5	 II	B Coy marched to GIBBET HILL and carried out firing on GIBBET HILL. Other Coys carried out normal trg in Coy areas. In the afternoon, a R/T exercise for Comds was carried out under the supervision of the Sig Offr. The BBC announced the news that ROME had fallen to the Allied armies in ITALY. Weather fine	RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Tue 6	I	During the night it became apparent that large fms of aircraft and gliders were flying over WORTHING and the SOUTH coast in the direction of FRANCE and it was consequently no great surprise when the news was	

		II	received that the landings had been made in that country between LE HAVRE and CHERBOURG. All reports received during the day indicated that the op was going well. Normal trg in WORTHING area by Coys. CO held a Coy Comds conference in the evening and relayed certain inform regarding the operation. An ENSA Concert Party featuring Miss GERTRUDE LAWRENCE performed in the Cdn Legion Pavilion in the evening. 6 KOSB Standing Op Instrs were issued. Copy as Appx A att. Weather fair	RHMCD JGS Appx A
WORTHING	Wed 7	I II	Reports indicate that the assault on FRANCE continues to proceed satisfactorily in spite of increased enemy resistance. It appears that a br head has been est extending from approx ST PIERRE DU MONT T69 to the estuary of the R ORNE U67 and fierce fighting is reported at CAEN U06. Another br head is reported in CHERBOURG and various landings by paras and airlanding fmns. Orders were received for the adv party, consisting of Maj CWP RICHARDSON and 2ORs, to conc at Bde HQ, and at 2100 hrs, together with the adv parties of other units of the Bde, they moved off to a marshalling area. Weather dull but dry	RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Thu 8	I II	6 KOSB Standing Adm Orders for Ops were issued. A copy is att herewith as Appx B. No further news of the ops was received except that satisfactory progress continued to be made Weather dull	Appx B RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Fri 9	I II	Orders were received for move to marshalling areas on 10 June, of main body. Marching personnel move by train to HAYWARDS HEATH and veh party proceeds by rd to RCRP south of EPPING. The remainder of the day was spent in packing up and preparation for the move. In the evening, a draft of 10 ORs arrived from 53 RHU. Weather dull	RHMCD JGS
WORTHING	Sat 10	I II	Veh party left WORTHING at 0510 hrs and arrived at Marshalling Area S6 behind TILBURY about mid-day. There they were split into two parties corresponding to the ships in which they were to embark. The veh party was commanded by the CO. The marching party, under Maj CJ BALLANTYNE left WORTHING at 1100 hrs and proceeded by rail to HAYWARDS HEATH where they were met by TCVs which conducted them to Marshalling Area J6, near LEWES. There the party was split into 3 ship loads, each of which contained a proppn of personnel of other units. Maj. BALLANTYNE, Maj GILBERTSON and Maj WATERS were each appointed OC Tps. Weather fair, with occasional rain	RHMCD JGS
Camp S6 Camp J6	Sun 11	I	Half the vehs under Capt J ELLIOT left the marshalling area for TILBURY DOCKS and began loading onto MT 86 "The Houston City". The marching party were informed that they would not be leaving before	

		II	1400 hrs on 14 June. A voluntary Church Service was held in the camp in the morning. Recreational facilities were taken advantage of. Weather fine.	RHMCD JGS
TILBURY Camp J6	Mon 12	I	The remainder of the veh party under the CO moved to TILBURY DOCKS at 0700 hrs and began loading onto MT 25, the "CHARLES W. ELLIOT". The first veh party set off for SOUTHEND at about 2000 hrs. 100 men of the marching party went to BRIGHTON for baths, other Coys carried out trg and recreational facilities were used. In the evening an ENSA party performed in the NAAFI.	
		II	Weather hot	RHMCD JGS
SOUTHEND Camp J6	Tue 13	I	MT 25 finished loading and set sail for SOUTHEND about 1800 hrs. In Camp J6 a mobile bath unit arrived and all men had a bath. All ranks were issued with 24 hr pack rations, tommy cookers and various other articles. Ship loads were readjusted slightly to ensure that only KOSB personnel sailed in each ship.	
		II	Weather broken	RHMCD JGS
SOUTHEND Camp J6	Wed 14	I	Both MT ships lay off SOUTHEND until the convoy assembled and set sail at 2210 hrs. The marching party set off by ship loads at approx 1400 hrs and proceeded to an RCRP at NEWHAVEN, where they embarked in LCIs (L). These set off at approx 2300 hrs.	
		II	Weather windy, with rough sea	RHMCD JGS
FRANCE	Thu 15	I	The veh convoy had an uneventful trip and the ships finally anchored between 3 and 4 miles off GRAYE-SUR-MER (1/50,000 map sheet 7E/5 9585). The marching party convoy arrived at GRAYE-SUR-MER at 1200 hrs and disembarked at once. They passed through transit and assembly areas and eventually arrived in the Bde conc area, which is in the area of BRECY (8877). There they were met by the 2IC and led to the Bn conc area, which was in a fd at approx 875787.	
		II	Weather hot	RHMCD JGS
Near BRECY	Fri 16	I	Personnel of marching party cleaned weapons and carried out adm. Personnel and vehs of the veh party began to arrive in small parties, and by the evening most of the unit was concentrated. At 1430 hrs, Brig HDK MONEY DSO addsd all offr and NCOs and relayed infm which he had obtained from fwd tps during the past few days. During the night there was intense bombing of the beaches by enemy planes and terrific AA fire by our tps and flak ships. CO inspected Bn in alarm posts and held a conference of Coy Comds.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD JGS
Near BRECY	Sat 17	I	Coys carried out Coy TEWTs on the clearance of fds and ditches by Pls and Coys sp by tks. It is anticipated that this type of operation will frequently occur in future clashes with the enemy.	

			<p>to each village, with a view to reconnoitring areas and staking the Bn's claim.</p> <p>No change was reported in the Brit-Cdn Sector of the front but the Americans are reported to be within 5 miles of CHERBOURG.</p> <p>E/a activity by night rather more restricted than of late.</p> <p>Weather wet, with high wind</p>	RHMCD JGS
Near BRECY	Wed 21	I	<p>The CO attended a Bde O Gp at 0930 hrs held on the ground in front of the area where the attack will take place. All Coy Comds spent the day in recce of the ground.</p> <p>In the evening Maj LGS SANDERSON MC KOSB, who acts as personal LO to the C-in-C, visited the Bn.</p> <p>BBC report that Americans are closing in on CHERBOURG.</p>	RHMCD JGS
		II	<p>Weather dry, but with high wind</p>	RHMCD JGS
Near BRECY	Thu 22	I	<p>The CO attended an O Gp conference at Bde HQ in the morning and on his return announced a slight change of plan which involved the capture by 8RS of a section of the lateral rd running EAST and WEST immediately north of La GAULE before 6KOSB pass through to capture the village. This has necessitated a slight adjustment of B Coy's proposed objective.</p> <p>The whole day was spent in recce on all levels down to Sec Comds. At 1700 hrs rifle Coy Comds attended a cloth model discussion on the op conducted by 8RS. After this was completed a short conference was held by the CO, at which Maj WARREN, Comd B Sqn 9 RTR, with whom we shall be cooperating in the attack, was present. At this conference details of each phase of the Bn attack were co-ordinated.</p> <p>BBC news indicated that the Americans continue to press hard on CHERBOURG.</p> <p>Considerable air activity on both sides took place in the evening and by night.</p>	RHMCD JGS
		II	<p>Weather fair, with wind subsiding.</p>	RHMCD JGS
Near BRECY	Fri 23	I	<p>CO attended O Gp at Bde HQ at 0900 hrs, when infm was received that a further change of plan had been made. This new plan provides for the capture of La GAULE by 8RS, so that 6 KOSB will now be in res. In other respects the plan remains the same but it is anticipated that 44 (L) Inf Bde will be used again at a later stage of the op to clear the area MOUEN (9365) - TOURVILLE (9364). The CO summoned Coy Comds on his return from Bde and informed them of the change of plan. No alteration in the dispositions of Coys during the adv is to be made.</p> <p>At 1800 hrs the CO attended a lecture by the Corps Comd on the forthcoming op.</p> <p>Tps carried out normal trg by day. E/a activity was quieter than usual.</p> <p>Late in the evening infm was received that the attack would take place</p>	RHMCD JGS

		II	at 0730 hrs on 26 Jun 44. Weather fair	RHMCD JGS
Near BRECY	Sat 24	I	The CO held an O Gp in the morning at which he issued orders for a move to a FAA near SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN 9274. 6KOSB OO No. 1 was issued and is att as Appx C. At approx 2000 hrs the Bn left the BRECY area and proceeded by march route to the FAA. Marching tps arrived in there at about 2300 hrs and vehs arrived later.	Appx C
		II	Weather fair	JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9274	Sun 25	I	The Bn spent the whole day lying up in the FAA. A Church Service was held at 0930 hrs. The Div Comd held a briefing conference at which he briefed all offrs of the Div down to incl Coy Comds. At 1800 hrs the CO held an O Gp. The remainder of the evening was spent in rest.	
		II	Weather wet	JGS
BRETTEVILLE 9272	Mon 26	I	Commencing at 0030 hrs the Bn proceeded to move to its FUP in gen area 919724 near BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE, where it dug in and remained till H hr. At 0730 hrs the barrage commenced and the attack began. The Bn moved fwd behind 8RS and reached its first bound (level crossing 9271) without incident. The move to the next bound (line of R MUC) was then carried out, but many enemy snipers and pockets of resistance had to be dealt with on the way. From this bound, the Carrier Pl (subsequently relieved by D Coy) moved fwd to 917683 to assist 8RS, who had gained their objectives but were depleted by cas. In the afternoon orders were received to proceed to the assistance of 6RSF at ST MAUVIEU, where final objectives had not yet been taken. A B & C Coys accordingly moved fwd and took over from 6RSF. D Coy 6RSF also came under comd. In C Coy's area (orchard 934686) there was some opposition, but the Bn est & held the line of the rd running NORTH and SOUTH through the village. The cas for the day's fighting included Maj RWQ GOING and two ORs killed; Lt NK MACKENZIE and 12 ORs wounded.	
		II	Weather wet	JGS
ST MAUVIEU 9268	Tue 27	I	During the night posns were intermittently mortared by the enemy. In the course of the night the Bn was relieved by a Bn of the Wiltshires Regt and pulled out just before dawn. The Bn retired to a conc area near Le MESNIL PATRY 9070 and remained there all day reorganising and resting.	JGS
Le MESNIL PATRY/9070 Le HAUT du BOSQ 9066	Wed 28	I	At about 1000 hrs orders were received to proceed to the area of Le HAUT du BOSQ 9066 and take over from 10 HLI. This was duly done and posns occupied with A and D Coys fwd and B and C Coys in the rear. Late in the evening an attack was made by A & D Coys on the area of xrds 909657 and objectives taken without opposition.	
		II	Weather showery	RHMCD JGS
Le HAUT du	Thu	I	8RS launched an attack on the right, having for its objective the line	

BOSQ 9066	29		of the rly at GRAINVILLE-sur-ODON 9164. This attack met with some opposition but they eventually reached their objectives although depleted by cas. 6RSF were moved up to sp them. It was then intended that 6KOSB launch an attack from GRAINVILLE on certain objectives south of the rly line. Before this attack could be arranged, however, the enemy launched a fierce armd counter attack on 8RS and 6RSF posns and in some places achieved penetrations. The 6KOSB line however was held, and B and C Coys, with armd sp launched a counter attack on area 899649 and by evening restored the situation. Cas in the day's fighting incl Maj CJ BALLANTYNE TD, Lt JR VIVERS and 18 ORs wounded, one OR killed.	JGS
GRAINVILLE 9064	Fri 30	I	The Bn was ordered to consolidate on line of rd GRAINVILLE to rd junc 896652, and Bn HQ, A & D Coys moved up. Orders were received that this line was to be denied against enemy attack. The Bn fmn was:- C Coy right in area 897653; B Coy area wood 903649; D Coy area 905645; Bn HQ 904649. A/tk guns and MMGs were allotted in sp. During the day there was occasional mortar and arty fire on the posns but no other activity on the front.	RHMCD JGS
		II	Weather fair	

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GRAINVILLE 9064	Sat 1	I	<p>A patrol led by Lt KG BUY went out at night to ascertain if wood at 900643 contained enemy and returned reporting it clear.</p> <p>In the morning, at approx 0700 hrs, the enemy attacked with tks. The attack came in on C Coy's front and on the unit of the fmn on the right. A grim battle ensued in the course of which several enemy tks were knocked out. Eventually, however, through superiority in numbers and armament, all a/tk guns in the sector were knocked out and C Coy forced back. A gallant stand was made however on the Coy HQ line by Capt NC ROLLO and the remaining elements of C Coy. Acts of outstanding bravery were also performed by Capt J ELLIOT and Cpl WALLACE, both of whom continued to man and operate a/tk guns when the crews were killed until the guns were knocked out by direct hits.</p> <p>A few enemy tks succeeded in infiltrating round the right flank where the fmn on the right had fallen back, but the stand of C Coy prevented this taking place long enough for a strong armd counterattack to be put in in the evening which succeeded in restoring the situation. Two coys of 6RSF came under comd and by nightfall the line was again firmly est, if anything more strongly than before. The casualties for the day included Lt KG BUY, Lt HDP MINCHIN and 14 ORs killed, Maj RN GILBERTSON, Capt J ELLIOT and 53 ORs wounded and 41 missing (presumably wounded).</p>	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD JGS
GRAINVILLE 9064	Sun 2	I	<p>The Bn remained in posn all day and although subjected to heavy and continual mortar fire, was not attacked. A patrol of tks and SP guns went out as far as the line of the rly to cover mine laying ops which were taking place on our front. This patrol suffered two tk casualties but did not encounter any enemy tks.</p> <p>In the evening the Bn was relieved by a Bn of the E LANCS. The relief was completed by about 2300 hrs and the Bn set off by march route to its new area.</p>	
		II	Weather showery	RHMCD JGS
SECQUEVILLE	Mon	I	The Bn arrived in a rest area near SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN in the early	

9174	3		<p>morning. The whole day was spent in re-org and rest. In the morning the Div Comd visited the Bn and addsd all ranks. He read a letter of congratulation received from Gen Montgomery on the fine performance of the Div and added his personal thanks.</p> <p>II Weather fair</p>	RHMCD JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Tue 4	I	<p>The CO attended a conference conducted by the Div Comd on the subject of the recent ops. The Bn continued to re-org and rest. A church service was held in the bivouac area in the evening.</p> <p>II Weather wet</p>	RHMCD JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Wed 5	I	<p>The Bn was given an op role which involved the occupation of defensive posns in the SECQUEVILLE area to counter any enemy attack from CARPIQUET. Recces were carried out and posns dug. CO attended a conference in the afternoon. A draft of 36 ORs arrived from RHU.</p> <p>II Weather showery</p>	RHMCD JGS
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Thu 6	I	<p>Trg of various types was carried out by Coys. Certain men attended entertainments by Concert Parties and films in the neighbouring village of ST CROIX. Maj LANE-JOYNT, South Lancs, joined the Bn from RHU and took over comd of B Coy.</p> <p>II Weather fair</p>	RHMCD JGS
SECQUEVILLE	Fri 7	I	<p>CO was sent for to Bde HQ and Bn put on 3 hrs notice to move. CO received orders that the Bn together with the remainder of the Bde were to proceed to area TOURVILLE 9364 and take over from a Bde of 43 Div in that area. Recces down to Coy levels were carried out during the remainder of the day and at approx 2200 hrs the Bn set forth by march route to take over their allotted sector.</p> <p>II Weather fair</p>	RHMCD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Sat 8	I	<p>The Bn took over res posn in the sector, with 8RS on right fwd and 6RSF on left fwd fronts respectively. Bn HQ was est at 931639. D and B Coys were in front, and A and C Coys in rear.</p> <p>The day was quiet in this sector of the front, the main activity taking place on the CAEN sector, where the town was captured later in the day. Patrols were sent out at night by the two fwd Bns but not by this Bn.</p> <p>II Weather dull</p>	RHMCD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Sun 9	I	<p>The sector remained quiet throughout the day, although intermittent shelling and mortaring occurred. The relief which was expected to take place to-night has now been postponed by 24 hrs. A patrol led by Lt J GUETTLER went out at night to ascertain if 933617 was held by enemy and returned with infm that it was not held.</p> <p>II Weather fair</p>	RHMCD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Mon 10	I	<p>An attack was launched at 0500 hrs by 43 Div in areas SW and SOUTH of CAEN. 46 (H) Inf Bde is under comd 43 Div for this op. The attack was</p>	

		II	preceded by a hy barrage. The attack proceeded according to plan and by nightfall 43 Div had est itself on the outskirts of MALTOT 9862 and pt 112 9561. 46 (H) Inf Bde were est in area BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON 9866 and ETERVILLE 9364. Determined German counter-attacks were beaten off. As a result of this action there was increased enemy mor fire and shelling on 44 Bde front, but no cas were sustained by the Bn. Weather dull with some rain	RHMCD JGS
TOURVILLE 9364	Tue 11	I II	The front remained quiet during the day except for intermittent shelling and mortaring, some of which fell close to the Bn posns. Maj NC ROLLO and one OR of A Coy were wounded as a result of such a shell. In the course of the day reps from 4 WELCH arrived with a view to taking over. The relieving Coy itself arrived in the evening about 2300 hrs and the relief was complete by midnight. Weather dull & showery	RHMCD CWPR
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Wed 12	I II	The Bn left TOURVILLE area at approx 0200 hrs and proceeded by march route to CHEUX where it embussed and returned to its previous bivouac area in SECQUEVILLE, arriving approx 0500 hrs. The remainder of the day was spent in re-org and rest. The CO carried out a recce in TOURMAUVILLE area with a view to a future attack in that area. A Church Service was held in the evening near Bn HQ. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
SECQUEVILLE 9174	Thu 13	I II	The CO attended an O Gp at 1000 hrs and on return held a conference of Coy Comds. The intended plan is that 6KOSB should take part in a night attack the object of which is to extend the present line SW of TOURVILLE. The CO made a tentative plan as to how he considered this might be done. It is anticipated that the attack will be illuminated by artificial light from search lights. Men carried out usual trg during the day and completed rest and re-org. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
TOURVILLE	Fri 14	I II	The day was spent in rest and preparation for move. At 2100 hrs the Bn moved to its previous area at TOURVILLE where it occupied posns for the night. Activity on this sector during the night was slight. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
TOURVILLE	Sat 15	I II	The Bn left its FAA and proceeded at about 2235 hrs to an FUP in the area 935625 to 939619. OO for Op GREENLINE was issued and is att hereto as Appx A. The attack was put in under artificial moonlight conditions created by searchlights reflected on the sky. The SL was crossed at 2330 hrs with A and C Coys in front, making for objectives 927613 and 931610 respectively. At 2340 hrs it was learned that the capture of ESQUAY by 2 GLAS H had taken place. Weather fair	CWPR
Area	Sun	I	A and C Coys reached their objectives 0030 hrs. B and D Coys then set	

931610	16		off from the SL for their objectives which were 918609 and 927603 respectively, and at 0235 hrs Bn HQ then moved to 928615, and commenced digging in. Phase SHUFFLE was then ordered and carried out. 8RS commenced their attack on our right and succeeded in attaining their objectives. D Coy discovered at dawn that it had penetrated too far fwd and was more or less cut off. After a prolonged and difficult action it succeeded in disengaging and tying up its flanks. For the whole of the remainder of the day the Bn held grimly on to these posns in spite of counter attacks and also aerial attack. During the action Lt Col SHILLINGTON and Maj JW OGILVIE were wounded and Capt DUN, Lt FRAFJORD and Lt GUETTLER killed. Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON took over comd of the Bn.	RHMCD RHMCD RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fair	
928615	Mon 17	I	During the night an attack was put in on EVRECY by 2 A&SH but did not succeed. All day the posn was held in spite of counter attack and mortaring which became very bad indeed. At night an attack on EVRECY was made by 4 and 6 RWF sp by tks, but again this failed to take the town. Several other offrns incl Capt MW TWOGOOD wounded during the day.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
928615	Tue 18	I	Intermittent counter-attacks during the day all of which were successfully broken up by our arty fire which took a hy toll. Infm received that as a result of the ops on our front the armour had been able to break through SOUTH of CAEN and was now doing well. Typhoon effort on NBW posns succeeded in silencing two batteries.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
928615	Wed 19	I	The front was exceptionally quiet for several hrs in the morning and A B & D Coys pushed out patrols to the rd LE BON REPOS - EVRECY - BOUGY. D Coy were the only coy who encountered any opposition. Shelling and mortaring increased as the day went on. In the evening 1 HLI arrived to take over commencing at midnight.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
917654	Thu 20	I	The hand over took place by Coys in face of hy mortar fire and was complete by 0300 hrs, although some casualties were suffered on the way. The Bn withdrew to 917654 and spent the day in reorg and rest.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
917654	Fri 21	I	The Corps Comd, Lt Gen Ritchie visited the Bn and spoke to offrns and several ORs. The day was spent in further re-org, made difficult by incessant hy rain. In the afternoon the area was shelled by enemy hy guns and permission was obtained from Bde to move to 904683. This was carried out and completed by 2200 hrs.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
904683	Sat	I	The CO and IO spent the whole day carrying out a recce in the area	

	22		BEZIERS 6760, where the Bn is to proceed tomorrow to take over a sector of the line occupied by 3 Bn 10 US Inf Regt. The Bn spent the whole day in re-org, and drying clothes, cleaning weapons, etc, under the supervision of Lt Col JFM MACDONALD who is at present att to the Bn and acting as 2IC. On his return in the evening the CO held an O Gp at which he gave infm regarding disposns of Coys etc in the new area. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760	Sun 23	I II	The CO addressed the Bn in the forenoon after which he departed for the new area with Coy Comds. At approx 1300 hrs the Bn moved off embussed and arrived in new area at approx 1800 hrs. The Bn is in Bde res and disposns are as follows:- Bn HQ 676606; A Coy 669605; B Coy 660605; D Coy 676605. C Coy is under comd of 8RS and the carrier pl of 6RSF. All guns are deployed on a Bde basis. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760	Mon 24	I II	Patrolling took place during the night but in other respects this sector of the front remained quiet. Certain adjustments were made to Coy disposns, C Coy coming back under comd again and taking up a posn to the rear of Bn HQ. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760	Tue 25	I II	The Div Comd visited the Bn in the morning and discussed posns with the Bde Comd and the CO. Apart from patrolling on both sides the front remained quiet and there was little to report. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BEZIERS 6760 FLAMBARDIERE 7163	Wed 26	I II	At 0630 hrs the Americans on the immediate right of the Bn commenced an attack supported from B Coy area. This attack continued all through the day and appeared to be successful. A few casualties from mortaring were sustained by B Coy. At 1600 hrs the Bn was relieved by 7 Seaforth the relief being complete by 1900 hrs. The Bn then moved to a rest area at FLAMBARDIERE. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
FLAMBARDIERE 7163	Thu 27	I II	The day was spent in rest and re-org. 15 (S) Div Concert Party gave a performance in the afternoon. All Comds took part in a recce in the area of LIVRY 7361 with a view to future ops in that area. Infm was received later in the day, however, that there had been an alteration in plan and such ops are now unlikely. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
FLAMBARDIERE 7163	Fri 28	I	Trg and further re-org were carried out during the day, and inter Coy soccer matches were arranged and played off. The Bde Comd, Brig HDK MONEY, DSO, visited the Bn during the day. In the evening at about 2000 hrs a sudden warning order for an immediate move was given and about 2300 hrs the Bn moved off to	

		II	CAUMONT 7059 and took over from 10 HLI who were holding the line in that sector. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
CAUMONT 7059	Sat 29	I	The Bn remained in CAUMONT all day holding the sector where the Bde is providing a firm base for an attack at dawn on 30 July by 227 and 46 Bdes supported by 6 Gds Tk Bde. Sir EDWARD BRADFORD joined the Bn as 2IC and Capt MALCOLM-KING, RSF, was posted to B Coy as 2IC. The Bn was visited in the evening by Brig HDK MONEY DSO who said farewell on his departure for England to assume an appointment there. His successor Brig COCKBURN, accompanied him.	
		II	Weather fair	
CAUMONT 7059	Sun 30	I	The attack began with an intense barrage at 0655 hrs and the first objectives which were SEPT VENTS 6957 and wood 7158 were soon taken. By the end of the day the final objectives in the area of pt 309 6951 had been taken and were held by 46 Bde. 43 Div on the left carried out a simultaneous attack which made rather slower progress. No move was made by the Bn during this day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
685553	Mon 31	I	At 0345 hrs the Bn left CAUMONT and proceeded to an FAA at 685553. It remained in this posn most of the day, awaiting developments on the front and left flank. Eventually at 1730 hrs the Bn moved to area 692538 to take up a counter attack role in the event of the situation on pt 309 requiring to be restored.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
702524	Tue 1	I	After continuous recce during the day orders were received to carry out a Bn attack from incl BARELIERE 7052 to wood and track junc 703517 commencing at 1700 hrs. In the afternoon Coys moved to FAAs and SLs and Bn HQ moved to 697528. H hr was postponed on instrs from higher authority as it was ascertained that 43 Div was progressing on the left and were dangerously close to our objectives. At 1730 hrs, however, the attack went fwd with B and D Coys leading. D Coy reached objectives without much opposition. C Coy encountered opposition which was successfully dealt with and in due course reached their objective. Infm was received that large numbers of enemy were present in le BOIS du HOMME and large arty concs were brought down on this area with great effect. 2 Lt P SOUTHWOOD was killed and Maj JD HENSON and Lt RD CHAPMAN wounded in this op. During the attack all ranks wore roses in their helmets in commemoration of the battle of MINDEN.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcd CWPR
702524	Wed 2	I	No incident occurred during the night and in the morning patrols swept the BOIS du HOMME and reported the feature clear. The Bn was placed at short notice to move during the day with a view to proceeding to occupy CATHCOLLES 7044. This move however did not materialise and in the late evening the Bn moved to an assembly area near LA FERRIERE AU DOYEN 6952 to await further orders for move.	
702534		II	Weather fine	RHMcd CWPR
677459	Thu 3	I	No orders to move were received until late afternoon when the Bn moved to 677459 near LE TOURNEAU preparatory to an attack tomorrow on feature 279 7142 with 8RS and 1WG. Orders for this attack were given out in the late evening and as much recce as possible carried out.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcd CWPR
719431	Fri 4	I	The attack commenced at first light with A and C Coys leading, Bn HQ directing the attack from 700434. The adv continued to go well on all sectors and all coys reached their objectives without encountering any opposition. On capture of the objectives Bn HQ moved to 719431. In the	

		II	afternoon orders were received to carry out a further attack on the feature LA MOTTE 7541. This attack commenced at 1930 hrs from the area LA FIEFFE 7342. Some opposition was encountered and there was very confused fighting all through the night. All tpt was compelled to remain in previous Bn area as the rds to the objective were impassable owing to mines. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
753418	Sat 5	I	Just before first light all objectives were seized and it became possible to bring forward the tpt by a cross country route. The Bn now occupied a def posn protecting the left flank of the adv. This posn was occupied for the remainder of the day.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
753418	Sun 6	I	The Bn remained in the same location throughout the whole day, but on short notice to move. No incident worthy of note took place. In the evening the Chaplain held a brief service in each Coy locality.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
L'OBTINIERE 743406	Mon 7	I	At 0930 hrs the Bn moved to L'OBTINIERE 743406 and adopted a def posn there, prior to a further adv in the future. In the evening the CO was summoned to an O Gp at Bde HQ when orders were received that the Bde to-morrow will attack ESTRY 7437, which place has already been attacked by 227 Bde without success. Late in the evening orders for this attack were given out. The attack will be performed with 6RSF on left and 6KOSB on right.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Tue 8	I	Early in the morning the Bn moved to an FAA in the area 735392 and remained there until about 1100 hrs when it moved to a SL south of the objective. At 1200 hrs the attack commenced, supported by a sqn of tks and a tp of crocodiles. Owing to the close nature of the country both tks and crocodiles were unable to make headway and the inf were required to go on by themselves. C Coy on the left succeeded in reaching limited objectives, D Coy on right met with less success. The 6RSF on the left succeeded only in reaching the line of the rd running EAST and WEST through ESTRY. Orders were accordingly received to consolidate on this line and after considerable confused fighting this was effected by the evening.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Wed 9	I	The Bn was ordered to maintain this posn at all costs and this was duly carried out. The enemy remained very aggressive throughout the day and several attempted counter attacks were reported and dealt with by arty. Hy mortaring and shelling continued on both sides. Capt GI YOUNG was killed and Capt AG TWOGOOD wounded as a result of mor fire during this period. Bn HQ moved to 737385.	RHMCD CWPR

		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Thu 10	I	The Bn remained in same locations throughout the day, undergoing continuous fire from enemy mors, guns and rifle grenades. No serious attempt at counter attack was made, however, and by evening the posns were the same as before. In the evening C Coy was relieved by D Coy.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Fri 11	I	During the night Maj WEJ WATERS was accidentally killed. The day was spent in similar fashion to the immediately preceding one, except that the evening fire was not so great and sustained as before.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Sat 12	I	The ESTRY posn was maintained throughout the day until the evening when the Bn was relieved by 8RS commencing at 2230 hrs. On relief the Bn moved back to a res area in the gen area 715405.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
715405	Sun 13	I	The relief was completed by approx 0300 hrs. During the day certain adm in the form of baths etc was carried out, but the Bn remained with a counter attack role in the event of 8RS being counter attacked and over-run. In the afternoon the Bn was relieved by 4KSLI and withdrew to a Bde conc area at CATHCOLLES 7044 to spend the night prior to moving to 12 Corps area the next day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Mon 14	I	The Bn set out at approx 0900 hrs and proceeded via VILLERS BOCAGE to 960566 where it entered a Div Conc Area awaiting any call which might be made upon the Div by 12 Corps. The day was spent in rest and re-org.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Tue 15	I	The Bn remained <u>in situ</u> throughout the day and a full day's adm was carried out, incl change of clothing, baths, etc.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Wed 16	I	As no call to move fwd was received, the day was devoted to trg and further adm. An ENSA concert party gave a performance in the afternoon. Inter coy soccer matches were played. Maj EDF COKE, Foresters, joined the Bn and is appointed OC D Coy.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Thu 17	I	Further trg carried out during the forenoon. In the afternoon a Coy Comds conference was held at which various pts were discussed. A warning order to move was received and in the evening recce parties went off to area LA MOTTE 9847 to prepare new area. The remainder of the day was spent in preparation for the move.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Fri 18	I	Bn moved to new area in forenoon. This area is another conc area and again the Div has no role. In the afternoon trg and recreation	

		II	continued. B Ech joined the Bn in this location. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Sat 19	I	The Bn remained in present area throughout the day. Trg of various types incl marching was carried out. Bathing etc also took place. A lecture on the progress of the campaign so far was given to all ranks by the Div IO at 1600 hrs. Final of inter coy football competition was played off and won by HQ Coy. In the evening infm was received to be ready to move the following day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Sun 20	I	CO attended an O Gp at 0900 hrs and Bn was placed on 3 hrs notice to move as from 1200 hrs, to proceed eastwards behind 227 (H) Inf Bde on a gen axis towards LE SAP 5859. About 1910 hrs, however, when it became apparent that no move was likely to-night, orders to stand down were received. It later transpired that the Polish Armd Div had already proceeded along the axis and encountered and was dealing with enemy at VIMOUTIERS.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Mon 21	I	During the night there was a sharp attack by e/a in the area of 2 A&SH and damage and cas were caused. Owing to wet weather intended trg programmes during the day had to be altered and several coys moved from fds where they were bivouacing to neighbouring buildings. A draft of one offr (Lt ROBINSON) and several NCOs was received from 6 Bn Border Regt.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Tue 22	I	The Bn remained in the same location throughout the day, and carried out trg. Adm and bathing was also carried out. An ENSA concert party provided two shows in the course of the day which were attended by reps from the Bn.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Wed 23	I	CO attended O Gp in forenoon and orders were received for Bn to move to a conc area on the other side of FALAISE prior to taking part in an adv to contact towards the R SEINE. At approx 1600 hrs the Bn moved to area ERAINES 168373. CO attended O Gp and gave out orders for next day's adv on his return.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
ERAINES 168373	Thu 24	I	Maj E REMINGTON-HOBBS joined the Bn as 2IC and Capt J ELLIOT rejoined from the UK after having been wounded. The Bn was prepared to move as third Bn in an adv to contact to the R SEINE, but owing to the state of the rds no movement was possible until about 1600 hrs. Eventually at about 2200 hrs the Bn reached a harbour area at approx 574674 where it settled for the night. The adv was made without incident.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR

574674	Fri 25	I	The Bn left at approx 1015 hrs to continue the adv towards LE NEUBOURG 0283. The adv was very slow owing to brs at 925772 and 926769 being blown and crossings had to be made by a small wooden br unsuitable for hy tpt. Eventually at approx 2315 hrs the Bn reached our area at 704756 where it took up a def posn covering LE NEUBOURG.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
704756	Sat 26	I	The Bn remained in the posn throughout the day. No incidents worthy of note occurred. Late in the evening orders were received to expect an early move the following morning.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
205895	Sun 27	I	The Bn left at 0200 hrs and proceeded direct to an area near LOUVIERS with Bn HQ est near 205895. The remainder of the Bde Gp concentrated in the same area. In the late evening the 6RSF made an assault crossing of R SEINE at PORTE JOIE 2892. They met with little opposition and est a br head on the far bank.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
HERQUEVILLE 2991	Mon 28	I	The Bn left at 0200 hrs and proceeded by march route to an FAA at 279940. Vehs left at 0500 hrs and proceeded to a similar FAA at 255935. All marching personnel then proceeded to the near bank and by 0800 hrs had all crossed in boats. Throughout the day vehs and guns were rafted across and finally a br was completed across which the remainder of the Bn followed. Bn HQ was est on the far bank at HERQUEVILLE 2991.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Tue 29	I	The Bn moved off behind 8RS towards LE LONDE 3396 and HOUVILLE 3697. By 1200 hrs 8RS had captured LE LONDE, only scattered remnants of enemy being encountered. 6KOSB then proceeded and occupied HOUVILLE. Odd prisoners were taken incl two German offrs who were captured in a car.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Wed 30	I	The day was spent in adm and re-org. The Div Comd paid a visit to the Bn and stated that the Div was now in army res, 4 Armd Bde and 53 Div having now passed through. A party under Capt RM WOOLLCOMBE carried out a raid on BOIS DE BACQUEVILLE and recovered a quantity of arms and amm belonging to the local maquis which had been hidden there.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Thu 31	I	A wood clearing op was carried out in conjunction with 8RS on the FORET DE BACQUEVILLE. This op lasted the whole day but no enemy were found.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR

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HOUVILLE 3697	Fri 1	I II	Infm received that a move fwd to a conc area would take place the following day and preparations were made accordingly. Later in the day it was advised that this move would not take place until the day after. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Sat 2	I II	An inter-coy Drill Competition was held, and was won by A Coy, followed by C, HQ, D and Sp (equal) and B Coys. Harbour parties went off to recce new area and returned in the evening having completed the recce. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Sun 3	I II	The Bn left HOUVILLE early in the morning and proceeded in TCVs to the area LA FEUILLE. This move was done using Bn 3 tonners to tpt the inf. Bn HQ was est at 478168. A Church Service was held in the afternoon. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
HADENCOURT 6737	Mon 4	I II	The Bn again moved in own tpt to area HADENCOURT 6737, arriving about mid-day. In the afternoon a route march was held of approx 7 miles. The Pipes and Drums played during this march. Weather fine	CWPR
HERICOURT 103081 (Sh72)	Tue 5	I II	All Bn vehs left early in the morning and moved to a conc area at HERICOURT 103081. The remainder of the Bn moved in TCVs in the afternoon, arriving in the late evening. A Warning Order was received that the Bn would be required to move the following day as adv gd to the Bde, moving towards ROULERS. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
795545	Wed 6	I	Bn left at 0800 hrs with C Coy as vangd and proceeded by the route BETHUNE - LA BASSEE - LILLE - TOURCOING - MENIN - ROULERS. On arrival at 5646 it was discovered that the br there was blown and an alternative br at MEURCHIN 5522 was used. No enemy was encountered. Eventually HOUIN was reached and br there was found to be blown. Infm was then received that enemy were adv SOUTH towards br at LAUWE 7954 and the Bn was ordered to cross immediately and est a br head to	

		II	protect the br. This was quickly done, C Coy leading followed by A D and B. No opposition was encountered and Bn HQ was est at 795545. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
795545	Thu 7	I II	The Bn remained in this posn during the day. No enemy were encountered other than a few prisoners brought in by the recce. In the afternoon 53 Div crossed our front and orders were received to conc in present area and have maximum rest preparatory to an early move the following day. The CO attended an O Gp during the night. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
ZULTE 885590	Fri 8	I II	The Bn moved off behind 6RSF to occupy line of R LYS from 9664 to PLAATSE 0068. No enemy other than stragglers were encountered and the Bn was fully est and in posn by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ was est in ZULTE. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ZULTE	Sat 9	I II	No move took place during the day and the arrival of other allied fmns on our front rendered the tactical sit less important. The day was therefore devoted to adm and trg. The Bn Soccer Team played the local team in the evening and won by 4-2. The Pipes and Drums also played a programme. The Div Concert Party (Tam O'Shanter) gave a performance in the village hall in the evening. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
SEMPST 7070	Sun 10	I II	The Bn left ZULTE at approx 0930 hrs and proceeded in TCVs to the area of SEMPST J77. In the afternoon Coy Comds carried out recces on the ALBERT CANAL, but later in the evening infm was received that assault crossing would not take place in this area. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
SEMPST 7070	Mon 11	I II	No move from SEMPST took place but late in the day orders were received that the Bn would proceed tomorrow to relieve 9DLI of 50 Div who were in contact with enemy in a br head across ALBERT CANAL SOUTH of GHEEL. The day was spent in trg and adm. Soccer match against local team took place in evening, and Pipes and Drums played a programme in the village. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
Area 056824	Tue 12	I II	The CO together with Bn O Gp set off early to recce posns to be taken over. The remainder of the Bn moved later to a posn SOUTH of the canal, opposite the br head. During the recce by the O Gp, Lt IH JOHNSTON, Sig Offr, was killed by a mor bomb while crossing the br across the canal. In the afternoon Coys began to cross and to carry out the relief of their opposite numbers. Relief was completed by midnight, Bn HQ being est in area 079856 (Sh 25 and 35). Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
Area 094908	Wed 13	I	At 0515 hrs it was reported by 8RS that enemy had withdrawn from GHEEL 0888. Patrols were accordingly sent out which est the fact that the	

		II	<p>enemy had made a gen withdrawal over the whole front. At 1120 hrs the Bn made a gen move fwd and Bn HQ was set up for a period in LAAR 0987. Further adv was made in the afternoon along the rd leading NE out of GHEEL, and B Coy conducted an op right down to the ESCAUT Canal at area 1293. Bn HQ moved to 094908. B Coy reported that a br at 121939 was still intact and A Coy were ordered to carry out a night op with a view to securing it.</p> <p>Weather dull</p>	RHMCD CWPR
Area 108918	Thu 14	I II	<p>A Coy moved fwd and succeeded in reaching the br. The first sec got across successfully, but immediately after it had crossed the br became subjected to intense enemy mor and MG fire, and shelling from across the canal. The Coy Comd, Maj NC ROLLO, MC, was killed and it was impossible for any further crossing to be made. In the early morning other Coys moved fwd to area immediately SOUTH of the br and took up posns there. Bn HQ moved to 108918. The whole day was spent in this posn, clearing up enemy on the south bank of the canal. During the night and also by day 8RS succeeded in est a br head at 077928, and got their whole Bn across the canal. The enemy began to flood the canal in the area 1293 and it became necessary for fwd Coys to withdraw from the water's edge to posns a bit further back.</p> <p>Weather wet</p>	RHMCD CWPR
074926	Fri 15	I II	<p>6RSF commenced to cross the canal into the GHEEL br head as est by 8RS, and at about mid-day KOSB were withdrawn from present posns back to area GHEEL with the intention of following 6RSF. 6RSF got three Coys across in spite of hy shellfire at the point of crossing, and KOSB moved down to an FUP in area of wood 0792. The enemy shellfire in this wood was intense. D Coy led the way across the canal in assault boats, followed rapidly by A B & C Coys. Coy carriers and A tk guns were successfully rafted across before the raft received a direct hit and further tpt of vehs became impossible. Coys, having crossed, proceeded to endeavour to reach their objectives, but were unable to reach their start lines owing to enemy counter-attack on the RSF. The decision was therefore made to consolidate the whole br head into a tight def posn, using the 3 Bns. This was carried out and Bn HQ was est 074926. Hy shelling of crossing area continued without intermission.</p> <p>Weather fair</p>	RHMCD CWPR
074926	Sat 16	I	<p>Plans were made for an attack by RSF and KOSB to enlarge the br head, but before H hr it became apparent that this operation could not be carried out owing to hy shelling of our posns and obvious preparations for counter-attack being made by enemy. This counter-attack was successfully beaten off by our arty fire. At 1615 hrs, another</p>	

		II	counter-attack came in from NE but was successfully repulsed. The enemy then opened sluice gates about two kilos WEST along the canal and the water rose to such a point as to be in grave danger of flooding the whole br head posn. It was decided, however, to hold on. At 2000 hrs, a further hy counter-attack was put in from the EAST. Certain slight penetration was effected but the attack was beaten off and the sit restored. B Coy was required to carry out a local counter-attack to retake territory lost, which it did successfully. 8RS were withdrawn from br head during the night, their posns being taken over by RSF and KOSB. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
074926	Sun 17	I II	The day was spent in the br head posn without incident other than steady shelling and mortaring of the posns and of the crossings. A small op by A Coy to retake certain houses was carried out successfully. Houses at 078928 and 078933 were cleared, several enemy killed and one 20 MM gun knocked out. In the evening the relief of 6RSF by 2 Gordons was carried out. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
074926	Mon 18	I II	Certain re-adjustment of posns took place and B Coy was withdrawn to centre of area in res. Typhoon attack on suspected enemy posns was carried out with some success. At 1800 hrs a hy conc of enemy shelling took place followed by a very sharp counter-attack which came in on both sides of the br head in the form of a pincer movement and was supported by tks. The attacking enemy were at once engaged with arty fire which completely broke up the attack and killed many of the enemy. At 2130 hrs the relief of 6KOSB by 2 A&SH commenced and continued, coy by coy, during the night. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
GHEEL 0888	Tue 19	I II	The relief continued throughout the night and by approx 0400 hrs the whole Bn was relieved and proceeded to billets in GHEEL. The day was spent in rest and adm. The Div Comd visited the Bn and stated that he was very pleased with its performance in the br head. In the evening the Pipes and Drums beat retreat in GHEEL. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
GHEEL 0888	Wed 20	I II	Orders were received to conc in MOLL 1790 but subsequently cancelled and the Bn instructed to take over the def of the SOUTH bank of the canal from 156950 to br 042912. This was done with A B & D Coys and Carrier Pl fwd, and C Coy in mob res. Bn HQ was est 079893. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
VELDHOVEN 373144	Thu 21	I	Bn was relieved early in the morning by 1/6 Queens Regt and on relief proceeded to a conc area at MOLL 1790. From there the Bn moved off across the ESCAUT Canal, with a view to harbouring in the woods NW of	

		II	EINDHOVEN. Owing to delays, however, it was necessary to stop for the night at VELDHOVEN 373144. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
391267	Fri 22	I II	The Bn left VELDHOVEN at about 1400 hrs and proceeded with the adv through EINDHOVEN and towards a br at 3925. On approaching this br infm was received that the Bn was to come under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde forthwith, and to cross to other side of the canal and direct an attack on BEST 3726. The Bn accordingly moved to an FAA in woods at 3926 and at 1815 hrs the attack commenced with B and C Coys fwd followed by A and D. The attack met some resistance, but this was successfully dealt with by arty, and all Coys gained objectives. Bn HQ was est area 391267. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
385258	Sat 23	I II	Certain adjustments to Coy posns were carried out during the day and local attacks were made by A and B Coys to assist a major attack being made on the left flank by 46 (H) Inf Bde. Bn HQ moved to gen area 385258. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
STEENWEG 382268	Sun 24	I II	6RSF and 8RS passed through, and further adjustments were made to KOSB posns, which now took the form of a tight def posn in the area STEENWEG 3826. Bn HQ moved to 382268. RSF and RS occupied similar def posns to the north. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
STEENWEG 382268	Mon 25	I II	Bn remained in same posns throughout the day. RS and RSF carried out certain minor attacks of a local nature and returned to their former posns for the night. The Bde Comd held an O Gp in the evening but no imminent move for 6KOSB is envisaged. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Tue 26	I II	6RSF continued adv along axis and took a number of prisoners. In the afternoon the Bn was ordered to move fwd to area BOSCHKANT 4031 and occupy posns there. This was done in adv to contact fmn and posns finally adopted without great opposition being encountered. Bn HQ est 399317. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Wed 27	I	An attack was made by C Coy on posn at 397317. This attack met with minor opposition which it succeeded in dealing with. D Coy then initiated an attack on a posn at 395320. The first phase of this attack was successful but the second objective turned out to be very heavily defended and accurate machine gun fire caused by cas among D Coy, killing Maj COKE and CSM MELVIN and wounding Capt WELLS. The remainder of D Coy remained pinned down in an exposed posn for the remainder of the day, from which they were finally extricated by a	

		II	successful night attack by 6RSF which captured the objective. D Coy were withdrawn to Bn HQ area, where they were joined later by A Coy who rejoined the unit after two days spent guarding the br at ZON 4425. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Thu 28	I	8RS carried out an attack at first light and succeeded in capturing posns to the front of 6RSF, meeting with some opposition. Enemy remained active throughout the day and at about 1700 hrs brought in a stiff counter-attack on 8RS posns. This counter-attack was successfully beaten off by arty and many cas caused. The enemy asked for a short truce to collect his wounded, which was granted.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Fri 29	I	Patrols during the night contacted 10 HLI on left. No alteration in posns except A Coy moved fwd to a different posn and B Coy moved to 398313. Some shelling and mortaring throughout the day otherwise nothing out of the ordinary took place.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOSCHKANT 4031	Sat 30	I	B Coy moved fwd to block gap between 10 HLI and ourselves on left and D Coy occupied posns vacated by B Coy. Enemy remained quiet throughout the day until 1800 hrs when he commenced a hy arty conc. No counter-attack developed however & the front remained quiet for the rest of the night.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR

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BOSCHKANT 4031	Sun 1	I II	The Bn remained <u>in situ</u> throughout the day and there was little of importance to report. Some shelling and mortaring of a desultory nature took place. At 1800 hrs the Bn was relieved by 5/7 Gordons of 51 (H) Inf Div, and on relief proceeded by TCV to a rest area in BOEKEL 571361. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 2	I II	The entire day was devoted to rest, re-organisation and adm. Maj SPEIRS and Capt THOMAS joined the Bn and were posted to A and D Coys respectively. D Coy was obliged to change its location owing to the arrival of another fmn and moved to BERKHOER 582941. Weather fair but cold	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Tue 3	I II	The Div Comd addressed the Bn on parade and complimented the men on their success in recent ops. After his inspection and address, the Bn marched past the Div Comd. The remainder of the day was spent in trg. Cinema shows and an ENSA concert party performed and were attended by large numbers. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Wed 4	I II	Trg of various types continued throughout the day, incl assault boating and shooting. Lt BURNETT and Lt WOODS rejoined the Bn after having been evacuated some months owing to wounds. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Thu 5	I II	Further trg continued. In the afternoon the soccer team played 1KOSB at ST HUBERT 6744 and beat them 4-1. Considerable numbers of the offrs and ORs of both Bns were present and a regimental re-union was carried out. The Bde Massed Pipes and Drums played at an inter Bn football competition in the afternoon. The 15 (S) Div Concert Party (The Tam O'Shanter) gave a performance in GEMERT in the evening. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Fri 6	I	Trg continued throughout the day. The CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 1345 hrs and orders were received for the Bn to relieve S LANCS on the other side of R MAAS to-morrow. CO held an O Gp in the evening and	

		II	arrangements were made for recce parties to leave early next day. The Sjts Mess held a "smoker" in the evening. The Div Comd addressed all offr in HELMOND, after which the Div Massed Pipes and Drums beat retreat. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sat 7	I II	Recce parties went off in the morning to carry out recce of new area and Bn made preparations to move off at about 1600 hrs. In the afternoon, however, infm was received that the operation so far as this Div was concerned had been cancelled. The Corps Comd visited Bde HQ in the late afternoon and saw COs and 2sIC of Inf Bns. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sun 8	I II	Trg continued throughout the day. A demonstration of patrolling was organised by Capt GER CAREY, MC and was witnessed by the whole Bn. Other trg which was carried out included drill and Regtl History. A draft of 39 ORs arrived on posting from 49 Inf Div. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 9	I II	Trg continued throughout the day, under Coy arrangements. A further draft of one offr and 16 ORs joined the Bn. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Tue 10	I II	Further trg continued throughout the day and included Drill, Weapon Trg and Firing. A night exercise was arranged but had to be cancelled owing to wet weather. The Army Comd visited Bde HQ during the day and met Maj SPEIRS who was representing the CO. In the evening the 2IC attended a conference at Bde HQ. HQ Coy had a "smoker" in the evening. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Wed 11	I II	Certain recces were carried out by 2IC in connection with future trg and ops. Coys carried out trg under Coy arrangements as heretofore. This included a march to GEMERT in order to experience crossing a water obstacle by means of a KAPOK br. In the evening a Coy Comds conference was held and future trg and ops discussed. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Thu 12	I	CO and IO carried out a recce in new area in connection with future ops. 2IC and Coy Comds carried out recces in the forenoon in the area of BEEK 5327 as a prelude to a Bde exercise known as ANTIDOTE to be carried out in that area this evening. The exercise involved a crossing of a canal on a two Bn front, with a third Bn passing through. The first part of the exercise began about 1900 hrs and consisted of carrying parties going to an off loading pt at approx 534269 whence they took over assault boats from REs, carried them to FAAs at 535267 and 530264 and erected them. This op was covered by a party from the carrier pl, who maintained a gd on the boats until the following morning when the second part began.	

		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Fri 13	I	The Bn left BOEKEL in tpt at about 0200 hrs and proceeded to GEMERT, whence it proceeded by march route to an assembly area at 534269. Bn HQ was est at 535266. A B & C Coys carried boats fwd to canal and at 0530 hrs the attack commenced. The fwd coys gained their initial objectives and were followed by D Coy. 6RSF carried out a similar programme on the right. On completion of this stage of the op 8RS passed through and enlarged the br head. At this stage the exercise closed and tps returned to billets. An op conference was held by the CO in the afternoon at which further arrangements for future ops were made.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sat 14	I	Coys carried out trg under Coy arrangements. This included the practice of boat drill and other items of trg connected with assault crossings. Further conferences were held and preparations made for future ops.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sun 15	I	The Chaplain held Church Services in all Coys in the course of the morning. No other parades were held until after mid-day. Coys then did trg under Bn arrangements involving the use of assault boats and canal crossings. Coys marched back from this trg with the Pipe Band leading.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 16	I	Ordinary trg continued during the day. The CO attended several conferences during the day at Bde HQ on the subject of future ops. A lecture to all offrns was given by the CO at Bn HQ in the afternoon. All Coys carried out night exercises in the evening. Infm received that the ops already envisaged were now indefinitely postponed.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Tue 17	I	Coys carried out a full day's trg, including drill, weapon trg and boating practice. Baths, cinemas and ENSA shows were also organised and attended by reps from all Coys.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Wed 18	I	The trg programme for to-day included drill for all coys, aslt boating, ABCA, patrolling and religious instr. In the evening an offrns discussion was held on the subject of aslt crossings and numerous interesting pts were raised, examined and discussed.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Thu 19	I	Coys carried out route marches, and practised offensive action against tks and use of cover and cam. A soccer match against 6RSF was held in the afternoon, which was won by the Bn team. 8RS came under comd of 7 Armd Div and moved into the line.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR

BOEKEL 571361	Fri 20	I II	A further full day's trg was carried out by all Coys. Mine laying and lifting and street and village fighting were both practised. Another offr discussion was held in the evening, the subject being "clearing of a pillbox". After the discussion, a Guest Night was held in the Offrs Mess which was attended by all offr and an opportunity was afforded for recently joined offr to get to know the others. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sat 21	I II	A Bn parade was held in the forenoon. All Coys were fully represented and the Pipes and Drums led the march past at the conclusion of the parade. The Commanding Offr took the salute. The afternoon was devoted to recreation. Weather fair.	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Sun 22	I II	Church Services were held in all Coy areas. The remainder of the day was devoted to interior economy. A soccer match was played in the evening against 194 Fd Amb, which resulted in a draw. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
BOEKEL 571361	Mon 23	I II	The CO attended an O Gp at HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde at 1000 hrs. Coys carried out a route march in the forenoon and other forms of trg in the afternoon. On his return the CO stated that the Bn was going under comd 227 (H) Inf Bde and would move to-morrow to the gen area SW of ST OEDENRODE. Orders were accordingly issued and preparations made for the move. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
STEENWEG 380269	Tue 24	I II	The CO held an O Gp at 1000 hrs and plans were made for an attack on the woods NW of BEST, to be carried out by 6RSF, 6KOSB and 2A&SH, all under comd 227 (H) Inf Bde. Before the O Gp was finished, however, infm was received that the enemy was making a gen withdrawal in that area, and orders were received to conc in area STEENWEG 3727. This was accordingly done and Bn HQ est at 380269. The CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ in the evening and on his return gave orders for an adv commencing first light to-morrow, along the NORTH bank of the WILHELMINA Canal, the objective being the br at BIESTE 2027. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
206276	Wed 25	I II	The Bn set off at 0700 hrs with D Coy acting as vangd. No opposition was met at any time during the advance, but progress was slow on account of enemy def posns which had been constructed across the track at many places. At about 1600 hrs the Bn was finally in posn covering the br site. Bn HQ was est at 206276. The REs then began to construct a Class 40 br. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
VOOR 192255	Thu 26	I	Orders were received for the Bde to cross the canal as soon as Cl 40 br was constructed and conc in area BIESTE 2026 - HILVARENBEK 1924.	

		II	The br was constructed by 1230 hrs and harbour parties went fwd to recce posns. These encountered several mines and obstructions and the crossing was delayed for some hrs until these were cleared. A jeep belonging to B Coy was blown up during this op, wounding Capt JM LOUNTAIN and killing 2 ORs. About 1800 hrs, however, the Bn was able to cross, and moved to a conc area in the vicinity of VOORT with Bn HQ est at 192255. The CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 2100 hrs and received orders for an attack on TILBURG by 6RSF on right and 6KOSB left, sp by 1 Tk Gren Gds, to take place to-morrow. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
TILBURG 1832	Fri 27	I II	The CO held an O Gp at 0700 hrs and gave orders for the attack on TILBURG, with A and B Coy leading. The attack was to go in immediately after the attack by 6RSF reached line of stream from 184314 to 175311. RSF attack went in at 1100 hrs, met only minor opposition, and objectives were secured by 1200 hrs. The KOSB attack went in at 1205 hrs sp by arty and tks. Only very minor opposition was encountered and by evening the Bn was est in the centre of the town with Bn HQ located at 162322. Weather dull with rain later	RHMCD CWPR
TILBURG 1832	Sat 28	I II	No move took place during the day, and tps devoted themselves to rest. In the evening the Pipes and Drums played in the square beside the station much to the pleasure of the civ population. Warning order received during the day to be prepared to move before first light. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
VREKWIJK 656174	Sun 29	I II	Orders were received that owing to a potential threat to the EAST flank the Bn was to move to an area SOUTH of DEURNE 6419. This was done by TCVs, leaving TILBURG at about 0330 hrs, and arriving at Dis P at about 0730. CO attended an O Gp immediately on arrival as a result of which Bn moved to and took up posn at 655182 with Coys on a line running EAST and WEST through 656175. Almost immediately, however, orders were received to move further fwd. This was done and new posns occupied. Later in the day, the Bn came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
VREKWIJK 656174	Mon 30	I	The Bn remained under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and did not move at all during the day. In the forenoon 9 Cam and 7 Seaforth passed through and occupied posns to the front leaving 6 KOSB in res. 44 Bde adv towards LIESEL 6614 from the WEST and by nightfall 6RSF were fighting in the northernmost part of the village. A Bde O Gp was held in the evening and plans made for a two Bn attack on the line LOONSCHE BAAN 680148 to take place to-morrow by 9 Cams and 7 Seaforth, 6KOSB to be in res and to be prepared to pass through and capture SLOT. The CO held an O Gp on his return and gave orders for the carrying out of	

		II	each phase of the op. Weather cold and dry with rain at night	RHMCD CWPR
SLOT 674139	Tue 31	I	At 0830 9 Cams and 7 Seaforth commenced an attack with a view to securing gen area LOONSCHEN BANN 6714 and LIESEL respectively. Both units reached their objectives by approx 1300 hrs and at 1445 hrs 6 KOSB were launched on an attack on SLOT. On Phase I of this op, D Coy right and C Coy left captured 675137 and 678139 respectively. Opposition was fairly heavy but was overcome with many PW. 2 Mk IV tks were knocked out by D Coy. On completion of Phase I A and B Coys passed through and took 679134 and 681136 respectively, again after some opposition. The Bn consolidated in this posn for the night.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather dry but very misty	

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WAR DIARY

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Unit 6 KOSB

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year Nov 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
681129	Wed 1	I	9 Cams and 7 Seaforth advanced towards the canal bank in area 6915 and 6814. 6KOSB were then ordered to adv SOUTH towards HEITRACK, preceded by recce. Recce reported HEITRACK held and the Bn stopped in the gen area 6812, with Bn HQ at 681129. No opposition was met on the move to these posns but there was hy enemy shellfire. CO attended an O Gp at HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde at 1700 hrs and received orders for further adv to-morrow.	
		II	Weather dry and dull	RHMcd CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Thu 2	I	CO held an O Gp at 0700 hrs. Commencing 0930 6RSF and 2 Glas Hrs attacked through our posns and est a line just NORTH of HEITRACK 6910. This phase was reached without much opposition and at 1200 hrs, from a SL in this newly captured posn, 8 RS on right and 6 KOSB on left made a drive for the area of wood 693090 and MOOSTDIJK. Opposition on the ground was slight, but as the attack proceeded, enemy shelling became more and more intensified until the Bn got into its final posn. Bn HQ was est at 695094.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMcd CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Fri 3	I	Active patrolling during the night failed to make contact with the enemy, but in the early morning an enemy posn was discovered at 698085. No move took place during the day, but CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 1400 hrs and on his return held a Bn O Gp. 6KOSB, during the night 3/4 Nov are to capture line 698085-701085-706086 further to future ops by the Bde directed on MEIJEL. The remainder of the day was spent in planning this op.	
		II	Weather wet	RHMcd CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Sat 4	I	A B and C Coys moved during the night and occupied the line ordered without opposition. Plans were made for the assault on MEIJEL the following day. This was to be done by a sqn of tks attacking wood 7107 from the left flank, after which 6RSF sp by another sqn were to capture SCHANS 7008. On completion of this phase 6 KOSB were to capture wood 7107 and 6RSF extend to HOF 7007. When this was taken 8RS	

		II	move to and capture MEIJEL. The day was spent in rest and preparation for this attack. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Sun 5	I	Bn HQ moved to 704088 at 0500 hrs preparatory to the attack. At 0730 hrs the tks went in and at 0745 RSF attacked SCHANS. The tks struck a minefield almost immediately and numbers of their tks became bogged. Orders were given at 0750 for them to rally back. After some difficulty 6RSF succeeded in getting two coys into SCHAUNS but it became apparent that the op was not possible without tk sp. The attack was accordingly cancelled and at first dark the RSF were withdrawn. After dark Bn HQ returned to its previous location at MOOSTDIJK.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather dull and wet	
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Mon 6	I	No move took place and the day was fairly quiet. There was a little shelling and mortaring in fwd posns and a certain amount of patrol activity took place by night.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	
MOOSTDIJK 695094	Tue 7	I	The front remained relatively quiet throughout the day, except for spasmodic shelling and mortaring. Some enemy movement was seen between cottages 715079 and corner of wood 711079, which suggested the presence of an enemy coy in that area. CO was summoned to Bde HQ at 1430 hrs and on his return announced that the Bn would be relieved by 10 HLI to-morrow for a period of 48 hrs, to be spent in HELMOND 5521.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	
HELMOND 5521	Wed 8	I	The early part of the day contained no incident of note. CO and Coy Comds of the relieving unit arrived during the day and carried out recces. At 1330 hrs a "stank" of arty, mors and MMGs was brought down on the enemy coy locality at 715079 previously located, with good results. The relief by 10 HLI began at 1300 hrs and was complete by 2300 hrs. Coys on relief proceeded to HELMOND where billets were available.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather wet	
HELMOND 5521	Thu 9	I	The day was spent in re-org, rest and adm. The Bn was reorganised on a basis of three rifle coys, shortage of manpower making it impossible to continue on a 4 coy basis. C Coy was accordingly disbanded and its personnel dispersed among A B & D Coys. The Corps Comd visited the Bn during the afternoon and saw certain offr. The CO attended a discussion at Bde HQ at 1730 hrs.	RHMCD CWPR
		II	Weather fair	
695095	Fri 10	I	At mid-day the Bn left HELMOND and proceeded to its old posns in the MOOSTDIJK area from 10 HLI again. The take over took place smoothly and was complete by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ was est at 695095. At 2230 hrs B Coy reported the presence of a fighting patrol in the area 702083.	

		II	This patrol was successfully dealt with by 4.2 mor and arty. A large fire was seen burning at 700082. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
695095	Sat 11	I II	Very little activity took place during the day. A patrol went out from B Coy in the early morning and discovered an enemy listening post at 705083. In the evening about 2030 hrs a small enemy patrol infiltrated in the Glas H front about 7110, but did no damage. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
695095	Sun 12	I II	No activity during the day. A fighting patrol went out in the early hrs of the morning but was held up by suspected mines. In the evening a patrol went out from D Coy accompanied by REs and discovered various belts and fields of mines. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
695095	Mon 13	I II	At 1100 hrs Lt McCONACHY accompanied by one OR went off on a recce patrol for the purpose of entering MEIJEL and remaining there for 24 hours. Other mine-clearing and recce patrols also took place during the hrs of darkness. At 2000 hrs Lt McCONACHY's patrol returned with the infm that MEIJEL appeared to be clear of enemy, and that civilians were beginning to emerge from their houses and carry on with their normal work. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
695095	Tue 14	I II	As a result of infm received from Lt McCONACHY's patrol a further patrol of one pl in str was sent into MEIJEL. This patrol got into MEIJEL successfully and reported the area heavily mined. They saw 2 enemy in a post on the WEST side of the canal. In the evening orders were received to occupy HOF 7007 and bend in rd 709073. This was done by A Coy. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
695095	Wed 15	I II	A patrol from A Coy went out in the morning to 718068 to deal with enemy post there. This was eventually done after some opposition being encountered and a standing patrol was est at this point. In the afternoon the Bn was relieved by 6RSF, and proceeded to billets in AASTEN for a short rest. Weather dull	RHMCD CWPR
AASTEN 6213	Thu 16	I II	The day was spent in adm, baths and entertainment. CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ in the afternoon. Draft of 26 ORs arrived from RUR. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
695095	Fri 17	I II	CO held O Gp in the morning and gave orders for the relief of 8RS which was to take place in the afternoon. Commencing at 1530 hrs Coys moved out to effect this relief. Relief was completed by 2000 hrs. Bn HQ re-est at 695095. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR

NEERKANT 698095	Sat 18	I II	Coys remained in same posns but Bn HQ moved fwd to NEERKANT at 698095. Enemy activity was quiet. CO attended an O Gp at Bde HQ at 1500 hrs. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Sun 19	I II	CO held an O Gp in the morning and gave orders for an adv across br at 729065 followed by a turn northwards and an adv on HELENAVEEN. 6RSF are to carry out a similar op on our right. This op is to take place to-morrow. In the evening, however, infm was received that this op was postponed owing to the success of 46 (H) Inf Bde who had already crossed the canal and were almost at HELENAVEEN, and the Bn was placed at 4 hrs notice. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Mon 20	I II	Coys concentrated on Coy areas leaving double sentries in each pl posn. At 1500 hrs 6RSF were sent off to carry out their part of the op previously planned, which they did by 1900 hrs, whereupon they came under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde. No move of 6KOSB, who remained on same period of notice as before. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Tue 21	I II	46 (H) Inf Bde occupied HELENAVEEN and, with 227 (H) Inf Bde, continued the adv towards SEVENUM. Enemy continued to withdraw on our front. No move by 6KOSB. 6RSF came under comd again in the evening. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Wed 22	I II	Orders were received to prepare to cross the canal and conc in area BERINGEN 7506 and a preliminary recce of this area was carried out. This revealed, however, that no accm was available and that routes were almost impassable. It was therefore decided to cancel this move and remain <u>in situ</u> . Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Thu 23	I II	No move took place to-day. A party of 50 ORs from B Coy carried out bridging repairs at HELENAVEEN 7311 and a party from Sp Coy carried out rd repairs between LIESEL and HIETRACK. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Fri 24	I II	No move to-day. Further rd repairs and working parties were provided by D Coy and Sp Coy. Others carried out trg in Coy areas. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Sat 25	I II	Further working parties were provided for repair of rds and construction of brs. A "Pl in attack" competition was carried out and 4 pls put through the test. The remainder will be tested to-morrow. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Sun 26	I II	Further working parties provided and remainder of "Pl in Attack" competition was carried out. This competition was won by Lt HASLAM's pl, B Coy. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR

NEERKANT	Mon 27	I II	Working parties continued at HELENAVEEN and on the HELENAVEEN rd. A demonstration of "Pl in attack" was given by Lt HASLAM's pl to the remainder of the Bn. The new Bde Comd Brig The Hon HC HOVELL-THURLOW-CUMMING-BRUCE, DSO, arrived and visited the Bn. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Tue 28	I II	Further working parties continued. CO attended a conference on future ops. Coys carried out various forms of trg in Coy areas, also route marches. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Wed 29	I II	Further working parties were provided as before. Trg continued in Coy areas. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
NEERKANT 698095	Thu 30	I II	Further plans were made in connection with forthcoming op. All Coy Comds attended a cloth model exercise at Bde HQ. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NEERKANT 698095	Fri 1	I II	Trg in house fighting and clearing took place throughout the day. In the evening the CO held an O Gp and gave out final orders for the attack on BLERICK 8908, 8909, which is due to take place on 3 Dec and is to be done by 44 (L) Inf Bde. Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
NEERKANT 698095	Sat 2	I II	Tps made final preparations for the attack to-morrow and carried out trg in the use of KANGAROOS (Armd Tp Carriers) which are going to be used in the op. The Div Comd called to wish success to the Bn and the Bde Comd addsd all ranks. CO saw all Coy Comds in evening and gave final instrs. Weather wet	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 3	I II	Leaving NEERKANT at approx 0730 hrs the Bn proceeded to an assembly area WEST of MAASBREE 8207, to await the success of the first phase of the attack, after which it would be launched. Bn HQ set up at 843087. At 0745 hrs the initial stages of the attack took place. This consisted of an attack by tks, flails and AVREs and the creation and bridging of 6 gaps in the wire and ditch obstacle defending the town. A gigantic arty programme accompanied this phase. This part of the attack went well and at about 0930 hrs 8RS on right and 6RSF on left were launched with objectives in the centre of the town. They encountered some opposition but soon overcame this, and at about 1300 hrs 6 KOSB on right and 7 Seaforth on left were launched on similar axes to clear the SOUTH and NORTH parts of the town respectively. B Coy led the Bn adv and, passing through a gap in the obstacle, reached and consolidated on its objective. Bn HQ followed and set up at 896086. D and A Coys came next and cleared the SOUTH end of the town. By nightfall the whole town was in hands of the Bde. The Bn took 49 prisoners. The total number of PsW taken by the Bde. Weather showery	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 4	I	7 Seaforths and 8RS pulled out in the early hrs of the morning and 6RSF and 6KOSB occupied the whole town, 6RSF on NORTH and 6KOSB on	

		II	SOUTH. Bn HQ remained at same place, with Coys located as follows:- A Coy 897089; B Coy 095084; D Coy 893083. Intermittent shelling and mortaring took place throughout the day. Weather wet	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 5	I II	Noise of vehs heard and lights seen area factory 894072 during the night and this area was engaged with arty. Intermittent shelling took place during the day but in gen things were quiet on both sides. Weather wet	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 6	I II	CO attended conference at Bde HQ. Shelling throughout the day light. Some enemy was seen rd junc 903083 and houses 902079. Considerable civ mov in VENLO which may indicate that they intend to evacuate the town. Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 7	I II	Situation quiet again. B Coy moved to HOUT BLERICK and occupied posn there previously held by 8RS. A and D Coys modified posns slightly to cover gap so created. Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 8	I II	Shelling was light during the day. Enemy mov took place in ones and twos around rd 903083 and further mov was seen at 904073. There was some further shelling in the evening. A patrol from 10 HLI on right trying to contact B Coy encountered enemy patrol and sustained cas. Weather fair	AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 9	I II	Bde Comd visited B Coy. Enemy fired single shells throughout the day along river bank. Enemy now seen areas 903083 and 900073. Patrol from B Coy sent to 877067 but did not contact enemy, though a number of mines were discovered. A draft of 27 ORs arrived at B Ech. Weather fair	AJ RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 10	I II	An enemy post was definitely located at 903083. Enemy were also observed digging mor posns at 898072. These were engaged by our mors and arty. Mov was also seen round house 904073 and a Spandau was located 904088. Weather wet	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 11	I II	Pl of 8RS at 867062 came under comd B Coy. Very little mov was seen, though a certain amount was observed at 903083. An MG fired from 893074 and was engaged by arty. Light sigs seen during the night and fired at. Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 12	I	An enemy mor was located firing from 899071 and was successfully engaged by arty. Enemy moving areas 899071 and 901074 were also engaged. The effectiveness of this shooting was verified by the appearance of an amb shortly after. Cam screens were seen to have been erected across entrance to struct 905085. Slight shelling throughout the day.	

		II	Weather fair.	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 13	I	An increase in enemy shelling took place to-day, mainly caused by SP guns firing from VENLO indiscriminately into BLERICK. Houses on the river edge were systematically fired at during the morning. Enemy mor at 898071 was again active and again dealt with by arty.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 14	I	Again there was more shelling than usual, but in other respects the front was quiet. Noise of half tracks and vehs was heard in the area 898074. It was assumed that the anticipated relief by 2 Glas H, which was to have taken place on 19 Dec, would not now occur.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 15	I	There was little activity other than some shelling. An enemy 88 mm was located 919089 and fired at by our arty. At 1500 hrs the arty fired on an Uncle target at 910071. In the evening sounds of vehs were heard in area factory immediately opposite D Coy and engaged.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 16	I	Little took place during the day other than some spasmodic mortaring. In the evening about 2300 hrs sounds of a motor boat on the river were reported, but boat was not located. The ballot for leave was held in the afternoon.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 17	I	At approx 0430 hrs an enemy patrol made contact with some fwd posns of D Coy. The patrol threw grenades at houses, but dispersed on being engaged by D Coy. In the morning it was observed that a house at 891078 was flying the Nazi flag. Shelling throughout the day was rather less than usual but there was a certain amount of mortaring in the afternoon. Slight activity was observed after dark, including the use of a signalling lamp on the far bank. There was slight aerial activity after dark.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 18	I	There was very little activity other than odd shelling and mortaring during the day. After dark lights were observed across the river and sounds of hammering heard.	
		II	Weather dull	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 19	I	Various noises from across the river were heard throughout the night, and several artillery shoots carried out. By day activity was reduced to a minimum. After dusk mines were laid by RE in D Coy area. Throughout the night sounds of continuous hammering were heard on the other side of the R MAAS.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 20	I	The front remained quiet throughout the day and there was little shelling or mortaring. In the evening BBC recorders recorded the sound	

		II	of shelling on the R MAAS. Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 21	I	During the night B Coy had a brush with an enemy patrol but successfully beat it off. At 0300 a post of the recce sqn at 894129 was over-run by a strong enemy patrol. During the day there was slightly increased mortaring but no further incident until evening when a further enemy patrol entered B Coy area and had a clash.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 22	I	Certain adjustments to disposns took place as a result of which 6KOSB becomes responsible for the whole of BLERICK and HOUT BLERICK. C Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt comes under comd for this op. Considerable activity took place after dark and there was increased shelling.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 23	I	Bn HQ moved to new location at 895090, to be more centrally positioned. The CO attended an O Gp in the afternoon and held a Bn O Gp on his return. A German attack is expected on Christmas Day and preparations are to be made accordingly. The A/tk pl fighting in an inf role is to take over from A Coy 8RS at 894100. Shelling was more active than usual during the day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 24	I	Recce sqn reported 4 enemy seen in area of house at 878067, at 1000 hrs. Patrols went out to locate these but were unsuccessful. There was considerable movement and noise heard from across the river after dark, but little shelling or mortaring took place.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Mon 25	I	A very high degree of alertness was maintained, and efforts were made to decoy the enemy into making an attack, but without success. The Bde and Div Comds visited the Bn during the day. Enemy activity was slight.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Tue 26	I	Considerable enemy activity noted during the day and early part of the night, incl sound of tracked vehs and marching personnel. Shelling and mortaring activity was not great.	
		II	Weather dull & cold	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Wed 27	I	Little to report apart from usual sounds of activity by night. Shelling and mortaring not great. Some very lights seen by night and thought to have been dropped by enemy aircraft.	
		II	Weather dull and foggy	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Thu 28	I	Conditions were quiet during the day, and actuated by a dense fog which remained over the area most of the day. In the early part of the night a considerable "stonk" of mor bombs came down on C Coy area. The mor in question was pinpointed at 911099 and dealt with by arty.	

		II	Weather foggy & cold	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Fri 29	I	5 civilians crossed the river and were apprehended by the A/tk pl. Conditions remained quiet during the day but in the early evening a salvo of bombs from a multi-barrelled 30 cm mor fell on A Coy area. No damage was done.	
		II	Weather foggy & cold	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sat 30	I	There was some shelling and mortaring during the day including a further salvo from the 30 cm mor which caused damage to houses but no cas.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ
BLERICK 896086	Sun 31	I	There was little activity during the day. In the evening a "hate" programme was arranged and included arty, MMG and mor fire. This continued until 2200 hrs when there was a period of quietness lasting till midnight.	
		II	Weather fair	RHMCD AJ

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year Jan 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROOTH 851091	Mon 1	I II	There was little activity on either side throughout the day. In the evening the Bn was relieved by 8RS and proceeded to a res Bn area with Bn HQ at ROOTH. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Tue 2	I II	The day was spent in adm and rest. Preparations were made for the Christmas dinner celebrations which are to be held in the next few days. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Wed 3	I II	The CO visited Coy Christmas dinners and gave good wishes for the coming year to all concerned. Celebrations were also observed in the Offrs and Sjts Messes. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Thu 4	I II	The day was spent in adm, baths and entertainments. The CO visited Sp Coy's Christmas Dinner in the evening. A dinner was held in the Offrs Mess at Bn HQ. All Coy Comds attended. Weather fair	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Fri 5	I II	The day was again spent in adm, baths and entertainments. The Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in SEVENUM at 1600 hrs. Weather fair	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Sat 6	I II	B & D Coys practised the drills for clearing a minefield, a dummy minefield having been laid in the neighbourhood of Bn HQ. The Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in MAASBREE at 1600 hrs. Weather fair but foggy	AHE CWPR
ROOTH 851091	Sun 7	I II	A & C Coys practised the drill for clearing a minefield. Church Services were held in all Coy areas in the morning. An O Gp was held at Bn HQ at 1730 hrs when orders were given for the relief of 6RSF tomorrow. Weather fair in morning but snow in evening	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Mon 8	I	The Bn relieved 6RSF in the area NORTH-WEST of BLERICK. Bn HQ, Sp Coy, B & C Coys moved by TCV and A & D Coys by march route. B Coy took over from C Coy RSF, A Coy from A Coy, C Coy from B Coy RSF, and D Coy from	

			<p>D Coy. Locations:- Bn HQ ANNA HOEVE 869133 A Coy 891135 B Coy 888142 C Coy 889123 D Coy 866133 Sp Coy 867136 A/TK Pl NIEUW CALIFORNIA 8614 CARRIER Pl 894129. The relief was completed by approx 1830 hrs. The night was very quiet. Weather - heavy snow fell all day</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Tue 9	I II	<p>A very quiet day. 6 shells fell in C Coy area, otherwise no shelling. Fair but very cold</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Wed 10	I II	<p>During the early hours of the morning two enemy boats were heard by C Coy going NORTH and subsequently 1st KOSB on our left reported a landing at 0315 hrs at 902147. This patrol was seen off but no casualties were reported. In the evening noises and Spandau fire were heard from the far side of the MAAS. The areas were engaged by mortars and arty (25 Fd Rgt [31 Bty] who today relieved 178 Bty firing for first time). Sunny but very frosty. 27° of frost forecast for night</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Thu 11	I II	<p>There was an increase in enemy shelling and mortaring of our fwd areas during the day but it was very haphazard and no damage was done. Otherwise the day was very quiet. Dull and very cold</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Fri 12	I II	<p>There was a decrease in enemy shelling and mortaring during the day, but there was a certain amount of harassing fire. 1st KOSB on our left reported that civilians who had crossed the R MAAS during the previous night had reported the location of a GERMAN hutted camp at 906137. At 1600 hrs, in conjunction with 1KOSB sp arms, this camp was fired on by Med & Fd guns, 4.2 and 3" Mortars and MMGs. Fwd posts reported the fire to be accurate but no results could be observed. Dull. Much milder. Snowing</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Sat 13	I II	<p>There was some shelling and mortaring during the day but this was not considerable and there was no damage or casualties. At approx 2200 hrs movement was heard on the water in B Coy area. Flares were put up but nothing seen. Arty, mortars & MGs fired DF tasks. Otherwise quiet. Fair. Snow during day. Frost at night.</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Sun 14	I II	<p>A quiet day with little shelling or mortaring. O Gp held at Bn HQ in evening when orders given out for alterations in posns on 16 Jan in view of No 6 DUTCH COY coming under comd that day. This alteration will place B C D and Dutch Coys up with A Coy in reserve in place of D Coy. Fair - frosty but clear</p>	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Mon 15	I	<p>Alteration in posns cancelled as Dutch Coy not now coming under comd. A quiet day with little shelling.</p>	

		II	Fair but foggy	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Tue 16	I II	A quiet day with little shelling. Fair. Snowing during day	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Wed 17	I II	At 0038 hrs an OP in A Coy area reported a boat crossing the MAAS at 896136 containing approx 18 men. The boat was fired on and the fire was returned by Spandaus. The boat went back to the other side pursued by arty & mortar fire. Results could not be observed but were believed to be good. Otherwise a very quiet day. A dull day. Snow continued.	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Thu 18	I II	A very quiet day. Mortaring and shelling practically NIL. Orders received that Bn will be relieved by 2 A&SH on 20 JAN and move to GRAMMONT, WEST of BRUSSELS for a fortnight's rest and trg period. Adv parties to go off tomorrow morning. Fair. Snow set in and gale developed in evening	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133	Fri 19	I II	An extremely quiet day with no shelling or mortaring. At 2130 hrs C Coy reported that their right hand listening post had spotted some enemy on this side of the river, had fired all their bren mags at the enemy and then withdrawn. Shortly after this it was reported that their left hand listening post had also encountered the enemy, who had attempted to distract their attention from the front at the same time attacking with 2 gps of 10 men from the rear. The latter were, however, spotted and fired on. After exhausting their ammo, and the enemy having dispersed, this post withdrew. In both cases, it was thought casualties had been inflicted. No further sign of the enemy was seen. Very strong gale with sleet showers.	AHE CWPR
ANNA HOEVE 869133 SEVENUM PM 790145	Sat 20	I II	As a cause of C Coy's encounter with the enemy last night a dead German was found by the Coy at dawn. A little later a further search discovered a PW in a slit trench. The latter stated that he had swam across the river last night along with an offr and 5 other ranks but that he could not face the return trip and had gone to ground in the hope of making the crossing this evening. The Bn was relieved by the 2 Argylls, 227 Inf Bde, and concentrated at SEVENUM 790145, prior to moving to Rest Area. Weather - fair - roads fair.	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Sun 21	I II	Bn moved by transport to Rest Area at Grammont 285495. The convoy passed the start point at SEVENUM at 0630 hrs and arrived at Grammont at 1600 hrs. Bn HQ was located in the Chateau, and companies were billeted in the town. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Mon 22	I	The day was spent in cleaning and checking weapons, followed by general administration within companies. The CO visited companies. A	

		II	warning order was received from Brigade that the Bn was to move to , not before 1200 hours, 24 Jan 45. Advance parties to proceed with DAA & QMG at 0630 hrs, 23 Jan 45. WEATHER - FAIR	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Tue 23	I	The Commanding Officer held an 'O' Group at 1000 hrs to explain the situation to Coy Commanders. The BM arrived and informed the CO that the Bn would not move for two or three days. The remainder of the day was spent in Coy Administration and Baths.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Wed 24	I	Companies fired all weapons on the range. Battalion will probably move on the 26th.	
			Weather - fair - snow during the night	AJMB CWPR
GRAMMONT 285495	Thu 25	I	0900-1000 Coys carried out a Route March. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. The Pipe Band played Retreat in the town square at 1600 hrs. Operational order received from Brigade. Bn to move to area of Tilburg on the 26th. The Brigadier & BM visited us in the evening. The Bn held a dance in the evening.	
		II	Weather - cold	AJMB CWPR
AM GRAMMONT 285495	26	I	The morning was spent preparing for the move. 45 three ton lorries reported to the Bn at 1030 hrs. Convoy formed up and passed the start point at 1415 hours. Although the roads were in a bad state, the convoy arrived complete at its new location at 2300 hrs. The Bn was billeted in civilian billets in the town.	
AREA TILBERG PM 171314		II	Weather - snow in the morning - extreme cold in the afternoon	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	27	I	The companies spent the day reorganising after the move and checked all ammunition and weapons. As some 1941 ammunition was found to be defective, it was replaced. The CO held an 'O' Group for Coy Comds at 1400 hours and attended a conference at Brigade at 1700 hours.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	28	I	Today being Sunday Church Services were held by the Padre for companies in the morning, communion being held after the services. UK leave party left to report to Transit Camp at Bog Leopold. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. A few flying bombs flew over the Bn area during the night.	
		II	Weather - cold, slight falls of snow.	AJMB CWPR
AREA TILBERG 171314	29	I	Today was spent in training. Companies carried out route marches, schemes on assault on pillboxes. The medical officer commenced annual inoculation and vaccination of personnel in the Bn. At 1500 the Commanding Officer lectured to all officers and Sgt Pln Commanders on discipline within the unit followed by a lecture on "An assault on a pillbox" and the use of "Kangaroos" & "Crocodiles" in conjunction with infantry.	

		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
TILBERG 171314	30	I	The Commanding Officer attended a conference at 30 Corps HQ. The companies continued training on the lines of assaulting a strongpoint. Daily fitness parades and drill parades on Coy bases. Maj Carey MC rejoined the unit and took over command of 'C' Coy. Lt Bamford commenced trg as reserve Signals Officer. The CO attended a conference at Bde HQ at 1430 and held a conference for Coy Comds at 1800.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMBrown CWPR
TILBURG 171314	31	I	Coys carried out Pln exercises on assaulting a pillbox; the use of Bangalore torpedoes; with periods on drill; PT; Regimental History and compass works. HQ and Support Coy continued their specialist training. The Pipe Band practised for a parade on the 1st Feb. The Commanding Officer attended a conference at Bde HQ at 1430 hours. Two SP guns arrived to co-ordinate trg with an infantry company and the REs erected two pillboxes for this purpose. B Coy Comd recced and laid on a demonstration which will be held for the Brigade on Thursday.	
		II	Weather - complete thaw & rain	AJMB CWPR

		II	of the deception plan two recce parties have been ordered, the first under the 2i/c as a bogus recce & as a deception, the second the actual recce party for the FAA. Weather - dry	AJMBrown CWPR
TILBURG 171314	4	I	Two recce parties went off at first light to recce possible FUPs and FAAs. The 1st under the 2i/c was the bogus recce in conjunction with the Bn deception plan, the 2nd under OC Mor Pl carried out the op recce. The Corps Comd addressed all officers of the Division in the ENSA Hall Tilburg. He gave a detailed description of the bigger picture and of OP "VERITABLE". He emphasised that the whole success rested mainly on 15 (S) Div. In the afternoon the Brig briefed all offrs of the Bde down to Coy Cdrs. The Bn Op Order for OP "VERITABLE" was issued at 1400 hrs. The Pipe Band played retreat at 1600 hrs. One flying bomb landed in the vicinity of Tilburg.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - good	
TILBURG 171314	5	I	The Companies finished training with Kangaroos. The Bn Admin Order for Op Veritable was issued. The Commanding Officer held an 'O' Group at 1500 and briefed all Coy Comds for the op from a company level.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - good	
TILBURG 171314	6	I	Coys dumped all surplus stores, kit, etc not required for the op at GOIRLE, where all personnel left out of battle will remain. Capt Elder took charge of this party which will be known as 'B' Ech. It will act as a transit camp for all leave personnel. The move order was recd from Bde at 1300 and the Bn move order was issued to Coys at 1400 hrs. The Bn column left TILBURG area at 1758 hrs and proceeded under cover of darkness to Bn conc area at NIJMEGEN. The column arrived at Dis Pt at 2400 hrs. On arrival companies were met by guides and billeted in two schools. As roads were extremely bad a few vehicle casualties did not arrive with the main column.	AJMB CWPR
Nijmegen		II	Weather - cloudy	
Nijmegen	7	I	Tpt Sgt reported all vehicles in by 1400 hrs. Coy Comds briefed Companies during the morning and the Brigadier spoke to the Bn at 1200 hrs. He detailed the Op briefly and emphasised that it was very likely that the Op which they were about to take part in would probably end the war. The CO then said a few words about the detailed job. The CO held a co-ordinating conf for all supporting arms and Coy Comds. He finally gave out the sequence of events. He then went to Bde to check if any new pts had arisen owing to the fact that the weather had created a problem.	

		II	Weather - wet	AJMBrown CWPR
NIJMEGEN	8	I	The Bn plus supporting arms stood by waiting for orders to move. CO & IO went forward behind 46 Bde with the Bde 'O' Group. On receipt of codeword the Breaching Force which included 'C' Company moved east at 2100. The Bn moved at 2200 hrs east towards S.L. The CO joined the column at the Assembly Area. Column moved throughout the night towards FRASSELT with the aid of movement light. The condition of the roads was bad and this made going very difficult. The QM with A Ech remained at NIJMEGEN.	
		II	Weather - dry all day - rain in evening	AJMB CWPR
OUTSKIRTS CLEVE 875555	9	I	The column continued to proceed and at 0645 a lane was reported clear, the Bn then crossed the SL and advanced in Kangaroos towards objective, which was SCHOTTHEIDE. On route to SL the German border was crossed. C Coy had breached the A/T ditch and B D & A attacked objectives successfully. Coys took up defensive position round the village. Prisoners collected amounted to 9 offrs and 204 ORs. Our own casualties approx 10. Orders were received from Bde at 1230 that we had to move at 1330 to secure the HINGSTBERG feature Sq. 8455. Bn formed up in Kangaroos with in support tanks, Crocodiles & SPs and proceeded through Nutterden to objective. Reports recd showed that no enemy were our side of CLEVE so Bn went direct to attack feature 8755. This was carried out against greater opposition but Coys estd themselves on feature, taking quite a number of PW. The Boche reacted very strongly during the night with patrols, one infiltrating into 'C' Coy area 878558, who immediately drove them out. At 2015 a patrol about 12 strong infiltrated into Mx posn and overran this posn, knocking out 3 guns. 1 PW was captured by B Coy in a slit trench in Coy area with a wireless set.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
875555	10	I	The Brigadier arrived in the morning and went round Bn area. Slight shelling during morning. Warning order was recd that we may have to move to CLEVE not before 1400. Coys warned to be ready. CO called to 'O' Gp at Bde at 1230. Bn 'O' Gp assembled 1400 & CO gave out orders for attack on CLEVE. B Coy to clear feature junct of co-ords 8855 at 1700 hrs today & then return to their present location. Carriers, pioneers & cooks arrived at Bn HQ at 1600 hrs. B Coy reached objective at 1740 hrs & found it clear of enemy but a few enemy dead lying about. D Coy brought in 8 PW at 1750. The night was uneventful.	
		II	Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
CLEVE	11	I	At 0325 hrs Bde passed message that LO was on way with orders. LO did	

892551			<p>not arrive until approx 0430 hrs. Orders recd cancel previous order to attack CLEVE and that we were to move direct to CLEVE at 0830 hrs and take over from 129 Bde - 43 Div. As LO was late timings were put back 1½ hrs. Recce party proceeded to 129 Bde HQ at 887556 at 0645 but was ambushed by enemy patrol & shot up. There was a certain amount of confusion as to location of own & enemy tps. Recce party returned & proceeded on tanks and approx 180 Boche surrendered. Coys moved at 1000 hrs and arrived in the western outskirts of Cleve at 1200 hrs. The Bn was superimposed on the WILTSHIRE REGT of 43 Div. The Bn took up a defensive posn in this area and sent patrols out during the night to the N and centre of the town and towards the canal, reporting no sign of enemy.</p> <p>The Kangaroos, Crocodiles & Sqn Gren Gds ceased to come under our command.</p> <p>Weather - wet</p>	AJMB CWPR
AM CLEVE 892551 PM 877552	12	I II	<p>The Bde is being relieved by 7 Bde 3 CON DIV. Recce parties moved off under 2i/c at 0730 to recce billet area as Bde is going into Corps reserve. Brigadier arrived at 0815 and gave information to CO. Coys ordered to be ready to move from 1400. Coys moved to reserve area independently from 1430 hrs and completely evacuated CLEVE by 1545. Bn estd in new area by 1630 hrs, having dug defensive posns. All Coys were located in billets and will probably remain in this location for 48 hrs. Time to be spent in re-organising & admin & rest.</p> <p>Weather - wet</p>	AJMB CWPR
877552	13	I II	<p>At 1 hours notice to move wef 0700 hrs. We are now under command of 43 Div. Warning order recd. CO and IO proceeded to 43 Div HQ at 878543 to meet Brig. CO held 'O' Group for Coy Cdrs & supporting arms 1130. We have to be prepared to counter attack area xrds 886536 - xrds 883538 - CLOISTER 878544 with in support One Sqn 4 Gren Gds, [4 Pl] B Coy 1 Mx & Tp 243 A/Tk. Infm received from Bde that we may not be used to morrow but may have to assist 43 Div.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
877552	14	I II	<p>Put at one hours notice to move from 1200 hrs. Cancelled at 1100 hrs. Not now likely to move before 1200 hrs, 15th. Not now at an hours notice. Coys ran sports during the afternoon. The area was bombed at 1630 hours.</p> <p>The CO presented Pte Zaccarini "Sp" Company with the C-in-C's Award for Gallantry.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
877552	15	I	<p>May have to carry out a night attack. CO & IO proceeded to Bde 0915 hrs for orders. 0930 hrs message received from Brigade that we are not likely to move to-day and that we had to supply 100 men to carry out</p>	

		II	<p>road repairs. 1100 hrs CO returned from 'O' Gp. Likely that we shall have to carry out a very simple plan in the near future. 1200 plan as originally intended. We are to take GOCH from the NORTH with 52 attacking from the South. CO gave out situation to Coy Comds at 1430 hrs.</p> <p>39 re-inforcements arrived and were posted to Companies.</p> <p>Infm recd. No move likely for 48 hrs.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
877552	16	I II	<p>No move today - 100 men repairing roads. CO held a conference at 0915 to lay down vehicle loads & tpt in echelons. Coys to carry out weapon training and Tabloid sports, also a salvage drive. CO & 2i/c went to Bde at 1000 hrs to receive orders. A Echelon arrives in Bn area. Recce parties went forward to recce a harbour area at 918528 - no accommodation. CO held an "O" Group at 2030 hrs for Coy Cdrs & supporting arms, where he gave out our plan to secure the high ground north of and overlooking GOCH.</p> <p>2300 recce parties at 30 mins notice from 0900, 17th. No move likely for Bn before 1430.</p> <p>Weather - misty</p>	AJMB CWPR
877552	17	I II	<p>Bn prepared for move. CO went on leave & Maj AES JACKSON MC took over the Bn. No move to-day. Coys trained with tanks and watched mediums firing during the afternoon. 1600 CO went to O Gp. No move before 0700 hrs. Recce parties at 30 mins from 0600 hrs.</p> <p>CO held O Gp for all Coy Comds at 2000. All supporting arms were represented. Plan for attack on GOCH 9143 was planned.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
877552 N of GOCH 911445	18	I	<p>Recce parties moved off at 0730 hrs to recce Assembly Area for Bn south of the CLEVE FOREST 934469. Bn moved at 1115 hrs and arrived at Assembly Area S. of CLEVE forest at 1215. CO held a final co-ordinating conference at 1300 hrs. Coys married up with Kangaroos & tanks. 1430 'D' Coy advanced towards the START LINE followed by 'A' Coy, followed by Bn HQ.</p> <p>A/Tk ditch not bridged, impossible to continue in Kangaroos. D & A Coys de-pouched & advanced on foot, but were held up by MGs north of A/Tk ditch. 1930 hrs Bn took up a firm position around 911445. CO asked for instructions from Brigadier, answer being it is essential that we mount a well co-ordinated attack to secure objectives, which must not fail. CO called 'O' Gp to co-ordinate at 2005 hrs.</p> <p>2330 hrs B & D Coys went in to objectives on re-organised plan. B Coy on foot advancing slowly against stiff opposition but taking several PW. 'D' Coy advanced in Kangaroos and de-pouched when across anti tank ditch. They proceeded and secured objective without much opposition.</p>	AESJ AESJ

			'C' Coy remained in area of Bn HQ.	AJMB AESJ
911445	19	I	Companies are now estd as follows: D - area 912441 - 913441; B - area 918440 - 917437; A moving through D Coy to secure 912436. Tanks reported to Bn HQ at 0630 hrs and 1 Troop was sent to B Coy & 1 Tp to A & 1 Tp to D. 0900 A Coy secured xrds 913436. 'C' Coy to be passed through A Coy to secure ground to river. Plan formed Coy to be assisted by tanks and Crocodiles. C Coy crossed START LINE at 1300. Area cleared by 1720 hours. Patrol sent forward to river during the night to report of bridges but reported blown. Objectives now completely taken & Coys firmly established.	AJMB AESJ
		II	Weather - fair	
911445	20	I	Coys remained in present locations; to have maximum rest. Heavy shelling throughout the day. CO held a co-ordinating DEFENCE Conference at 1415 hrs. CO received a personal letter of congratulations for the good job the Bn had done to secure its objectives. B Coy sent a standing patrol to 922437. Mortars and MMG used to put down harassing fire in area square 9242.	AJMB AESJ
		II	Weather - misty	AJMBrown AESJ
911445	21	I	Quiet night, slight small arms fire in 'C' Company area; no shelling. CO to RV at Bde at 1115 for instructions. CO O Gp 1515 hrs. The CO outlined the intention for attack on woods NE of WEEZE. Attack may take place in two days time. Bn visited by the Div Comd & Bde Comd.	AJMB AESJ
		II	Weather - good	
911445	22	I	Monmouths were superimposed on our area and took over our operational commitments. CO went to recce area for forming up the Battalion. CO attended a Brigadiers 'O' Gp at 1615 hours. Bn 'O' Gp was held at 2000 hrs and orders were given out for the attack on enemy positions in the wooded area NE of WEEZE. Bn to be prepared to move at first light.	AJMB AESJ
		II	Weather - good	
942414	23	I	Bn moved to FAA in square 9344 at 0630 hrs. CO held a co-ordinating conference at 0700. Main Bn HQ estd 936441 by 0830 hours; Coys moved from FAA to FUP at 0920; B & D passing START LINE at 1014 to attack wood 939412. Progress was slow as shelling was heavy. Objectives taken by 1222 hours. C & A Coys then passed through to attack right hand side of woods in area 940404 which was cleared to southern edge by 1317. A considerable number of PW were taken, shelling being very heavy. Forward company reported enemy inf & tanks at 948395. This was dealt with effectively by SHELLDRAKE. Bn took up a firm position in area secured, Bn HQ having been established at 942414. A patrol was sent out by Carrier Platoon to farm 936401 and then to	AJMB AESJ

		II	wood at 936396. Weather - fair	AJMB AESJ
942414	24	I	Carrier Pl sent a patrol to wood 935395 to harass enemy on other side of river. They had a very profitable day claiming 16 certain hits. Bde Comd visited the Bn at 0830 hrs. Enemy smoke screen put down in area 944394 at 0930 hrs. Probable enemy counter attack. 4" mortars & arty dealt with effectively. Bde being relieved by 3 Br Inf Div tomorrow. Bn moving to rest area at TILBURG. Guides met recce party from 8 Br Inf Bde at 1400. CO & IO of S LAN R reced posns during afternoon.	AJMB AESJ
942414	25	I	A Coy sent out a recce patrol to wood in sq. 925395. Coy reps & recce parties from S LAN R arrived at 0945. CO held 'O' Gp at 1200 hrs to give out orders for move to concentration area. Harbour recce parties went off at 1200 hrs. Bn was completely relieved by 2200 hrs and concentrated in harbour area 9346. Move Order for move to rest area issued 2330 hrs.	AJMB AESJ
Harbour Area 9346		II	Weather - wet	AJMB AESJ
9346 AM	26	I	Bn moved in convoy to at 0900 hrs, arriving at destination at 1415 hrs to harbour in this area one night prior to moving to Turnhout. Troops were allowed to walk out.	
TURNHOUT 1/100,000 BELGIUM- NE FRANCE SHEET 3 Map Ref 0506	27	I	Bn moved by MT to Bde rest area in TURNHOUT, arriving approx 1400 hrs. The Bn was billeted in schools and the officers in civilian houses.	JRPB AESJ
TURNHOUT	28	I	The day was spent in administration. The CO inspected all personnel who had joined the Bn since it had been in the line during the last ops ☉ A further draft of 39 ORs arrived. These were mainly men from the Border Regt. At a Coy Comds conference the outline of the Bn activities during the rest period was announced. The main points were as follows:- All MT to be thoroughly overhauled; trg to be carried out between 0900 hrs and 1330 hrs, particular attention being given to woodland fighting; assault crossings; night work (each coy to do two night exercises); drill; WT and shooting. It is hoped that every man in the Bn will be able to have 48 hrs leave in BRUSSELS during the rest period.	JRPB AESJ

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Month and Year MAR 45

Commanding Officer Maj AES JACKSON MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TURNHOUT	1		General administration ☉ All 'A' vehs were concentrated under OC Sp Coy for overhaul and 50% of coy Jeeps and 15 cwt trucks were similarly concentrated under MTO for 5 days overhaul.	JRPB CWPR
	2		A REME team visited the Bn to inspect all small arms and LMGs. Coys carried out trg e.g. route marches, drill, discussion on wood fighting. A Bn dance was held in the evening and cinema shows were given in the afternoon and evening.	JRPB CWPR
TURNHOUT	Sat 3		The CO held a Bn Parade in the morning at the Football Field CASTERLE STRAAT, this being a Rehearsal for the visit of the GOC 15(S) Div on 5 Mar. The Bn was formed up in hollow square and the general salute was given. Thereafter the Bn marched past in coln of threes. C & D Coys carried through a night attack exercise from 1900 - 2300 hrs. The whole Bn bathed during the day. Cinema and variety shows were given in the afternoon and evening. 76 men of each A & B Coys went off to BRUSSELS for 48 hrs leave.	AHE CWPR
-Do-	Sun 4		A Bn Memorial Service was held in the morning at which those of the Bn who had given their lives were specially remembered. The Chaplain conducted the service and preached the Sermon. The lesson was read by the Commanding Officer. The Bde Comd attended. In the afternoon the MASSED PIPES & DRUMS of the Div played in TILBURG. The Comd Offr and a party from Sp Coy attended.	AHE CWPR
TURNHOUT	Mon 5		The Div Comd addressed the Bn on the football field, after taking the General Salute. The Bn then marched past the GOC in coln of threes. The Div Comd expressed his appreciation of the work of the Bn in the recent ops and congratulated all ranks. In the afternoon the Massed Pipes and Drums of the Div played a programme & beat Retreat in the Market Square TURNHOUT. All available personnel attended and the Bde Comd took the salute. The Band was under the comd of CSM J LYALL HQ Coy.	

			A warning order was received for the move of the Bn to area DIEST 1667 on 6 Mar and harbour parties left at midday. Final orders were received in the evening for the move of the Bn at 1400 hrs 6 Mar. A Bde Offrs Dance was held in the evening in TURNHOUT. The Div Comd attended. A Bn ORs dance was also held.	AHE CWPR
ZELEM	Tues 6	II	Bn left TURNHOUT by MT at approx 1100 hrs and went through GHEEL and DIEST to the area of ZELEM (1:250,000 NW Europe Sheet 3 K165676), arriving at approx 1400 hrs. Harbour parties had had a very difficult task and coy areas were very scattered. All coys were however eventually accommodated either in schools or civilian billets. On arrival in the new area the Division came under comd 12 Corps. Weather - fine rain during the majority of the day.	JRPB CWPR
	7 Wed	I II	The remaining 50% of unit transport was called into the unit garage for overhaul. Coys settled into new billets and practised moving with smoke cover. Weather fair.	JRPB CWPR
	8 Thu		Information was received that special training for an assault crossing of a large river is to begin on 10 Mar. During the day Coys practised wood clearing. Two coys carried out a night exercise i.e. the advance from a river obstacle. Capt M.St.G. PALLOT joined the Bn.	JRPB CWPR
ZELEM	9 Fri	I	Training similar to yesterday. A further leave party went to Brussels for 48 hr leave. CO attended conference at Bde on forthcoming ops and trg.	JRPB CWPR
	10 Sat	I	Coys marched to a demonstration in the Bn area of the loading and capabilities of a 'BUFFALO' conducted by Capt HASLAM. Baths for A, B, Sp and HQ Coys. CO and Coy Comds attended a cloth model exercise at HQ 12 Corps. The object of the exercise was to show the drill for crossing a large river.	JRPB CWPR
ZELEM	11 Sun		A, B, D Coys carried out trg with stormboats in the morning. Coys held church services in addition to trg. A promotion conference was held in the morning. 13 Pl won an inter-pl Tug of War in the afternoon.	JRPB CWPR
	12 Mon		The CO IO and Coy Comds carried out reces in the area HOUTHUIZEN 5872 (OS 1/50000 France & Belgium Sheet 47) preparatory to "Exercise BUFFALO" which is to take place on 14 Mar. Capt Moffat and Coy 2i/cs carried out reces of marshalling areas preparatory to an operational crossing of the RHINE. On their return, however, they were ordered to recce another area on 13 Mar. The Pipe Band beat Retreat at ZELEM.	JRPB CWPR
ZELEM	13	1	Team from REME inspected all weapons. Recce parties recced marshalling and alternative marshalling areas for future ops under 2i/c. CO held an 'O' Gp at 1000 hrs to give out orders for exercise on River Crossing to be held on 14 Mar 45, after which CO visited all coys.	

		2	Instructions issued, Bn to move to concentration area for EXERCISE at 0630 hrs 14th Mar. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	14	I	Bn took part in river crossing Exercise "Buffalo" to practise coys in crossing a river obstacle by day. Bn moved in TCVs from present location at 0630 hrs to marshalling area at HOUTHUIZEN 5972. Coys moved fwd to Storm Boat waiting area at 1200 hrs and crossed the R MAAS at AREA 6168. Vehs crossed river on ferries. Coys carried out an exercise on landing on captured given objectives. On completion coys embussed and returned to unit location at 1700 hrs. At end of EXERCISE CO held a conference for Coy Commanders to discuss the operation.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	15	I	CO attended a conference at Bde at 0900 hrs. Bn moved in TCVs to marshalling area to carry out Ex. 'BUFFALO' by night, arriving at 1645 hrs. Zero hour for crossing to be 0400 hrs. Coy had a hot meal in marshalling area and then rested.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
EX HOUTHUIZEN PM ZELEM	16	I	Coys crossed river in storm boats shortly after 0500 and assembled on far bank of R MAAS for attack. Coys passed through RSF and captured objectives by 0730 hrs. Bn then embussed & returned to marshalling area for hot meal before returning to unit locn.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - misty in morning	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	17	I	The day was generally observed as a holiday. Entertainment was organised and the following performances given: Div Concert Party 2 shows at HAELEN ☉ pictures at DIEST Cinema ☉ 1 truck per coy to LOUVAIN ☉ HQ Coy organised a football competition. CO was called to Bde at 1700 hrs.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	18	I	Church Services were held in Coys areas in the morning. Bn played RSF at football winning 5 goals to 1. The remainder of the day was spent in general admin.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	19	I	All coys carried out coy attack exercises & pln training. Baths for Bn during the day. Signal Officer organised a signal exercise to train officers in the use of 46 set & signal procedure. CO held a cloth model exercise for all officers down to Pl Comds and gave out outline orders for Operation "Torchlight". Harbour parties went off to marshalling area. Lt MILNE took part in wireless deception exercise at Bde HQ.	AJMB CWPR
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	20	I	CO, IO & Coy Comds went fwd to Zanten area on a recce to look at	

		II	ground on east bank of R RHINE from OPs manned by 52(L) Inf Div. All Coys carried out a fifteen mile route march. An officers dinner was held at Bn HQ for all officers down to Captain and at D Coy location for all subalterns. The Burgomaster of ZELEM attended the senior officers dinner. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	21	I	The CO spoke to all coys during morning. Coys fired all weapons and made final arrangements for move to the marshalling area, and Op 'Torchlight'. Bn Op & Adm Orders issued. Church service for RCs was held in the Cloisters ZELEM by the RC Padre.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ZELEM	22	I	All Bn tracked vehicles moved to conc area 0730hrs. CO held a conf for Rifle Coy Comds at 1000. Coy Comds then proceeded to marshalling area independently. Main body moved in TCVs at 1730 hrs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
BISKES (064399)	23	I	Column arrived in the marshalling area at 0640 hrs, coys in bivouac area, wood 065405. Troops received hot meal and then rested. CO went to co-ordinating conference at Bde at 1400 hrs. IO took reps from coys to see route to Storm Boat Waiting Area in daylight. Coy Comds briefed coys during the afternoon. CO held a co-ord conference at 1600 hrs. Transport, to cross Rhine, marshalled by serials at 2300 hrs.	
		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
BISLICH 140435	24	I	Zero hour for RHINE crossing 0200 hrs. The 8RS & 6RSF having crossed & successfully captured objectives, 6KOSB crossed at approx 0330 and advanced towards objectives, which were secured before first light, prisoners being taken. Bn HQ was estd in BISLICH 140435. The airborne dropped in front of our line at 1000 hrs and we contacted them on the 300 set, they say everything is going well and that they captured all their objectives. C & D Coys ordered to contact them at 157457 & 175436. D Coy patrol could not get as far as junc pt as they came under heavy fire from 156457 & wood 163453. 'C' Coy were able to link up with airborne. Warning Order Bn to conc for possible advance to NE. Slidex message received at 1800 Bn to conc in BERGEN prior to advancing towards Bridge at 203529. Bn conc in BERGEN by 1900 hrs. The Commanding Officer went to see Brig for details. 'O' Group for Coy Comds ordered for 0530 hrs.	
BERGEN 140460		II	Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
BERGEN	25	I	0530 hrs, CO gave out his orders for advance to contact. Recce party	

199509		II	to swan out in front and report various lines clear, main body to advance as follows: 2 secs Carriers, A & B Coys carried on tanks of 4 Armd Bde (who are in support), Tac Bn HQ, C & D Coys on foot. Also in support, one demolition party 279 Fd Coy RE & SP Bty of Anti-Tank guns. Bn were able to advance as far as 179503 but found it was not possible to use axis of road 176505 - 193513 during daylight. Coys took up posns in area 179503. CO gave out orders to Coy Comds at 1800 hrs for night advance towards Bridge 203529. Bn moved fwd at 2100 and D & C soon captured objective at 200514 and 201518 respectively. Bn HQ estd at 199509. A & B Coys reached objectives at 205519 & 202523 at 2245 against light opposition. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
199509	26	I II	By 0100 Coys were beginning to come up against stiffer opposition and inf & SP guns reported in area of wood 200527. 'C' Coy ordered to move forward to deal with this. C Coy captured first part of obj. but before they could dig in they were counter attacked by a Bn from the North. Situation became confused for a period but 'C' Coy fought very fiercely until they had fired their last round, then they retaliated with the bayonet and anything else which could be used to kill. By 0730 hrs the enemy were in retreat. The CO re-organised the Bn and gave coys their respective tasks. Coys were re-located as follows: A 205520, B 203524, C 200523, D 203502. A platoon from B Coy commanded by Lieut ALLARD went to area 200521 and captured 2 officers & 122 ORs who surrendered without a fight. During the night patrols were sent out by the Carrier Pl to main rd 203528 - 206520 to ensure that it is clear of enemy, so that REs can construct a bridge over R ISSEL after the 6RSF have gained a bridgehead. Weather - rain	AJMB CWPR
199509	27	I II	A Coy sent out a patrol to wood at 210523 to see if there were any enemy there; 3 PW taken. Coys were used to repair roads in fwd areas, as they were by now in a bad condition owing to the rain & tanks. At 1730 hrs, A & D Coys were placed at 30 mins notice to move to the assistance of 6RSF who had been counter attacked. These coys moved to area wood 205532 to build up 6RSF during the night, after the counter attack had been held. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	28	I	53 Div having moved up on our right, it was necessary to change coy areas. By 0700 B Coy had moved to area 202527 and C Coy to area of houses at 195525. D & A Coys to come back under command and take up position to the rear of B & C Coys. The Carrier Pl patrolled as far as the 18 Grid line without meeting any opposition, but discovered 18	

		II	Boche hiding in a cellar. At 2055 Bde informed us that we had no longer any operational commitments and coys were to have maximum rest & best billets available. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	29	I	The day was spent in salvaging kit & equipt, and in the collection of enemy arms and equipment. A Ech Transport joined coys in coy areas. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	30	I II	The Padre held church services for all coys during the morning. 1400 hrs the Commanding Officer held a promotion conf. The day was spent in general maint & clearing up the battle area. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
199509	31	I II	The day was spent in training. In the morning baths were allotted to A, B, and D Coys. In the afternoon one hour was devoted to discussions on current affairs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

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Month and Year APRIL 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col CWP RICHARDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NR HAMMINKELN 199509	1	0930	An Easter Day Church Service was held in the Protestant Church at HAMMINKELN SQUARE 2048. The remainder of the day was observed as a holiday. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	2	0900 1530 1000	Coys carried out Pl and Coy trg in the morning and discussions in the afternoon. The Bde Civ Affairs Officer gave a lect to all WOs and Sgts on the subject of German civilians. Baths were allotted to Coys during the morning. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	3	0900 I II	Coys continued training. Warning Order issued, Bn to be prepared to move to area NORTH of BOCHOLT - RHEDE. Order cancelled, Bn now to move to area GREVEN 904886, not before 1500 hrs, 4 APR 45. The Brigadier and COs of 8RS & 6RSF attended a Bn HQ Officers Dinner in the evening. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
199509	4	0900 1000 1400 II	Bn Harbour & recce party, under Capt ELDER, proceeded to Bde RV at rd & rly crossing GREVEN 904886. Infm recd Bn will now move early morning of the 5th April 45. Coys carried out a ten mile route march. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
BORGHORST 7692	5	0745	Bn moved from area HAMMINKELN in TCVs to area already reced at BORGHORST SQ 7692. The column arrived at BORGHORST at 1215. Coys were billeted in the town itself. Weather - fair	AB CWPR
BORGHORST 7692	6	0900 1215 1415	Coys carried out trg in street fighting & wood clearing. RSM took B & C Coys on drill. Warning Order Harbour & Recce Parties at 30 mins notice to move wef 1230, vehs ready to move from 1800 hrs. Harbour Parties moved to new area under 2ic.	

		1445	Coys continued trg at Coy Comds disposal. Parties of 1 officer and four from each coy searched the houses in Bn area for weapons etc.	
		1500	The Commanding Officer held an 'O' Gp at which he gave out infm he had recd from Bde.	AJMB CWPR
SCHMALGE SQ 625222	7	0820	Bn Column left BORGHORST to proceed to area already reced by 2IC. The Bn moved in three groups as follows:- (1) Sp Coy under Capt Moffat (2) A Ech under TO and (3) All Marching Personnel in TCVs plus Bn HQ.	
		1700	Column arrived at destination area SCHMALGE.	
		1830	The CO held an 'O' GROUP for COY COMDS to give out orders for the clearing of woods in area EAST of BN LOCN. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
SCHMALGE 625222	8	0900	Coys cleared woods in the area of the OSTER WALD woods and captured 20 PW. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
SCHMALGE	9	0900	Church Services were held by Coys in the morning.	
		1410	The Carrier Pl gave a demonstration on the use of the "WASP".	
		1400	Coys carried on with coy trg.	
		1500	B Coy tested all Bren guns, resulting in the surrender of 6 Germans who had been hiding in the woods.	
		1830	Warning Order recd from Bde, Bn may move morning 10 APR. Harbour Parties to RV in Sq. 9422 by 0930 hrs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
MIL CAMP 941286	10	0845	Bn moved from area SCHMALGE and proceeded in an easterly direction to area reced by the 2IC. The R WESER being crossed at PETERSHAGEN.	
		1230	Column arrived in new area and was billeted in a German Hutted Camp.	
		2215	Warning Order recd from Bde, Bn harbour parties to proceed under DAA & QMG at 0630 hrs, 11th Apr. Bn will move on the 11th Apr, but no move before 1100 hrs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
941286	11	0930	CO & IO to Bde Order Group. Harbour party proceeded under 2IC to recce new area.	
		1100	CO held an 'O' Gp for all Coy Comds.	
		1720	Bn passed SP, rd junc LOCCUM 958291 and proceeded to new conc area.	
PM/GAILHOF 377415		2030	Bn arrived area GAILHOF, Bn HQ in hotel 377415. Coys were billeted in houses in the vicinity. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
GAILHOF 377415	12	0900	Coys carried out trg in Coy area.	
		1000	Harbour Parties to stand by at immediate notice to move.	

<p>RIXFORD 478472</p> <p>AERODROME 5647</p>		<p>1430</p> <p>1530</p> <p>1800</p> <p>1930</p> <p>1940</p> <p>2115</p> <p>2245</p> <p>2250</p>	<p>Harbour Party proceeding under 2IC to recce area in outskirts of CELLE.</p> <p>Bn to clear wood in area FUHRBERG WOOD 4847.</p> <p>Bn HQ estd at RIXFORD 478472 for the op.</p> <p>Bn ordered to keep off road between STEINFORDE and HAMBUHREN owing to EMISSARY from HIMMLER negotiating regarding 50,000 political PW with TYPHUS in 11 Armd Div front.</p> <p>'A' Coy despatched to HAMBUHREN to fire two red verey lights which will mean that all our troops are south of this road and negotiations will continue.</p> <p>'A' Coy fired the verey lights.</p> <p>Bn HQ estd west of CELLE at aerodrome 5647.</p> <p>All coys now in new area.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	<p>AJMBrown CWPR</p>
<p>Do</p> <p>374528</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>0930</p> <p>1000</p> <p>1100</p> <p>1500</p> <p>1600</p> <p>2100</p>	<p>Harbour parties moved under 2IC to recce conc area at gas works CELLE 599511. Bn to conc there prior to advancing behind 227 & 46 Inf Bdes to conc area UELZEN 8989.</p> <p>Bn drill parade under RSM.</p> <p>RECREATION by coys.</p> <p>Bn moved to conc area in the North Eastern outskirts of CELLE at 374528.</p> <p>Bn arrived at new location and immediately winkled several enemy stragglers out of the houses.</p> <p>Intention - to follow up behind 227 Bde.</p> <p>CO attended Bde 'O' Group and received orders for advance in area South East of UELZEN.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	<p>AJMB CWPR</p>
<p>374528</p> <p>RABER 8078</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>0730</p> <p>1230</p> <p>1245</p> <p>1730</p> <p>1845</p>	<p>CO held Bn 'O' Gp and gave out orders for move & operations in area NE of UELZEN.</p> <p>Harbour Parties with one platoon of B Coy moved to recce area for Bn at RABER 8078. On approaching the village they found it had not been cleared, so they set about the task and captured a number of PW.</p> <p>Bn main body moved in TCVs to RABER arriving at 1615.</p> <p>CO attended Bde 'O' Group.</p> <p>CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out his orders for capture of WESTERWEYHE.</p> <p>Bn concentrated here prior to advancing fwd. During the night normal defensive measures were taken.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	<p>AJMB CWPR</p>

<p>HOLDENSTEDT 8783</p> <p>NIENDORF</p> <p>HALLIGDORF 913863</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>0630</p> <p>0915</p> <p>1000</p> <p>1400</p> <p>1615</p> <p>1725</p> <p>1730</p> <p>1950</p> <p>2200</p>	<p>Bn moved to harbour area at Holdenstedt 8783, prior to passing through UELZEN on capture by 227 Bde.</p> <p>CO attended 'O' Gp at 227 Bde HQ.</p> <p>Plan now altered. 227 Bde have not captured UELZEN: opposition stiffening and greater than expected. 44 (L) Bde to carry out a right flanking movement to open an axis for 6 Airborne Div.</p> <p>CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out orders for attack on Halligdorf 9186.</p> <p>Bn moved up to NIENDORF on capture by the 6RSF. Bn now to be prepared to capture HAMBROCK as 6RSF have advanced to HALLIGDORF.</p> <p>D Coy ordered to lead advance to HALLIGDORF.</p> <p>D Coy meeting considerable opposition.</p> <p>CO asked Bde if tanks could move forward from HALLIGDORF and support D Coy to objective.</p> <p>Brigadier arrived and plan is to be put into operation. D Coy to advance over the open ground under cover of smoke with tanks supporting from area in front of HALLIGDORF.</p> <p>D Coy in village of Hambrock, captured a considerable no of PW and 8 20mm guns with only three casualties.</p> <p>By 1735 B Coy had est a firm base in woods to SW of HAMBROCK, following behind D Coy.</p> <p>By 2200 'C' Coy had advanced to area 901875 where they relieved a coy of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.</p> <p>A Coy at 2230 advanced to & secured the cross rds of 916878.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	<p>AJMB CWPR</p>
<p>HALLIGDORF 913863</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>0001</p> <p>1600</p>	<p>Coys now established firmly in following posns:</p> <p>A Coy area x tks 916876</p> <p>B Coy area 904871</p> <p>C Coy area 903877</p> <p>D Coy HAMBROCK - 912864</p> <p>Bn HQ at HALLIGDORF 913863</p> <p>Bn remained in position as firm base.</p> <p>Periodic shelling during the day.</p> <p>'OP' established directed mortar fire on enemy posns and the SNIPER section were active during the day, claiming two dead and one wounded.</p> <p>Div Comd visited Bn and went to OP with CO.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	<p>AJMB CWPR</p>
<p>HALLIGDORF 913863</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>0100</p>	<p>Fighting patrol from D Coy went out to general area of houses 907883 and located enemy posns.</p>	

<p>HAMBROCK 912876</p>		<p>1030 Carrier Pl patrolled fwd to 907883 and cleared some houses. CO has ordered one platoon of D Coy to go up and secure this area.</p> <p>1030 B Coy now in area HALLIGDORF and resting pending tonights ops. A Coy resting in HAMBROCK.</p> <p>1100 Ops going well D Coy ordered to move up and establish themselves in area of the houses at 908885. 'A' conc in Hambrock ready to move fwd.</p> <p>1308 Bn HQ established at HAMBROCK.</p> <p>A & D Coys to move fwd and clear the town UELZEN on the EAST BANK of the river up to road 903891 to 910890. C Coy to remain in area 902877 as flank protection.</p> <p>1400 Enemy trying to infiltrate through 'D' Coy with a tank or SP - Tp of tanks being sent up to assist.</p> <p>1425 A Coy moving up on left of D and in line with the river are encountering a certain amount of opposition. This is being dealt with, and 11 PW have been taken.</p> <p>1545 CO went to 'D' and 'A' Coys to get complete situation.</p> <p>1550 Div Comd & Brig arrived.</p> <p>CO infm them that there is a stalemate at present. Tp of [tanks] has moved up to assist D Coy. If enemy cannot be cleared during daylight, advance will be continued by night.</p> <p>1710 A Coy reached final objective, D Coy advancing, situation with "D" Coy is loosening.</p> <p>A Coy now established as follows: 903889 - 901886 - 902885.</p> <p>Both bridges are intact, and are covered by fire.</p> <p>1910 D Coy reached final objective.</p> <p>2050 Div Comd wishes us to send a pl to secure a br head over the river at 903092.</p> <p>2215 7 Pl A Coy moved to secure br head - surprised sentries and firmly established west of river, bridge intact.</p> <p>2230 Advance to continue at 0400 18 APR to secure final obj. at area 903903 & 903900.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	<p>903902?</p> <p>AJMB CWPR</p>
<p>HAMBROCK</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>0400 B & C Coys crossed SL for advance to final obj. During advance 'C' Coy released a no of Brit PW.</p> <p>0545 B Coy on final objective with very little resistance.</p> <p>0625 C Coy on final objective.</p> <p>0705 B Coy report PW on west of river are KOSB and Border Regt captured at ARNHEM.</p>	

UELZEN 905892		1000	Bn HQ moved into UELZEN and established at 905892. Throughout the day B, C & A Coys stood guard along the river running from N to S through UELZEN and as the Boche retreated in front of 46 Bde the Coys opened with accurate fire. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
MOLZEN 9293	19	1000 1300 1500 1700 1730 2100	Harbour Parties moved under the Second in Command to recce a conc area for the Bn at MOLZEN 9293. Coys moved by march route to new area, arriving at approx 1500. Veh column plus Bn HQ moved to MOLZEN. Brig visited Bn. CO attended 'O' Gp at Bde HQ. CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out orders for move to area LUNEBURG. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
MOLZEN 9293 GITKENDORF 883141	20	1000 1015 1430 1605 1700	Bn to move by march route to GITKENDORF 8813, where it will harbour for one night prior to moving to conc area near LUNEBURG. Harbour Pty moved to harbour area under 2IC. Marching personnel passed Bn SP. Veh coln passed SP. Bn HQ est at GITKENDORF 883141. Marching personnel arrived. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
do LUNEBURG 805205	21	0830 0930 1020 1038	Harbour parties under 2IC moved to LUNEBURG to recce conc area for Bn. CO to Bde to discuss pending ops. Marching inf passed SP at 1020 and arrived at new locn by 1230 hrs. Veh coln moved to new locn. Bn conc in a German Cavalry Bks with all coys together. The remainder of the day was spent clearing up the billets. Weather - fair	AJMB CWPR
LUNEBURG	22	0930 1730	CO proceeded on a recce with the Brigadier. The day was spent in organising the Barracks, all Russian PW were moved to a Displaced Persons camp in LUNEBURG. 37 sick Russians, 3 with Typhus, were not fit to be removed. These were conc in one building, which was taped off & guarded. CO held a conf for all Coy Comds. Weather - wet	AJMB CWPR

LUNEBURG	23		<p>The day was spent in training in Coy areas.</p> <p>In the afternoon inter company football was arranged. Vacancies for the Tam O'Shanter Concert Party being allotted to coys for shows at 1500 hrs and 1800 hrs.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer interviewed and congratulated all those who had distinguished themselves during the recent operation.</p> <p>Lieut Col SPARROW from the War Office paid a visit to the Bn.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
LUNEBURG	24	0900	<p>During the morning coys continued to train, the RSM taking coys on drill. During the afternoon inter coy football matches were played. Baths and seats for a cinema were allotted to coys.</p> <p>The Second in Command organised a Bn concert party and rehearsals have begun. It is hoped the concert will be ready for the opening night on Saturday.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
do				
LUNEBURG	25	0900	<p>During the morning coys carried out trg.</p> <p>'A' Coy & Sp prepared for drill competition.</p> <p>'B' Coy fired on the range in the morning and had a cross country run in the afternoon.</p> <p>'C' Coy practised grenade throwing and carried on with weapon trg & PPT.</p> <p>'D' Coy spent the morning on weapon trg, PPT and map reading.</p> <p>'HQ' Coy carried out specialist training by platoons.</p>	
		1400	<p>In the afternoon the Bn played the 8RS at football, score 2 goals each.</p>	
		1900	<p>The Pipe Band played a selection of pipe tunes for half an hour.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
LUNEBURG	26	0930 1030	<p>CO attended a short co-ordinating conference at Bde.</p> <p>CO returned from Bde and ordered a Coy Comds 'O' Gp.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer informed Coy Comds that the Russians were on the R ELBE and that they were pushing North in strength. We will be required to carry out our crossing on the morning of the 27th or 28th. The CO gave out his orders for the operation.</p> <p>All arrangements for drill competition, concerts etc are now cancelled and all coys are preparing for the crossing of the R ELBE.</p> <p>Baths were allotted to coys during the morning. Training programmes continued and coys carried out trg in coy areas.</p> <p>The IO went to Div HQ for a flight in an Air OP and was able to look at the ground over which we will be operating in the pending op.</p> <p>Weather - fair</p>	AJMB CWPR

LUNEBURG	27	1100	Reps from Sp Arms reported to receive orders for the crossing of R ELBE.	
		1200	Bde Op Order recd.	
		1700	CO held Bn 'O' Group and gave out final orders for Op Enterprise, which is the crossing of the R ELBE. 6KOSB as res Bn will pass through 6RSF and capture SCHNAKENBEK 8435 from the SE.	
		1800	The Pipes and Drums under Drum Maj Lyall played retreat at the Cavalry Bks Luneburg.	
		1900	Admin Order for Op "ENTERPRISE" recd.	
		2100	Bn Op and Adm Orders for "ENTERPRISE" issued. Weather - fair, rain during afternoon.	AB CWPR
LUNEBURG	28	0900	Maj JACKSON in the absence of the Commanding Officer addressed the Bn.	
		0930	Orders were given out to Coys for move to the marshalling area and thence to ARTLENBURG, prior to crossing the R ELBE.	
		1500	Marching inf moved to marshalling area. Bn will harbour in area of woods NORTH of ARTLENBURG until dark when it will move to the waiting area in the village. Bn Tac HQ will be est in ARTLENBURG until op is complete.	
		1800	Vehs crossing on LVT ferry moved to marshalling area.	
		2100	Inf moved to waiting area. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ARTLENBURG	29	0200	Assault bns crossed the R ELBE and secured the initial br head.	
		0300	Bn crossed in BUFFALOs in the following order: C - A - B - D - carriers dismounted. On arriving on the north bank coys re-organised in the quarry (8435). Shortly after first light the Bn had secured its obj. SCHNAKENBEK 8435 with the Carrier Pl on the high ground at 8536.	
		0845	Vehs for Cl 40 raft moved to the marshalling area.	
		1445	Orders recd over wireless, as things are going well Bn will capture and occupy KRUKOW 8239 after dark and patrol as far as 8342 at first light. Div will then hold this line to allow 11th Armd to pass through.	
		1815	Infm recd from the SAS that they have patrols in GULZOW 8342 and report it is not held. CO asked the Brigadier if he could move straight to GULZOW and occupy it tonight. Brigadier agreed, and carriers were immediately sent off to take up posns near the village.	
		1900	CO held an 'O' Gp and gave out orders for the move.	
		2000	Bn moved to GULZOW in the following order: C - A - Bn HQ - B - D.	
		2400	Bn completely est in the village.	AB CWPR
SCHNAKENBEK 8435				

<p>GULZOW 8342</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>During the morning patrols were sent off to find out if enemy were in area of WOOD N and NE of GULZOW.</p> <p>1222 'C' Coy contacted 10 HLI on left in WIERSHOP.</p> <p>1240 'B' Coy sent a patrol to KOLLOW 8144 and contacted the RECCE.</p> <p>1315 'D' Coy patrol captured one PW who stated that he was one of a coy of pnrs who had been given the job of blowing the Br in GULZOW, but were too late.</p> <p>1400 Carrier Pl sent out a patrol through the large wood to the north. Held up when leading carrier went up on a mine at 847437.</p> <p>1500 A Coy ordered to move to and secure KOLLOW 8141.</p> <p>1700 Reported in posn.</p> <p>1705 Carriers report a certain amount of opposition from area 853435. Arty to engage this target periodically until 2000 hrs.</p> <p>During the day the LUFTWAFFE was again active over our area, a large proportion being shot down.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	<p>AJMB CWPR</p>
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Unit 6 KOSB

~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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Month and Year MAY 45

Commanding Officer Maj AES JACKSON MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GULZOW 8342	1	0830 0845 0900 1030 1200 1340 1430 1530 1915 2000 2300	May be moving under comd 227 Inf Bde. CO proceeded to 227 Bde HQ at 795377 to discuss move. Coys put at 15 mins notice to move. Bn not now moving under 227 Bde. Will now move to harbour area at Kollow. Bn moved to KOLLOW. General int. Bn is now harboured in KOLLOW 8144 with a view to moving west and securing BRUNSTORF 7847. CO gave out orders for Coy Comds. Tac HQ moved to WORTH sq 7744. B & C Coys moved straight to BRUNSTORF from the direction of WORTH. D Coy advanced northwards to approach BRUNSTORF from NE. The village completely secured and coys est in this area. CO attended Bde 'O' Gp. Bn to be at 30 mins notice from 0900 hrs. Weather - good.	AJMB CWPR
WORTH 7744 BRUNSTORF 7847	2	0800 0950 1005 1446 1520 1545 1800	CO held Bn 'O' Gp and gave out orders for wood clearing operation. General Int. Bn to clear area of wood North of rly round FRIEDRICHSRUH. Bn moved to conc area prior to commencing op. Bde ordered Bn to place a guard on SCHLOSS to safeguard NAZI records as it is believed to have been an HQ of HIMMLER. Coys proceeding well, little opposition. 'C' Coy have found a place with members of SWISS legation. Prince & Princess BISMARCK found in FRIEDRICHSRUH. Coys completed the wood clearing and took up billet posns around FRIEDRICHSRUH. Coys to mount strong guards and have stand to posns reced. Weather - good.	AJMB CWPR
BRUNSTORF 7847				
FRIEDRICHSRUH 7251				

FRIEDRICHSRUH 7251 KRONHORST 6957	3	1025 1200 1300 1400 1800	Bn to move at 1400 hrs to KRONSHORST 6957. Bn recce pty moved to KRONSHORST. Bde passed message all enemy in HAMBURG and dist have surrendered and there will be no firing in this area wef 1300 hrs. Bn moved to KRONHORST. Warning Order recd Bde Gp moving to a conc area at BARGTEHEIDE 6673, details to be issued at 1930 hrs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
DELINGSDORF 664713	4	0950 2100	Bn moved to DELINGSDORF and Bn HQ was est at 664713. Coys proceeded by march route and arrived in billet area by 1630 hrs. On the BBC it was announced that all org resistance had ceased in Holland, Denmark & NW Germany.	
DELINGSDORF 664713	5	0900 0900 1530 1800	Official message was recd from Bde as follows:- Germans surrendered unconditionally at 1840 hrs 4 May 45. Hostilities on all 2nd Army fronts will cease at 0800 hrs 5th May 45. No advance beyond our present locn without orders from Bde HQ. A party of 1 NCO & 2 men per coy proceeded under Capt GER CAREY MC and IO to visit BELSEN Camp. CO went to Bde to get details for the future. The day was generally spent in cleaning of weapons & tidying up. CO, 2IC, Adjt and Coy Comds went to a Bde dinner. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
do	6	1030 1145 1215 1500 1700	Church Service was held for RCs by the Bde RC Padre. The Commanding Officer addressed all Coys and outlined to the troops how the Bn would be employed in the future. Church Service was held for all Pres & CE by the Senior Chaplain. The Commanding Officer held a conf for all Coy Comds. He outlined briefly what his policy would be with regard to trg, recreation etc during the occupation. The Comd Offr spoke to all the WOs and Sgts in the Bn. Weather - good	AJB CWPR
do	7	0900	Coys organised trg and discussion within coys. The afternoon was spent in preparation for the GOCs parade on the 8th May. Weather - good	AJB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	8	1000 1115 1400	The Bn formed up in a hollow sq and the Div and Bde Comds inspected and addressed the Bn. They thanked the Commanding Officer and Offrs, WOs, Sgts and ORs for the great part played by them in securing the peace. The Bn marched past the Div Comd. The remainder of the day was spent in organising and baths. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

DELINGSDORF	9	1730	<p>During the day coys carried out marches, having an hours swimming at the midday halt.</p> <p>The remainder of the day was spent in discussion & baths.</p> <p>In the morning the 2IC and a party proceeded to recce our new area.</p> <p>CO proceeded to conf at Div HQ.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	10	1530 1600 2100	<p>During the morning coys organised trg in coy areas and in the afternoon recreation.</p> <p>CO addressed all Coy Comds and gave further details about the occupation.</p> <p>CO addressed all subalterns.</p> <p>CO attended a conf at Bde to receive instructions about our move to final occupational area.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	11	0900 1400 1730 1900	<p>Coys carried out trg in coy areas. Trg included PPT, discussions, drill under RSM, range firing. The RSM instructed CSMs on coy drill.</p> <p>During the afternoon recreation & games.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer, having visited our new area, gave Coy Comds full details concerning coy locns etc.</p> <p>In the evening two cinema shows were given for the Bn.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
	12	0900 0910	<p>Coy Comds proceeded to recce new areas, as follows: A - ALVESLOHE 4379; B - KALTENKIRCHEN 4685; C - ULZBURG 4879; D - HENSTEDT 4979; Sp - LEEZEN 6588; Bn HQ & HQ Coy - ORSDORF 4885.</p> <p>Coys carried out interior economy. The afternoon was observed as a holiday.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	13	1030 1300 1400	<p>Bn paraded to Bargteheide to attend a Bde Drumhead Church Service.</p> <p>Advance parties proceeded to new areas.</p> <p>Coys ferried troops to lake for bathing.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	14	1000 1230	<p>Bn moved to new area.</p> <p>Bn arrived in final occupational area. Bn area was divided and each coy given an area for which they are responsible. The Coy Comd being the military comd of his own area. Coys were located as follows:- Bn HQ:- 485853 ; A Coy - ALVESLOHE 442793; B Coy - KALTENKIRCHEN 470851; C Coy - ULZBURG 483804; D Coy - HENSTEDT 500797; Sp Coy - LEEZEN 659889.</p> <p>The general intention is that the Bn will settle down to occupy and govern this area. First priority, coys are to search & clear their areas. All PW and PWX to be centralised and controlled.</p>	

			Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	15	0900	Coys having settled in to new billets began their tasks of securing and searching areas. Each Coy Comd interviewed the burgomaster of his own province and gave out his orders with regard to the civilian population. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
do	16	0800	B Coy provided a Ceremonial Quarter Guard for 15(S) Inf Div HQ at AHRENSBURG.	
ORSDORF 485853		0915	All personnel who had received decorations during the North West Europe campaign proceeded under the 2IC to LUBECK to have their photos taken.	
		0930	CO attended a conf at the Mil Govt. HQ at BAD SEGEBURG 690968.	
		1000	Pipes & Drums of the Bde carried out a rehearsal for parade at LUNEBURG on the 18th.	
		1430	CO held a conf for Coy Comds and gave out his policy for the government of areas.	
		1500	Carrier Pl proceeded to HONSTENDORF 881081 to assist in moving PW out of Div area.	
ORSDORF 485853		1700	CO interviewed the COLONEL of Unit of 5 FLAK Div who has a stragglers post in Bn area. General - Coys continued the searching of areas and the locating of PWX and displaced persons. The RSM continued his WOs cadre. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	17	0900	B Coy provided a ceremonial guard for Div HQ.	
		0915	Drum Major Lyall proceeded to 2nd Army HQ LUNEBURG to make arrangements for a programme by the Bde massed bands.	
		1100	Bn Sports Officer, Lt ALLARD attended a sports meeting at Bde. Capt LAMB proceeded to the SCHLOSS at BORSTEL 6283 to prepare a camp for DISPLACED PERSONS. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	18	1045	CO interviewed all Burgomasters in the Bn area and laid down what was expected from them.	
		1000	All Coys carried out a ten mile route march. The pipe band proceeded to 2nd Army HQ at LUNEBURG. Coys carried out recreation in the afternoon.	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	19	0900	Coys carried out admin & interior economy.	
		1000	The CO inspected C Coy followed by D Coy.	
		1600	The Brig visited Bn. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

do	20	1000 1400	Church Services were held by the padre at B, C and Sp Coys, followed by holy communion. 2IC held a messing meeting. Reps from all coys attended. Coys continued searching areas & taking a census of PW & displaced persons. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	21	0900 0945 1000	CO attended conf at 625 Det Mil Gov at BAD SEGEBURG. Coys held one parade in the morning, the remainder of the day being observed as a holiday. The Band of the 8RS visited the Bn and played programmes at KALTENKIRCHEN and ULZBURG. The WTO marked out a 400 yds range and commenced work on butts & targets. 'C' Coy provided a ceremonial quarter guard for Div HQ. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
OERSDORF	22	0900 1000 1830 1900	All coys carried out a ten mile route march. RSM continued with Senior NCOs drill cadre. CO attended a dinner at A Mess at Div HQ. The massed pipes and drums under Drum Maj LYALL played retreat at Div HQ. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
OERSDORF	23	0900	During the morning Coys carried out trg as follows:- A Coy - Drill, PPT and 30 yds range. B Coy - Drill, Highland Dancing & ABCA. C Coy - Drill & discussion. D Coy - Drill, range & house searching. In the afternoon Coys carried out recreation. The RSM continued his Drill Cadre for Senior NCOs. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	24	0900	Coys carried out a complete check of coy areas for DPs & PWX. Trg continued in the morning with recreation in the afternoon.	AB CWPR
do	25	0900 1000 1400	All French PWX and DPs in the Bn area were sent to LUBECK to be transported to France. Coys continued training in coy areas. CO visited the Displaced Persons camp at BORSTEL. In the afternoon and evening an ENSA concert party gave performances at A & D Coys. Weather - good	AB CWPR

do	26	0900 1000 1400 1530	The morning was devoted to admin. CO carried out an adm inspection of 'B' Coy and at 1100 inspected A Coy. The Second in Command inspected HQ Coy. Bn football trial to select Bn team. Ensa concert party gave performance at B Coy and at Sp Coy in the evening. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	27	0830 0930 1030 1100 1400	Padre held Holy Communion at A Coy. Church Service at D Coy. Church Service at HQ Coy. Messing meeting for Bn held by 2IC. Pipe Band played retreat at the Displaced Persons camp at BORSTEL. General - All Dutch, Swiss & Danish PW & Displaced Persons were evac to LUBECK. Baths operated in D Coy area during the day. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	28	0900 1400 1400 2000	Coys carried out trg as follows:- A Coy - Drill, house clearing & driving instr. B Coy - Drill, Lect. Hyg., ABCA & PPT. C Coy - Drill, ABCA & Miniature Range. D Coy - Duty Coy for week. HQ Coy - Drill & PPT. Sp Coy - Veh main & ABCA. Padre took Padre's hour at B Coy. CO held AMGOT Conf for Coy Comds. Bn concert party gave opening performance at D Coy. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	29	0900	During the morning coys carried out route marches. In the evening the Bn concert party gave its second performance. This was attended by the Brigadier and personnel from Bde. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	30	1000 1800	All Coys estd check points and civs & mil personnel were ordered to produce identity cards and passes. Coys continued trg during the morning. Pipe Band played retreat at Sp Coy. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	31	0900 1400	Trg - recreation carried out by Coys. Dance band played a programme at the Displaced Persons camp at Borstel. Weather - good	AB

