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WAR DIARY
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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians
(Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.M. Villiers

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOVE SUSSEX	5	2250	"ADORATION" wef. 0200 6th JUNE 44. Message received from Bde. Complete wireless silence from 0200 hrs.	CNB
	9	1315	Unit Adv party ordered to R.V. Bde HQ. Time of R.V. 1730 hrs. Unit Adv Party Capt W.L. Smith, Lt G.V. Trombetti; 1 sgt from each coy.	CNB
	10	2110 2310	Message recd from EAST SUSS Dist. Offr Rep to HQ East Suss Dist 1200 hrs. 12 MAY. Message from EAST SUSS Dist cancelling first ☉ Rep now to report at 1200 11 MAY.	CNB
HOVE SUSSEX	11	1200 1330 1600	Offr Rep to EAST SUSS DIST ☉ collected movement tables for (1) veh party II Marching Party. 1) Veh party to pass Dist SP PATCHAM X rds at 0240 12 JUNE 2) Marching party to entrain HOVE STA. 1005 hrs 12 JUNE for FALMER Marshalling Area C.O. called Bn "O" Gp at Bn HQ Lt Col Villiers, Capt McNair. Capt R. Downie, Capt Shearer, Capt Bingley, Capt Baldwin, Capt Keenan; Capt M Dunbar, Lt(QM) Bunce; Lt Baird, Lt Parsons, Lt McKay; 2Lt Bailiff, Capt Cook (RACHD), Capt Gibb R.A.M.C. to move with Bn Veh Party ☉ Remainder of Bn Officers in Marching Party. Major E.P. Walker in Command. Coy Comds at Bn HQ and briefed for forthcoming Ops. To land in 21 AGp. front ☉ Concentration areas for troops not yet known.	CNB APP / A1. CNB
EAST HAM	12	0240 1000	Bn Veh party crossed dist S.P. PATCHAM X rds en route for Marshalling Area. Bn Veh Party arrived T.5. Marshalling area EAST HAM LONDON.	CNB CNB
	13		Veh party still located T.5. Camp.	
	14	1445	Orders for Veh party to move to embarkation area for ship T.49. at WEST INDIA DOCKS.	CNB
LONDON	15	0915 1500 1700	Tpt commenced loading on M.T.S.63. Tpt completed loading programme. Troops embarked on M.T.S.63. along with HQ 46 INF Bde Lt Col TM Villiers O.C. tps.	CNB CNB CNB

		1900 2350	MTS.63. sailed from W. India Dock ⊙ The morale of men very high. M.T.S.63 dropped anchor off SOUTHEND awaiting convoy forming up ⊙ Air Raid commenced at approx same time ⊙ German a/c came in low but concentrated on ground targets on either side of estuary. STAND TO until 0015 hrs.	CNB
SEA	16	2000	Convoy passed boom 2000.	
	17	2029	Ship dropped anchor 2 miles off ARROMANCHES Ref Map 1/50,000 Sht 7E/6.	CNB
	18		Ship awaiting discharge ⊙ During night 17/18 heavy storm started. Therefore cargo could not be discharged.	CNB
	19		Weather:- storm still same ⊙ Cargo not discharged.	CNB
	20		Weather:- storm still same ⊙ Cargo cannot be discharged.	CNB
	21		Weather:- storm still same ⊙ Cargo cannot be discharged. Deck sports organised for troops ⊙ Morale still high.	CNB CNB
	22		Weather:- storm abating ⊙ C.O. taken ashore on orders from A/GP for briefing at 1735 hrs.	CNB
	23	1200 1500	L.S.Ts arrived MTS 63 and commenced unloading. L.S.T. left ship TS 63 and made for beach where tpt was unloaded at 1600 hrs. During evening of 23, tpt arrived in area 857794 ref map CAEN sht 7F/1, which was Bn Concentration area. This was joining of Vehicle and Marching parties.	CNB CNB
VIENNE DE BESSIN 7F/1.	24	1400 1600 1800 2240	C.O. at Bde "O" Gp ⊙ recd orders that Bn would be at 2 hours notice from 1600 hrs 24 to move to Assembly Area in SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN. Ref Map CAEN Sht 7F/1 (920745). Move confirmed to Assembly Area. C.O. "O" GP. Instructions as per Op Epsom Instruction No 1. Bn tpt passed Bde S.P. for assembly area. For locations see APP. B.	CNB APP. E. APP. A APP. B. CNB CNB
REF 920745	25	1200	Op Epsom 46 Inf Bde Movement Order No 2 received.	APP. C CNB
LE MESNIL PATRY	26	0100 0140 0730 1005 1100	Bn tpt moved from assembly area SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN to F.A.A. LE MESNIL-PATRY. Marching personnel moved off & crossed Bde S.P. for F.A.A. Operation Epsom R.A. fire plan 8 Corps. Bn strength 36 officers incl attch. and 815 OR. Bn crossed S.L. for attack on Le HAUT-DU-BOSQ order of march and line of adv. as in App. E. Leading coys reached road FONTENAY-LE-PESNIL to MARCELET. Leading coys now B & C, D in reserve. A Coy suffered heavy casualties and C.O. directed C Coy to take over adv. Entered Le HAUT DU BOSQ with coys in areas as shown in APP. E.	APP. B. APP. D. CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB

		1300	3 Prisoners of 12 S.S. PZ. Div captured in this area 1 offr & 2 ORs. Bn firmly established in LE-HAUT-DU BOSQ with locations as shown in APP. E. ☉ Enemy snipers in action.	CNB
		1800	Representatives from the 5 D.C.L.I reported this HQ to recce Bn def. re taking over on 27 JUNE to enable 9th Cameronians to adv to next obj. Location of neighbouring units. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on our left in CHEUX with 7 SEAFORTH in reserve. 227 Bde in Div reserve and reported to be making attack from area in front of CHEUX to capture high ground ring contour 100 L.O.B. sent for by C.O. at this time ☉ Casualties ORs. not yet known. Officers Major E.P. Walker (2I/C Bn), Major T.D. Scott (A Coy Comd), Major A.S.B. Leggat (C Coy Comd) wounded in action, Lt D. McWilliam. Missing:- Lt P.D. McGregor; Lt L.H. Paff; Lt G.A. McDermott.	CNB CNB See APP. E. CNB
LE HAUT-DU-BOSQ	27 JUN	0600	Bn still located area LE-HAUT-DU-BOSQ. 5 D.C.L.I. commencing to take over Bn area. Bn withdrawing about 1000 yds to prepare move to new objective. Bn strength now 29 off. and 691 OR.	See APP. E.
		1100	Bn now in area 906674 to re-organise for next attack. C.O. "O" GP. in progress, with a view to preventing any enemy movements eastwards through GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON. Bn to move on Sqn of CHURCHILL tanks to obj. Order of march D.A.B.C. coys ☉ Major J.H. LAW now assumes 2I/C Bn ☉ Capt W.L. SMITH O.C. D Coy, Capt J.C. SHEARER O.C. "A" Coy, CAPT S. BINGLEY O.C. "C" Coy, MAJOR TWEEDALE HOLLAND still commands "B" Coy.	CNB CNB
		1930	Bn arrived EASTERN edge GRAINVILLE	
		1715	Bn moved off for area GRAINVILLE SUR ODON	
		1930	Bn arrived EASTERN edge GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON ☉ Found a SQN of FIFE & FORFAR YEOMANRY in tks ☉ They reported believed village clear, but possibility of tanks.	CNB
		2000	D Coy Sp by two tps, 7 R.T.R. attacked village ☉ Enemy opposition unexpectedly heavy and 3 tanks 7 R.T.R. knocked out by enemy tks in village ☉ "D" Coy reached objective but unable to hold in view of enemy strength identified as 4 TIGER TANKS and snipers.	CNB
		2200	"D" Coy and tks ordered to withdraw to EAST edge of village and take up defensive position facing WEST. Casualties 8 OR. Capt W. Leggat-Smith and Capt Cook R.A.Ch.D. went into GRAINVILLE and brought out two casualties. Bn now located along RLY COLLEVILLE-GRAINVILLE on SOUTHERN edge with "A" Coy left Pt 916644	CNB for map refs see APP. E.

			⊙ "B" Coy 918645 ⊙ "C" Coy on local protection of tanks at 920648 ⊙ "D" Coy in reserve at WOOD 923648. Bn HQ Pt 916645.	CNB
As at evening of 27 JUNE	28	0900	C.O. held "O" GP for attack on GRAINVILLE ⊙ Plan "B" Coy Fire coy, main effort right flanking with C & D coys; one tp 7 R.T.R. to protect right flank; This attack was never started owing to enemy action against our F.U.P. and S.L.	CNB
		1100	C.O. second "O" GP with new plan ⊙ B Coy fire coy; C & D Coys frontal attack; Sp by 10 minutes concentration by one Fd Regt.	CNB
		1215	Zero hour for attack ⊙ "C" Coy held up by tanks on Rly embankment. "C" Coy found way round and both fwd coys reached objective.	CNB
		1300	Mopping up proceeding ⊙ Enemy tank destroyed by CHURCHILL tk.	CNB
		1400	"C" Coy exploits to FM beyond objective and located two enemy tks. Bn consolidates ground gained.	CNB
		1500	Bn located GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON ⊙ No enemy action or counter attacks on our front ⊙ On left bursts of M.G. Casualties during this action still not accurate ⊙ Bn strength now stands 27 off and 670 OR. Killed in action Capt W.K. Keenan. Wounded Lieut FAIRHURST.	APP. "E" CNB
		1930	Reinforcements arrived. Capt SUMMER SMITH, Capt GANDER, Lieut KIRBY and 28 OR.	CNB
GRAINVILLE	29	0800	6 KOSB (44 Bde) moved to our right flank and facing SOUTH.	CNB
		0830	Bn area subjected to intense arty and mortar fire for some hours ⊙ About 30 casualties suffered.	CNB
		1300	7 SEAFORTH on our left flank attacked by inf and tks and one coy overrun.	CNB
		1600	Enemy inf attacked "C" Coy position and reached Coy H.Q. where killed ⊙ Enemy tks and M.G.s fired at very long range.	CNB
		1800	Enemy tks infiltrated between Bn and 7 SEAFORTH and subjected village to heavy firing ⊙ Tk eventually withdrew.	
		2000	"B" Coy moved up to reinforce "C" Coy ⊙ One coy 10 H.L.I. placed under command and took over "B" Coy position in reserve. Strength of Bn 28 off & 669 OR.	CNB
GRAINVILE	30		Bn located same area ⊙ Positions being strengthened to meet possibility of counter attack from S.W. During day Bn area subjected to shelling and mortaring. Casualties still being inflicted ⊙ ARTY given instructions that counter BTY work of first priority. Strength of Bn now stands 24 off 553 OR. Killed in action LIEUT J.W. DUXBURY.	

			WOUNDED Major J.H. Law; Capt W LEGGAT SMITH.	CNB
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GRAINVILLE SUR ODON	1	0515 0700	Bn handing over Coy locations at GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON to 158 Bde 53 Div as per APP A/1-2-3. During evening of 30th at last light, Bn positions should have been relieved. This was delayed owing to congestion of traffic routes and handing over was completed at 0530 when Bn Veh and Marching parties left GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON for area LES SAULLETS 900704. Bn arrived area LES SAULLETS 900704, and spent remainder of day resting.	APP. A1. CNB " A2. CNB CNB CNB
	2	0915 1015	0 Gp at Bn H.Q. for local defence ☉ All weapons to be sited and dug in by morning of 3 JULY ☉ Coy comds to recce areas allocated. Memorial Church parade for men fallen in action. Brig C.M. Barber D.S.O was present at this service and complimented troops on their fine action during last operation. Remainder of day spent in adm and re-organising Coys and specialist Pl.	CNB CNB CNB
	3	0800 1100	Coys in defence areas and completing digging weapon slits. Major General G.H.A. MacMillan K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C. comd 15(S) Div visited Bn and complimented Bn on its fine spirit and actions during last operation.	CNB
	4		Bn still located LES SAULLETS ☉ Training being carried out on lessons learned during last action.	
	5	1100	Rfts arrived Bn from 32 R.H.U. 5 off 118 OR. CDN.257 Lt Miller CDN.359 Lt Russell CDN346 Lt McEwan CDN267 Lt R.V. Thompson and posted to Coys as shown on AF 3008.	CNB CNB
	6	 1400 1600	Training carried out in area re lessons learned in last action. Also adm. and generally bringing Bn to War Standard again. 46 Bde Op Instr. No 5 issued. Commanding Officer to 6 KOSB to visit General Sir Bernard Montgomery. 1 off rft arrived from 32 RHU. 273225 Lt O.C Muir.	APP A4 CNB

		1700	C.O. "O" Gp ☉ Gave Coy comd the general position in NORMANDY from information given by General Sir Bernard Montgomery.	CNB
		2200	Message from Brig C.M. Barber comd 46 Bde. Possibility of Bn relieving 159 Bde of 53 Div on FRIDAY 7 JULY 44. Bn recce Gp would be prepared to move at short notice after 1200 hrs 7 JULY 44.	CNB
	7	0800	Ref last message of 2200 hrs 6 JULY. Now cancelled. Bn remains present location.	CNB
LES SAULLETS	8	0900 1100	C.O. at Bde HQ for next op. C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp at pt 920654 where briefed by Brig CM Barber ☉ 46 Inf Bde to come under comd 43 DIV for their attack on R ODON S.W. of CAEN ☉ 9th CAMERONIANS to advance behind 4th DORSETS and relieve them on their objective ETTERVILLE 9864. 7 SEAFORTH - ORCHARDS 9865. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS ROCRENIL 982647. Bn to remain present location until morning 10 JULY 44. F.A.A. area MOUEN 9365. F.U.P. FONTAINE ETOUPEFOUR 9664. Remainder of day spent in recce routes and areas.	CNB APP A/4B CNB CNB
	9	1130	C.O. 'O' Gp. Bn to move 0215 hrs 10 JULY for MOUEN. Zero hour for 43 Div attack 0500 ☉ Bn to be prepared to move to take over ETTERVILLE at 0700. C.O. recce Gp to R.V. CHURCH in FONTAINE-ETOUPEFOUR then to move fwd to ETTERVILLE ☉ Remainder of Bn then would be brought up when required by Wireless.	CNB CNB
	10	0215 0430 0715 0915 1030 1830 2000	Bn marching and veh parties passed S.P. for F.A.A. (MOUEN). Bn arrived area MOUEN. Bn left MOUEN for F.U.P. Bn now in F.U.P. area NE edge of FONTAINE-ETOUPEFOUR and commenced digging in. This area was being heavily mortared and shelled and Bn suffered many casualties ☉ Commanding Officer had now moved fwd to ETTERVILLE. Bn now moved Fwd to ETTERVILLE and took over Coy localities as shown in APP. Immediately Bn was in position they were engaged by hy mortar and shell fire ☉ This continued throughout the day and casualties were still inflicted. Information received that the Bn of the 43 DIV whose obj was MALTOT had been counter attacked and pushed back to area CHAU DE FONTAINE and that counter attacks could be expected on our front. Recce party from 'C' Coy under MAJ. BINGLEY went FWD through 'B' Coy to ORCHARD where they were observed and fired on by enemy tanks ☉ Major Bingley was wounded in the arm.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB

		2230 2300	This information was reported to Bn HQ and Coys ordered to "STAND TO" ☉ About this time Lt Col RM Villiers was wounded by shrapnel from a mortar bomb on the forehead. He still carried on commanding the Bn ☉ Mjr Downie comd 'B' Coy was wounded; MAJOR CLARKE WOUNDED and evacuated. Major Bingley, whose wound was NOT serious took over 2I/C Bn. B Coy reported an enemy recce party strength 6 fwd of their Coy position ☉ They were engaged by a tank and destroyed. Enemy patrol spotted by A & B Coys approx 40-50 strong sup by 3-4 tanks on A Coy right flank ☉ Tanks engaged by SHERMANS and three knocked out ☉ At this time several of the houses in the village were set alight by enemy shell fire and visibility was very good. The enemy inf still adv. and made strong efforts to infiltrate between A & B Coys who accounted for 20 & 12 enemy respectively. The remainder did manage to infiltrate, but D Coy opened on them and hit a further two. The enemy inf then laid a smoke screen and retired under cover of it. During the remainder of the night mortar and shelling by enemy was continuous.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
	11	0130 0200 0830	Major Davies of the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS arrived to take over command of the Bn, as Lt Col R.M. Villiers was by this time beginning to feel the effects of the wound on his forehead. At approx the same time one of the Bn signallers arrived at Bn HQ and said that he had been to D Coy HQ and that it was deserted, the only person being the Coy comd Captain Baldwin who was lying in a slit trench moaning. Carrier patrol sent out on foot to D Coy area consisting of 1 sgt (BALDWIN) and 1 sec. who occupied D Coy area and discovered that 18 pl was still in position. This was reported to C.O. and he sent out another carrier sec to thicken up the defence. This was about 0245 hrs. The situation at this time was confused and Mjr DAVIES asked permission from BRIG. C.M. BARBER for 1 Coy of GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS to be sent to Bn, to generally secure the position ☉ This was granted at 0350 and Glasgow HIGHLANDERS (1 Coy) arrived at 0500 and 1 pl was sent to 'D' Coy to take over from CARRIER SECT. The remainder were kept in reserve awaiting the expected counter attack. In the evening of the 10th JULY the C.O. ordered 'C' Coy to move to ORCHARD as shown in APP during darkness. By daylight 'C' Coy had dug in in this area and at 0600 hrs a small party of enemy was seen ☉ Five were shot and the officer I/C surrendered. 'C' Coy spotted enemy tanks to their front ☉ One moved towards B Coy and was engaged with P.I.A.T. The tanks slowed down and turned	CNB CNB CNB

			about, and went up in flames, whether from B Coys hit or arty fire which had been called for, they could NOT say ☉ The crew who crawled out were shot at by Rfn LONG of 'C' Coy and two were hit ☉ A second tank approached to within 70 yards and machine gunned 'C' Coy area. This tank was also engaged by P.I.A.T. bombs but they missed. However it had the effect of making the tank withdraw. The tanks were then observed to be supported by Inf who appeared in front of 'C' Coy area at the far end of ORCHARD ☉ Rfn LONG shot two and was then wounded himself ☉ Cpl Lorimer with his section then led a bayonet charge through the orchard and killed five enemy. They then laid a smoke screen under cover of which their remaining tanks moved round to the Coys flank. One of these tanks came close to the Coys position and Rfn Brandon shot the tank commander through the head, as he was looking out of the CUPOLA. The tanks then withdrew.	CNB
		0900	Brig. C.M. Barber directed that the 2 G.H. would relieve the 9th Cameronians as soon as possible. By this time Lt Col R.M. Villiers had recovered from his wound and resumed comd of the Bn again.	CNB
		1030	Reports from B & C Coys showed that another counter attack was developing on this front. This attack was allowed to come to within 100 yds of 'C' Coy position when it was engaged by all 'C' Coys weapons. The attack was repulsed and the main body withdrew leaving 4 secs dead. Lt Quinn who was now comd 'C' Coy reported a minimum of 120 enemy killed and wounded in the orchard. This was confirmed by the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS when they took over. None of the enemy got past 'C' Coy positions.	CNB CNB
		1230	2 G.H. recce party arrived area and shown over coy locations.	
		1430	2 GH arrived and took over Bn area. During the hand over all Bn posns continued to be heavily shelled. In the Bn area 5 enemy tanks (3 MK VI and 2 MK IV or V) were knocked out and a minimum of 160 Huns killed or wounded ☉ 2 off and 10 OR were taken prisoner some of which were handed over to 2 G.H.	CNB
		1500	Bn now in pos. at ROCRENIL 980658 in reserve to 2 G.H. at ETTERVILLE. During remainder of day enemy continued to engage Bn area with mortar and shell fire ☉ Casualties still being inflicted.	
		1900	Order received from 46 Bde HQ that Bde was being relieved by 4 CDN Bde.	APP A/5. CNB
	12	0250	4th ESSEX Regt arrived Bn area and commenced to take over area.	CNB
		0330	Coys being relieved and making own way to embussing point.	CNB
		0440	Bn relief complete and en route for area SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN rest area.	CNB

		0800	Bn now in rest area. Casualties during this action: Killed Capt Evans; wounded MAJOR S. BINGLEY, Major R. DOWNIE; Capt Baldwin, Capt COOK RACHD, Lt Kirby; Lt Muir; Lieut Barnes. Other ranks 12 killed; 101 wounded; 26 missing. Message from Bde saying No move before evening of 15/16 JULY, at which time Bn would move to F.A.A. for next attack S.W. of BARON ☉ To come under comd of 12 Corps for this operation. Major Mullen H.L.I. arrived Bn and assumed second in command.	CNB CNB
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN	13		Bn located rest area. 2I/C recce F.A.A. MOUEN 9465 for forthcoming op.	CNB
	14		Bn still located SECQUEVILLE ☉ Major TWEEDALE-HOLLAND returned to Bn and assumed comd of 'C' Coy as Bn was now down to 3 Coy organisation, "A", "C", "D" Coys.	CNB
		2300	46(H) Inf Bde 0.0. No 3 for Op. GREENLINE received.	APP A/6
	15		Location same	CNB
		1100	Coy comd at briefing conference Bde HQ.	APP A/6A
		1115	46(H) Inf Bde move order No 3 received.	APP A/6/B
			46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 3 received and movement inst. FWD of F.A.A.	CNB
		2000	Marching party left area for MOUEN concentration area.	CNB
		2045	Bn Veh party left for Area MOUEN.	CNB
		2300	Bn arrived area MOUEN.	CNB
MOUEN	16	0400	1 coy ordered to "STAND TO" to be prepared to assist 227 Bde, at 30 mins notice to move.	CNB
		0900	Order received that 30 mins notice Now cancelled. During night of 16th area was bombed by enemy planes. No casualties inflicted. The operation as a whole had proceeded to plan and 2 GH had captured ESQUAY thus allowing 44 INF Bde to pass through to their obj FORTH and MELROSE. 227 Bde reached FORTH with 2 coys GORDONS on FORTH and 2 coys on MELROSE ☉ Codeword KNIFE (EVRECY) proved to be a harder task and 158(W) Bde who were responsible for capturing it were halted 800 yds EAST of OBJ.	CNB
MOUEN	17		Bn location same; still in Bde reserve.	CNB
		1430	Bn recce party left for GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON to take over from 1/5 LANC FUSILIERS of 43 DIV 1/5 EAST LANCS.	A/7 CNB
		1600	Bn commander to arrive in GRAINVILLE and went to areas as shown in APP A/7.	
		1630	Hand over complete. Adm. Inst No4 received from 46(H) Inf Bde.	A/8
GRAINVILLE- SUR-ODON			Bn still located GRAINVILLE ☉ At 2330 hrs 17 JULY enemy planes bombed area, and inflicted casualties on Carrier Pl, 1 OR Killed.	CNB

	19		Location still same ⊙ 7 SEAFORTH now located LE VOLTRU with 2 GH in area MONDRAINVILLE ⊙ Remainder of 15(S) Div still on obj of OP. GREENLINE.	CNB
	20	0600	Situation unchanged. Bn now carrying out training on lessons learned during recent OPs.	CNB
	21	0600	Situation still unchanged. 227 & 44 Bdes now located NORTH & SOUTH of CHEUX respectively.	CNB
	22	0600 1800	Situation unchanged on Bn front. Message from Bde HQ for Recce parties to be prepared to move at 1100 hrs 23 JULY. C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp, when orders for move to area ST PAUL DU VERNAY 7470 were received.	APP A/9
	23	1130 1730 1900	Situation unchanged. Bn moved off from GRAINVILLE for area ST PAUL DU VERNAY 7470. Bn arrived area ST PAUL DU VERNAY and concentrated in WOODS to the EAST.	CNB
ST PAUL DU VERNAY	24		Bn still concentrated in WOODS at ST PAUL DU VERNAY and generally resting.	CNB
	25		Bn location same ⊙ All coy comds and specialist Pl comds at Brig CM Barber conference on use of INF weapons.	CNB
	26	1300 2000 2200	C.O. at 'O' Gp for move to relieve 44 INF Bde in area WEST of CAUMONT ⊙ Bn to relieve 6 RSF during 26 JULY. Bn left for area VILLENEUVE 694591. Bn arrived area VILLENEUVE and commenced taking over Bn area from 6 RSF ⊙ Complete by 2345 hrs.	APP A/11 CNB CNB
VILLENEUVE 694591	27	0600	Bn located VILLENEUVE ⊙ Situation normal during night 26/27 ⊙ No enemy activity on Bn front ⊙ For coy localities see APP A/10.	CNB A/10
	28	0600	Situation unchanged ⊙ One recce patrol out from 2330-0300 27/28 to discover if any enemy in area of Houses at LE BOUGY. For patrol activity see APP A/12. During day 28 snipers were reported in D Coy area and Bn snipers were sent out to deal with this situation. The situation was under control until 1730 hours when enemy about 12 strong forced one of our OPs to withdraw. One sec was sent out to clear enemy but they were too strong and after a sharp encounter our sec withdrew leaving two casualties ⊙ A number of unsuccessful attempts were made to bring in our casualties by Capt GL Allan and a stretcher bearing party ⊙ Snipers were also sent out but could NOT be cleared. At 2000 Bde ordered this area to be cleared before last light.	CNB

		2015	Order received from 46(H) Bde for harbour Party to R.V. at Bde HQ to recce New area LE MESNIL 718643. This area was occupied by 44 Bde. Bn being relieved by 6 R.S.F. to take place immediately.	CNB
		2100	6 RSF recce party arrived.	
		2240	'D' & 'C' Coy commenced to clear ORCHARD 693593 where snipers located.	CNB
		2300	Coys of 6 RSF arrived Bn area and hand over taking place.	CNB
	29	0145	Bn on move to area LE MESNIL and arrived 0530.	
		0830	Bn under command 227(H) Inf Bde for op "BLUECOAT". C.O. at 227 Bde for 'O' GP re OP. BLUECOAT. Bn to capture SEPT VENTS to enable remainder of 15(S) Div to pass through ☉ Remainder of day spent in recce by Coy cmd.	CNB
		1100	'O' GP held at OP in CAUMONT. A & B fwd coys in reserve C & D. See APP A/13 for obj.	A/13 CNB
		2300	'H' hour NOT yet known. Hy bomber effort expected, therefore weather deciding factor. 46(H) Inf Bde OP instr No3 OP BLUECOAT received.	APP A/14 CNB
LE MESNIL	30	0230	Bn left area LE MESNIL for area 702594 which is F.U.P. for attack on SEPT VENTS PHASE I OP BLUECOAT.	CNB
		0310	Bn arrived F.U.P. at 0410. H hour for attack 0700 hrs.	CNB
		0530	C.O. 'O' GP. called and final pts cleared up.	CNB
		0704	A & B coys crossed S.L. for attack on SEPT VENTS ☉ As soon as they crossed S.L. enemy mortar and ARTY opened on them and a number of casualties were inflicted.	CNB
		0900	Coys moving fwd to obj ☉ Enemy opposition in SEPT VENTS.	
		1000	Coys still pushing Fwd with 'A' Coy on obj, 'D' Coy on left about 500 yds NORTH of obj, coy cmd Major P. CLARKE being injured and evacuated. Lt Russell assumed cmd of Coy ☉ 'B' Coy held up about 300 yds NORTH of CHURCH in SEPT VENTS ☉ C Coy out of communication with Bn. During this op a number of A/TK mines were encountered and this held up the adv of 4 TK Gren Gds and they suffered a number of cas. in TKs knocked out. This also held up wheels and tracks of the Bn from adv. R.E's and FLAILS were used to clear the area and at 1100 hrs Bn wheels moved Fwd to Edge of SEPT VENTS. In the meantime 'B' Coy who were held up commenced mopping up area CHURCH with SUP of GREN GDS ☉ A Coy moved fwd to occupy D Coys original obj. Also in communication with 'C' Coy who were on their obj.	CNB
		1230	Area finally cleared and Phase II Op Bluecoat now in progress. See APP A15 for coy LOCALITIES.	A/15

		1930	Prisoners of War taken in this OP in and around Bn area numbered 3 off and 148 ORs of 452 INF REGT.	CNB
		2100	Bn ordered to move to area ORCH 693534 to be prepared to counter attack obj gained in PHASE II by 2 GH. Bn now under comd 46(H) Bde.	CNB
		2230	Recce gp left for area ORCH 693534 and C.O. decided Bn would concentrate for night in area 690538.	CNB
			Bn commenced arriving in new area.	CNB
	31	0600	Situation unchanged ☉ C.O. decided to move Bn to ORCH 693524 to enable Bn to counter attack area occupied by 2 GH.	CNB
		1030	Bn now concentrated in area ORCH 693524.	CNB
		1152	Probably one coy required to move to ST MARTIN DES BESAGES further instrs by L.O. ☉ 11 armd now in ST MARTIN.	
			This message was cancelled by L.O. at 1210 when 2 coys to area LAUNAY 6851 and possibly 2 coys to centre of ST MARTIN when cleared by 11 ARMD ☉ From then onwards situation continually changed and orders were varied ☉ At 1430 hrs 'D' Coy moved to ST MARTIN and remainder of Bn concentrated LAUX HOMMES 682517.	CNB
		1900	Bn given permission to remain concentrated in area LAUX HOMMES with task of counter attacking 2 GH positions.	APP A/16
			Casualties during JULY see APP A/16	A/16 CNB

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians
(Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year AUGUST 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.M. Villiers

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LAUX HOMMES	1	1300	Bn still located LAUX HOMMES. SITREP as at 0100 hrs 1 AUG 44. Brig Comdr visited Bn and ordered Bn to clear and occupy area SOUTH of spec height 3.00 with one coy in GALET & one coy in LA MANCELLIERE.	APP/A/1 CNB
		1400	C.O. 'O' Gp. "A", "D" Coy would be 2 FWD Coys clearing from area ST MARTIN X rds whilst "B" & "C" Coy would be in reserve at RLY 675509. In sup to Bn 'C' Sqn, 15 Div recce and 1 sqn GREN. GUARDS. The recce SQN to move two tps, one in front of each leading Coy. H hour 1730 hrs.	CNB
		1600	Brig Comdr visited Bn and plan was changed slightly. Bn would now clear area with all coys concentrated in ST MARTIN, instead of 2 coys being on Rly 675509. Remainder of plan unchanged @ H hour now 1845.	CNB
		1845	Recce sqn leading tp crossed S.L. ST MARTIN and proceeded down rds to MANCELLIERE and GALET.	
		1855	"D" Coy followed on behind recce tp on SOUTH ROAD to LA MANCELLIERE.	CNB
		1905	'A' Coy followed behind 2 sqn recce to GALET. Their task was to clear all enemy from this area. B & C Coys held in reserve at Pt 673305 along with 1 sqn GREN. GUARDS.	CNB
		2145	A & D coys on objectives and area reported clear of all enemy. Recce sqn contacted slight enemy resistance on both routes but this was quickly overcome. Except for 1 A/TK gun (88MM) and 2 M.G. at Pt 696490.	CNB
			B, C, Bn HQ now proceeded to their respective locations, see attached map.	
	2	0600	Bn still located as per map @ Situation normal NO enemy action during night. Patrol sent out to clear situation Re - enemy A/TK gun and MG.	
		1030	Patrol returned and reported that enemy weapons had withdrawn. Remainder of Bn generally occupied in clearing areas in Coy localities.	CNB CNB

		1815	C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp.	
	3	0600	Situation unchanged. No enemy action. Bn still located Bde now in Div Reserve. 7 SEAFORTH location now CHURCH 703446.	
QUARRY	4	0600 1930 2215 2245	Bn located GALET situation unchanged. L.O. from 46 Bde with orders for Bn to move to area QUARRY and take up defensive position on left of 2 G.H. This was to secure this position as a firm base as the 7 SEAFORTH had moved into CHURCH 703446 and this QUARRY was considered too large an area for the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS to hold. Bn now located Quarry with Coys shown as attached map. Message received from Bde that Lt Col Villiers would report to Bde HQ immediately and assume Comd of 46 Bde. Major C Mullen assumed comd of Bn.	CNB APP A/2 CNB CNB
QUARRY	5	0630 1300 1500	Situation unchanged. 'O' Gp at Bn HQ for move to area. Bde 'O' Gp at ST PIERRE TARENTAN for occupation of high ground. Bn arrived new area at 1710 with COYs as shown on attached map. This area had already been occupied by our forces and Bn took over on a firm base principle.	CNB CNB APP A/2A
	6 6	0600 2045 2100 0100 0730 0900	Situation unchanged. 'O' GP called for to R.V. at MANCELLIERE to meet Brig R.M. Villiers. Brig Comd and C.O. went off to recce new area EAST of MANCELLIERE. Bde 'O' Gp at ST PIERRE TARENTAN when Bn given task of occupying high ground. No enemy were expected in this area and it was an adv to contact with 9th Cameronians capturing height to allow remainder of Bde to push fwd to LASSY with 227 Bde making for VASSY. H Hour 0730 hrs. Bn now concentrated NORTH of LA BRUYERE. A & B Coys crossed SL and proceeded SOUTH to BR 796411. A & B Coys reported reached Bridge and that Bridge although blown would support passage of vehs. 'B' Coy continued to make for its objective which was high ground in sq 7940 ☉ A Coy on high ground at NW corner of sq 7940, to be relieved by a coy of the 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on commencement of PHASE II ☉ Bn HQ at this time carried on down route to BRIDGE 796411 and took up position beside small copse on NORTH side of track at Bridge ☉ The tanks who were in support of 'B' Coy became jammed at BR and 'B' Coy carried on without them ☉ After about half an hour the commanding officer decided to send the remaining two tanks plus a pl of D Coy (RESERVE) EAST along track to the village of GOURNAY to try and contact "B" Coy. This party set off and almost immediately "B" Coy	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB

			returned to BR and Commanding Officer brought Pl of "D" Coy back and ordered 'B' Coy to carry on and exploit through GOURNAY. During this time there was intermittent MG fire from enemy in the area of Bridge. At about 1030 hrs 'B' Coy supported by 2 tanks had reached village of GOURNAY ☉ And leading Pl had cleared first line of houses, when enemy opened up with mortars and heavy M.G fire. 'B' Coy suffered fairly heavy casualties from this and were forced to withdraw to line of road ☉ 'C' Coy who moved up the right of the feature SE of BRIDGE had reached Pt 794405 when they were met by the same accurate M.G and Mortar fire. Bn HQ had also been engaged three times with Mortar fire and 'D' Coy had moved to the NORTH end of copse beside BN HQ. This mortar fire had inflicted a number of casualties on 'D' Coy ☉ About 1230 hrs the enemy who seemed to have excellent observation on Bn HQ dropped six mortar bombs in and around Bn HQ killing five and wounding 12 ☉ After this Commanding Officer decided to move Bn HQ to the rear at pt 783411. Enemy mortar fire continued to fall in Bn area and during this time casualties were evacuated from Bn HQ and D Coy who had received worst casualties. L/Sgt Aitken of the signal Pl did excellent work during this evacuation. At 1500 coys had moved to locations as shown on map and held ground in vicinity. The tanks had moved to the EAST in area 803401 and protected the left flank. Mortar fire still fell on Bn area, but not quite so accurate. The second phase of the attack had now started and the 7 SEAFORTH had pushed forward to the outskirts of LASSY where they encountered the same heavy mortar and arty fire. The 2 GH were on the high ground in AREA BOIS DES MONTS. 1800 Bn still located same area, no change in situation. Mortar & arty fire still intense but NOT accurate. 2025 Harbour parties called for, to move to area LA DRUERIE 7641 NOT to move before 2300 hrs, followed by 7 SEAFORTH, and 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS, who would occupy areas as shown on map. 2300 Bn marching and Veh parties left area BRIDGE and moved off for LA DRUERIE 7641 and arrived at 0045 hrs and took up positions as shown on map.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
LA DRUERIE 7641	7	0600	Situation normal. Enemy seemed to be under impression that the Bde were still in area Bridge as he shelled it continually during night. Casualties during battle of Bridge - 5 Officers wounded 12 OR killed, 65 wounded; 25 missing.	CNB

			No enemy actively observed during day although continually shelled LA CAVERIE cross roads 769405 causing a few casualties to the 7 SEAFORTH. The whole of the Bde area was under enemy observation therefore movement was very restricted.	CNB
	8	0600 1410	Situation normal. No enemy activity during night although still continued to shell cross roads at LA CAVERIE. Two enemy tanks observed 800 yds from Bn area in LA CAVERIE cross roads ☉ They were immediately engaged by the 17 pdr in Bn area. Both tanks were knocked out with four shots from this gun. No enemy infantry observed in support of tanks so it can only be presumed that they were on recce. Remainder of day no activity. Bn now on defensive and given primary object of observing, patrolling, whilst Div Arty would concentrate on destroying enemy MORTARS and ARTY.	CNB CNB
	9	0600	Location same, situation unchanged. 46 Bde Inf OP instr No 9.	APP A/2
	10	0600	Location same; situation unchanged ☉ 43 Div now reported in line with 15(S) Div on EAST flank. This stopped a certain amount of shelling on Bn area.	
	11	0600 0900 1145 1430	Situation unchanged. Lt Col Sir E.M.A. Bradford BT arrived and assumed comd of Bn ☉ Major D.C. Mullen assumed 2 I/C. Bde 'O' Gp. Bn 'O' Gp giving future operation. See 46 Bde Op Order No5	APP A/3
	12	0600 1100 2300	Situation unchanged. Harbour parties called for to RV at Bde HQ at 1125 hrs. Information, Bde being relieved night 12 AUG as follows: 1 MONMOUTH, 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS; 8 Rifle Bde 9 CAMERONIANS and one coy of 8 Rifle Bde to relieve 7 SEAFORTH ☉ To harbour in area 7145. 15(S) Div now under comd 12 Corps; Harbour Parties would RV Bde HQ at 1100 for Move to 12 CORPS area WEST of CAEN. Bn being relieved by 8 Rifle Bde and on move to area 7145.	APP A/4
	13	0540 1200 1450 2030	Bn now located area 7145. Harbour Parties left Bn area for new location FEUGUEROLLES 9961. Leading Veh passed Bde S.P. for area FEUGUEROLLES and after an uneventful journey arrived at 1745 hrs and Bn established in all round defence in WOOD. Brig R.M. Villiers visited Bn HQ and informed C.O. that Bn would NOT be used in 12 CORPS plan for the capture of FALAISE at least NOT until possibly 16 AUG 44. In meantime Bn had to carry on re-organising and maintenance of weapons and vehs.	APP A/5

	14		Still located WOOD 9860. Placed at 4 hours notice to move to AREA 0091-0191.	
	15	0010 0600	Orders received from Bde that Bn would move to area WOOD 1146 by march route. Bn left area WOOD 9860 and arrived WOOD 1146 at 0930.	APP A/6
	16		Still located WOOD 1146, Bn carrying on with general maintenance on vehs and weapons.	
	17		Still located WOOD 1146. Generally resting, veh & weapon maintenance.	
	18	1930	Location still same. Received warning order that Bde would relieve 158 Bde and be prepared to clear area down to RIVER BAISE.	APP A/7
	19	0530 0930 1430 1730 1930	Recce parties left for area 1033 (WOOD) to recce area occupied by 7 R.W.F. Bn arrived area and commenced to take over from 7 R.W.F., completed and all coys in position. A Coy patrolled down to RIVER BAISE. O Gp at Bde HQ in which Bde was given the task of clearing the area to BAZOCHES-AU-HOLME. This was only in the event of 59 DIV failing to clear this area. Codeword CAT from A Coy which meant area cleared of enemy down to RIVER BAISE and they were established firmly on this line. This was time Bn was supposed to attack area BAZOCHES but this was now unnecessary as 59 Div had cleared this area. The position of the enemy in front was now very difficult as the FALAISE GAP was now closed and Inf Tanks and ARTY were now mopping up areas at the slightest movement. Prisoners were also coming in large numbers, although 1 off & 2 ORs only passed through this area © Civilians are the chief problem as they are now attempting to return to their homes.	
	20	1100 1800	Bn again in same area and troops generally resting. No further MOVE until 1200 hrs 21 AUG when possible to area TROARN. Major DC MULLEN second in command injured and evacuated when JEEP which he was on ran over a mine. Commanding Officer at 46 Bde 'O' Gp when details were given out re next OP. 46 Bde OP Instr No 6.	APP. A/8
	21		Bn still located WOOD 1146. Preparations being made for next move.	
	22	2400	Still located WOOD 1146. Maintenance on vehicles and generally preparing for move to clear area as laid down in APP. A/8. OP. GALLOP warning order received that 46 Bde OP Instr No 6 cancelled.	APP. A/9.

	23	1400	Commanding Officer at 46 Bde 'O' Gp when details of OP. GALLOP given. Reason for change - Further area liberated and division would be required to do a further adv than first anticipated. 46 Bde O.O. No 5. Also Adm Instr No 2. OP. GALLOP. ADM Order No 4.	APP A/9A APP A/10.
		1900	Message received from 46 Bde that harbour parties will be prepared to concentrate in place ordered by 0615 hrs if H hour earlier than 0715 hrs. Instrs later when H hour is.	
	24	0130	H Hour 0800 hrs. Bde Op Instr No 7 received re EX GALLOP. 15 Div may be reqd to continue adv. beyond present area.	APP A/11
		0930	Brig Comd visited Bn and gave Code Word BALCONY, which meant that Bn would be adv. still further.	APP A/11A
		1110	Message received that NO move would be made until further orders received from Bde HQ. New harbour party reqd to RV 266289 immediately, which was astride Axis of adv.	
		1640	Bn continued adv. on troop carrying vehicles.	
		1830	Arrived area 266289 where Bn would concentrate night 24/25 Aug.	
	25	0200	Commanding Officer to be at Bde 'O' Gp at 0730 hrs.	APP A/12
		0730	Commanding Officer at Bde 'O' Gp where details given for move to BEAUMONT LE ROGER where Bde would take up def position. 46 Inf Bde Move Order No 8 @ At 'O' Gp 'O' Order No 6 received.	APP A/13 A/13A
		1000	Recce party consisting of C.O., Mortar Officer and A/TK pl Comd left with Brigade Comd for BEAUMONT LE ROGER.	
		1215	Bn passed S.P. for new area, still embussed on T.C.V.s. This move was uneventful but very slow, due to roads being blocked by enemy vehicles, and bridges being destroyed.	
		1805	Bn Recce and Harbour Party arrived rd jct 878746 where plan was changed. Bde would now concentrate night 25/26 in AREA LA PREVOTÉ 8774 to be prepared to move not before 1000 hrs 26 AUG.	
		2100	Bn arrived area LA PREVOTÉ.	
	26	0230	Outline Order and MOVEMENT Table dated 26 received from Bde.	APP A/14
		1030	Bde Comd 'O' Gp at LES LONDES @ Bde taking up defensive position, with 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS and 7 SEAFORTH in area EMMANVILLE with 9 CAMERONIANS in area LES LONDES.	
		1200	Bn arrived LES LONDES. Coy localities as shown on attch map.	
		1430	Warning order received that Bde would be prepared to cross River SEINE on night of 27/28 @ Commanding Officer to attend Div Comd conference at 1900 hrs. At the conference it was decided that this crossing would NOT take place until Night 28/29.	APP A/15

Pte LONDES	27	0700	Bn would now be prepared to cross River SEINE Night 27/28 ☉ Recce parties to move under Bde at 0915 to R.V. Church in EMANVILLE.	APP A/16
GOURNAY		1030	Recce parties arrived area VENABLES 3287 and carried out Recces of Routes down to River SEINE and crossing points. 15 Div Recce CORPS have been patrolling this area during 27 with intention of drawing enemy's fire, but no action of any kind taken.	
		1545	Bn arrived and concentrated in area GOURNAY 290845.	
		1700	Commanding Officer at Bde 'O' Gp ☉ Plan changed. 9th Cameronians and 7 SEAFORTH would now cross SEINE together followed by 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. It would be a daylight crossing at MUIDS and the 227 Inf Bde would secure the ground on NORTH bank of River. H hour for 227 Bde 1830 27 AUG.	
GOURNAY	28	0500	Bn left by march route for MUIDS crossing ☉ All tpt left in area GOURNAY to remain concentrated and will be called fwd when required. On crossing River Bn to concentrate EAST of MUIDS.	See APP A/17
		0645	Bn arrived area 3188 and formed up for crossing on Assault Boats.	
		0700	227 Bde locations 10 H.L.I. in area 2590, 2 GORDONS area 2789 ☉ 2 GORDONS reported to be entering MUIDS.	
		0800	Storm boats now being used for crossing. Bn ready to cross awaiting order to cross from Bde HQ.	
		0937	Bank on NORTH side of MUIDS now clear ☉ 9 CAMERONIANS to commence crossing. A & B Coys in first flight followed by BN HQ, C & D.	
		0945	First flight left South bank of SEINE. Bn across at 0955 hrs ☉ Crossing was unopposed.	
		1020	Bn in concentration area WEST of MUIDS. No enemy encountered. 'C' Coy ordered to area 324897 to cover crossing place of 7 SEAFORTH.	
		1300	Bn tp commenced arriving. This consisted of priority vehs, A/TK guns, Coy carriers, etc. Infm 2 GORDONS now moving to area LE BOOT with intention of capturing LA ROCQUETTE. Bn may stay night 28 in present concentration area, but must be prepared to move fwd.	
		1800	Commanding Officer to RV in MUIDS for orders for further move. This move is adv. to contact, 7 SEAFORTH leading, followed by 2 G.H. and 9 CAMERONIANS. Bn to taken over LA ROCQUETTE LE THUIT from 2 GORDONS.	
		1930	Recce party consisting of C.O., rifle coy comds, A/TK pl comd and Mortar Pl comd left conc area for LA ROCQUETTE LE THUIT and moved fwd along route. On arriving at Pt 350922, 7 SEAFORTH had encountered enemy in area FRETTEVILLE. While a carrier Mortar GP. dealt with this situation the adv was carried on through the WOOD 3592. Bn recce Gp reached the area LE THUIT about 300 yds to the SW	

		1920	Bn HQ arrived area NOYERS and established there. D Coy comd arrived NOYERS and recce Coy LOCALITY. During this action Bn suffered NO casualties and 1 POW of 5 Coy 26 PGR was taken. Bn now located as shown on attached MAP.	
NOYERS	30	0600	Situation unchanged. NO enemy action of any kind. All roads to be kept clear for passage of Armour and PRIORITY traffic. Weather has now broken, and coys ordered to concentrate under shelter, to leave one pl in position. At 1930 this order was changed, and Coys ordered to get all troops under cover, with double sentries throughout night.	
NOYERS	31	0700 1900	Situation NORMAL. Coy cleaning and bathing parades organised. M.T. engaged in MAINTENANCE. Personnel, equipment and tpt reqd for 15(S) DIV General improvised TP. COY. Orders received personnel to RV Bde HQ 0830 hrs 1 SEP 44. 46 Bde ADM ORDER No8	APP A/18

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Month and Year SEP 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col Sir EMA Bradford Bt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NOYERS	1	1225	Situation unchanged. Harbour Parties to R.V. Bde HQ at 1500 to be prepared to stay evening, then move to NEW AREA S.W. of AMIENS. Warning order received Bn would probably move on morning of 2 SEP to same area. Commanding Off. to 'O' Gp at Bde HQ 1900. Trg during day was carried out in form of 8 mile route march in the morning ☉ Film show and baths in the afternoon.	CNB
		1715	Verbal message received cancelling 'O' Gp at 1900 hrs. Also Bn move on 2 SEP.	CNB CNB
NOYERS	2		Situation unchanged. Training programme:- Mortar firing 2" in coys, both H.E. and smoke. P.I.A.T. Drill, P.T. also carried out. Tp on maintenance.	CNB
		1225	Warning order received from Bde. Harbour Parties to stand by from 1400 to move to Bde. Bn Tp to be prepared to move at 0600 hrs 3 SEP. Marching tps at 1100. Full details later.	CNB
		1345	Harbour parties R.V. X rds at 1600. Verbal message from 46 Bde.	CNB
		1800	46 Bde Inf Mov Order No 10 received.	APP E/1
		1930	C.O. "O" GP on 46 Bde Inf Mov Order No 10. Order of March for Vehs. BN HQ, Carriers, Mortars, A/TK. A.B.C.D. Form up 0745; Move off 0800 Order of Marching personnel. BN HQ.A.B.C.D Form up 1310. Move off 1320.	CNB CNB
NOYERS	3	0800	Tpt column moved off for area BREULLET 5115 and arrived at 1100 hrs.	CNB
		1320	Marching party passed Bn S.P. and arrived in area BREULLET at 1800 hrs after an uneventful journey.	CNB
		1925	Warning order received for move on 4 Sep.	APP C4 CNB
		2205	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 11 received	APP E/2

			C.O. 'O' Gp for move order of march BN HQ, carriers, Mortars, A/TK, ABCD. To move at times as shown in Mov Table.	CNB
	4	0910 1156 1730 1800 2210	Leading vehicle crossed S.P. en route for BERNAPRE 7139. Bn arrived area BERNAPRE 7139 and concentrated in this area. Afternoon spent in training consisting of a route march by coys of up to eight miles. 46(H) Inf Bde OP Instr No 11 received C.O. O Gp. Order of march for following day and route given out. 46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 12 received	CNB CNB CNB APP E/3 CNB APP E/4 CNB
	5	0805 1505 1930 0035	Leading veh passed Bde S.P. en route for RAMECOURT 1410 ref map sht 72. For route see APP J2. Marching personnel still located BERNAPRE 7139 awaiting arrival of T.C.Vs. Bn veh arrived RAMECOURT 1410 and took up position in CHATEAU ☉ This had previously been a German HQ and evident signs of enemy's hasty retreat. L.O. from Bde HQ visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bn now under comd 44 Bde. Location of 44 Bde NOT known ☉ 46 Bde with 1 Med Reg & Recce Regt (153). 7 SEAFORTH concentration WEST of ARRAS to clear enemy pockets. 2 Glasgow HIGHLANDERS under comd 227 Bde. C.O. at 44 Bde 'O' GP when Bn order to move at times as shown in 44 LOWLAND Infantry Bde Move Order No 13	APP J2 CNB CNB CNB APP E/5 CNB
	6	1122 1645 2300 2300	Bn on move with 44 Bde column en route for Belgium. This move was as advance to contact and column spread over about 30 miles. 'O' Gp called by Bde comd 44 Bde at MENIN 7554 and Bn ordered to take up defensive position in area 7450. C.O. recce area and sent D.R. back to Bn who were about 7 miles in rear on line of march. On D.R. returning at about 1900 hrs, he brought message that Bn was now under command 46(H) Bde and were to RV in area 8353. Bn to move independently to this area. C.O. to report Bde HQ. C.O. arrived Bde HQ and ordered to take up position for night in area AUTRYVE 9648. Rep sent to X rds 893458 to meet Bn and guide them to AUTRYVE.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
AUTRYVE	7	0230	Bn arrived X rds at 2345 and proceeded to area AUTRYVE ☉ On arriving there it was discovered that two companies were NOT in column "B & D". BHQ established in AUTRYVE and A & C Coys in defence. The gaps were filled up with personnel from Bn HQ and Carriers.	CNB CNB CNB

		0830	Brig arrived and ordered Bn to take up position in AVELGHEM 976498. This NOT to take place until other Coys arrived. The coys had been located and guides sent to them. Expected to arrive at 1230 hrs.	CNB
		1100	Bn i.e. A & C coys moved to area AVELGHEM. C Coy to area tk jct 980509. Bn HQ and A Coy to area 976498. Bn task now to clear MAIN AXIS NORTH of AVELGHEM area 968513 with in SUP 1 sqn SCOTS GREYS. H Hour 1330. This was postponed until 1415 as B & D coys had NOT arrived ☉	CNB CNB CNB
		1310	B & D Coys arrived and moved to F.U.P. 'B' Coy DRIESCHT 968514. D Coy 980508 behind 'C' Coy. Shortly before this C Coy tried to put a fwd pl into the houses about 200 yds to their front and in doing so ran into cross fire from enemy MG. They had fairly heavy casualties and wounded could NOT be evacuated because of enemy cross fire. C.O. 0 Gp.	CNB
			A Coy to remain in area 976498.	
			C Coy firm base in area rd jct 980507. D Coy to pass through and capture CAPHOUK and rd jct NORTH sup by Sqn SCOTS GREYS. 3" MORTAR from Z to Z+7. B Coy attack rd jct 975521 then N and clear KLOOSTERHOUGH sup by LOYALS and 3" mortars Z+20, Z+26.	CNB
			This was changed later and "B" Coy would attack same objective first, then 'D' Coy would move fwd and clear same area.	CNB
		1415	B Coy commenced attack and immediately held up by 88MM fire and MG. They pushed forward slowly under continuous fire, until at 1515 hrs C.O. ordered D Coy fwd. They made fairly good progress and at 1550 they were on their first objective, having taken 5 offrs and 90 ORs prisoner.	CNB
		1830	Bn ordered to take up position in area 9748 to protect Bridges over canal. Coys to be in position before last light. C.O. went round coys and gave them new areas. A Coy 974487; B Coy 973497; C Coy 972492; D Coy 975499.	CNB
ESCANAFFLES 977494	8 SEP	1945	Coys began to pull back to new areas ☉ All in position by 2100 hrs. Bn HQ established 976484.	CNB
			15(S) Inf Div Adm Order No 18	APP E/6
		0900	C.O. group for move to area GAVERE 1366 to take over from 1/7 Queens to enable them to continue advance. C.O. to go fwd with "R" Gp and recce 7 QUEENS AREA.	CNB
		1215	Recce party arrived GAVERE 1366 and recce QUEENS POSITIONS and fixed A Coy 118669, B 136668; C 140692, D 143656 to take over on arrival:- Carrier sec to patrol the EAST bank of canal in Bn area. The movement of Bn to this area delayed because T.C.Vs could NOT be obtained. At 1600 Bn T.C.V. arrived and Bn moved off at 1700 hrs.	

		2310	Again the movement along roads to GAVERE very slow because of amount of supply tpt on roads. Bn arrived GAVERE and guided to Coy localities as given. 7 SEAFORTH located SCHELDRODE 1771 and 1 Coy of 2 GH in ADENARDE 0957 while remainder were awaiting T.C.V. for move to clear GHEEL.	CNB CNB
GAVERE	9 SEP	1200 2200 2230	Patrol sent out to find locations and on return it was established that 227 Bde & 44 Bde were in area to WEST of Bn. Bn now cleared area on WEST bank of canal and no enemy encountered. T.C.V. to arrive at 0800 hrs 10 SEPT ☉ No move before 1500 hrs 10th SEP. Harbour parties will be prepared to move off by 1200 hrs 10th SEP.	CNB CNB CNB
GAVERE	10 SEP	1215 1420 1540 2359	C.O. 0 Gp at Bde HQ. Orders given out that 46 Inf Bde would move to area of ALBERT CANAL at LIERRE and carry out deception plan to enable 53 Div to get a crossing over canal S.E. of ANTWERP. 46 Inf Bde Mov Order No 14. Inf and RE patrols required to recce ALBERT Canal. We had to supply 1 off and 1 NCO and 4 ORs ☉ To meet C.O. at X rds LIERRE 7886 at 1830 hrs where instructions would be given. During this time C.O. had recce area and Bde 'O' Gp held in TOWN HALL LIERRE where final arrangements made ☉ Our Recce patrol to lie up in area BROECHEM 8191 and to observe any enemy movements ☉ Patrol to report back to unit conc area on completion of task. Bn left area GAVERE (1366) and arrived area LONDERZEEL 582735 at 2130 hrs and took up all round defensive positions. Plan for deception crossing at LIERRE cancelled. Bn would remain in present location until further orders.	CNB APP E/7 CNB CNB CNB
LONDERZEEL	11 SEP	1030 1400 1700	Message from Bde that C.O. would meet Bde Comd at X rds 0481 at 1400 hrs, ref map 25/35 FRANCE 1/50,000. C.O. at Bde 0 Gp X rds 0481. 9th Cameronians to relieve 7 GREEN HOWARDS in area 063875. Area to be recce immediately by Coy Comds who arrived at 1500. This recce was completed and 1 offr and 1 NCO from each of our Coys left behind with 7 GREEN Howards until Bn arrived on following day. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 7 issued and Movement order. Instructions received from Bde for permission to allow 80 men from Bn to visit BRUSSELS. To leave BRUSSELS at 2100. 46 Inf Bde Adm Order No 5.	CNB APP E/8 CNB CNB APP G/1
	12 SEP	0800 1045	C.O. 'O' Gp for move to relieve 7 GREEN HOWARDS to concentrate before crossing Bridge in area 4381. Bn left LONDERZEEL for area 4381. Move from CONC AREA order from 46 Bde as Bn crossing pt had been changed from CLASS 40 BR to Class 9 BR.	CNB APP E/9 CNB

		1410	Arrived area 4381. After debussing Bn then moved off to further CONC area at SOUTH of RD in 0586 to be called fwd to 7 GREEN HOWARDS when situation permitted.	CNB
		1800	Bn conc in 0586. The relief could NOT be carried out as 7 GREEN HOWARDS were being counter attacked by enemy (53 G.A.F.). By 2200 the situation was cleared up and coys moved fwd and all in posn by 2230. Locations A 057877; C 062877; B 056871; D 063874.	CNB
057873 Ref Map 25/35 France & Belgium 1/50,000	13 SEP	0210	Patrol went to village LARUM and returned at 0330 with infm that village occupied and enemy were to this side of it.	CNB
		0600	Situation unchanged. 4 P.O.W. taken during night.	CNB
		1015	Brig J.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and gave out plan for next move. Objectives VELVEKEN 0487 (2) LARUM 0588 (3) RAUWELKOVEN 0589 (4) Area 0490. To be known as WALNUT 5,6,7,8 respectively. The 7 SEAFORTH were doing much the same on the left flank and generally moving fwd to canal ESCAUT.	CNB
		1300	Carrier sec ordered to patrol to area NIEUWMOLEN - X rds 058886.	CNB
		1330	B Coy to move into position behind A.	
		1510	Recce report LARUM clear of enemy.	
		1515	'C' Coy now in VELVEKEN 0487.	CNB
		1545	'B' Coy report on way to LARUM 0588 and at 1605 in position.	CNB
		1646	D Coy report leading child now approaching 0589 and in position by 1700.	CNB
		1735	A Coy approaching objective in position by 1810.	CNB
		1830	Bn HQ moved to LARUM 049885 and 'C' Coy ordered to move into reserve in area 047887. Patrols laid on for night 13/14 SEP along CANAL bank to ST JOSEPH OULEN and LOCK at 057917.	CNB
LARUM	14 SEP	0600	Situation Normal. Enemy on NORTH bank of canal in fairly large numbers, continual sniping by enemy on any movement on our side of CANAL. During daylight this was even more so and as O.P. were difficult to find because of flat nature of country, it was difficult to bring ARTY and MORTAR fire down. Also MORTAR and ARTY ammo were in short supply and Units were ordered NOT to fire this ammo unless in case of a strong counter attack. Unit snipers were in action during hours of daylight and inflicted a number of casualties on enemy while his snipers inflicted 4 casualties.	CNB
	15 SEP	0600	Situation unchanged. Patrolling carried out along CANAL bank encountered NO enemy.	
		1420	During daylight enemy activity still on same scale. Pl of B Coy ordered fwd to occupy ST JOSEPH OULEN and to stop any enemy movement to this side of CANAL. In position by 1700.	CNB

		2025	B Coy pl at ST JOSEPH OULEN reported enemy crossing river in their area. At 2100 C.O. ordered 'C' Coy fwd with a carrier sec to contact Pl of B Coy and to clear situation. 'C' Coy would occupy this area, as the bridge at 021913 although blown could still be used as crossing place.	CNB CNB
LARUM	16 SEP	0100 0600	C Coy in position in ST JOSEPH OULEN. Situation normal. Enemy still on opposite bank. Enemy were found to be occupying area on NORTH side of CANAL at LOCK 058917 and C.O. ordered D Coy fwd to occupy this area.	CNB
LARUM	17 SEP	0600	Situation unchanged. Enemy still occupying far bank of CANAL. OP. FLOOD 46. Inf Bde deception plan. 46 Inf Bde 00 No. 8 issued.	CNB APP E/10 APP E/11
	18 SEP	0600 0800 1435	Situation unchanged. Enemy still occupying far bank. C.O. of 7 QUEENS arrived Bn HQ and prepared to take over our position at ST JOSEPH OULEN. One Coy 7 QUEENS relieved C Coy and returned to reserve position as they were on arrival at LARUM. BDYs, ROUTES and CODEWORDS issued by 46(H) Bde.	CNB CNB APP E/12
	19 SEP	0600 1400	Situation unchanged. Enemy still on far bank of canal. B & D Coys changed location, B Coy now at LOCK and D Coy back in their original position.	CNB CNB
LOMMEL	20 SEP	0600 1200 1430 2015 2310	Situation unchanged. C.O. at Bde HQ ordered to RV at 160 Bde HQ as soon as possible at Map Ref 319952 LOMMEL and to come under comd immediately. Bn left LARUM 049885 and arrived area LOMMEL 319952 at 1715 hrs. Coys to areas as shown on map. Message received from 158 Bde that Bn now under comd of 160 Bde. Message received that Bn would be prepared to move at 0600 hrs 21 SEP to area 3817 and 3818 ref map BELGIUM & NE France 1/100,000 Sht 4 ☉ Harbour party to R.V. 71 Bde HQ at 0500 hrs. 71 Bde HQ at WESTERHOVEN 3706.	CNB CNB CNB
	21 SEP	0600 1300 1430 2005	Bn left area LOMMEL for area 3817 & 3818 and arrived at ZEELST 386167 at 0810. Crossed the DUTCH frontier at 0615 hrs. Brig J.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bn now back under command of 46 Bde and that Bn had to move immediately to relieve Bn OX and Bucks at 317246. Bn left ZEELST 386167 for area 317246 and arrived at 1800 hrs. Relief of OX and BUCKS complete by Coy to areas as shown on attch map. Bn task to hold area in all round defence as enemy could attack from practically all directions but was obviously holding the opposite Bank of WILHELMINA CANAL in some strength. MG's and 1 88MM	CNB CNB CNB

			gun reported by previous unit. All the Bridges over the canal were blown. 50 per cent stand to all night and 100 per cent at 0515 - 0615 hrs.	
	22	0600 0615 0800 1800 1930 2100	No change in situation. Report received over wireless that 7 SEAFORTH had crossed CANAL about 4 miles EAST of our location. Complete surprise obtained over enemy. 46(H) Inf Bde MOV Order No 15 issued. Remainder of day very quiet and no enemy activity. Our A/TK guns engaged CHURCH throughout day to deny use of it as O.P. Message received from carrier patrol that route to ACHT along canal bank was suitable for vehicles although considerable part of it under possible enemy obs. Message by wireless ☉ You will be relieved by 53 Div, instructions to follow. As soon as Bn of OX & BUCKS arrive and as soon after last light as possible you will move to area 4022 & 4122. Harbour parties in advance.	CNB CNB APP E/13 CNB APP E/20 CNB
	23 SEP	0315 0730 0935 1025 1230 1905	Bn left area 317246 by route already recce. On passing along the edge of canal convoy was engaged with enemy mortars and 88MM ☉ No casualties were inflicted although about 5 vehicles were ditched. They were recovered later. Bn tpt arrived in ACHT 406222. Bn marching personnel arrived ACHT. Message received from Bde for C.O. to RV at 2 GH HQ at 386253. At this 'O' Gp Bn to relieve 2 GH in area of CL 40 Br. Task to defend area of Br, dispositions as shown on. To enable 2 GH and 7 SEAFORTH to push on to area BEST. Bn left area ACHT and arrived at CL 40 Br at 1310 and took up position as shown on Map 389254. One child to come under command 2 GH and take up position at Rd jcts 375262 ☉ GH location 384260.	CNB CNB APP E/21 APP E/22 CNB CNB CNB
	24	0530 0615 0745 0850 0935 1155 1530	Situation report:- unchanged. C.O. 'O' GP on general situation:- see APP E/14 C.O. to O Gp at 2 GH HQ 384260. See APP E/15. Bn to concentrate in area 384260 prior to moving up to relieve 2 GH in area BEST. Bn moved off to conc area. 'C' Coy now back under comd 9 CAMERONIANS. BN HQ est at 380259. C Coy in position rd jct 375262. A Coy move off to obj LEVEL CROSSING 371263.	APP E/14 APP E/15 CNB CNB

		1755 1755 1810	'A' Coy reached obj on right, held up on left obj by MG fire ☉ Big brothers have gone to deal with some S.P. guns. B Coy on obj. No enemy encountered. B Coy proceeded NORTH and arrived on obj at 1840 rd & tk jct 375267. D Coy in school 375263. During this action the enemy used mortar and MG fire only and casualties were 5 Killed, 25 WOUNDED.	CNB CNB
BEST	25	0600 1545 1830	During night local patrols were out and enemy were holding line of Rly WEST of BEST. Situation unchanged. Enemy mortared Bn area during night. TYPHOONS attacked factory MAP Ref 365256. O Gp at Bde at 1830. See APP E/16	CNB CNB APP E/16
BEST	26	0600 1115 1130 1245 1430 1625	Situation unchanged. A Coy pushed onto line of Rly. B Coy started attack on houses 373261. A B Coy in position. D Coy commenced to attack area 374258 but held up by MG and mortar fire. B.HQ moved to area School in BEST 375263. The Bn area during this time was subject to heavy mortar and 88MM fire. The remainder of the night was spent in local patrolling ☉ The enemy was located on other side of rly at several points all in very close contact with forward Coys.	CNB CNB CNB
BEST	27	0530 0730 1030	C Coy patrol returned having contacted 7 SEAFORTH. A Coy patrol obs. 12 Horse drawn veh and heard movement of tps. 'O' Gp (C.O.) during today we will hold line of Rly and clear all enemy from it ☉ At same time being aggressive in patrolling area on other side. D Coy to clear and occupy farm houses. For this, all coys, 2 A/TK, 3 MORTARS, CARRIERS to give Supporting fire to enable D Coy to cross open ground. Sup arms 3 SP guns, MMG Pl and 190 Bty. H hour 1000. A Coy to patrol to NASTA BEST. D Coy Fwd Pl now on obj. SP guns with them and have engaged targets.	CNB CNB APP E/17 CNB
BEST	28	0330 0700 1600	B Coy patrol returned and reported movement as before in respect of enemy Horse drawn tpt. C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp. SEE APP E/18 Remainder of day was spent in harassing enemy by arty and mortar fire. Crossing and occupying houses on other side cancelled by Bde. 'O' Gp. Weapon trng being commenced on 29 SEP.	CNB APP E/18 CNB

			Tired personnel to visit BRUSSELS on 48 hours leave commencing 30 Sep.	CNB
BEST	29	0600	Situation unchanged. Enemy still located on WEST side of Rly.	CNB
		1400	Enemy obs. continually on opposite side of Rly and were continually engaged with MORTARS and S.A fire.	CNB
		2200	Deception plan by smoke to try and make enemy disclose positions. This was unsuccessful.	CNB
			A Coy Ambush patrol returned. Cas inflicted on enemy at 368264.	
BEST	30	0600	Situation unchanged.	APP E/19
			Patrolling on 30 SEP. APP E/19	
			Remainder of day spent in obs. on known enemy localities and engaging them by fire.	CNB
		1930	C.O. 'O' Gp. 'C' Coy will occupy houses on WEST of cross rds pushing one sect across under cover of fire from A, B & D Coys. If successful remainder of Coy will cross.	

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (S.R.)

Month and Year OCT 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col Sir EMA Bradford Bt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BEST	1	0715	'C' Coy attacked over rly line with one sec ☉ The remainder of the Coy was Formed Up on this side to exploit. Immediately the sec attempted to cross the RLY line heavy mortar fire was brought down on the RLY and the leading sec suffered six casualties killed and two wounded. A B & D Coys also suffered casualties from this mortar fire bringing total casualties to 14. The Commanding Officer then ordered 'C' Coy to withdraw and return to old location. The remainder of the day spent in obs. on known enemy localities and engaging with MORTAR and ARTY.	
	2		Confidential message 9 CAMERONIANS being relieved on 3 OCT. Adv party 2 I/C and one rep from each coy to recce area for billeting and for training in AREA HELMOND. Situation unchanged throughout day ☉ No enemy activity.	
	3	1530	2 Bn SEAFORTH of 51 HIGHLAND Div commenced relieving Bn by Coy localities. On being relieved Coys marched to embussing Pt and moved off individually when ready. The first Coy (C) arrived in HELMOND at 1830 and last of Bn was in billeting area by 1930. Tps billeted in 2 Factories opposite STATION at 557227 ☉ Officers billeted out in surrounding houses. During the relief a number of mortar bombs were dropped in Bn area. No casualties inflicted.	00 No 10 APP E/1 MOV 0 No 16 " E/2
HELMOND	4		Coy engaged in general cleaning ☉ All MT on maintenance. Coy officers and Cadre staff recce training areas.	
HELMOND	5		Training being carried out in accordance with APP.	
HELMOND	6	1210	Training as per programme. Message received from Bde HQ. 1 offr per Coy and 1 N.C.O. per pl to KSLI at MOOK to be there by 1730 to remain and get general picture of LAYOUT for defensive posn.	

		1500 1810	2 C.O. and 2I/C will leave for same area with BRIG. at 0830 7 OCT ☉ C.O. returns with Brig by 1600 to meet CORPS Comd ☉ 2I/C will remain to complete arrangements ☉ If any other specialist pl comds reqd can go with C.O. 3 C.O. and 2I/C will meet SQ Comd in MODEL room at 1830 hrs. Advance party left HELMOND for area MOOK to recce positions occupied by KSLI. 109 OR rfts arrived Bn area and distributed to Coys.	
HELMOND	7	0830 0900 1230 1600 1830	Commanding Off and 2I/C left with Brig for area MOOK. 5 officer Rft arrived Bn plus 37 ORs and sent to Coys as shown in W 3008 38/44. Message received from Bde that Recce party would be returning to Bn on the evening of the 7th OCT. Commanding Officer returned and held Bn 'O' Gp when it was given out that Bn would NOT now be required to relieve KSLI or clear WOOD to S.E. of it and would remain in HELMOND until further orders, possibly until FRIDAY 13 OCT 44. C.O. and Brig J.M.L. Villiers DSO visited CORPS Comd 8 CORPS ☉ When further infm given. Training would be carried on in present location and new rfts would be given every opportunity to settle down with their Coys. 15(S) Div NOT required to clear WOOD EAST of River MAAS but would probably be required to assist 3 British DIV in their attack, or alternatively to clear area WEST of RIVER MAAS.	
HELMOND	8	1030 1410	Bn Church Parade then remainder of day given over as Bn Holiday. Message from Bde that Div Comd would visit Bn at 0900 hrs 9th OCT ☉ Programme. Div Comd would speak to Bn first then Bn would March Past.	
HELMOND	9	0900	Div Comd visited Bn and spoke about work done by Bn in the past and welcomed new arrivals in OR and officers. Bn then marched past and the Div Comd took the salute. Training then carried out as per Trg programme.	
HELMOND	10		Training as per programme. Commanding officer on Recce with Brig for next operation. This operation Top secret. Rep from each pl went to area.	
HELMOND	11		Training as per programme ☉ Last operation cancelled and recce party recalled.	
HELMOND	12		Training as per programme.	
HELMOND	13		Training as per programme.	
HELMOND	14		Training as per programme. Bn now prepared to clear area SOUTH of VENLO through the AMERICAN FRONT to line of River MAAS.	ADM ORDER No 7 APP H/1

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BEST	20	0600 1300 2130 2345	Quiet night no enemy activity. 0731 Patrols and snipers while Bde in this area. During day enemy observed on a number of occasions to be walking about, these points noted and 4.2" & 3" MORTAR fire brought down on these areas when dark. Patrol activity for night 20/21 OCT. B Coy patrol returned nothing to report. B Coy reported enemy patrol approaching their area. This patrol moved along rd running parallel with RLY. Hand grenades were exchanged. No casualties on either side.	APP J/1 APP J/2
BEST	21	2315	0600 Nothing further to report. Patrol activity night 21/22 OCT 44. Snipers active on Bn front but enemy were careful. "B" Coy picked off two enemy at 400 yds to their front. - 0130 Patrols returned, one enemy post located.	APP J/3
BEST	22	0600 0900 0940	Nothing to report. Bn locality quiet. Commanding Officer on 48 hrs leave. Mjr P.L. Hendricks MM assumes comd of Bn. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp when future OPs discussed. Clearing area ST ODENRODE-BOXTEL-BEST. 9th Cameronians responsible for protecting left flank. Patrol activity night 22/23 OCT. Snipers again active on Bn front, further 2 hits claimed. Patrols brought back information re banks of Rly as to suitability for tank crossing places. There are ditches on either side of RLY but they provide NO obstacle to tanks. This infm passed to Reps from 3 SCOTS Gds who would be sup Bn in advance.	APP E/4. APP J/4.
BEST	23	0600	Situation unchanged enemy engaged by 4.2 MORTARS during night. Patrol intentions night 23/24 OCT. Snipers again active on Bn front. 3 P.O.W. walked into "A" Coy area 1031/GR. Otherwise area very quiet.	
BEST	24	0930 1000 1120	13 P.W. surrendered to 'B' Coy. Stated they had come from OIRSCHOT and had been left as rearguard. C.O. at 'O' GP Bde, where infm given that enemy had withdrawn from area to front of Bde and Bde would immediately put into effect OP ERIC without Sup fire. 9th Cameronians would push fwd to NASTEBEST and occupy area 362266. C.O. 'O' GP. "B" Coy to move fwd to NASTEBEST and occupy area 362260, D Coy 368258 - A Coy 365264 C Coy move fwd to B Coy and relieve them allowing them to return to old location. Carriers to remain present position.	APP E/5

		1227 B Coy crossed RLY line. 1304 Carriers pl now under comd Recce sqn and will move with them as soon as ready to OIRSCHOT and remain until relieved by 1 Bn 44 Bde. This op was held up because of mines on MAIN AXIS. 1342 B coy report NASTEBEST cleared and moving to objective, on obj by 1410. 1455 D Coy in position, A moving up. 1530 Recce sqn now in OIRSCHOT. Our carrier pl to remain night under comd 44 Bde. 227 Bde had moved up to rd BEST - OIRSCHOT. No enemy encountered, but mines and Booby traps in large numbers. 1600 C coy relieved 'B' Coy now in old location. 1800 3 P.W. taken at 364257. 1810 3 P.W. " by A Coy. 46 Bde 00 No 11 received for further adv on day 25. Bn order of march Recce 'B' Sqn adv Gd. 2 GH Main Gd Bde HQ. 7 SEAFORTH 9 CAMERONIANS (Carriers 'R' GP. 'O' GP. BN HQ, MORTARS, A/TK, "C" "D" "A" "B" Coy 15 cwts M.O.). No patrolling required as it is no longer considered enemy in area. Commanding Officer returned from 48 hours leave.	APP E/6
	25	1100 Bn moved off from area BEST on axis. 1100 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS attacking HEILIGEBOOM 2330. The bridges in this area blown but owing to width of canals bridges were quickly put across and adv continued in direction OISTERWIJKSCHÉ. 1300 Bn off road in area 2430. C.O. officers at Bde 'O' GP when Bn were ordered to move to area 224314 to take up defensive positions ☉ We may be required for special task one Coy to adv to BRIDGES 188318, 190320. 'D' Coy warned. 1410 Bn commenced moving to area 224314. 1510 D Coy ordered to drop off and go to BRIDGES to take over from Recce, who had seized them. Remainder of Bn now in area 224314 and digging in. 1730 Order from Bde that Bn would now move to area of D Coy and consolidate on that line. Bn moved off at 1800 and in position by 2130. C.O. to Bde 'O' GP at 2130 where plan for 26 OCT 44. 7 SEAFORTH located OOSTERWIJK 2334 and SOUTH of RLY. GH WOOD 238330. 7 Seaforth cross Rly line and 2 G.H push fwd and capture factory area. 9 CAMERONIANS to cross RLY at 181326 and endeavour to get crossing places over canal to exploit to BRIDGE 176322.	

			B Coy to move at first light sup by tanks to area of CANAL BR. 179326 followed by D Coy to area 182324. A Coy to area BR 176322. C Coy remain in area of Bridges 189319.	
	26	0655 0740 0801 0840 1050 1700 1850 1853	B Coy completed first phase area clear to H0 184324. B Coy M.G fire at us from left. Tanks ordered fwd to get to line of Rly. B Coy now moving to obj with tanks supporting. B coy on obj and consolidating. B.R. over road 181326 completely destroyed and blocking road. Bridges over canal in this area demolished although still possible to cross canal on foot. A Coy to move to bridges 176332 which is still intact. D Coy in area 182324 and trying to find crossing place. This area now subjected to heavy mortar and ARTY fire. A Coy could not move fwd and all Coys moved to areas as shown on map. B Coy pushed 1 sec across canal to area 178327. 1 P.W. V Coy 2 Bn 481 P.G.R. captured by D Coy Line of rd TILBURG - OOSTERWIJK under intense shell fire. B Coy fwd pl in area cross tracks 179332 forced to withdraw under strong pressure from enemy. A Coy report 40 enemy counter attacking X rds 179332. A small enemy patrol reached B Coy area and were operating at close ranges with hand grenades. They were beaten off with casualties, casualties to B Coy unknown.	
	27	0400 0900 1045 1425 1535	3 P.O.W. from D Coy came from OOSTERWIJK and walked into D Coy area. B Coy situation cleared up not so bad as first thought although suffered 19 casualties. Bn ordered to clear area South and NORTH of RLY to OOSTERWIJK to allow 2 GH and 7 S to advance to TILBURG. This was complete by 0845. D Coy contacted leading elements of 7 ARMD who were operating in area to NORTH of RLY. Brig arrived B Coy and ordered commencement of crossing canal as 44 Bde had adv from SOUTH and were 1 mile from centre of TILBURG. Assault boats were brought up and A & C D coy to cross at BRIDGE 179326 and B Coy at BRIDGE 175332 by assault boats as this bridge now blown. A Coy now in position on far bank, D Coy moving across, followed by C then B on NORTH crossing pt to areas as shown on map. All Coys in position in TILBURG. 2 G.H. passing through. Pioneers built class VI raft which would ferry that class tpt across canal at Pt 175332. Raft built by 1830, and commenced ferrying. The raft also being used by 2 G.H. All tpt to be across	APP. E/7

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		1830	C.O. at Bde Comd 'O' GP for op on 1 NOV to clear up to line of CANAL with A Coy to area 695156, B 695151, with in sup 1 sqn SCOTS GUARDS. 46 Inf Bde 00 No 13.	APP. E/9
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Month and Year Nov. 44

Commanding Officer Mjr P.L. Hendricks M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LIESEL	1	0830	Bn clearing up to VAN DEURNE KANAL. This op. was carried out with no opposition being encountered and at 1022 all Coys in position. Casualties for this op. 2, due to our own ARTY falling short. The leading Coys, A & B cleared up to KANAL and then withdrew back about 300 yards to cover it by fire. The ground in this area very difficult, as soon as slit trenches dug to about 2 feet, they immediately filled with water. This area to the SOUTH along tracks running to KANAL was mined and one carrier lost on them.	CNB
		1205	Message received that tank sqn in sup would return to old location as soon as sup arms in posn.	CNB
		1220	Patrols sent out from two fwd Coys to area of KANAL to recce possible enemy crossing places and if enemy in position there.	CNB
		1730	C.O. to Bde 'O' GP for Notes on OPS 2 NOV 44.	APP. E/1 CNB
		2100	C.O. O GP at BN HQ when plan for move to relieve 6 K.O.S.B. as given in 46 Inf Bde OP Instr. No 14.	CNB
HUTTEN	2	0800	Bn recce party to HUTTEN area to take over posn from KOSB. C Coy on move to relieve Coy 6 KOSB area 689127. Bn concentrated in area LIESEL awaiting order to move fwd to new area.	CNB
		0945	C.O. returned to area LIESEL and ordered Bn to stay in present area until 6 K.O.S.B. commenced to move. This was completed by 1030 hrs and Bn commenced moving to area LIESEL.	CNB
		1247	A & B Coys now in position, in area A.tk guns 694116. B Coy area H0 694126.	CNB
		1305	D in position in area tk junc 691136. C Coy in reserve in area Rd junc 682128 and at 1600 moved to area H0 693121.	CNB
		1530	Patrolling for night 2/3 NOV. Contact patrol with recce SQN to area 691138. Standing Patrol of 1 off and 6 ORs to area BRIDGE 707124 to recce Br area to find if still possible to cross on BRIDGES and if enemy occupying any positions WEST of KANAL. Patrol to leave Bn area (B Coy) at 1900 hrs to return when task completed.	CNB

HUTTEN	3	0100	Patrol returned two BRIDGES result, Main road BR intact, nothing seen of small footbridge. No enemy encountered but thought to be on opposite bank.	CNB
		0800	Brig Comd visited C.O., contact must be kept with enemy on opposite bank by using snipers, 'I' sect and fwd O.P. A standing patrol would be kept on BRIDGE area consisting of 1 Off, 1 sec, 2'I' sec and Mobile fire controller from MORTAR PL. This O.P. to be established immediately in HO. 708122. No action to be taken but all posn to be recorded.	CNB
		0910	Fwd O.P. in posn, communication by wireless line, through 'B' Coy.	CNB
		1345	C.O. at Bde HQ for discussion on future lay out of Bn.	CNB
		1600	C.O. returned and Bn now on 3 Coy organization, 'D' Coy being split up between 'A' & 'B' Coys and HQ (Coy) going to 'B' Ech to await reinforcements.	
		1930	C.O. 'O' GP. Bn HQ when 3 Coy organization discussed and necessary plans made. This plan would take effect on 5 NOV when Bn frontage being altered.	CNB
		1935	Night Patrol in posn. From result of day O.P. enemy about one pl strong identified on opposite bank. They were quite unaware of our O.P. and carried on with normal tasks. The night patrol again to recce Bridge area, to discover if possible to cross. At same time to recce banks of KANAL. Patrol returned at 0600. Result: Main ROAD BRIDGE blown, small footbridge, still possible to infantry, middle boarding taken out, but appeared as if enemy could replace it whenever necessary. The ground leading up to Bridge absolutely flat, movement very difficult owing to muddy nature of ground. Very little embankment onto KANAL and both banks level with one another. Width of KANAL 15-20 ft. Movement possible if ditches used.	CNB CNB
HUTTEN	4	0600	Situation unchanged ☉ Enemy shelled MAIN ROAD throughout hours of darkness at approx ten minute intervals. Enemy guns seemed long way off and great difficulty experienced in getting bearings on them ☉ Day patrol in posn. 46 Inf Bde O.O. No 14 received.	APP. E/2 CNB
		1900	C.O. 'O' GP. Bn HQ. Plan for bringing Bn on 3 Coy organization took place in conjunction with 46 Inf Bde 00 No 14. Bn would now occupy area with 3 Coys. A Coy 693114, B Coy present LOCATION: 694126, C Coy area 694119, BN HQ remain 681129, Carrier pl in reserve area WOOD 692117 on morning of 5 NOV.	CNB
		1930	Day OP returned with enemy position located on EAST side of KANAL. Additional patrolling night, contact to recce SQN on left flank. Special patrol 1 off 1 OR to recce suitable crossing pt on KANAL.	CNB

			If suitable spot found, patrol would cross on night 5/6 NOV and mine road to HELENEVEEN. Patrol comd Lt Shand ('C' Coy) who would also carry out mining OP. if crossing pt found.	CNB
HUTTEN	5	0730 0803	A Coy reported in new location. C Coy reported in new location. Shortly after this Bn area was shelled with NO casualties. Patrol on night 4/5 on BR was in position and nothing fresh to report. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. with points to be discussed for 10 day stay in present defensive posn. Trench emplacements would be improved to allow men liberties, such as smoking reading and writing at nights. Also employment and if possible training during day. Owing to the wet nature of ground men would have a dry pair of socks each day. C.O. returned from 'O' GP. and summoned Bn 'O' GP. and discussed with Coy comd the points raised at Bde conference. Bde would remain in present area for ten days. Bn would commence immediately to prepare strong defensive posn. Patrolling to be carried on as before, and enemy locations observed.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
HUTTEN	6	0630	Patrol report, no enemy activity on BR AREA. Special patrol could not find suitable crossing point on CANAL as every 500 yds there was enemy L.M.G. post which could cover 300 yds both NORTH and SOUTH along KANAL on the darkest of nights. Bn engaged on defensive posns. During daylight snipers claimed two hits, and ARTY did sniping shoot on known enemy posn, with observed success. Day O.P and night patrol changed over at 1830 hours. Night patrol had task of locating enemy at jct points on CANAL at 708129, 710117, also to leave standing Patrol on BRIDGE.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
HUTTEN	7	0630 1730 1930	No enemy activity during night. Patrol reported enemy post in area 708129, but NOTHING observed in area 710117. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. to get plan for future OP. C.O. 'O' Gp. at BN H.Q. giving programme of reliefs to be carried out within the Div whilst in present location. See 46 (H) Inf Bde O.P. Instr No 15. Defence works carried out during day. Parties at Entertainments and Baths during day.	CNB CNB APP. E/3. CNB
HUTTEN	8	0630	No enemy activity on Bn front. Patrols nothing fresh to report. Bn engaged in defensive posns. Entertainment and Baths parties allotted to Coys. O.P. reports enemy still on EAST Bank of CANAL but NO activity observed during daylight.	CNB CNB

HUTTEN	9	0630	No enemy activity on Front during night. Patrols nothing fresh to report Bn engaged on defensive posns Entertainment and Baths parties allotted. Relief of 9 Cameronians by 7 Seaforths on day 10 NOV. O.P. report still no enemy activity observed on far bank.	CNB CNB CNB APP. E/4. CNB
HUTTEN	10	0630 0900 1500	No enemy activity on Bn Front during night. Patrols nothing fresh to report. Bn "O" Gp giving out details for Bn stay in DEURNE REST CAMP. SUP. Coy commenced thinning out as per APP E/4. and Coys moved off at times stated. Last Coy moved off at 2000 hrs and arrived in CAMP at 2130.	CNB CNB CNB
DEURNE	11		Bn engaged in general maintenance, drying out and cleaning during morning. Training on BUFFALOES carried out. Loading etc. Entertainment parties to HELMOND in evening.	CNB
DEURNE	12	1130 1500 1800	C.O. 'O' Gp. for move to relieve 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. Bn commenced leaving DEURNE CAMP to relieve 2 GH. Change over complete. A Coy 694102, B Coy 699099, C Coy 694108, CARRIERS 694106. G.H. would carry out patrols night 12/13 NOV.	APP E/5. CNB CNB
HEITRAK	13	0630	Periodical shelling in the area and shellreps sent to Bde. No casualties in Bn area. Relief of 7 SEAFORTH by 2 GH evening 14 NOV. 46 Inf Bde OP Instr No 16. Arty Bombardment to be carried out on 14 NOV 44.	APP. E/6 APP E/7. CNB
HEITRAK	14	0630 1400 1955	No enemy activity during night. Patrols nothing to report. Arty Barrage laid down until 1615 hrs. Enemy Arty D.F. tasks replied to this BARRAGE and plotted within Bn area by O.Ps. B Coy reported enemy patrol 6-8 strong obs heading towards 8 ROYAL SCOTS on Bn right.	CNB CNB CNB
HEITRAK	15	0630	No enemy activity on Bn front. Patrols nothing to report. 1 P.O.W. taken during night. P.O.W. claimed that he was one of four who were on a recce patrol to recce best route to B Coy. For a fighting patrol on night 15/16 NOV. Special Patrol laid on by B & C Coy to deal with this German fighting Patrol should it arrive in Bn area to be in posn by last light. Listening posts would observe on enemy patrol as soon as it crossed CANAL and would be kept in touch until Arty and MORTAR fire dealt with it. When this lifted 1 Pl would clear area and mop up any enemy left.	CNB CNB

		1600	Message received from 46 Bde. 7 SEAFORTH will relieve 9 CAMERONIANS on 16 NOV. Timings as before.	APP E/8 CNB
HEITRAK	16	0630 1500 2030 2300	Enemy patrol did NOT cross Canal in our area, no enemy activity. Bn commenced thinning out as shown in APP. E/8. Relief complete by 1900 hrs and Bn in Camp in DEURNE. Lt Col Sir E.M.A. Bradford Bt. assumed comd of Bn. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. Bn 'O' Gp. 2230. Enemy thought to have withdrawn from CANAL area. If so, (GH patrols) Glasgow HIGHLANDERS will cross, followed by 7 SEAFORTH to HELENEVEEN and 9 CAMERONIANS to hold line of CANAL from 732132 - Bend 735120. Message received from Bde that plan now cancelled as GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS patrols had found enemy on opposite Bank of VAN DEURNE KANAL. Bn would now relieve 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on 18 NOV commencing 1500.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
DEURNE	17		Bn carried out programme of refitting and general maintenance. 46(H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 17 received (OP PRESTO).	APP E/9. CNB
DEURNE	18	1500 1930	Bn commenced moving off from Rest Camp DEURNE to relieve 2 GH at 682129. C.O. at Bde "O" Gp. Operation "PRESTO". 46 (H) Inf Bde 'O' Gp. Op instr No 18 Bn complete in area 682129. Patrolling for night up to HOOGEBRUG BR. and two patrols NORTH & SOUTH from this point along CANAL BANK. C.O. 'O' Gp. when orders given for A Coy to patrol area of HOOGEBRUG BR. to try and draw enemy fire. If no fire brought down, another patrol would cross CANAL and examine trenches on far bank. Then Coy would cross, followed by B & C Coys. Carrier sec take over firm Base at BRIDGE.	CNB APP E/10. CNB CNB CNB
HUTTON	19	0755 1015 1110 1400	A Coy patrol report carried out first patrol NO enemy fire. Going on with second patrol on far bank also preparing to get remainder of Coy across CANAL on assault boats. 'A' Coy now across CANAL and reported Barracks at 716120 clear. 'A' Coy encountered mortar fire. A Coy patrol ordered along Main rd to 728117 - 726127 - 734129 - 738124 - 755120 - main rd consisting of 1 officer, sniper sgt, 1 OR and wireless operator. This patrol returned at 1800 hrs with information that enemy were dispersed along EASTERN Bank of CANAL at HELENEVEEN with MG outposts WEST of CANAL. Wireless operator was casualty to MG fire and could NOT be brought back ☉ B Coy moved under cover of darkness to area of houses at BRIDGES at 737116 & 738113 blown (PATROL).	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB

HOOGEBRUG	20	0600	Situation unchanged. 'C' Coy across Canal and awaiting to attack HELENAVEEN.	CNB
		0940	B Coy report enemy patrol about 15 strong located between "A" and "B" Coys ☉ This patrol took one prisoner and was observed by 'B' Coy to travel in an EASTERLY direction.	CNB
		1100	H Hour for 'C' Coy attack on HELENAVEEN ☉ Casualties were inflicted on our own tps by our ARTY fire falling short.	CNB
		1135	B Coy reported that 'C' Coy under M.G fire from Right.	CNB
		1151	'C' Coy report held up by mines at 773115. Pioneers and Stretcher Bearers asked for by wireless.	CNB
			The area approaching HELENEVEEN was extensively mined by enemy and 'C' Coy suffered heavy casualties due to this.	CNB
		1400	C.O. at Barracks gave orders to O.C. "A" Coy to move fwd to CANAL.	
		1530	C.O. 'O' Gp at B Coy HQ when orders given for move to CANAL at HELENAVEEN.	CNB
			"A" Coy on reaching objective suffered casualties due to enemy mines and Booby traps. A number of the casualties could not be reached and several attempts were made, but further casualties resulted. Location of Coys as shown on map.	CNB
			Total casualties 2 offrs Killed, 1 off wounded, 70 OR's.	
HELENEVEEN	21		The Pioneer Pl did excellent work during this period in clearing areas of mines.	CNB
			46(H) Inf Bde OPs 20 NOV.	APP E/11 CNB
		1600	Corps Comd visited Bn HQ and was given local information. 6 R.S.F. to reach 738118 tonight.	CNB
		2000	6 R.S.F. reached 744100, 745095, 749086, could NOT reach original objective because of mines.	
			46(H) Inf Bde OO. No 15.	APP. E/12 CNB
HELENEVEEN	21	0600	Situation unchanged. 2 G.H. moving up to CANAL to cross, R.E. building Bridge.	CNB
		1135	2 G.H. leading Coy now at first obj. 9 CAMERONIANS not required to move today. Will remain present location.	CNB
HELENEVEEN	22	0600	Situation unchanged.	CNB
		1025	Brig R.M.L. Villiers visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bn would move commencing 1330 to area of Barracks 792126.	CNB
		1500	C.O. ordered Coy comd to meet him at BR in HELENEVEEN at 1300 to recce this area. Coy commenced arriving areas of BARRACKS. Bn under cover. All in position by 1710 hrs.	CNB

			Operations now held up as rds had to be made through marshy country EAST of HELENEVEEN. Food and supplies had to be brought up by carrier and WEASELS.	CNB CNB
	23		Bn located BARRACKS, re-organizing and generally cleaning up.	CNB
	24	1850 2000	Bn located BARRACKS, re-organizing and generally cleaning up. Warning Order received Bn at 30 mins notice to move from 1100 hrs 25 NOV. Warning order cancelled.	CNB CNB CNB
	25	1155 1330 1800 2000	Message received from 46 Bde. Recce parties will meet Brig at 1330 hrs at 821158. Marching troops leave present location at 1330, vehs at 1500. Dis pt 827168. Bn moved off and arrived at new location as shown on attached map. C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp. 46 Bde(H) Inf Bde notes on Bde Comd Conference. OP order No 19. C.O. 'O' Gp for attack on LOTTUM 908194.	CNB CNB APP E/13 CNB CNB
	26	0800 1130 1155 1615 1530	Marching troops left area for MELDERSL00 and arrived at 0930. Order received from DIV Comd that 9 CAMERONIANS will if necessary carry out a night attack. "A" Coy moved off from ELDERL00 on axis for LOTTAM followed by 'C' Coy Bn HQ and B coy. B Coy reached first report line, and at 1345 reached obj. 'C' Coy moved up to area Wood 891190. A Coy moved to first objective F.A.A. 897197. At 1715 'C' Coy tried to move fwd and one pl got to X tracks 895188 when it came under M.G fire from area 898187, cross fire from enemy M.G covered all tracks into LOTTAM. Mortar fire on area of WOOD resulted in Coy Comd being wounded. A Coy moved to area 897197 and remained for night. B Coy area 897192, one pl to move fwd to 899192. Coy representative came to Bn HQ for patrol orders for night. Patrols would be carried out to area of LOTTAM as enemy expected to withdraw during night. Casualties 2 off 5 OR wounded.	APP E/14 CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
	27	0100 0930 0955 1015 1105	Patrol results indicate enemy pulled out of LOTTAM and at 0630, C.O. Major P.L. Hendricks M.C. ordered all Coys to move fwd to original obj. B Coy reported first pl on obj. 'C' Coy reported first pl on obj. A Coy cleared WOOD and pushing on. C Coy on obj. 1135 'A' Coy on obj. 1145 B Coy on obj. For objectives see Map.	CNB CNB

		1315	C.O. called to Bn HQ representatives from each Coy and gave orders for further adv. Carriers would relieve 'C' Coy and 'C' Coy would advance and capture STOKT. A Coy to move to area WOOD 208205.	As given in APP E/14
		1900	Coy representatives to Bn HQ. All coys in new locations. Patrolling for night as per patrol order. 'C' Coy given orders for one platoon to carry out attack on KASTEEL which is known enemy stronghold. Attack to take place at first light 28 NOV. Pioneers assault sec would go with pl and snipers would protect right flank.	CNB
LOTTAM	28	0600	Situation unchanged. Bn area subject to heavy shelling during night. Bn HQ had four direct hits in houses at HOMBERG and came back to original location. Message received from Bde 'O' Gp at 1030 hrs. Harbour & Recce parties to Bde HQ at same time. Bn being relieved on 28 NOV by 2 MONMOUTHS, 159 Bde of 11 ARMD. Pl from "c" Coy commenced attacking KASTEEL at 0820. This proved to be strongly held with M.G's in area of Buildings and round ditches in front of it. There was also a moat of approx 10 ft round the buildings. The enemy allowed our troops to come to close range then opened up with MG's ☉ 20 OR from 'C' Coy missing from this Operation. The KASTEEL area was also heavily mined and under direct observation from EAST bank of MAAS. Bde 'O' Gp at 1030 - BN on relief would concentrate in area ACHTERSE HEES 7914 and be prepared to move on 29 NOV to relieve 2 GLOUCESTERS, 49 DIV in area with Coys at 866107, 874100, 882104. Areas to be recce during day 28 NOV. Bn relief would be complete on afternoon of 28, transport would be available to take Bn to conc area.	CNB CNB APP. E/15 CNB
		1800	Bn commenced arriving concentration area. Billeted in surrounding houses and farms. All men under cover.	CNB
		2030	Last Coy arrived new area.	CNB CNB
ACHTERSTE HEES	29	0900	C.O. 0 Gp at Bn HQ for move to relieve 2 GLOUCESTERS. Move off to pass S.P. at 1415, route 812140, 805125, 819126, 831082. Order of march A.B.C. Coys Carriers Mortars Pioneers A/TK, BHQ, M.O. Relief to be complete by 1930.	CNB
		1000	Message received from 46 Bde by wireless. One Coy only required to move day 29 NOV. Brigadier RML Villiers D.S.O will arrive your HQ in 1 hour to discuss change of plan.	CNB
		1100	New plan. Bn would now relieve 7 SEAFORTH on 30 NOV to enable them to take part in attack on BLERICK by 44(L) Bde.	CNB

		1300	'A' Coy would still move off to same area at 1300 hrs. A Coy moved off for 874100 and relieved 49 DIV recce at 1730 hrs.	CNB
	30	1230	Marching troops commenced moving to relieve 7 SEAFORTH. All Coys in position by 1930 hrs as shown on attached map, with the exception of "B" Coy who worked fwd to EASTERN edge of HOUT BLERICK.	CNB

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year DEC. 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col Sir E.M.A. Bradford
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MAASBREE	1	0600 1830	Situation unchanged. Night patrols report enemy holding general line of A/TK ditch in front of BLERICK. 46(H) Inf Bde - OP. JACKSON. 9th Cameronians NOT required for patrolling. Only protective patrols required. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm ORDER NO 13. OP. GUILDFORD. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. Disposition of Bn as shown on attached MAP.	APP E/1 APP. G/1. CNB APP. E/1. APP J/1. CNB
	2	0600 1300	Situation unchanged. Bn area subject to shelling and mortaring, particularly in BRIDGE AREA. C.O. 'O' Gp at Bn HQ. Ref. 46(H) Inf Bde OP instr No 21. Bn not required to take part in this OPERATION except for giving sup fire if required. MORTARS to fire SMOKE SCREEN on Right flank. 'B' Coy be prepared to withdraw to safety zone for our ARTY fire.	CNB APP E/2 CNB
	3	0330 0500 1035 1310 1400 1815	'B' Coy commenced withdrawing for OP GUILDFORD. ARTY barrage opened up on targets Attack on BLERICK by 44(L) Bde going according to plan. 'B' Coy commenced to occupy old positions, in doing so they sustained 1 off and 2 OR Killed and 3 OR wounded by enemy shelling HOUT BLERICK AREA. During this part of operation enemy shelling was heavy, but it was unobserved and purely D.F. tasks and into smoke screens laid by Bn MORTARS. 46(H) Bde by telephone informed C.O. that Bn (less 1 Coy) will withdraw night 3 DEC to area BERINGEN being relieved by 8 Bn ROYAL SCOTS. Coy to remain would be right hand Coy ("B"). HOUT BLERICK. 2 casualties in BN HQ, shellfire. 44(L) Bde attack going very well, leading Coys half way through BLERICK, opposition very light. 7 SEAFORTH leading Coy on objective. Prisoners commenced arriving Bn area at this time and up until Bn was relieved a total of approx 65 passed through Bn HQ. Bn started moving to area BERINGEN 751085.	APP E/2 APP E/2 CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB

		2030	Bn less "B" Coy and skeleton BN HQ arrived in area BERINGEN. Troops carried in T.C.V's.	for new location APP J/2
BERINGEN	4	0700 2025	8 Bn The Royal Scots arrived Bn HQ and 'B' Coy under comd of them. "B" Coy to be relieved by one Coy of 8 Bn The ROYAL SCOTS at 1300 hrs. This did not take place as it was considered that this area was under enemy observation during daylight. Remainder of Bn engaged in administration and cleaning weapons etc. B Coy arrived area BERINGEN by T.C.Vs.	CNB
BERINGEN	5	1030 2030	Bn recce parties to ASTEN to recce Rest Area occupied by 227 Inf Bde, returning same day. Bn still engaged in general cleaning and adm. C.O. to Bde Comd Conference.	CNB H/1
BERINGEN	6	0915	C.O. conference with Coy comd at Bn HQ, ref. Bde CMD conference 5 DEC Bn still engaged in general cleaning and Adm.	APP H/1 CNB
	7	1300 1910 2035	Bn engaged in administration etc. To leave 7 day rest completely free for training. Bn Harbour party moved off to occupy billets at present occupied by 2 GORDONS, 227 Inf Bde. 46(H) Infantry Bde Adm Instr No 7 Movement order received from 46 Bde for move to relieve 2 GORDONS, 227 Inf Bde Move to ASTEN issued to Coys. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm instruction No 6.	CNB APP. H/2 CNB B/1. CNB APP D/1 " H/3. CNB
BERINGEN	8	0930	Bn commenced moving from BERINGEN and leading tps embussed arrived ASTEN ☉ Bn in new location 1510 hrs. All troops under cover in ASTEN area in houses.	CNB
ASTEN	9		Inspection and General Admin by coys. Capt Muir detailed to proceed to ROULERS to collect rfts from 50 DIV.	CNB CNB
ASTEN	10	2130	Training for all Coys as shown on Coy training programmes. Entertainments for troops, in HELMOND, DEURNE & EINDHOVEN. Capt Muir returned from ROULERS with 1 officer and 72 ORs from 50 DIV.	CNB CNB CNB
ASTEN	11	0900 1400	Training as per programme. C.O. inspected Rfts and adj. detailed them to Coys. Battle GROUP formed Lt HEENAN and 1 pl attached to SUPPORT Coy. Commanding Officer, 15(S) Div conference on leave to the U.K. Points discussed <u>1</u> Balloting first Group on 1 JAN 44. <u>2</u> ELIGIBILITY after six months service in this theatre. <u>3</u> Travelling time for personnel whose journeys take longer than 12 hours or where destinations be NORTH of a given line.	CNB CNB

ASTEN		1615	Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O, visited Bn and addressed Rfts from 50 Div. Relief of 44(L) Inf Bde on 16 DEC 44.	CNB APP E/3
ASTEN	12	1000 1030	Div Comd visited Bn and addressed Rfts from 50 Division. Instructions for Presentation of Medal Ribbons by Commander in Chief 21 Army Gp on 13 Dec 44. Commanding Officer on Recce of area to be taken over on 16 DEC 44 with particular reference to Pl located at BERCK CLOISTER and Coy locality to be sited at OP-DEN-HERT. The ground in this area is very open and CHURCH towers and water Towers on EASTERN Bank of MAAS have good observation on this area. The difficulty is in supplying this Coy as the only good road leading to it is under constant observation. Supplies could be brought in from the WEST under cover but that part was flooded approx one week ago and the ground is unsuitable for M.T. A further recce to be made on the 13 DEC to occupy other Coy areas, as all tracks in area leading to BLERICK are in very muddy condition.	CNB APP J/3 CNB CNB
ASTEN	13	1200 1930	Coy training as per programme. Presentation of medals took place as per instructions. C.O. and 2 I/C attended address to Senior Officers by C.IN.C. 46(H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 22 received from Bde.	APP J/3. " " CNB APP E/4
ASTEN	14		Training as per programmes. Operation Instrs issued to Coys for move to relieve 44(L) Bde on 16 Dec.	CNB APP D/2 CNB
ASTEN	15		Move to relieve 44(L) Bde now cancelled. C.O. and Coy comd would recce area of 158 Bde on 16 SEP. C.O. to meet BRIG R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. at HEIJTHUIZEN at 1300 hrs on 16 SEP. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 14. Training carried out as per programme. Bn walk run in afternoon 3 miles. 46(H) Inf Bde 00 No 16 received for relief of 158 Bde 53 WELCH DIV.	CNB APP H/4. CNB APP. E/5. CNB
ASTEN	16	1100 1400 1520 1715	C.O. and Coy comd recce area 1 E.L.R. (EAST LANCASHIRE REGT. For dispositions see APP. J/3. Bn engaged on training. Bn Ballot for leave commenced. Lt J.A. Werth, Dutch L.O. 15(S) Div, drawing places. Moderator Church of Scotland visited Bn. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 15 received C.O. to 46(H) Bde conference.	APP. J/3. CNB APP H/5.
ASTEN	17	1130	Bn commenced leaving ASTEN area. During the morning a number of enemy planes passed over ASTEN. No action took place in this area.	CNB CNB

			At 0030 hrs the enemy commenced machine gunning area 791960 and mortaring area 784956, this continued until approx 0235 hrs, when the area of the machine guns was brought under our artillery fire. The enemy fire stopped at 0235 hrs. The remainder of night was quiet.	CNB CNB
NEER	20	0600	For patrol reports see APP J/4(3) The weather was again very misty, and forward OPs still manned during daylight.	J/4(3)
		0900	C.O. and 1 rep from each Coy attended Flame throwing demonstration at HELMOND. Bn being relieved during daylight 22 DEC 44 by 7 SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS and would move into Bde reserve at ROGEL 7397.	CNB CNB
NEER	21	0600	Patrols report very quiet, no enemy encountered on this side of RIVER MAAS. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS patrol did not contact B Coy Forward Pl. Weather misty.	CNB CNB
		1205	Enemy patrol reported at 785967 about 12 strong moving in direction of 'B' Coy.	CNB
		1330	C.O. detailed fighting patrol to area stream 787967, if misty will move fwd to H0. 791956, where they had withdrawn from. If not misty will do so when dark. When 'B' Pl reach 787967, carriers will commence clearing H0. 782968 and HOUSES 786968. Area 787967 and 792968 will be mined with 75 grenades.	CNB CNB
		1520	All the area searched by carriers and nothing found.	CNB
		1550	Forward OP back in position. Brig R.M. Villiers DSO visited this forward O.P at the time as it was in position accompanied by the C.O. This area now to be a pl locality; to move into this area when dark. Reps from 7 SEAFORTH recce Bn area for take over on 22 DEC 44.	CNB CNB
NEER	22	0600	During the remainder of night no enemy activity on this side of River, although one trip flare was set off at A/TK area. This was later identified as being animals. A certain amount of enemy tpt movement was heard on far bank which was later shelled by our artillery. Results unknown.	CNB CNB
		1400	7 SEAFORTH commenced arriving in Bn area and proceeded to Coy areas.	CNB
		1715	Relief complete, Bn now in ROGEL 7397, billeted in Houses in area.	CNB
ROGEL	23		Training carried out in area close to ROGEL, including firing all weapons and PIATs. The weather changed at this time and hard frost set in. Arrangements going ahead for Xmas dinner on 25th December. Lt Q.M. Bunce had collected from R.A.S.C. all necessary supplies.	CNB

		1700	C.O. lectured to all Officers and N.C.O. of Bn on necessity of rigid sentry orders, when Bn was covering such large defensive positions.	
ROGGEL	24		Training carried out in areas around ROGGEL. During the morning L/cpl Marandolla, Post Cpl, whilst getting mail from ASTEN, was STRAFFED by enemy planes. The 15 cwt truck was set on fire. L/cpl Marandolla, and the driver escaped without injury, and the mail was saved. 46 (H) Inf Bde OP Instr No 23	APP. E/6
ROGGEL	25		Bn Holiday. Coys had Xmas dinner in the Regimental style with the Commanding Officer, second in command and Adj. visiting each Coy. Bn officers in afternoon played Basketball, by areas. WEST SCOTLAND, REST OF SCOTLAND; NORTH ENGLAND, LONDON. REST OF SCOTLAND won.	CNB CNB
ROGGEL	26		Training carried out. 9 Cameronians will relieve 2 GH on 28 DEC ☉ On relief 2 GH move to ROGGEL ☉ Cameronians will carry out patrolling night 28/29. Reps will stay night 27/28 in 2 GH location ☉ Cameronians will take over when possible by daylight between 1500 and 1630. Relief complete by 1900.	APP. CNB
ROGGEL	27		Bn demonstration of Wasp & Lifebuoy equipment. C.O. and Coy comd recce 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS location. For locations see attached map	J/3.
ROGGEL	28	1330 1630 1715	Bn commenced moving off to relieve 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. Relief complete all coys in position All standing patrols in position in areas as shown on J/3. To lie up in this area until 0720 then commence withdrawing to A Coy to be in before first light.	CNB CNB
HAELEN	29	0800	Patrols returned to A Coy. No enemy encountered on this side of MAAS. Nothing unusual reported. The weather at this time was very misty and visibility was about 50 yds. The patrols got down to the line of MAAS, at two points. The banks being only two foot high, most of this patrol area was flooded one week ago and now it was mostly covered with ice. The patrols were out for 14 hours in this extremely cold weather, and special clothes and self heating foods were asked for. The weather again very misty and the C.O. ordered 'S' Coy & 'C' to R.V at 'A' Coy HQ to take over same patrol areas as for night. They would NOT go out until ordered by HQ. During the morning the weather improved but by 1300 it deteriorated and at 1500 hrs the C.O. ordered it to move off. It remained in	CNB CNB CNB

		1800	position until relieved by the night Standing Patrol on the evening 29 Dec. Observation posts had very little to report as the mist stopped observation. All night patrols in position, one patrol with DUFFLE COATS, remainder not yet supplied. Patrols of 2 NCO, 8 men.	CNB CNB CNB
HAELEN	30	0630 0700 1750 1755	Night activity nil. From patrol reports at 0800 hrs 3 sector had fired on figures in their area, they were later identified as being No 2 patrol who had moved out of their area ☉ No casualties. No 1 patrol claimed having fired at three figures but owing to mist and dark, no hits observed on targets. The C.O. ordered the Standing Patrol from 'C' Coy to R.V at 'A' Coy HQ to be prepared to move into areas 2 & 3 to cover, during thick fog. 'S' Coy patrol ordered to STAND BY in 'A' Coy area to be prepared to cover remainder of patrol areas. C.O. then ordered that if weather clear 2 snipers would occupy a position in the centre of patrol areas and cover by observation the area of EINDE & ASSELT during the hours of daylight, until relieved by night Standing Patrols. If slightly foggy, either 'S' or 'C' Coys would supply one patrol of 2-8 to cover area. If very foggy both companies would be prepared to supply one patrol of 2-8. C Company to cover areas 3 & 4. 'S' COMPANY areas 1 & 2. During day, a number of enemy were observed moving about on far bank. 'C' Coy patrol returned to A Coy HQ with information that SPANDAU located in area of EINDE fired three bursts during day. All patrols night standing in position.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
HAELEN	31	0800 2359	Patrols report very quiet night, nothing to report. During remainder of day enemy shelled area of BUGGENUM occupied by A Coy. This lasted for periods up to 20 minutes, No casualties. This shelling continued up till 1810 hrs, with NO casualties to Bn. ARTILLERY and M.M.G. opened up with NEW YEARS GREETING on known enemy positions.	CNB CNB

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Month and Year JAN 45

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HAELEN	1		The night 31/1 was very quiet. To the SOUTH the KSLI reported a crossing at 844005 ☉ This never materialized. Weather very cold with frost. Remainder of day quiet. Lt Col Sir E M A Bradford left Bn at 1835 hrs. Mjr P.L. Hendricks M.C. assumed comd until arrival of Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs on 2 JAN 45.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
HAELEN	2	1235	Patrols during night, nothing to report. Day fog patrol ordered to RV 'A' Coy as visibility reduced owing to snowfall. Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs arrived Bn and assumed comd. Remainder of day very quiet. Coys commenced defence works, eg. wiring and strengthening sec posts. Weather still cold with snow and frost.	APP. J/1
HAELEN	3	2145	Patrols nothing to report night 2/3 Jan 45. C.O. visited all coys and interviewed all Bn offrs. During visit inspected all Bn defences and informed coy comds of changes in certain sec posts. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS reported 7-9 enemy in their area dispersed later, nothing further to report.	
HAELEN	4	0345	Report from 'S' Coy flares to SOUTH ☉ On checking this information with 4 K.S.L.I. a patrol, enemy, at large in this area. 4 KSLI contacted at intervals during night but nothing further to report. Our own patrols nothing to report. Weather continues cold with frost.	
HAELEN	5		Patrols for night 4/5 nothing to report. Remainder of day very quiet. Coys engaged in wiring and strengthening defence posns.	
HAELEN	6		Patrols for night 5/6 JAN nothing to report. Nothing to report for day 5 JAN.	

HAELEN	7		Patrols for night 6/7 JAN. Report sound of enemy activity in EINDE and ASSELT. Remainder of day very quiet. Weather cold with frost. Appreciation of situation by Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs as at 1430 hrs 7 JAN 45 at HAELEN.	APP G/1
HAELEN	8	1100 1315	Patrols report very quiet night. Lt Gen E M Barker C.B., CBF, D.S.O. M.C. 8 CORPS comd visited Bn and inspected defence posns. Corps Comd and Brig. R M L Villiers lunched at Bn HQ. 7 SEAFORTH moved from ROGGER and relieved 4 KSLI. Relief complete by 1600 hrs and under comd 159 Bde.	
HAELEN	9	1430	Patrol report quiet night with some spandau fire. Weather still very cold with snow and ice. C.O. conf with Coy COMD in patrol areas. As shown on APP J/. Remainder of day quiet, enemy patrol 25 men at 7789 engaged by ARTY.	
HAELEN	10	1000	Patrols report very quiet night ☉ A Coy heard sounds of tapping from 784937. Exercise "SHAMPOO" carried out ☉ Testing comms from O.P. to bring fire on ground. Indication of targets from fwd O.P. C.O. at 'C' Coy to consider counter attack role with Major Bennett. Slight enemy arty activity during day. NOT directed at this area.	
HAELEN	11		Patrols report little enemy activity during night. Weather very cold and frosty with ground mist. Area very quiet during day.	
HAELEN	12	1320	Patrols report little enemy activity during night. 9 CAMERONIANS 00 No 1 issued. Bn area subject to fairly hy enemy arty fire. SUP Coy area hit and 5 ORs wounded slightly. Two evacuated, others remained on duty. Weather very cold and frosty with ground mist.	APP D/1
HAELEN	13		Patrols report little enemy activity in area EINDE ☉ ARTY engaged. Wiring and defences still being carried out. Weather very cold with frost. Brig R.M. Villiers DSO visited Bn and remained for tea. Discussed patrolling.	
HAELEN	14	0630	Patrols report night 13/14 very quiet. No enemy activity during day. Weather still cold with frost. C.O. visited 2 G.H. and gave Mjr Campbell Davies full details of MAAS crossing by our patrol. At same time visited 46(H) Inf Bde. Weather still very cold with frost. Wiring carried out.	

			Assault boat taken to vicinity 'A' as laid down in 0.0 No 1 APP D/1	D/1
HAELEN	15	0930 1030 1145 2105	Patrols report quiet night. C.O. briefed Lt J.S. Shand, patrol leader for OP as laid down in 0.0 No 1 Lt J Shand briefed patrol. Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and joined Lt Col E Remington Hobbs at 'C' Coy where briefing taking place. Remainder of day very quiet ☉ Weather very cold, frosty with snow. Movement heard in area of blown BR, as if boat was endeavouring to pass. This information passed to 7 SEAFORTH for action. Nothing further heard. Incident considered closed at 2338 hrs.	D/1
HAELEN	16	0025 0550 0810 1000	Patrol as in APP D/1 passed through 'A' Coy en route for crossing point. The crossing was NOT made as when patrol reached bank of MAAS, and a boat being put in the river, it began to fill with water. Then it was observed that the boat had a six inch slit in it. Caused during transit from F.U.P. to Embarkation point. An attempt was then made to bring up the second ass. boat which was in 'A' Coy area. But owing to length of carry this boat, it would have been daylight by the time it reached the EMBARKATION PT. Major Bennett 'C' Coy informed C.O. of situation prior to standing Down Patrol. Patrol for night 15/16 nothing to report, enemy did NOT discover intention of crossing RIVER. Brig R.M.L. Villiers visited Bn HQ for information of night crossing and suggested that OP should be carried out on night 17/18 Jan 45. Daylight patrol ordered out due to bad visibility. C.O. visited 'C' Coy and laid on crossing for night 17/18 JAN 45. Remainder of day very quiet.	
HAELEN	17	0620 1715	Sec Post of 'A' Coy at 778938 reported 3 figures approached their posn at approx 0500 hrs. Sec post opened fire on the 3 figures after challenging, and they disappeared. A search was then made of the area but nothing found of them. The search was again continued at 0730 hrs at first light once more unsuccessful. At 0900 hrs a search was again made commencing at RIVER MAAS working through BUGGENUM in stages. This again proved unsuccessful No enemy found in area. The C.O. then considered incident closed but as precaution ordered 'A' Coy to put Standing patrol at 778936 until 2359 hrs. C.O. visited night patrols before leaving 'A' Coy and briefed them as for night's op.	

			Sledge made by R.E. arrived at BN HQ, this sledge was made by order of C.O. to ensure that boat would NOT be damaged from F.U.P. to Embarkation Pt.	
		2235	First party passed through 'A' Coy for crossing of MAAS. APP D/1.	
HAELEN	18	0510	Major Bennett passed word to C.O. that visibility was very good and that barges in the river, on the enemy side, covered the whole area. The crossing was postponed. Remainder of patrols nothing to report. Weather still cold with hard frost. C.O. visited 'C' Coy and BRIG R.M.L. VILLIERS D.S.O. joined him there. Notes of River CROSSING on night 16/17 - 18/19 Jan 45 for conference.	APP J/2.
		2359 1430	Message from Bde harbour parties to be ready. COY COMDR conference held at Bn HQ. Points: <u>1</u> Training. II Move to ROGGE on 25 JAN 45. III D Coy will be reformed on 26 JAN in ROGGE, under Major D. Matthews.	
HAELEN	19	0830	Patrols for night 18/19 JAN 45 nothing to report. During night thaw set in and continued all day.	
		1135	Major Gen SAVOURY CB, DSO, MC INDIAN ARMY visited BN and discussed with COMD OFFR the employment of INF BN in present campaign. Visited Coys in afternoon with Major P.L. Hendricks M.C.	
HAELEN	20		Patrols nothing to report.	
		0600	One cas sustained during day due to enemy shelling.	
		2359	Message received 2 I/C to report Bde HQ at 1800 for conference. Message from Bde harbour parties to be ready to move at 0845 hrs 21 JAN 45 ☉ Three days' rations to be taken.	
HAELEN	21	0800	Patrols report a very quiet night.	Appendix E/1
		0815	Harbour parties consisting of 2 I.C. and 2s I.C Coys leave present area to proceed to future location under Bde arrangements.	
		1045	Brig R.M. Villiers, D.S.O. arrived at Bn HQ for conference with C.O. on hand-over to new unit.	
		1159	Message to all coys. WARNING ORDER ☉ Bn will be relieved by a unit NOT of this Div on or about 22/23 Jan 45 ☉ Recce and harbour parties will arrive either to-day or tomorrow, 22 Jan 45.	
		1215	Recce parties from 1st Canadian Para Bn arrived in area.	
		2100	C.O. attended conference at Bde. On orders from Bde, pioneers report to G.H. area to lift mines laid by this Bn during stay in that area. G.H. rep carries out same in this area. By morning of 22 Jan both areas had been cleared of any mines laid by either Bn. 46(H) Inf Bde 00 No 17 dated 21 Jan 45 received.	

HAELEN	22	0800 0945 1600	Patrols - nothing to report. C.O's Orders Group. Orders re Bde, 00 No 17 and appendix A to 00 No 17 Liaison Offr from Bde visited Bn with orders for move. Admin Order 46(H) Bde No 16.	App E/1. App E/2 App H/1
HAELEN ROGGEL	23	0303 1300 1500 1600 1800	2nd Bn G.H. reported enemy patrol across river in area 7996. Patrol was engaged by G.H. Standing Patrol, and took flight back across the river. One Hun was killed. 1st Canadian Para Bn arrived to take over Bn area. Hand-over completed by 1300 hours. Bn marched to "staging" area, ROGGEL - arrived 1500 hours. 46(H) Inf Bde Mov. Order No 21 received C.O's Orders Group. Points (1) Cleanliness of Billets on hand-over (2) March Discipline (3) Dress (4) Orders for move to Tilburg. Movement Order 9/Cameronians Mov Order No 1.	App E/3. App D/2
ROGGEL	24	0730	Uneventful night. Bn moved off 0730 hrs, arrived in Tilburg 1500 hrs. Advance party had arranged billets; whole Bn in civilian houses. Located as follows:- Bn H.Q. 159311, 'A' Coy 158313, 'B' Coy 157309, 'C' Coy 158310, 'D' Coy (to be reformed on 26/1) 161309, R.A.P. 160311, Q.M. stores 158311, 'HQ' Coy 159311, 'S' Coy 158308.	App J/3.
TILBURG	25	1800	Coys engaged in administration, kit checks etc. C.O. attends Training Conference at Bde (163320).	
TILBURG	26		Coys still engaged in administration, baths etc. "D" Coy reformed.	
TILBURG	27	1430 1830	Coys engaged in Training and Administration. Coy Commanders' Conference on Training. C.O. attends conference at Bde on Training and Training areas.	
	28	1000 1345 1430	Bn Church Parade (for Pres & C of E) Service conducted by Padre of 2 Glas. H. Coy Comd's conference - Training. C.O.'s Lecture to 'B', 'D' and 'S' coys.	
	29	0900 1200	Maps collected from Bde for future ops. Div Comd visits C.O.	
	30		Coys engaged in Training. C.O. on recce of area of future ops.	
	31		Training continues.	

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TILBURG	1		Companies engaged in Training. Locations Bn HQ 159311, "A" Coy 158313, "B" Coy 157309, "C" coy 158310, "D" Coy 161309, "S" coy 158308, "HQ" coy 159311.	CNB CNB
	2		Bn "O" Group at Div HQ. C.O's preliminary orders for operation VERITABLE, with aid of cloth model. Preliminary recce party to concentration area at NIJMEGEN - returned 2000 hrs. Coys training.	CNB
	3	0920	Training continues. 9 Cameronians OO No 2 issued 9 Cameronians Adm Order No 1 issued. Movement order issued in conjunction with Adm Order No 1. Corps Commander's Lecture to C.Os. 1030 Div Comd's Lecture to all offs.	CNB D/1 CNB D/2 CNB D/2 CNB
	4		Preparations for move to NIJMEGEN. Bn moved off from TILBURG at 1500 hrs. Arrived NIJMEGEN 2230 hrs. Bn billeted in Barracks 719614.	CNB CNB
NIJMEGEN	5	1000 1630	Coy Comds' conference at Bn HQ - operational. C.O. attends final coordinating conference at Brigade HQ. 9 Cameronians O.O. No 3 issued	D/3 CNB
	6	1000	Coy Comds' conference at Bn HQ. Amdt List No 1 to O.O. No 2 of 3 FEB issued Mov. Order No 2 issued 43RD LT INFTY OP. ORDER No 1 received & 44(L) Inf Bde	D/4 CNB D/5 CNB E/1 - E/1A
NIJMEGEN	7		Coy Comd's conference at Bn HQ - operational - co-ordinating.	CNB
NIJMEGEN	8	1015 1050 1200	Bn commenced moving off as per movement order. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS going well, no enemy opposition met. Ground soft in parts and tanks having difficulty but progress satisfactory. 4 Coys of GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on obj. 60-70 PW captured belonging to 1051 G.R.	CNB CNB CNB

		1300	A Coy commenced moving to F.U.P. followed by B & C. The main axis was by this time impassable at one point due to mud and tanks were held up but were still able to give support.	CNB
		1440	B Coy reported progressing well but own ARTY falling short and number of casualties.	CNB
		1505	A Coy still progressing but 'R' minefield in area, pioneers are clearing.	CNB
		1515	A & B coys reported on obj. 'C' Coy commenced moving up and D Coy ordered to move fwd as they would be required to move into FRASSELT.	CNB
			C.O. at this time had difficulty in keeping comm and moved to A Coy area and at 1722 ordered 'C' Coy to move into FRASSELT sup by ARTY and CROCS.	CNB
		1840	C Coy progressing well and almost cleared FRASSELT. 50 P.W. taken in this op so far. 1051 G.R.	
			D Coy ordered to move into FRASSELT and take over area as arranged.	CNB
		1905	All coys now in position 809544, 810548, 816545, 818538.	CNB
			227 Bde on left firmly established in KRANENBURG and 53 DIV on right, level with 'C' Coy. Contact made with 53 Div.	CNB
		2100	44 Bde will NOT be passing through. Message from Bde HQ. Earliest to expect them 0130.	CNB
		2103	D Coy patrol reported enemy at 820541. ARTY given task and dealing with.	CNB
			Total P.O.W. for day 115. Identification chiefly 1051 G.R. and 58 FUS. BN 84 DIV.	
			Casualties APP J/5	APP J/5 CNB
FRASSELT	9	0030	Bde ordered all coys to be WEST of FRASSELT Rd by 0130. This is necessary for 44 Bde ARTY programme. The C.O. ordered C & D Coys to withdraw behind Rd.	CNB
		0630	44 Bde passed through Bn and were fwd of Bn. No enemy activity during night except shelling activity in D & C coy areas.	CNB
		0840	Message from Brig R.M.L. Villiers ☺ You are now in reserve. Make NO move except recces as arranged.	CNB
		1110	Message from Brig R.M.L. Villiers. We have probable attack role tomorrow. Recce may be today. Maximum REST to be given during daylight.	
		1230	Message from 44 Bde. P.W. taken as follows 10 off 230 OR in their adv.	CNB
		1500	Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO gave permission for Lt Col E Remington Hobbs to go on short leave to BRUSSELS. Major P.L. Hendricks M.C. assumed comd of Bn.	CNB

FRASSELT	10	2230	Verbal movement order from Bde. Bn to take over temporary def posn from 2 MONS 53 DIV morning 1 FEB 45. Recce parties to arrive 855535 by 0730 hrs.	CNB
FRASSELT	11	0330 0730 1610 2025	Message from Bde giving timings and route to take over def posn from 2 MONS. 'O' Gp for move to relieve 2 MONS. Recce party left at 0800 and arrived at 2 MON HQ at 0845 hrs when message received that plan now changed. Recce party to meet Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO at 44 Inf Bde HQ as soon as possible. Recce party remained here until 1400 when Brig arrived and gave out orders for occupation of def position WEST of CLEVE. Bn in meantime moving up main axis in rear of 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. Bn arrived area WEST of CLEVE and took up def posn as shown in J.2. All Coys in position by 1900 hrs. Weather very bad rain and snow. 46 Bde in reserve ☉ Bn recce parties will RV 882557 0800 hrs 12 FEB 45. Parties will be accompanied by protection parties, composition at C.O. discretion ☉ D.A. & Q.M.G. will meet parties and allot areas within squares 8754 and 8854 ☉ Bn will be prepared to move morning of 12, time later. 7 SEAFORTH to continue adv with obj MOYLAND.	CNB CNB CNB APP J.2. CNB CNB CNB
866557	12	0730 1000 1417 1710	Recce party left for CLEVE. Marching tps left for CLEVE and arrived at 1210 where guides met them and took to billets. Tpt will be late in arriving due to condition of roads. Bde be prepared to hold MATERBORN feature on issue of Code Word BOX right 9 CAMERONIANS left 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS. Incl 2 GH track 971556 to 874552 - 877546. Right Bdy WOOD excl to 9 CAMERONIANS left Bdy 882558 incl to 2 GH. This is necessary due to enemy counter attack on 53 DIV front. Positions suggested by Bde 870543, 868544, 871547. O.C. 2 GH responsible for co-ordination and command of party if it comes off. Bn tpt arrived CLEVE. 0 Gp at Bn HQ for occupation of MATERBORN.	CNB CNB CNB
CLEVE	13	1845 2230	Lt Col E Remington Hobbs arrived at Bn from 48 hrs leave. 'O' Gp at Bde. Plan for capture of MOYLAND. 0 Gp at Bn. Plan for capture of MOYLAND on 14 FEB 45.	CNB APP. E/1B CNB
CLEVE	14	0730	C.O. fwd to QUALBURG to recce ground when Main rd was found to be impassable due to flooding ☉ Bde informed and at 0800 message received from Bde, plan altered owing to flooding, stop all movement and keep vehs clear off roads.	CNB

		1000	Cancel phase 3. 9 CAMERONIANS will now adv along SOUTH rd to 958508 thence to MOYLAND. F.A.A. now 917538.	CNB
		1047	Bn now concentrated in area 917538 and awaiting word from Bde to commence attack.	CNB
		1217	2 GH now on first obj. H hour for 9 CAMERONIAN 1315. A & C coys commenced moving up.	CNB
		1410	Leading Coy reached 951513. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO arrived Bn HQ and ordered that A Coy would consolidate at 951513 and remainder of Bn would move up into same area and form a defensive position as 2 GH were unable to keep level with us going through the wood.	CNB
		2035	Bn now located 952518, 953522, 949523, 948523.	CNB
		2040	Lt Col E Remington Hobbs to Bde 'O' Gp.	CNB
		2245	Bn 'O' Gp when plan given for taking wooded features as shown on J/3. Order of march D,C,A,B Coys. H hour 0900 hrs. At same time 7 SEAFORTH would attack MOYLAND along CLEVE-MOYLAND RD.	APP J/3. CNB
	15	0300	A Coy patrol returned. Houses at 95355105 occupied by enemy. Patrol fired at 8 enemy, results NOT observed, No fire returned.	CNB
		0900	'D' Coy commenced moving off, almost as soon as they moved down main axis heavy enemy mortar and shellfire fell on the axis. This shelling was very accurate and D Coy suffered heavy cas. Comm then ceased with D Coy and they could NOT be contacted on wireless. At 1005 hrs the C.O. sent offr patrol to contact them. During this time message received over ARTY net that D Coy almost on obj. Lt Col Remington Hobbs prepared Major Bennett 'C' Coy comd to move through 'D' Coy. The offr patrol returned at 1100 with information that D Coy held up on S.L. with shellfire and spandaus firing from WOOD opposite. The C.O. passed this information to Bde and immediately ordered 'C' Coy to overcome this resistance and reach obj.	CNB
		1300	C Coy arrived with D Coy and pushed on 200 yds. 2 spandaus causing trouble but will be dealt with.	CNB
		1605	'C' Coy reached objective.	CNB
		1700	Bde ordered Bn to occupy LOBSTER at all costs even if meant night attack. 2 GH are taking over left obj and have this planned now.	CNB
		1835	Commanding Officer ordered 'A' Coy to occupy WOOD 958512 as soon as possible.	CNB
		1903	A Coy had one pl in WOOD 958512, but was disorganised due to night being dark, and thickness of WOOD. Lt Col Remington Hobbs gave permission for A Coy to remain as they were and to consolidate at	CNB

		2030	positions reached. Ordered 'A' Coy to reach obj by first light, as this would assist CANADIANS in their attack on 16 FEB 45. C.O. at Bde 0 Gp. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn and gave orders that WOOD 958512 must be cleared as quickly as possible. 1 coy required to occupy 963514 by first light. Commanding Off ordered 'B' Coy to be prepared for this task. P.O.W. taken to 2100 hrs 133. Identification 346 Inf Div, 7 PARA DIV.	CNB APP E/1/C CNB
	16	0330 0420 0805 1130 1330 1800	10 HLI on our right attack successful, locations as per APP J/3. B Coy ordered to occupy 963514 immediately and to use route through 2 GH and 'C' Coy. B Coy progressing slowly against enemy spandau fire, at 0915 this was complete. A Coy located Spandau posts at 956513, 957512, 958513. Lt Col E Remington Hobbs made plan with C.O. 2 S.G. that tanks would contain and destroy these positions while CANADIANS were advancing. H hour for attack 1330 hrs. Canadian attack commenced with CALGARY rifles passing through woods and clearing A Coy obj. After neutralized by fire from 2 S.G. A Coy then occupied this area. By 1800 the position with CALGARY Highlanders still obscure but they had NOT crossed rd from MOYLAND to cross rd 957507 and are consolidating within Bn area. C.O. at Bde 'O' Gp in which plan given for attack on MOYLAND.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
	17	0900 1400 1720 1725	C.O. visited Coys and put them in picture in regard to our next task, i.e. 9 CAMERONIANS forming firm base on high ground on B & C obj 2 GH and 7 SEAFORTH closing on MOYLAND. This operation dependent on CALGARY HIGHLANDERS success in clearing WOODS to EAST. C.O. ordered D Coy to move and relieve coy of 2 GH in area 954519 and all coys ordered to patrol to road NORTH of WOOD. SUP Coy would have composite force on ground left by D Coy. D Coy in area 954519. Major W. Lawson (B.M.) visited Bn and informed C.O. that Bde would be relieved 18/19 MAR and return to CLEVE area for 2 days thereafter 46 Bde would rejoin 15(S) Div.	CNB CNB CNB CNB
	18	0030 0905 1205	D Coy reported House at 956521 occupied not known by when. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn and ordered C.O. to move 'D' Coy to 'B' Coy to reinforce them 7 SEAFORTH will relieve D Coy. Recce parties of relieving unit will arrive 1400 hrs. It will be daylight relief on 19 FEB 45. CALGARY HIGHLANDERS attack successful and now in area 965514. Attack by 2 GH and 7 SEAFORTH now off.	CNB CNB APP E/1/D CNB

			CALGARY HIGHLANDERS Relieving unit will arrive at 0700 hrs. Bn order of march B,D,C,A.	
	19	0700 1100	Relief commenced. Relief complete. Bn now in CLEVE, uneventful relief.	CNB
CLEVE	20		Bn resting in CLEVE, general adm and regrouping. Rfts arrived and Coys brought up to 90 ORs. C.O. spoke to Bn on all actions to date. 46 Bde Mov Order No 24 received 46 Bde ADM order No 20 received	CNB APP E/2 CNB APP H/1. CNB
CLEVE	21	0900	C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp at 227 Inf Bde HQ. 9 Cameronians Mov Order No 4 issued	APP E/3 CNB
CLEVE	22	0700 0845 0930 1036 1215 1413 1505 1540 1620 1650 1723	Bn moved off from CLEVE. Bn arrived F.A.A. 937440. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DS0 called Bn HQ - 6 RSF unable to get original obj, 1 coy 2 GORDONS being passed through to take houses on right. Change of plan - C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp immediately. C.O. 'O' Gp. Bn obj wood 942418 with obj as shown on J/4. 2 GH capture Houses 937421 with 7 SEAFORTH on left. D Coy reported on obj. A Coy passed through and on their obj at 1452. Opposition slight but very heavy shell and mortar fire. Enemy in strength in WOOD 940413 this was engaged with ARTY and TYPHOONS. 1 pl B Coy on obj, other 2 pl moving up. B Coy confirmed on obj. 'C' Coy reported on obj. 7 SEAFORTH on first obj 952416. During this OP. 39 PW. taken 27 in 'C' Coy area. Casualties during this action. During all this action very heavy enemy ARTY fire on Bn area.	CNB J/4 CNB CNB CNB CNB
SCHLOSS	23	0845 0930 0948 1108 1430	2 GH withdraw at 1100 to assembly area, 9 CAMERONIANS take over their sector, 7 SEAFORTH take over 'C' Coy area, 2 GH will not withdraw until 9 CAMERONIANS take over. 44 Bde have NO reserve. If reserve required 9 CAMERONIANS will provide same, 7 SEAFORTH will take over 9 CAMERONIANS posns. 30 mins notice to move NOT before 1200 hrs. C.O. to report 44 Bde HQ at 1130. 44 Bde have reached 939412 & QUADRANGLE 946441. C.O. 'O' Gp Bn HQ when possibility of having to assist 44 Bde cancelled as they had taken all their obj. Only in extreme emergency will we be used.	CNB CNB CNB

			During "O" Gp Div Comd visited Bn HQ and informed C.O. that Div being relieved on night 25/26 by 3 BRITISH DIV and that Div going to TILBURG area for rest. Bn locations now A & B in same positions, C Coy in D Coy area and D Coy in 937420.	CNB CNB
SCHLOSS	24	0840	2 MONS have reached 917405, 6 RWF 923412. Extremely heavy enemy ARTY fire encountered. 46 Bde Inf OP instr No 27. Enemy arty fire decreased on our sector but still heavy on flanks. 'C' area being shelled occasionally but all known enemy targets engaged by our own Arty.	APP E/4 CNB
SCHLOSS	25	1145 1545 2200	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 25 44(L) Inf Bde Op Instr No 2 Recce parties 2 EAST SUFFOLKS arrived Bn area and inspected 'C' Coy area for relief on 25/26. 'C' Coy only locality being taken over. A,B,D Coys commenced thinning out and moved to assembly area as in E/4. C Coy at this time was subject to heavy enemy shell fire. C.O. engaged all known enemy localities with our own Arty which successfully quietened enemy fire. Relief complete. Bn assembled in area as per E/4	APP E/5. CNB APP E/6 CNB CNB CNB CNB
SCHLOSS	26	1130	Bn commenced moving off as per E/5 and complete in TILBURG at 1845.	CNB
TILBURG	27		Adm and generally cleaning and regrouping.	CNB
TILBURG	28		Adm and generally cleaning and regrouping. Casualties within Bn from 8th FEB - 24 FEB 45 Record of op. from 22-25 FEB 45 by Coys Operation Veritable personal account by C.O. 9 Cameronians	APP J/5. CNB APP J/6 CNB APP J/7. CNB

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Unit 9 CAMERONIANS

Month and Year March 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		Bn engaged in training and re-equipping.	CNB
	2		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
	3		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
	4		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
	5		Bn engaged in training.	CNB
		1400	C.O. at Bde HQ for conference on move to area ZOLDER 305722 for further specialist training on river crossing equipment.	
			Recce party left for ZOLDER (BELGIUM).	CNB
	6	1345	Bn commenced moving off from TILBURG, order of march A.B.C.D Coys and arrived in area ZOLDER at 1930 hrs.	CNB
ZOLDER	7		Bn engaged in adm and settling down in new area.	CNB
ZOLDER	8		Training on river crossing, practice carrying storm boats and loading L.V.T.	CNB
ZOLDER	9		Bn engaged in training, loading unloading STORM boats. Weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices.	CNB
ZOLDER	10		Bn engaged in training. Loading and unloading storm boats. Weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices.	CNB
ZOLDER	11		Bn engaged in training. M.T. section on use of CL 9 raft. Loading and unloading vehicles. Remainder loading and unloading storm boats, weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices. C.O. and coy comd briefed on Div Exercise on Wed 14 and night 16/17 MAR 45. This exercise was a Div Assault across River MAAS with 227 and 44 Bdes as assault Bde and 46(H) Inf Bde in reserve. 9 Cameronians to supply Coy comd as umpires for this Exercise.	CNB
ZOLDER	12		Bn engaged in training, Weapon training, route marches, rifle range practices.	CNB
ZOLDER	13		Bn engaged in training. Op TORCHLIGHT. 46 Inf Bde planning Notes No 1 received. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Instr No 9 OP TORCHLIGHT received	APP E/1 CNB APP CNB

ZOLDER	14		C.O. and Coy Comds on 15(S) Div Exercise Bn engaged on training.	CNB
ZOLDER	15		Bn engaged on training. Rifle practices. Adm instr No 9 issued	APP G/1
ZOLDER	16	0900 1900	C.O. at 46(H) Bde 'O' Gp when outline plan given for OP. TORCHLIGHT. C.O. O Gp at Bn HQ. First stages required for River crossing (CLOTH MODEL)	CNB APP. E/2 CNB
ZOLDER	17		C.O. and Coy comd on 15(S) Div Exercise: on river crossing. APP. 'A' to 46(H) Inf Bde Outline - Veh Priority list issued.	APP. E/3 CNB
ZOLDER	18	0900 1900	Coy comd at Bde HQ for briefing on OP. TORCHLIGHT. All Bn Officers at Briefing conference, OP. TORCHLIGHT, when general plan given out.	CNB CNB
ZOLDER	19		OP TORCHLIGHT. 9 CAMERONIAN Adm instr No 5 issued Capt G L Allan recce to marshalling area for OP TORCHLIGHT.	APP G/2. CNB CNB
ZOLDER	20		9 CAMERONIAN O.O. No 4. OP TORCHLIGHT issued. 46(H) Inf Bde - Move Order No 27 received	APP. D/1. CNB App E/4. CNB
ZOLDER	21	1730	Bn left area ZOLDER for Marshalling area 923392 west of XANTEN and arrived in location at 0400 hrs 22 MAR 45.	CNB
923392	21		OP. TORCHLIGHT. 46(H) Inf Bde OP Instr No 28 issued in conjunction with 46(H) Inf Bde outline plan dated 16 MAR 45 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 20 received. 9 Cameronians Adm Order No 6 issued	APP E/5 CNB App. H/2 CNB APP G/3. CNB
923392	22		Bn still in Marshalling Area. All Coys briefed on plan for crossing Rhine. OP Torchlight. 46(H) Inf Bde list of codewords OP TORCHLIGHT. 46(H) Inf Bde OP instr No 28 issued in conj. with 46(H) Inf Bde outline plan dated 16 MAR 45. 46(H) Inf Bde instr for move of tps and Vehs from present areas to far bank of R. Rhine.	CNB APP. E/6 CNB CNB APP E/7 CNB APP E/8. CNB
923392	23	0010	Bn resting for Op TORCHLIGHT. 9 CAMERONIANS. Mov Order No 7 (Marching tps) Message received from 46 Inf Bde that D day now 24 MAR 45. Bn commenced moving down Inf track for crossing of Rhine and arrived in Storm boat waiting area at 0315 hrs.	CNB APP D/3 CNB CNB
	24	0400	227 Bde Sitrep, progress satisfactory, opposition not hy, 8 PW. 1062 GR. 9 CAMERONIANS NOT yet required to cross RHINE as 10 HLI and 2 A&SH had NOT yet cleared our F.A.A. C.O. went to Bde HQ and remained there to await orders. In the meantime all ranks to get as much rest as possible.	CNB CNB CNB

		0900	Message received from Bde to 7 SEAFORTH giving tasks (1) to contact coy 10 HLI. (2) clear BUND between 10 HLI and 2 A&SH using 1 tp 44 RTR, to commence as soon as possible. The reason for this task was that enemy had been pushed back to HAFFEN and MEHR but there were still isolated enemy posts along bank of RHINE which were engaging and damaging Storm Boats when crossing. To counter this two tanks were brought up on WEST bank of RHINE and engaged targets, which made enemy surrender.	CNB
		0930	All arty fire stopped as first wave of AIRBORNE passed overhead. This continued until 1100 hrs. Enemy A.A. was obs. but seemed to be of a light nature. 3 A/C were obs. to crash.	CNB
		1055	7 Seaforth reported task 1 complete, a number of enemy gave themselves up.	CNB
		1130	Sitrep received from Bde giving locations of 51(H) DIV, their progress very good having gained Brhead up to 3 miles in DEPTH. C.O. still at Bde HQ awaiting orders to move, this still being delayed by the fact that our F.A.A. had NOT been cleared.	CNB
		1305	Message to 7 SEAFORTH. 10 HLI no further FWD than F.A.A. 9 CAMERONIANS ☉ You must do WOOD 1449 as soon as possible there, plan (a) capture MEHR (b) group BR 1349 (c) exploit and capture WOOD.	CNB
		1345	C.O. received orders to move immediately and cross RHINE by STORM boats. To cross and move to REE. Bn commenced moving and arrived in area of RHINE bank 104456.	CNB
		1430	A Coy commenced crossing Rhine followed by BN HQ B.C & D Coys. The crossing was entirely unopposed and NO casualties sustained. The Bn then commenced moving to F.A.A. when leading Coy ('A') received infm that they would now go to original F.A.A. in OVERKAMP but at this pt enemy were still holding.	CNB
		1510	Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and gave C.O. orders to occupy area HAFFEN. Plan D Coy to move off first and capture area 120493. A Coy to capture 124496, C & B to occupy area 118500, 125500. To commence as soon as possible. D coy occupied HAFFEN area at 1750 and pushed one Pl to area 118500. Almost at same time A Coy captured area 125500. C & B Coys then commenced moving up to attack 118004 and 125500 but it was getting dark by this time and they were both held up by spandau fire across open ground. The C.O then gave orders for B & C Coy to remain in present locations until first light. 2 GH in meantime had endeavoured to reach BRUKSHOF 128499 but when on the obj they had to withdraw.	CNB
		2015	Enemy attempting to infiltrate into 7 SEAFORTH locality.	CNB

		2017	2 GH received message from Brig. 7 Seaforth to occupy BATTLEAXE via BAZOOKA or by SOUTH. 2 GH to occupy BAYONET if possible. 9 CAMERONIAN patrols if successful will conc 130522 and take on BLUNDERBUSS.	CNB
		2030	7 SEAFORTH report enemy still infiltrating, number of PW taken.	CNB
		0330	7 SEAFORTH situation deteriorating, strong enemy counter attack again on right fwd coy which is surrounded and few men left. They are coming up main axis and our coy comd estimates strength of enemy approx 100 trying to form 200 yds in front of my location for counter attack. Arty assistance impossible due to our chaps being right among enemy. Many wounded. At first light the enemy withdrew from this area and 7 SEAFORTH regained all obj. During previous days attack 'A' Coy 2 killed, Major Shearer Wounded, 'B' Coy 2 killed, Major S. Bingley wounded, since died of wounds and 8 OR wounded. C Coy 1 killed, 1 off and 9 OR wounded. 'D' Coy 7 wounded, 4 missing.	CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB
HAFEN	25	0500	Spandau post located at 123501, 125499, 128498, 127495.	CNB
		0710	A & C Coy asked permission to bring arty on road running to this front, as a number of enemy posts had been identified there.	CNB
		0946	A&SH under comd 46 Inf Bde for next OP.	CNB
		1200	7 SEAFORTH 25 P.W. taken in area 128493. 20 coy 7 PARA DIV.	CNB
		1420	C Coy being counter attacked from their front by 20-30 enemy.	CNB
		1630	2 GLAS H and A&SH attack going well Wood being cleared.	CNB
		1630	Plan laid on for attack by D and B Coys onto original obj. This attack would commence at last light and would have considerable arty sup on targets and M.M.G. fire. H hour approx 1930 hrs.	CNB CNB
		2000	H hour for D & B Coy attack.	CNB
		2040	D Coy on obj. after considerable small arms fire fight. Total P.W taken 57. Casualties for day 5 killed 15 wounded.	CNB
		2045	B Coy on obj. Lieut O.B. Gordon 'A' Coy to patrol fwd to 130518 to contact enemy, to return as soon as possible.	CNB
		2310	Bn to be relieved tonight by 10 HLI and to come under comd 227 Bde for future Ops, that is clearing WOOD or Area 140510. 7 SEAFORTH to capture line of Road.	CNB CNB CNB
HAFEN	26		46(H) Inf Bde Op Instr No 29 Casualties for day.	APP E/9

		1300	'O' Gp at Bn HQ when plan given for attack on area 1451. Coy obj as follows A. 140506 B. 147510 C 140503 D 147508. Order of march C,D A.B. Coys with in sup 1 tp crocodiles. H hr to be notified by Bde but NOT before 1500 hrs.	CNB
		1315	Message from Bde 7 SEAFORTH attack postponed 30 mins, obj 1 coy at 143504, 1 coy 153498, 1 coy at 160498, that is, H hour 1400 hrs.	CNB
		1400	Bn moved off from HAFFEN route VIA MEHR to attack area 1451. 7 SEAFORTH attack commenced, progress satisfactory.	CNB
		1500	C Coy now located at 139496 behind coy of 7 SEAFORTH awaiting them gaining obj to carry on with their task.	CNB
		1545	All Coys of 7 SEAFORTH now on obj. 9 CAMERONIAN. H hour 1630.	CNB
		1645	Both Coy have crossed SL and both on obj by 1715 hrs. No enemy opposition. A and B coys now moving fwd to their obj.	CNB
		1830	All coys now on obj and patrols sent fwd to try and contact enemy. These patrols report no enemy encountered within 600 yards of coy localities.	CNB
140497	27	0230	All coy comd to report Bn HQ at 0800 for 'O' Gp.	CNB
		0800	Coy comd at Bn 'O' Gp. D coy to occupy area 138514, A Coy to attack area 146514, B Coy to attack area 148515, C Coy to occupy area 144510.	CNB
		1038	D Coy report on new locality. A & B coys crossed S.L and progress satisfactory until at 1114 hrs they were held up by S.P gun firing from area 147515. This held up progress of A and B coys. The attack was stopped at this point and 'O' Gp at Bn HQ at 1430 hrs.	CNB
		1430	'O' Gp. Plan given out for 'A' Coy taking B Coys obj and 'C' Coy passing through to capture B Coy obj. H hour 1715. Sup from Arty, 4.2 Mortars, tp CROCS and tp of S.P. guns. But it is still doubtful if they will manage in time to be of assistance.	CNB
		1843	Op now commencing, enemy tank located 148515, being engaged with 5.2 guns and Valentines.	CNB
		2014	A Coy reported on obj, houses on fire due to crocs, enemy tank completely destroyed. 2 A&SH will relieve 9 CAMERONIANS night 27/28 MAR in position gained by 9 CAMERONIANS during present OP. ☉ Detailed arrangements to be made mutually between comds concerned ☉ Bde HQ will order relief to start on infm received from 9 CAMERONIANS. 9 CAMERONIANS will move on relief to present 2 A&SH area in area 150495, prepared to move early 28 MAR to Bde res position.	CNB
		1929	You come under comd 227 Bde 2000 hrs tonight, movement order cancelled.	CNB
		2212	A Coy report 20 enemy at 152515, engaged with ARTY fire.	CNB

		2330	C.O. ordered 'O' Gp to RV at B Coy HQ where plan given for attack by 227 Bde on day 28 MAR 45. Two Bn attack 2 GORDONS left 10 HLI right. to clear wood 1352. 2 A&SH under comd 46 bde also 6 HLI to attack and clear area up to main road 132533-158530 to take place at same time as 227 Bde.	CNB
140497	28	1010 1250 1820	7 SEAFORTH have reached 151515 & 151517 & 155513, 156514. H hour for 227 Bde attack 1400 hrs. 227 Inf Bde attack commenced duly at 1400 hrs. The advance reached all obj and no enemy opposition encountered, although a number of mines were met, but with no cas. The attack was finished and all Bn on final obj. This also incl 46 Inf Bde. Warning order received, be prepared to take over from 6 HLI. 46 Inf Bde. To be completed by 1000 hrs 29 MAR 45. 'O' Gp for this move, order of march A, C, Bn HQ, Sup, B and D Coys to occupy posn as shown on att Map	CNB APP J/1 CNB
	29	0800	Bn commenced moving to relieve 6 HLI. Bn relief complete by 1100 hrs. Position at first tactical but Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn in afternoon and ordered maximum rest for all ranks, as the adv had completely passed 15(S) Div.	CNB
	30		Bn now engaged in generally cleaning, resting and re-organising. Casualties for Rhine crossing 15 Killed 61 wounded 7 missing	CNB
	31		Bn resting and re-organizing	

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Month and Year APR 1945

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
155337	1		Bn resting, refitting and re-organizing. Mobile cinema visited Bn. Padre held Easter celebrations.	CNB
155537	2		Major PL Hendricks MC assumed comd of Bn whilst Lt Col E Remington Hobbs on U.K. leave. Bn engaged in training in morning. Afternoon devoted to SALVAGE dive at Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO request. 87 Rfts arrived Bn and allocated to Coys to bring them to A 107. B 109. C 103. D 104.	CNB
155537	3	0915 1000 1130 1200 2005 2330	Warning order Bn will move tomorrow 4 APR 45. Timings and details later ☉ This was later cancelled. Message received be prepared to move at NOT before 1400 hrs. Harbour party 1 off and one NCO will RV at SP Coy forthwith. Tpt Coy. Jeeps. A.B.C Coy and Sp. Capt Daig I/C party to report when party assembled. Harbour party to "Stand By" at Sp Coy at immediate notice to move. Harbour party moved off. Message received from Bde that move now at 1800 hrs which was cancelled shortly afterwards to 1730 to pass Bde S.P. See movement Order No 28. Bn arrived area 317653 and prepared to harbour for night 3/4 APR 45. No further infm from Bde but move expected early on 4 APR. Orders received for move on day 4 APR. Harbour party to leave present area at 0500 hrs. Timings for main body later.	CNB CNB APP. E/1 CNB CNB CNB
	4	0200 0800	Orders received for move to SCHEDDEBROCK 8091. Sht Q1 8 miles N.W. of MUNSTER. (46 Bde mov order No 29) Instr to coys that Bn would be postponed to move off at 0800 hrs, order of march S. Bn HQ. A.B.C.D. Bn moved off and crossed Bde S.P. at 0835 hrs en route for SCHEDDEBROCK and arrived in new location at 1245 hrs.	APP. E/2. CNB

		1700 Bn passed through country already captured by assault and during the first stages destruction was great, as the airborne forces had landed there. In other towns we witnessed just how accurate the R.A.F. bombing attacks were. Also transport and guns were abandoned or destroyed in large numbers along the route. 1900 Orders received from Bde that we would have to supply four pl for guarding V.P., namely Bridges over the EMMS-DORTMUND Canal at 9602, 9394, 9089, 9789. To be in position as soon as possible after 1845 hrs. 'A' Coy was ordered to take over this task with under comd 1 sec carriers. 1945 C.O. Gp on Brig R.M.L. Villiers discussion on afternoon of 4 APR. This 'O' Gp. the C.O. put Coy comds in the picture as far as fwd posns of 8 CORPS which we are now in. The Bn's next possible op would be clearing an area behind 11th Armd Div 6 Airborne Div who are expected to cross the River WESSER at 9035 as 46 Bde task. 227(H) Inf Bde to clear behind 11 ARMD DIV. (2) As this task would be on a very wide front speed is essential and carriers would do the actual searching and inf on T.C.V. clear areas. (3) Also a number of men would be left guarding V.P's. 'A' Coy left for V.P. sectors.	CNB CNB CNB APP E/3 CNB CNB
SCHEDDEBROCK	5	0900 Bn location as for APR 45. 1030 Two Southern pl of A Coy being relieved during day by 292 L.A.A. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DS0 arrived at Bn and discussed officers situation within the Bn. At same time infm C.O. that 'A' Coy would be relieved during day and would return to this location on completion of hand over. 1500 Orders received from 46 Bde that one Coy would be required for task on evening 5 APR 45. T.C.V. would report at 1700 hrs. D Coy detailed for this task. 1730 Verbal message from Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. that Bn would be required to move on day 6 APR to area of MINDEN. The route would be cleared as we moved and carriers would be on fwd recce role. 2100 C.O. 'O' Gp for move to area MINDEN when points discussed for clearing pockets of resistance en route, order of march, A. Bn HQ. B. C. Harbour party D Coy. Sp Coy split up into gps throughout the length of the column to ensure maximum protection to all vehs. 9th Cameronians would lead Bde Gp to pass S.P. at 0630 hrs. Route will be given later.	CNB CNB CNB

		2300	Congratulatory Letter from Lt GEN MM Ritchie C.B. CBE, DSO, MC Comd 12 CORPS. 46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 30 received from Bde	APP. APP E/3
SCHEDDEBROCK	6	0200 0600 0900 1100 1310 1330	9 CAMERONIANS Mov Order No 8 issued Message from Bde that NO movement before 0900 hrs. No move before 1800 hrs. Mov Order No 30 from 46 Bde Bn passed Bde S.P. en route for MINDEN. Leading T.C.V. of A Coy skidded after back tyre had puncture and collided with a tree. 8 cas. The going was very slow in the convoy and during the first four hours the Bn only covered 11 miles. On darkness the Bn had only covered half route. However the Bn kept on route and luckily enough it was a fine evening and night although very cold. At 2300 1 pl of C Coy was dispatched to guard an ammo dump at IBURG 2097. No opposition was met on way and at 0730 Bn finally arrived at WEGHOLM 7551. 1 carrier burnt out due to overheating, 1 ditched but later recovered. The remainder of day Bn spent resting and maximum maintenance on Vehs.	APP. D/1 APP E/4
	7	1930	Message from Bde that expect NO move tomorrow.	
WEGHOLM	8	0900	Bn ordered to clear large wood to the EAST of WEGHOLM. All Coys were used for this operation which yielded 4 German P.W. The OP finished at 1345 hrs.	
WEGHOLM	9		Bn remained in present location resting and maintenance. Orders received verbally for Bn to move on day 10 APR 1945 to area RADERHORST by march route.	
WEGHOLM	10	0400 0900 1830 2200	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 31. Marching tp left for area RADERHORST. The journey to this area was uneventful, and Bn arrived in area at 1530 hrs after marching 17 miles. This was the first long march the Bn had done for a considerable time and with no exceptions arrived in new area 943218. To harbour for night 10/11 Apr 45. A move was expected early next morning. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. Bn 'O' Gp for adv to contact on area CELLE with in Sup. 4 COLDSTREAM GDS, 1 Tp 288 N.H. Bn leading 46 Bde Gp to move off at 0700 hrs. 11 APR 45. Order of march A, B, Bn HQ, C, D Coys. 6 Gds Tank Bde and 6 Airborne were known to be in area NORTH of HAMBURG but exact positions unknown.	APP. E/5 APP E/6

RADERHORST	11	0700	A Coy on SQN of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS passed Bde S.P. followed at intervals of 800 yds by the remainder of the BN.	
		1140	15(S) Div recce reported enemy strong point at 569389. A diversion was made at this time which took Bn into 9 U.S. Army area. This was due to BR 5845 being under class 40.	
		1555	Message received from Bde for Bn Gp to conc in area 498368 ☉ The C.O. to meet Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. as soon as possible at 534373.	
		1630	Bde 'O' Gp at 534373 when Bn given task of clearing main axis to CELLE. At Bn 'O' Gp. A, B Coys were given this task with A coy right 'B' Coy left. They would adv down 100 yds either side of main axis while the tanks of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS adv on main axis to clear strong pt 559389. TAC HQ set up at 534373. H HOUR 2000.	
		2000	A & B Coys commenced adv to clear 559389.	
		2030	Tanks reported that task was half completed and were meeting small arms fire. At 2045 hrs the two leading tanks were destroyed by BAZOOKA fire. As it was getting dark the tanks had to withdraw to harbour area, and shortly after this A & B coys reported they were about 150 yds short of obj and were meeting Small arms and 20 M.M fire. They were then ordered to become firm in present areas and that rest of Bn would join them in that area.	
	12	0040	C & D coys were ordered to move fwd and join A & B Coys with C on right and D on left. This started at 0205 and both coys in position at 0437 hrs. Total cas for this OP 2 killed 7 wounded.	
		0430	D Coy ordered to move fwd at first light to occupy B Coy original obj. This was completed at 0600 hrs and carrier patrol sent out to find if enemy still in same locality. When carrier patrol out a number of explosions were heard in the direction of CELLE which were later identified as Bridges being blown. Infm received from 46 Bde that 2 GLAS H would pass though Bn and clear axis to CELLE.	
		0705	One wounded Offr P.W captured who gave infm that 200 enemy occupied this area on night of 11 APR but had withdrawn to CELLE at first light.	
		0710	227 Bde reported on outskirts of CELLE.	
		1010	Harbour parties required at Bde HQ at once. No move before 1200 hours, until then maximum rest for everyone.	
		1500	Bn embussed on T.C.V. left for WESTERCELLE using 227 Bde axis.	

		1800	Bn arrived WESTERCELLE and prepared to harbour night 12/13 in this location. On arriving at this location Bn recce party called for to recce area NORTH of CELLE with a view to occupying by first light 13 APR 45. Recce party left at 1830 hrs, to travel on same route as 227 Bde. On travelling along axis it was found that this route had NOT been cleared, and darkness was approaching, so the C.O. put the recce off and party returned. Bde 'O' Gp called for at 2100 hrs. Plan given for continue adv on 13 APR. 15(S) Div axis rd CELLE-UELZEN with 227 on main rd, 7 SEAFORTH on subsidiary rd on left and 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS on right subsidiary rd. Mov Order for crossing BR CELLE.	APP E/7. APP E/8
WESTERCELLE	13	0800 1237 1335 1912 2200	Leading tanks with 'C' Coy aboard crossed BR CELLE and moved into conc area to await being called fwd, after 2 GLAS H. Lt Col E Remington Hobbs arrives back from leave and assumed comd of Bn from Major PL Hendricks M.C. Received orders from Bde to move fwd along axis to area 6956, and then await further instr to move to Harbour area. This instr came at 1715 hrs and Bn moved into village at 718618, where Bn to Harbour for night 13/14. During day 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H. had contacted small pockets of enemy who had put up stiff opposition. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn with orders that adv would be continued on same lines on 14 APR 45 with 9 CAMERONIANS clearing large wood on S.W. of Main axis. 'O' Gp at Bn HQ for clearing WOOD, this being done by each Coy in turn forming firm base along axis and carrier patrols clearing tracks to main rd. A Coy with under comd carrier pl, det pnrs and sec mortars and in sup one tp 4 (TK) COLDSTREAM GDS to move first and form firm base in MARMEDE then to patrol fwd to BRICKWEDEL and form firm base for remainder of Bn, ie D Coy to AAGEN, 'C' Coy BEHREN, 'A' Coy to BOKEL. H hour 0730 hrs.	
	14	0730	A Coy Gp adv to MARMEDE and arrived in position at 0755 hrs against slight opposition, 1 off 34 OR being taken P.O.W. They consisted of L. of C. tps. 'A' Coy commenced patrolling fwd and at 1130 hrs reported BLECKWEDEL clear and then D Coy ordered to move fwd to HAGEN and at 1238 hrs reported that it was clear with the capture of 38 German P.W and the very satisfying task of releasing 280 Allied P.W. incl 2 Americans and 3 British.	

			At 1500 conference held in HAGEN after C Coy occupied BEHREN. For move to conc in area BOKEL for night 14/15. 'C' Coy will remain in BEHREN until remainder of Bn in position. P.W for day 4 off 111 OR. Cas 3 OR and Lieut TESH Bde L.O. (acting) Bn complete in BOKEL. Total P.W for day 355.	
BOKEL	15	1930		
		0500	Message received that 2 GLAS H in STADENSEN 8979 and SQN of Recce in NETTLEKAMP had been counter attacked during night, by inf on half tracks and a number of S.P. guns. A large number of 2 GLAS H tpt had been destroyed but counter attack unsuccessful. SQN of recce had been over-run. 9 CAMERONIAN will move to 9076 and then to 9178 hold line of rd and link with 2 GLAS H.	
		0915	This was put into op by A Coy occupying NIENWOHIDE and B Coy occupying KALLENBROCK 9178. 14 P.O.W taken.	
		1500	After further planning A Coy commenced attacking NETTLEKAMP on the right of rd, with D Coy on left.	
		1530	Both A & D Coys on obj and clear of enemy. B & C then passed through respectively and captured areas further EAST making position firm. Total P.W for this op 105 incl 2 off, D Coy capturing 1 off 59 OR. Cas. Lieut A. Young and 6 OR wounded. 6 half tracks were captured in complete working order in the village, 2 M/C and one recce car.	
		1805	Message from Bde that Bn OX and BUCKS of 6 A.B. will relieve 9 CAMERONIAN forthwith. Recce parties will arrive in 1 hour. 9 CAMERONIANS on relief will relieve 10 HLI at present located VEERSON 898880. Recce party report to 10 HLI immediately. Owing to position occupied by 10 HLI they could NOT be relieved in daylight and NO fwd recce allowed.	
		2000	Relief complete Bn moved off to 10 HLI rear HQ 881852 where guides would meet coys.	
VEERSEN	16	0500	Bn relief of 10 HLI complete. For dispositions see Map. It can be noted that the enemy occupied the houses on the opposite side of the rd from A & B Coys and any movement immediately caused Small Arms fire to be brought down. The gap between B and D Coy was also occupied by the enemy. At this stage 44(L) Bde on right had adv to gen line running EAST from GR LIERDEN 9388 while 7 SEAFORTH had reached KL SUSTEDT 8566, 2 GLAS H in reserve at 8885. The Bn snipers were with "A", "C" & "B" Coys and during day did get some targets. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 25 received.	APP E/8.

		2000	'O' Gp at Bn HQ in which plan given out as per O.0 No 25 for attacking and clearing UELZEN.	
VEERSEN	17	0630 1515 1645	Enemy action during night very quiet except in 'A' Coy where one of the houses occupied by fwd sec was hit by a BAZOOKA and set on fire. Report received from 44(L) Bde indicated that tracked vehs were heard pulling out and heading in a N.E. direction. At approx 1200 hrs a check was made with all coys as to whether the enemy was still in position in VEERSEN as it was thought they had withdrawn, and a certain amount of movement was still observed by A B & D Coys. Tanks of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS (TK) were being employed to shoot up houses occupied by enemy. A number were set on fire. Report from 'B' Coy that 11 enemy observed withdrawing with full equipment on. The Commanding Officer had ordered that in this event patrolling would take place and if areas unoccupied Coys would occupy. Limit of patrol and occupation Fwd edge of VEERSEN. A & D coy commenced patrolling and enemy still in position. Arty fire plan cancelled for attack by 7 SEAFORTH. By 1800 hrs C, A B D were on the move fwd and all in new posns by 2210 hrs. Total P.W for this op 3 off and 125 OR, 2 off and 69 OR from 20 CAVALRY Regt were captured by 'B' Coy. 46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 21. Plan for day 18 APR 45. 7 SEAFORTH to commence clearing UELZEN at 0600 hrs followed by 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS.	APP H/1
UELZEN	18	0600	Attack commenced by 7 SEAFORTH on UELZEN. For areas to be cleared APP J/1. Bn commenced clearing first area at 1400 hrs and task completed by 2007 hrs. P.W for day 2 off 54 OR. CAS. 1 off Capt Glasper M.C. Killed. 1 OR Killed 8 OR wounded. Message from Bde move at 1400 hrs by march route to area BEVENSEN.	
UELZEN	19	1400	46 Inf Bde Mov. Order No 32 Bn moved off from UELZEN and in position in BEVENSEN by 1715 hrs. Bn will harbour for night in this area. 'O' Gp at Bde HQ for adv on 20 APR 45 to BLECKEDE. Bn order of March C Coy, A Coy, Main Gd with carrier pl, in sup 1 Sqn 4 COLDSTREAM GDS (TK), Bn HQ. B. D Coys to pass S.P. 0815 hrs.	APP. E/9
BEVENSEN	20	0815	Bn crossed S.P. No opposition was encountered en route and Bn arrived in DAHLENBERG at 0940 hrs where recce L.O. met who infm C.O. that enemy held BARSKAMP, GODDINGEN, BREETZE and cross rds 014208.	

		2000	Bn conc in HARMSTORF prior to attacking along Main axis. 'C' Coy moved off and attacked and cleared KOSTORF, and remainder of locations as in attached map. Bn captured all areas as on APP and in position. Message received from Bde that 5 Div now dealing with BLECKEDE and we are astride their axis. Accordingly C & D Coys to move and take up def posn in area BREETZE which had been captured by 2 GLAS H. A & B Coys to remain in NINDORF. Bn firm in this location at 2115 hrs with HQ in BREETZE. A line party on way to A, B Coys missed the route and went down main rd to BLECKEDE and reached 998256 when they were fired on. The jeep in which they were travelling was knocked out, and 3 sigs missing believed wounded.	APP.
BREETZE	21	0800	Message received from Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. that Bn would now move and occupy GARZE 9727 as soon as possible, recce parties to RV and relieve Coy of 7 SEAFORTH at present in that area.	
GARZE		1550	Bn commenced arriving in area GARZE 9727 and moved into positions as shown on map attch. When Bn in position enemy opened up on gen area with 20 m.m. No casualties resulted. But a number of rounds passed through coy offices, which were very unpleasant. The enemy occupied the general line of the BUND by OP during day, a number of which could be observed at approx 1000 yards range. These targets were engaged by 3" mortars. 2 patrols out on night 21/22 and verified enemy in area BUND 987277. 2 CAMERONIANS of 5 DIV were on Bn immediate right waiting to attack BLECKEDE 0025. Infm available that they had cleared up to line of Rly running EAST to WEST through BLECKEDE.	
GARZE	22	0410 0615	Patrols again verified enemy on BUND 986268. Nothing to report from all Coys.	
GARZE	23	1500	Brig RML Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and gave orders for clearing up to River Elbe. A & B were given this task. B Coy to clear WOOD and establish an OP on fwd edge. This OP commenced 1800 and was complete by 2200 hrs. 2 Bn Cameronians had cleared BLECKEDE.	
GARZE	24		Nothing to report on enemy. Coys employed in re-org and general maintenance.	
GARZE	25	1100	Nothing to report. Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs D.S.O. at Bde outline plan conference for crossing River ELBE. 9 CAMERONIANS to relieve 2 ASH on night 27/28 MAY 45. Lt. Col. Alexander and 8 offr and 20 OR of 2 CAMERONIANS visited Bn arriving at 1800 hrs. The road from BLECKEDE to GARZE had never	

			been used prior to this and opening ceremony was held at rd Block in 'C' Coy area.	
GARZE	26	2345	Bn would now relieve 2 A&SH night 26/27 APR as plan brought fwd. Once more this would require night relief as fwd positions were under direct enemy observation. 'O' Gp at Bde HQ for change in plan. D Coy now 29 APR 45. All coys of 2 A&SH relieved Bn now in position.	
HITTBERGEN	27	0600	Nothing to report. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 26. 9 CAMERONIANS ADM Order No 7. 9 CAMERONIANS O.O. No 5.	APP. E/10 APP G/1 APP. D/2
HITTBERGEN	28	0600	Nothing to report. 9 CAMERONIANS Mov Order No 9. 9 CAMERONIANS Adm Order No 8.	APP D/3. APP G/2
HITTBERGEN	29	0432 0515 0745 0930 1045 1200 1245 1345	3 coys about to move across river now. 4 coy about to load on LVT now. All coys across and established on northern bank of ELBE, patrols being sent out to contact GH who immediately on left, also along main rd to LAUENBERG. On arriving on this side 29 P.W. were rounded up. No casualties during crossing. Report from Bde that 7 SEAFORTH and CDO Bde on obj and patrolling NORTH to OVERHORST. Brig ordered Bn to move to 870367 to take up a defensive position with 7 SEAFORTH on right and 2 GLAS H on left at 859378. 'O' Gp summoned and plan given out. Tpt had NOT joined Bn and it appeared that it wouldn't do so before move. Bn moved off C,A,B,D along main rd to LAUENBERG. On passing V.W.A. a certain amount of Bn tpt arrived and was taken with Bn. 'C' had reached high ground in area 862358. Their obj was cross rds 860370 but C.O. on seeing ground ordered 'C' to remain on high ground covering the cross rd hy fire. The remainder of Bn took up defensive posn on reverse slope in approx location of 7 SEAFORTH. 2 GLAS H were obs adv in direction of KRUZEN. Orders received for Bn to continue with original plan adv along rd LAUENBURG - DAUDORF with BASEDOW as first obj. 'C' Coy reached first obj high ground 879366 with no opposition but the area was being shelled from right flank. B Coy then passed through 'C' for Rd junc about 1000 yards ahead but came under small arms fire from area of this rd junc. Tanks of R.T.R were then ordered fwd and dealt with this situation.	

		1900 A Coy moved off at 1610 to capture area 893395 and captured it at 1750 hrs when 'C' moved fwd to area 908388. Brig RML Villiers DSO then visited Bn and ordered Major PL Hendricks MC that Bn would clear area 8838 by 1930 hrs to allow 7 SEAFORTH to move in. 'C' Coy reported on obj. D Coy ordered to occupy BASEDOW, which was complete by 2102 hrs. Total P.W for day 240 and 5 off. Casualties 2 Killed 5 wounded. 2000 Carrier patrol ordered to area DALLDORF to recce village to find if occupied by enemy or NOT. 2130 Patrol returned with infm that NOT occupied in WESTERN half of village. This was all they could manage owing to nightfall. 7 P.O.W. from FLAK captured.	
BASEDOW	30	2400 Recce patrol of 1 off 3 OR ordered out to same area and returned at 0300 hrs with infm that on reaching bend in rd at 906408 a number of enemy 1 pl str passed them travelling in the direction of BASEDOW. Patrol lay up at the side of the road and judged enemy str to be about 200-300 strong. Major P.L. Hendricks MC immediately engaged this area with artillery fire, a MIKE target being ordered. All coys were immediately warned by runner of this possible threat. 0445 Another recce patrol ordered out to regain contact with enemy and on leaving 'C' Coy area encountered enemy 500 yds from the area. The patrol immediately reported back to Coy HQ warning to FWD pl en route. Patrol Comd then reported to Bn HQ when infm passed to all concerned. 0510 D Coy reported being counter attacked from NORTH etc approx 15. Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs DSO immediately started to harass all areas safe to Bn fwd positions with arty and mortar at same time asking Bde for tanks. From then until 0600 hrs all likely enemy forming up places were brought under continual D.F. fire and a number of enemy were obs to be retreating. Infm from P.W at this stage stated that 4 Coys of 120 strong were in this area although he could NOT give locations, their obj being BASEDOW. 1 coy 935 GREN REGT. Tanks arrived in Bn area and moved to join B Coy as counter attack force if required. Shortly afterwards D Coy asked for one tank to give them SP. This was granted. A number of cas were undoubtedly inflicted on the enemy at this stage due to arty and mortar fire plus accurate small arms fire	

		0700 from C & D Coys who had sustained most of the attack. A number of P.W wounded were evacuated through R.A.P. 1 off 4 OR. The situation to have entered on new phase and the enemy appeared to be attempting to infiltrate, as sniping flared up from these directions. Lieut J. Parsons S.O. was wounded in the shoulder by a sniper. Message received from 46 Bde that 7 SEAFORTH commencing to attack ZUCKER HORST at 0715 hrs but at 0752 when Lt Col Hunt DSO contacted Lt Col E Remington Hobbs DSO he infm Bde that he would NOT start the attack until we had cleared area of small copse on left of B Coy. Various plans then followed but final plan was evolved. B Coy would occupy small WOOD 8940 with 1 pl A Coy under comd. Later this was changed to 7 SEAFORTH occupying WOOD, this allowing 15 Bde of 5 BR DIV to pass through and capture ZUCKER HORST with 1 Bn whilst GREEN HOWARDS would pass through 9 CAMERONIANS and capture rd Bend and WOOD 906408. 7 SEAFORTH will relieve A Coy who on relief will fill gap between D Coy and CANAL. 1430 7 SEAFORTH in position. 15 Bde attack commenced at 1835 hrs. 1445 A Coy in new location. During the afternoon BASEDOW was heavily STONKED by enemy arty, from PW infm they were located at NORTH end of ZUCKER HORST. This area was engaged with arty. A number of cas were inflicted on the Bn due to this shelling. Major G Carruthers, Lieut J Clunie B Coy being evacuated. Capt G Allan Sp Coy was then given comd of 'B' Coy. 1835 15 Bde attack commenced, both obj taken by 2045 hrs. During enemy counter attack from infm recce on 1 MAY, the enemy had reached within 3 yds of some of 'C' Coy FWD sec posts and had even started to dig in before being dealt with. Claims as follows - A Coy 2 Killed - B Coy 4 Killed - C Coy 24 Killed - D Coy 10 Killed Total 40 102 P.O.W. taken, identifications 1 Bn 938 GREN REGT, 1 Bn 937 GREN Regt. 3 Coy 935 Gren Regt, 2 Coy 935 GREN Regt. Cas within Bn 3 off wounded 8 OR Killed 9 wounded. Infm received that Bn will move to area GULZOW on 1 MAY 45.	
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Unit 9 CAMERONIAN

Month and Year MAY 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			[page missing] main road, meeting slight pockets of enemy resistance, which were cleared up. P.O.W. taken, being mostly submarine crews from HAMBURG. The task was very slow and Bn halted on several occasions to allow 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H who were clearing through WOOD to come level. However, at 2030 hrs task was complete and Bn established in WOHL DORF 6946. Total P.W for day 175. Cas. 2 Killed 16 wounded incl Lieut J Baird Sp Coy. At 1730 hrs message received from Bde that HAMBURG declared an open city from 0800 hrs 3 MAY, and NO firing would take place after this time. Negotiations going on at present moment. 46(H) Inf Bde MOV Order No 33 Orders received from Bde that on day 3 MAY Bn would relieve 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H to allow them to conc in area TRITTAU 7661. Bn would be relieved by 1300 hrs by Bn of 53 DIV and then join Bde.	CNB CNB CNB CNB APP E/2 CNB
WOHL DORF	3	0900 1530	Relief of 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H posns complete. Coy comd from 6 RWF 53 DIV arrived Br and shown Coy localities. Relief complete by 1230 hrs and Bn moved off at 1315 hrs, order of march D.B.C.A. Bn arrived TRITTAU 7661. Message received No move before 1100 hrs. Veh leave 1130 hrs. Marching tps 1200. 46(H) Inf Bde mov Order No 34 for move on 4 MAY to SPREGGE area.	CNB CNB APP E/3 CNB
TRITTAU	4	1130 2000	Vehs left for area SCHONBERG 7868 and all coys in location by 1350 hrs. Duty off at Bn HQ received message from Major McNair (A Coy) that with effect 0800 hrs 5 MAY 1945 All enemy resistance in HOLLAND, N.W. GERMANY and DENMARK finished. This was a news flash heard at 2000 hrs. It was immediately relayed to the rest of the Bn and necessary celebrations ensued.	CNB CNB

SCHONBERG	5	0825 1730	Message received from Bde. Day given over to complete rest. Adm Conference at Bn HQ when given out Bn would probably move to KIEL in the near future. This move would be semi-tactical with particular attention being paid to turnout. No friendly troops have entered KIEL.	APP. E/4 CNB CNB
SCHONBERG	6	0900 1500 2200	Bde 'O' Gp when discussion on occupation of KIEL giving all V.P. to be seized. C.O. 'O' Gp detailing V.P. to Coy. Message received from Bde, plan now changed. 7 SEAFORTH and Bde HQ move to KIEL at 0700 hrs 7 MAY. Separate instr for move of 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H. Lt Col HC Baker-Baker D.S.O. OBE to be in command. Harbour parties required from 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H.	CNB CNB CNB
SCHONBERG	7	0700	2 Coys of T FORCE are in KIEL, reason for change in plan. Instructions received from Lt Col HC Barker-Barker D.S.O. OBE for move to KIEL on 8 MAY 45. Bn to lead remainder of Bde, to pass S.P. at 0800 hrs.	CNB CNB
SCHONBERG	8	0900	Bn passed S.P en-route for KIEL and arrived in KIEL at 1330 hrs ☉ No incidents took place on way down. Major P.L. Hendricks M.C contacted Bn on arrival in KIEL and guided it to location 557398 at S.W. edge of Lake. The Bn conc in this area in civil houses. The position in KIEL on arrival was: German Army and Naval forces still controlled town to a certain extent although "T" FORCE and elements of 7 SEAFORTH had seized all priority targets. At Bde HQ conference in morning Bn areas were decided on. 9 CAMERONIANS controlling MAIN part of KIEL WEST of HARBOUR and SOUTH of KIEL CANAL. 2 GLAS H EAST of HARBOUR and 7 SEAFORTH NORTH of KIEL CANAL.	CNB CNB
KIEL	9		Special Order of The Day by Lt. Col. E Remington-Hobbs D.S.O. Bde conference, certain priority targets given to Bn to seize and guard. Targets were in three types 1 Red. Military and Naval Barracks. II BLACK Security gds on Military and Naval Clothing stores III Yellow. Gds on civilian food stores. At Bn Conference, Bn area allotted to Coys and targets within areas allotted to them. Occupation of KIEL Gen Instr No 1 issued	APP. J/1 CNB APP. J/2 CNB APP E/6 D/1
KIEL	10		All guards now in position. 4 P.W. camps started in area (I) RHINE II WIK III SEINE IV MASS V ELBE and VI ODER, which to be used for Civilian P.W. under suspicion by F.S.P. Occupation of KIEL Gen Instr No 2 issued.	APP. D/2 CNB
KIEL	11		Gds on priority targets. Total PW in cages 14,000.	CNB

			Bde conference. C.CRA 8 CORPS will take over from 46 Bde with effect 1200 hrs 12 MAY 45. 46 Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS to remain present area until approx 23 MAY until Gds relieved by 121 A/TK, 10 SVY, 56 SP Regt. 9 CAMERONIANS to remain under comd KIEL Bde AREA until situation warranted their return to 46 Bde. Occupation of KIEL Gen Instr No 3.	APP D/3.
KIEL	12	1200	9 CAMERONIANS under comd KIEL Bde AREA BRIG A.G MATTHEW CBE, DSO, C.C.R.A. 8 CORPS.	CNB
KIEL	13		Gds on priority targets. Total P.W 13,500	CNB
KIEL	14		GDS on priority targets. Total PW. 13,500	CNB
KIEL	15	1800	GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 13,500 Message from KIEL AREA HQ that 8 German destroyers arriving from NORWAY. Crews will be taken off ships by ROYAL MARINES and escorted to RHINE CAMP ☉ 9 CAMERONIANS responsible for guarding. The first crew disembarked at 2330 hrs and task finished at 0600 hrs 16 MAY 45	CNB CNB
KIEL	16		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 16000. Occupation of KIEL Gen instr No 4.	APP D/4. CNB
KIEL	17		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 16000. 1500 P.W transferred from RHINE to WIK. 2000 WEHRMACHT P.W. transferred from RHINE CAMP to area 'F' for final dispersal.	CNB
KIEL	18		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL PW. 14000. KIEL area conference, 10 SVY Regt will relieve 9 CAMERONIANS WEF. 1200 hrs 23 MAY 45.	CNB CNB
KIEL	19		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W. 14000 OCCUPATION of KIEL Gen instr No 5. 2500 P.W WEHRMACHT transferred to area 'F' for final dispersal.	CNB CNB APP. D./5 CNB
KIEL	20		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W. 14000	CNB
KIEL	21		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W 14000	CNB
KIEL	22		GDS on priority targets. TOTAL P.W 14000. When all guards have been taken over by 10 SVY Regt, Coys will conc with Bn. Gds left with Bn on RHINE P.W Camp: ODER detention Barracks. Total commitment 1 off. 7 NCO, 42 men.	CNB
KIEL	23		GDS on PRIORITY targets until 1200 hrs then relieved by 10 SVY Regt.	CNB

			TOTAL P.W in RHINE CAMP 2500 9 CAMERONIANS OP INST No 10	D./6
KIEL	24		KIEL AREA conference discussed that 9 CAMERONIANS on clearing P.W. from RHINE Camp will take over this accommodation.	CNB
KIEL	25		Every endeavour being made to evacuate RHINE Camp. Earliest time of clearing P.W. 31 MAY 45.	CNB
KIEL	26		2000 P.W evacuated from RHINE CAMP, only small party of sick personnel left. A Coy moved into RHINE CAMP and commenced doing necessary repairs to it for Bn occupation.	CNB CNB
KIEL	27		B Coy moved into RHINE CAMP. Warning order received that Kings Birthday parade would be held on Sat 2 Jun 45 ☉ 9 CAMERONIANS to send 16 off 320 OR on this parade.	
KIEL	28		C & D Coys moved into RHINE CAMP at 0900 hrs followed by Sp Coy at 1500 hrs.	CNB
KIEL	29		BN HQ moved into RHINE CAMP Lt Col E Remington Hobbs D.S.O. left Bn to fill vacancy A.A.G. India. Major PL Hendricks MC assumed comd of Bn until arrival of new comd officer.	CNB
KIEL	30		Brig RML Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and inspected rehearsal of Kings Birthday Parade.	CNB