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**WAR DIARY**

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**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Unit 2nd. Bn. The Royal Scots.

Commanding Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year July. 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GIBRALTAR	1 Jul	1800	<p>Daily Location Bn. HQ. "HQ" Coy. ) BUENA VISTA BKS.  "Sp" "A" &amp; "B" Coys. ) SLAUGHTERHOUSE.  "D" Coy. &amp; A/T Pln ) Manning Rock Gun O.P.  Intell. Sect. ) G.T.C. NORTH AFRICA.  "C" Coy.</p> <p>Gen. Information Routine.</p> <p>Met. Report. Wind Easterly 10 m.p.h. Weather. Fair becoming cloudy after 2200 hours. Cloud. Nil increasing to 8/10 at 200-300 ft. Visibility. 10-20 miles.</p>	JTC
"	2 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. Routine.</p> <p>Embarkation. R.S.M. Wright &amp; 8 Bn. Pipers embarked at Gibraltar for temporary outside Fortress.</p> <p>Met. Report. Wind. Lt. Variable becoming westerly 10-20 m.p.h. Weather. Fine apart from short period of fog between 0800-1000 hours. Cloud. Small amount. Visibility. 10-20 miles except during fog.</p>	JTC
"	3 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. Routine.</p> <p>Embarkation. 6 drummers of Bn Pipe Band embarked at Gibraltar for temporary duty outside Fortress.</p> <p>Appointment. W/Lieut. H.K. Fraser. Assumed duty of Bn Fire Offr.</p> <p>Met. Report. Wind. Mod. Lt Westerly. Weather. Fine. Cloud. Small amount 3000 ft. Visibility. Over 20 miles.</p>	JTC



			Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Westerly 15 mph Cloud. Small amount 2500 ft. Visibility. Very good.	JTC
"	8 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.  Disembarkation. Lieut. C. MacGregor rejoined unit from course of instruction at Douera North Africa.  Met. Report. Weather. Fair. Wind. South Westerly 15 miles per hr. Vis. 20 miles.	JTC
	9 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine Wind E. 15 m.p.h. Cloud. Small amount 2500 ft. Vis. V. Good.	JTC
Gibraltar	10 Jul	1800	Gen Ifm. Routine.  Permanent Attachments- Cross posting Capt. J.C. Ballantyne R.A.M.C. posted from permanently att. strength of this Unit to Military Hospital Gib. w e f 20 Jun 44. Authy. CR/GIB38022/N dd 10 Jul 44.  Lt. A.B. Strachan RAMC posted to the permanently att. strength of this unit as R.M.O. from Mil Hosp. Gib. w.e.f. 20 June 44. Authy. CR/Gib 38022 /M of 10 July 44.  Inter-coy Transfer. Capt. J.R.B. Walker attd to "D" Coy F.A.P.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind Easterly 10 mph. Cloud. Variable. Vis. 20 miles.  Disembarkation. 4 members of Bn. Pipe Band disembarked at Gib. from temporary duty outside the Fortress.	JTC
"	11 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.  Result of Course of Instruction. Lt. W. May attended No 19 Rifle	

GIBRALTAR			Course and classified A.Y.	JTC
			Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. E. 10 mph becoming lt after 2100 hrs. Cloud. Variable at 8000 ft.	JTC
"	12 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. Bn Pipe band performed Ceremony of Keys. Outpost pln was formed from Indept. Coy.</p> <p>Daily Location. Bn "HQ" "HQ" Coy. "SP" Coy. ) Buena Vista Bks.  "A" "B" "C" Coys. ) Slaughterhouse  "D" Coy &amp; A/T Pln. ) Manning Rock Gun  Int. Section ) O.P.</p> <p>Disembarkation "C" Coy with remainder of Bn Pipe Band and R.S.M. rejoined from G.T.C. North Africa.  T/Major T.H. Simpson )  T/Capt. G. Gilchrist ) Rejoined unit from G.T.C.  T/Capt. H.D.G. Taylor ) North Africa.  Lt. W.M.A. Steele )  Lt. R.S. Davidson )  Lt. J.A. Anderson )  Lt. W. Begg )</p> <p>Inter-coy Transfers. Capt. J.A. Dick attd to "HQ" Coy and assumed duties of P.R.I.</p> <p>Met. Report. Weather. Fine until fog at 1700 hours.  Wind. Lt. South Westerly. Small amt at 8000 ft.  Vis. 20 miles except during fog.</p>	JTC
		1800	Gen. Information. Major/Gen Hyland D.S.O. visited the Bn area to see Bn trg programme being carried out.	JTC
Gibraltar.	13 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. Initial Instrs. for Bn's Move from Gib. (Deputy Fort. Comdrs. conference F.H.Q. (auth. CR/GIB/38091/1(G))</p> <p>Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Westerly 10-15 mph  Cloud. Small amount 3000 ft. Vis. 20 miles.</p>	JTC
"	14 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. Routine.</p> <p>Daily Location. Rock Gun O.P. ceased to be manned from 1600 hrs. Personnel returned to Buena Vista Bks.</p> <p>Promotion. A/Capt. J.H. Davidson regranted the Temp. rank of Capt. w.e.f. 9 Mar 44. Authy. W.O. Order No.23 Pt 11(b) dated 8 June 44.</p>	

			<p>Result of Course of Instruction. Lt. MacGregor attended Int. Offrs. Course No 17 &amp; qualified.</p> <p>Inter-coy Transfers. Capt. J.R.B. Walker C.T.B.A. to "D" Coy and rejoins "A" Coy. Capt. J.A. Dick C.T.B.A. to "HQ" Coy and rejoins "D" Coy.</p> <p>Met. Report. Weather. Fine becoming cloudy. Wind 10-15 mph. Visibility. 8-15 miles.</p>	JTC
"	15 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. Routine.</p> <p>Inter-coy Transfers &amp; Command. Capt. G. Gilchrist attd to &amp; assumed command of "S" Coy. Lieut. W.T. May Attd to &amp; assumed comd. of "S" Coy. Lt. W.T. May Attd. to &amp; assumed Comd. of "HQ" Coy.</p>	JTC
GIBRALTAR.		1800	<p>Promotions. A/Major R.R. Finlay to be T/Major &amp; W/Capt. w.e.f. 9th June 44. Authy. W.O. Order 24 dated 15.6.44.</p> <p>Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. South Westerly. 10-15 mph Cloud. Nil Vis. Good.</p>	JTC
"	16 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. First Movement Order. Advance party embarked at Gib. for "destination unknown". Advance party of 31st Suffolk Regt. disembarked at Gib.</p> <p>Embarkations. T/Major D.B. MacKenzie ) Embarked at Gib for W/Lt. C. MacGregor ) "unknown destination". Authy. CR/Gib/38091/1/(G)</p> <p>Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind Lt. easterly 10 mph. Vis. Good.</p>	JTC
"	17 Jul	1800	<p>Gen. Information. Advance Party arrived at Naples</p> <p>Attachments. Rev. L.B. McCarthy (C.F.) Attd to this unit for rations and accom.</p> <p>Strength Increase. T/Capt. J.B. Michie posted to this unit from 1st Gib. Bde &amp; taken on this strength. Relinquishes appt. of Bde I.O. &amp; Gas Duties Offr. &amp; reverts to W/Lt. w.e.f. date of posting. Authy. CR/GIB/38126/1/A.</p>	

			Met. Report. Weather. Fair. Wind. Lt. variable becoming easterly 10-15 mph. Cloud. small amount 3000 ft. Vis. 20 miles.	JTC
GIBRALTAR.	18 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.  Strength Decrease. W/Major F.M. Bucher struck off strength of this unit w.e.f. 1st May 44. Authy. W.O. Cable 51499 A.G. 2(O) dated 10/6/44  Strength Increase. T/Capt. G.M. MacRae ) Joined from Indept. W/Lt. J.B. Cram ) Coy. & re-absorbed into W/Lt. I.O.B. Allwright ) the W.E. of this unit W/Lt. A.F.C. Flett ) w.e.f. 18th Jul. Authy. CR/GIB/37073/7/A dated 16.7.44.  Attachments. W/Lt. J.C. Young attd. to this unit from 3rd S/L Regt. pending transfer to Royal Scots. Authy. 1 Gib/18/15/1/a.  Promotions. Acting/Capt. I.F. Richardson relinquishes A/Rank of Capt. & reverts to W/Lt on being surplus to W.E.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly 15 mph. Cloud. Nil. Vis. Good.	JTC
"	19 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. New War Roll of Offrs of the Bn issued.  Disembarkation. T/Capt. W.J. Wood ) Rejoined the unit from W/Lt. I.O.B. Allwright ) temporary outside Fortress.	Appendix 1.  JTC
GIBRALTAR.		1800	Met. Report. Weather. Cloudy light showers. Wind. 10-15 mph. Visibility. 4-10 miles.	JTC
"	20 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Bn. Embarkation Instrs. issued. Farewell message to Bn from Lt/Gen. T.R. Eastwood K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C. delivered on H.E.'s behalf by Deputy Fortress Commdr. Maj/Gen HYLAND D.S.O.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly 4-8 mph. Vis. Good.	Appendix 2.  JTC
"	21 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.	

			Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. South Westerly. Visibility. 20 miles.	JTC
"	22 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Bn embarked at Gibraltar for "unknown destination" in accordance with embarkation instrs.	Appendix 2.  JTC
"	23 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Major B.J.A. McAulley M.C. Border Regt. O.C., Troops issued Ship's Orders Pt. 1.  Daily Location. At sea.	JTC
At sea	24 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Lt/Col J.T. Campbell assumed comd of all troops.	JTC
"	25 Jul	"	" " Routine.	JTC
"	26 Jul	"	" " Advance party took over Afragola Camp Ref. 725759	A.M.S. M592. Sheet 19. 1/200,000. JTC
"	27 Jul	"	" " Routine.	JTC
"	28 Jul	"	" " Routine. Met. Report. Weather during voyage - fine. Vis. " " - Good with exception of 27th when haze reduced visibility considerably.	JTC
Afragola Camp	29 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Bn disembarked at Naples at 14.30.  Daily Location. Bn occupy Afragola Camp. Ref. 725759.	A.M.S. M592. Sheet 19. 1/200,000. JTC
"	30 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.	JTC
"	31 Jul	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.  JT Campbell Lieut. Colonel. Commanding 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (R.R.)	JTC

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Afragola	1 Aug	1800	Location. Afragola Camp.  General Information. Routine.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. S Westerly. Vis. Good.	JTC
"	2 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly. Vis. Good a.m. Fair p.m.	JTC
"	3 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Westerly becoming S.S.W. Vis. Good.	JTC
"	4 Aug	1800	Gener. Informat. Bn Movement Order No. 1 issued.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly.	See Appendix 1.  JTC
Alife Camp	5 Aug	1800	Location. Alife Camp. Map Ref. 348015 Sheet 172.1 Cajazzo 1/50,000.  Gener. Informat. Bn moved from Afragola Camp at 09.00 hours and arrived at Alife Camp at 13.45 hours in accordance with Bn Movement Order No. 1	See Appendix 1.
Alife Camp		1800	Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly becoming South Easterly p.m. Vis. Very Good.	JTC
"	6 Aug	1800	Gen. Informat. Capt. J.M. Ferguson disembarked at Naples at 2000 hrs.  Met. Report. Weather. Fine except during 1500-1700 hours sl. showers. Wind. Lt. Variable becoming Easterly. Vis. Fair.	JTC



"	7 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Platoon & Coy training commenced. Met. Report. Weather. Fair. Wind. Lt. Easterly. Vis. Good.	JTC
"	8 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather. Fair. Wind. Easterly becoming S. Easterly. Vis. Good.	JTC
"  Alife.	9 Aug	1800  1800	Gen. Information. Capt. J.M. Ferguson rejoined unit (i/c Rear Party) Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Variable becoming Easterly. Vis. Good. Gen. Information. Capt. J.M. Ferguson arrived Alife Camp at 16.00 hrs on disembarking from Gib. Met. Report. Weather - Fine. Vis. - good Sl. South Westerly	JTC  JTC
"	10 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather - Heavy showers between 09.00 hrs. and 10.00 hrs. otherwise Fair. Wind - Lt. Easterly. Vis - am. poor becoming Fair p.m.	JTC
"	11 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn to be prepared to move by Tuesday 15th Aug 44. Met. Report. Weather - a.m. cloudy with slight showers. p.m. Fine. Vis - approx. 20 miles. Wind - Easterly 10 m.p.h.	Verbal Warning Order from C.O.  JTC
Alife.	12 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Field Return of Officers. " " " O.R.'s Met. Report. Weather - Fine. Cloud - Nil. Vis. - approx. 20 miles.	See A.F. 3008. See A.F. W3009E.  JTC
"	13 Aug	1800	General Informat. Universal Kit-bags taken to storage depot Taranto. Met. Report. Weather - Fine. Cloud - Small amount Vis. - Over 20 miles. Wind - Sl. S. Westerly.	JTC
Alife	14 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather-Fine-Cloud-Nil. Vis.-Over 20 miles Wind-Lt. SOUTH Easterly.	JTC
"	15 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Movement Order No. G.9 from 66th Inf. Bde. Bn to move by Road and Rail to ASSISI. Met. Report. Weather Fine - A.M. Heavy Thunder - Showers P.M. Vis. - Very Good - Deteriorating to 3 Miles. Wind-NE.	See Appendix 2  JTC
Bn on Move	16 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn Tpt Moved by Road en Route for ASSISI at 0726 hrs. Rail Party moved at 0930 hrs. by transport to CASERTA and then by rail.	

			Met. Report. Weather-fine- Vis. over 20 miles. Wind slight Easterly.	JTC
" " "	17 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Movement Order G.10 from 66th Inf. Bde. Bn will move to AREZZO by road and rail. Met. Report. Weather fine-Vis. over 20 ml. wind-slt.	See Appendix 3 JTC
" " "	18 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn move by road and rail to AREZZO. Met. Report. Weather-fine-Vis. over 20 ml. Wind-slt. Southerly-heavy thunder showers in evening.	JTC
" " "	19 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. C.O. ordered move from AREZZO to GREVE by road. Bn arrived at GREVE Camp, 8348 Ref. map Italy 1:100,000-Sheet 113 Field Return of Officers. See A.F. W3008 " " " O.R.'s See A.F. W3009E Met. Report. Weather-fine - Vis-2 to 5 mls. improving to 20 mls. in evening.	JTC
GREVE CAMP	20 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine Met. Report. Weather-fine- Vis. over 20 mls. Wind - Slt. Southerly.	JTC
" "	21 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn 'O' Gp made Recce of Bn area of responsibility.	See Appendix 4
GREVE CAMP		1800	Met. Report. Weather fine visibility over twenty miles wind slight Easterly.	JTC
GREVE CAMP	22 Aug	1800	General Information:- Operation Order No 1 issued. Admin. Instruction, Temporary Signal Layout and Amendment No. 1 to Operation Order No.1 issued. Move of Bn:- Bn moved in accordance with Operation Order No.1. All Coys in position by first light. Patrol Activity:- A standing patrol from B Coy took up position at Ford 834674 until first light. This patrol continued until 25 Aug 44. Met. Report. Weather fine, visibility approx. twenty miles, wind slight Southerly.	See Appendix 3. JTC
In the Field	23 Aug		General Information:- Slight enemy activity throughout the day. Partisans reported 12 enemy with LMG and A/Tk gun MAIANO X rds 831708. During the evening enemy shelling scattered over the Bn area- No damage or casualties. Patrol Activity:- A recce patrol of 1 NCO and 4 men from C Coy went out to see if enemy were holding houses at VILLA BANA area 848682. Time out:- 2200 hrs.	

			<p>Time in:- 0025 hrs. No enemy contacted, No obstacles encountered.</p> <p>A Coy sent out a recce patrol of Lt Allwright and three men. Task:- To see if enemy occupied area of CASTEL DI POGGIO. Time out:- 0030 hrs. Time in:- First light.</p> <p>No enemy contacted during the patrol.</p> <p>Carrying Party:- Coy carrying parties from C Coy took supplies, food and amn. to the two fwd pls in area 842676 and returned safely to Bn area.</p> <p>Met. Report. Weather fine, visibility twenty miles.</p>	<p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p>
In the Field	24 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	<p>Lt. Sunderland, Sjt Peacock and 3 O.R.s from B Coy sent on a recce patrol to SETTIGNANO. This was followed up by a fighting patrol consisting of Lt. Flett and 25 men. Time out 1230 hrs. Time in:- 1930 hrs. Enemy action nil. Two German prisoners and 5 Italian Fascists taken. The patrol reached the objective without incident. There were signs of recent enemy occupation such as freshly dug slit trenches, food etc. Partisan information revealed that the enemy had withdrawn at 1000 hrs that morning.</p> <p>Met. Report:- Weather Fine, visibility 20 miles.</p>	JTC
In the Field	25 Aug	BN Advance:-	<p>D Coy crossed the River ARNO at 0730 hrs and proceeded according to Bn plan without opposition or incident until reaching the area of CASTEL DI POGGIO 847716. Here they encountered M.G. fire. The Coy Comd ordered the Coy to deploy and attack the position, killing 8 Germans and capturing 4.</p> <p>The Coy then reorganised and Major Robertson with a small party approached the Castle. Fire was directed on them from inside the Castle and Major Robertson was hit. He ordered his party to withdraw and during this withdrawal was hit again and fell into a deep ditch which was full of undergrowth.</p> <p>He ordered the remainder of the party to withdraw, but they attempted to carry him back, owing to the nature of the ground however they had to leave him.</p>	
In the Field				

			<p>The party then returned to the Coy, who by this time had come under heavy mortar fire. 15 casualties were sustained during the action:-  Killed: - 3066723 Pte D Brett  Wounded and missing:- Major G.M. Robertson.  Wounded:- 12 O.R.s. (3 Serious, 9 Walking wounded.)  These casualties included Cpl Hall who was i/c prisoners, the bomb that wounded him also killed 2 of the P of Ws and seriously wounded the others. The Coy then withdrew by separate routes.</p>	
		Met. Report:-	Weather fine, visibility twenty miles.	JTC
In the Field	26 Aug	Coy Moves:- Patrol Activity:-	<p>A Ech. moved to area 849668 and at Last Light D Coy moved to 835689. Carriers moved to 869683.</p> <p>A recce patrol of <del>1 NCO</del> Lt. Anderson and 3 ORs was sent out from B Coy. Tasks:- 1. To see if VINCIGLIATA and S. LORENZO were one and the same place, and if so where or what is S. LORENZO. 2. If either were occupied by the enemy. Time out:- 1400 hrs Time in:- 1915 hrs.  Answers:- 1. It appears to be part of VINCIGLIATA, S. LORENZO appears to be large house at the EASTERN end of the village. 2. No enemy seen.</p> <p>A recce patrol of Lt. Flett and 3 men was sent from C Coy. Task 1. To recce area of S. LORENZO to see if occupied by the enemy. 2. To find likely area suitable for location of ambush patrol to beat up the enemy.  Time out:- 1400 hrs Time in:- 2015 hrs.  Answers:- No enemy seen. No area selected due to the fact that no enemy was contacted.</p> <p>An ambush patrol of Lt. Flett and 12 men were sent out by C Coy. Tasks:- To return to area 844714 and lie up for 4 hrs returning by VINCIGLIATA. To beat up any enemy contacted.  Result:- No enemy contacted, could not go into the centre of VINCIGLIATA village as several</p>	

			houses were still in flames caused by our own shelling.	
			Met. Report:- Weather fine, visibility twenty miles.	JTC
In the field	27 Aug		Patrol Activity:- A recce and occupation patrol of Lt. Anderson, 12 men and two signallers from B Coy was sent out. Tasks:- 1. To see if VINCIGLIATA CASTLE was occupied by the enemy, if not to occupy it. Time out:- 1400 hrs Time in:- 2000 hrs. Answer:- Occupied by the enemy as a strongpoint, probably 15 to 20 men strong. No sign of enemy until the patrol had entered the Castle grounds, then they encountered heavy spandau fire, M.P. 38 and Grenades. Fire was directed from the Castle Tower and the houses on the right flank. The patrol suffered casualties and withdrew by fire and movement. During the action Lt. Anderson was wounded and owing to heavy fire had to be left in the Castle grounds. He later made his way out of the Castle into the woods, where he was found by partisans who assisted him to the Bn area, he was evacuated to the A.D.S. 3061423 L/Cpl Wood went to silence an M.G. post on the right flank and has not been seen or heard of since. His equipment in a bloodstained condition was found by a patrol later. Casualties:- Wounded:- 1 Officer, 2 O.Rs. Wounded and missing:- 1 O.R.	JTC
In the field			A recce patrol of C Coy consisting of 1 NCO and 4 men were sent to 839694. Time out:- Last Light. Time in:- approx First Light. No enemy seen or contacted.  At 1530 hrs 1 pl of C Coy moved to SETTIGNANA 844695 and concealed themselves in this area sending small recce patrols of 1 NCO and 3 men at irregular intervals to dominate the areas 842699, 846701 and 848698.	JTC

		General Infm.:-	Enemy patrols failed to penetrate our positions in D Coy area. D Coy opened fire between 0015 and 0200. The enemy dispersed and withdrew. No further sign of enemy.	
In the Field	28 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	At 1415 hrs A Coy sent out a Standing Patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men to 845770. They returned at Last Light and saw no enemy. A recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men from C Coy pl went out at 0830 hrs to 846703. They returned at 1230 hrs. No enemy contacted. A, B and C Coys sent out Standing Patrols along the 70 grid line. No enemy contacted. An ambush patrol was sent out by D Coy to Pt 182 R.P. 837704. Time out:- First Light. Time in:- First Light. No contact with enemy.	
		General Infm:-	An O.P. at 844674 was manned by A Coy w.e.f. 1420 hrs.	
		Special Task:-	On infm from Bde 2 R.S. had the task of establishing the fact of a possibility of a tunnel between VINCIGLIATA CASTLE and CASTEL DI POGGIO. Lt. Robertson was given this task by the C.O. Working with the Italian Liaison Officer he obtained useful infm about the Castle and the fact that a small tunnel ran from the dining room of VINCIGLIATA Castle to an outhouse in the grounds, location unknown. (This was the tunnel used by the five generals who escaped from the castle in 1941.)	JTC
In the field	29 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	A recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men was sent out by A Coy. Time out 0930 hrs Time in:- 1800 hrs. Task to observe movement between the two castles with a view to locating the suspected tunnel. No sign of enemy.	
In the Field			Pl of C Coy sent a recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men to 839698. Time out 1400 hrs. Time in:- 1745 hrs. No trace of enemy. Partisan infm. stated that the enemy vacated village a week ago. Attitude of partisans very friendly. An excellent O.P. was discovered in this area and	

			<p>was established and manned by this pl. From this posn at 1900 hrs three enemy were observed 832713.</p> <p>A recce patrol sent to FOSSATICIO reported no enemy in the vicinity.</p> <p>A Coy sent a recce patrol to fwd O.P. No enemy reported in area.</p> <p>A recce patrol consisting of Lt Allwright and 3 men was sent out by A Coy. Time out 2100 hrs Time in:- 0400 hrs. Task:- To find out if Castel Di Vento 843703 was occupied by the enemy, if so what dispositions could be located. The patrol reached its objective and no enemy were seen. They heard 4 m.gs. on WEST of objective. 1 appeared to be firing on fixed lines 20' above axis of advance.</p> <p>D Coy sent out an Ambush Patrol consisting of Lt. Campbell and 12 O.Rs. to Pt 182 R.P. 837704. Time out:- Last Light. Time in:- 0330 hrs. The patrol lay up in the area Pt 182 for approx 3 hrs. No enemy were seen or contacted. A Coy Standing Patrol to Pt. 246 R.P. 844705. Strength 1 NCO and 3 men. Time out Last Light. Time in:- First Light. No enemy contacted.</p> <p>D Coy Standing Patrol at 839694 in Castel Di Mazzaratta. No enemy seen or heard.</p>	
In the Field	30 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	<p>A Coy sent out a recce patrol of 1 NCO and 2 O.Rs. Task:- Location of enemy movement on road between CASTEL DI POGGIO and VINCIGLIATA. Time out:- 1200 hrs Time in 1745 hrs. Furthest point reached rd junc 847708. No enemy or movement observed.</p> <p>B Coy sent out a recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men. Task:- To recce the woods WEST of POGGIO to see if occupied and to what extent. Time out:- Last Light Time in:- First Light. They lay in corner of wood for approx 30 mins, heard noise of feeding belt into m.g. advanced into wood 50x, saw a large no of holes about 2' square and deep at irregular spacing on the fringe of the wood. They saw several M.G. and weapon pits and a number of enemy occupied one or two. In the</p>	JTC

			<p>wood midway between the Castle and the fringe of the wood a Standing Patrol of 5 were seen. The noise of two lorries was heard in the area just after midnight. Answer:- occupied by the enemy. Strength 1 Pl. The patrol passed a German Sentry North of FOSSATACCIO unnoticed. Movement heard at 847713 (approx). The patrol laid low for about an hour and a half and listened at Pt 367. R.P. 848718. No sign of enemy then moved to 50x from objective.</p>	JTC
In the Field	31 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	<p>A Coy sent out fighting and occupation patrols. Time out 0300 hrs. Task:- To see if enemy are in VINCIGLIATA. If no sign of the enemy to occupy. Strength:- Lt. Meikle and 1 Pl. No enemy were found and occupation was reported at 0600 hrs. On capture of VINCIGLIATA A Coy sent out a recce patrol of C.S.M. Kellet and 4 O.Rs. Time out:- 0730 hrs. Task:- To see if POGGIO is occupied by the enemy. This patrol was followed up by a fighting patrol, pl in strength. Patrol Leader:- Lt. Allwright. At 1143 CASTEL DI POGGIO reported cleared.</p>	
In the Field		Bn Move:-	<p>Bn advanced by bounds from previous position to M. MUSCOLI.  Order of March:- A. D. C. B Coys  All coys move one bound behind the other.  Bounds:- 1. SETTIGNANA  2. POGGIO  3. Pt. 410  4. M. MUSCOLI</p> <p>A Coy left Coy area at 1330 hrs.  The remainder of Bn moved according to plan.  Bn H.Q. moved to Castel Di Poggio and established at 1630 hrs.  Moved to VILLA PEYRON at 1900 hrs.  Bn H.Q. VILLA PEYRON 847723  A Coy 845734, B Coy 849722, C Coy CASTEL DI POGGIO, D Coy 854728.  The Bn in the above area at Last Light.  Local Patrolling carried out. No contact with enemy.</p>	



			In the Field September 44	JT Campbell Lieut. Colonel, Commanding 2nd Bn The Royal Scots The Royal Regt.	
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**WAR DIARY**

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**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year Sep 44

Commanding Officer Lt/Col J.T. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the Field	1 Sep	0030  1800	<p>Gen. Information:- C.O. called 'O' Group to VILLA PEYRON and gave the information that it was the intention of 1 Div to advance at first light. 2 R.S. would remain at present location and recce routes to ARROW ROUTE.</p> <p>Bn Move:- Bde gave orders that the Bn would move to FLORENCE immediately. Bn would laager in area of square 798698, and would be at one hour's notice to move.</p> <p>Leave:- Bn H.Q. established at 2000 hrs. Major MacKenzie, Lt. Allwright and 15 ORs proceeded on 7 days leave to ROME.</p>	JTC
In the field	2 Sep	0600  1600	<p>Orders:- Bn given orders to prepare for night attack on pt. 516 R.P. 819779 and pt. 518 R.P. 825777. Bn Comd gave warning orders of the impending attack. At 1030 hrs 'R' Group went fwd to recce ground. 'O' Group joined 'R' Group at 1130 hrs. Whilst Coy 'O' groups were recce'ing their tasks an enemy shell exploded 5 yards in front of D Coys jeep, seriously wounding Lt Meikle and C.S.M. Black and wounding Capt J.A. Dick, Lt Campbell and Sjt. Miller. Lt Meikle and C.S.M. Black have since died from wounds.</p> <p>Bde gave orders that the proposed attack would not now take place. Bn would be prepared to take over posns held by 11 L/F.</p>	JTC
In the field		1800	<p>Gen. Information- Capt. Gilchrist took over command of D Coy. C.O. gave orders for the Bn's move to new posns.</p> <p>Bn. Move- Bn moved from FLORENCE to occupy the posns of 11 L.F. Tac. H.Q. was established at 814737 at 2030 hrs. The relief was arranged as under:-</p>	See Appendix 1.

			<p>'A' Coy 2 R.S. took over from 'D' Coy 11 L.F.  'B' " " " " " 'A' " " "  'C' " " " " " 'C' " " "  'D' " " " " " 'B' " " "</p> <p>'A' Echelon, Carriers, Mortars, A/Tk all established at 801715.</p> <p>Locations-  'A' Coy reported relief completed 2315 hrs 818744  'B' " " " " 2320 " 814738  'D' " " " " 2325 " 814734  'C' (less 15 Pl.) " " 2330 " 814738</p> <p>(This Pl. went forward in the area 823759 to relieve 1 Pl. of 'C' Coy 11 L.F., and no contact was made with Pl. until the following day. The Pl. of 11 L.F. came back in small numbers and had not seen the relieving party. A sec. of 11 L.F. was found the following day by one of our patrols).  Local patrolling took place during the night - nothing to report.</p>	
In the Field	3 Sept	Locations-  Patrolling-	<p>As already stated ('C' Coy Pl still not contacted)</p> <p>1. Recce Patrol 1 and 3 'B' Coy.  Time out 0930 hrs. Time in 1145 hrs.  Task. To see if MONTORSOLI is occupied by the enemy  Answer - Yes  As the patrol neared the objective M.G. fire was directed on them from the yellow buildings on their right, they made for cover and withdrew. On the return route they found 1 sec. of 11 L.F. dug in alongside a hedge-row (This sec. was later brought back under cover of a patrol). As the patrol continued the return route they were fired on again by rifle fire.  Casualties:- 1 O.R. wounded.</p> <p>2. Recce Patrol Land 3 'C' Coy. 1030 to 1230 hrs. sent out to try and contact Pl., but did not see any sign at all. Recce carried out area 8175.</p> <p>3. Recce Patrol 1 and 3 'C' Coy. 1330 to 1700 hrs.</p>	

In the Field			<p>This patrol had the same mission as No. 2 and they contacted the Pl. in area 822755. He returned immediately bringing a runner from the Pl.</p> <p>4. The Pl. was contacted and withdrawn to the Coy. area just after first light. The following report was given by the Pl. Comd. Lt. Flett.</p> <p>"15 Pl. moved out of the Coy. area at 2330 hrs to relieve the Pl. of 'C' Coy 11 L.F., the area of the relief being 823759 (approx.). The Pl. went to the area but could see no sight of the Pl., having spent some time in recceing the area. The Pl. Comdr. decided to occupy the reverse slope of a feature at 822755 and the Pl. was to split up into sections and dig in for all round defence. By first light on the morning of the 3rd it became obvious that the platoon was under direct observation of the enemy. This was soon proved correct as the area was "stonked" for the period of the occupation.</p> <p>Owing to this, movement by day was very limited R/T communication failed this in all probability was due to the nature of the ground "screening". They saw no movement of the enemy or our own tps until contacted by the recce patrol.</p> <p>At 1625 hrs they heard a Vickers firing rapid at quick intervals rough direction over to the right.</p> <p>The platoon was withdrawn just after Last Light 3rd Sept.</p>	JTC
" " "	3/4 Sept		<p>Patrol Activity:- A fighting patrol consisting of Cpl. Howe and 12 men were sent out by 'C' Coy. Time out 2030 hrs. Time in 0220 hrs. Task:- To see if MONTORSOLI was occupied by the enemy. The patrol searched several houses in area 817755, and found no one there, then went cross-country into MONTORSOLI, searched about five houses here, then went slightly NORTH WEST and seeing no one returned, as by route stipulated. (Actually in MONTORSOLI when Vickers from the Bn. area opened fire (Harassing fire) at about 1115 hrs. 8 shells fired by the enemy appeared to be aiming at gun</p>	

			firing, which appeared to be 1,000 yards right of the cemetery (Approx. 825740 area). The result - No enemy contacted.	JTC
In the Field	4 Sept		<p>Patrol Activity:- A recce fighting patrol was sent out by 'B' Coy consisting of Lt. Sunderland with 1 Pl. and 3 sigs. with 18 sets. Time out 0100 hrs. Time in 0345 hrs. Task:- (1) To see if enemy occupy MONTORSOLI if not, do they occupy (2) FONTESECCA or (3) CASTIGLIONA.</p> <p>The patrol went out with a recce patrol approx. 100 yards in front of the remainder of the Pl. and reached 821762 having contacted no enemy, here they saw a pile of rubble blocking the road. As there was high ground to the left and a low ditch to the right the recce party decided to cross the rubble, this they did (5 in all). When across the N.C.O. i/c the party sent for Lt. Sunderland to point out the yellow buildings from which he had been fired on earlier in the day. The Pl. Comdr., Sergt., and Runner all came up and decided to send a sec. to search the house. The Pl. Comdr. went back to collect the sec. and then came forward again. When the fourth man was crossing the obstacle an explosion occurred (this proved to be a mine in the rubble) causing casualties including the Pl. Comdr. The Pl. Sergt. then took command and not knowing the extent of the mining decided to evacuate the wounded and return. This he did at the same time they put the two bodies of the two men killed by the wall at 821761 (these later collected). Casualties:- Killed - 2 O.R.'s, wounded - 1 officer, 7 O.R.'s</p> <p>Patrol Activity:- Recce and fighting patrols (recce 1 and 4. Fighting Pl. 25 men and 3 sigs.) Time out 0500 hrs. Time in 0845 hrs. Task:- To see if LA CASE was occupied by the enemy. Answer- Yes. (In all probability an outpost posn, defended by M.G.'s or P.38 etc.)</p>	
In the Field				

<p>In the Field</p>			<p>The recce patrol (led by Sergt. Smith) went ahead approx. 100 yards and the fighting patrol (led by Lt. Cathcart) followed up behind. As the recce patrol neared the objective, they advanced round an outhouse and saw the house (LA CASE) some 10 yards away. As the party moved across the open ground they saw an M.G.-34 and at the same time the enemy spotted them. As the patrol dived for cover of the garden wall, the enemy opened fire, which appeared to be directed at the main body, who were advancing towards the outhouse. The Pl. deployed immediately and the Bren-gun of the forward sec. under the command of Lt. Cathcart took up posn. near the outhouse and opened fire in the direction of the Spandau, silencing it for a very brief interval, during which the recce patrol lobbed grenades over the wall. As this party was in a dangerous posn. and unable to bring fire to bear upon the enemy, the patrol leader decided to make a dash for it, this they did and as they passed the hedge-row they saw 3 enemy, and Sergt. Smith emptied his T.M.C. into them, being quite sure he hit them all. They gained cover and returned to the Coy area. Meanwhile the fighting patrol had become engaged in a fierce fire fight and it became obvious that the enemy held a strong point well defended. The Bren-gunner - Pte. Thompson T. 14212060 was wounded and temporarily ceased fire, but once again took up his gun and continued firing.</p> <p>He covered the withdrawal of the remainder of the Pl. and then withdrew under the cover of smoke.</p> <p>As the Pl. withdrew a Spandau engaged them from the other side of the road, but they replied with Brens. and another smoke grenade covered the withdrawal and Pl. gained cover and returned to Coy. area.</p> <p>Casualties:- Killed- 2, wounded- 2, missing- 1.</p>	<p>JTC</p>
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In the Field		1230		A recce patrol consisting of 1 and 3 (patrol comd. Sergt. Peters) was sent out by 'C' Coy. Time out 1230 hrs. Time in 1500 hrs. Task:- To try and locate body of man, killed earlier in morning. N.B. The body was located and has since been buried.	
		1300		Recce and fighting patrol (composition- recce 1 and 4. Fighting 1 and 26- patrol comd. L/Sergt. Alexander) Time out 1300 hrs. Time in 1515 hrs. Task:- (1) To contact leader of No. 1 patrol to see if LA CASE clear of enemy, if so to push on to FONTESECCA. (2) Try and locate bodies of those killed on previous days patrol and bury same. N.B. This patrol did not reach LA CASE as the patrol leader had definite orders to return by 1515 hrs. and time did not allow him to carry out the task. The bodies of the men were not located.	
		1200	Bn Move:-	Bn given orders to hand over to N. Staffs. and to move into rest area R.P. 825680. Coys were relieved in the following order:- D Coy C A and B Coy. Tac H.Q. moved at 1730 hrs. Rear Bn H.Q. established at 1345 hrs. All Coys in new area by last light. The move was completed without incident.	JTC See Appendix 2.
In the Field	6 Sep			General Information:- Routine	JTC
" " "	7 Sep			Bde Comd Lecture:- The Bde Comd talked to all officers, W.Os, and Sjts in the Bde. He said that he was very pleased with the work of the Bde during the past fortnight. The men for the most part had gone into battle with little experience of war and they had proved themselves well.	JTC
" " "	8 Sep	0930	Lecture:-	A lecture was given to the Bn by the A.C.M.O. A Bn Counter-Mortar Section consisting of 1 Mortar Sjt and 1 member of the 'I' Section will operate in future.	JTC
In the Field	9 Sep		Training:- General Infm:-	See attached programme Routine	See Appendix 3.
"	10 Sep		Church Parade:-	Bde Church Parade at STADIA BERTA at 1030 hrs.	See Appendix 4.



			<p>Padres Thornton and Davies conducted the service. The Divisional Comd addressed the Bde and welcomed them to the Division. He took the salute at the Bde March Past.</p> <p>General Infm.: - Routine</p> <p>Orders: - Warning order received from Bde.</p>	JTC
"	11 Sep		<p>C.Os. Conference: - At 0900 hrs the C.O. ordered the Bn to be prepared to move.</p> <p>Recce Party: - 1 Offr and 1 N.C.O. from each Coy went forward to recce area for Bn in BORGO S LORENZO area. (Cancelled later by Bde.)</p> <p>At 1630 hrs I.O. and 1 offr from each Coy went to arrange relief of D.W.R. at same area. (Cancelled later by Bde.)</p> <p>Bde Order: - Bn placed on four hours notice to move w.e.f. 12 Sep.</p>	JTC
"	12 Sep	1330 1630  2000 2330 0040	<p>Bde Order: - Bn ordered to move to area NORTH of PANICAGLIA.</p> <p>Bde 'O' Gp.: - Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and the Bn ordered to take up position NORTH of PANICAGLIA.</p> <p>General Infm.: - B and C Coy Comd went fwd with C.O. to recce area and the Bn concentrated in BORGO S LORENZO area.</p> <p>Move: - B and C Coys moved to area and Tac H.Q. to 934934.</p> <p>B Coy reported in posn at 943047</p> <p>C Coy reported in posn at 934947</p> <p>A and D Coys remained in BORGO S LORENZO.</p>	JTC
In the field	13 Sep	0315  0400	<p>Detailed Account of Operations.</p> <p>B Coy's posn heavily mortared. The casualties inflicted were: - Killed: - Sjt Downs, Wounded since died Sjt Peacock, Wounded Ptes Brown 24, Brown 86, Baker.</p> <p>B Coy's fwd section reported that voices were heard in the direction of the wadi on the right and M.G. fire was encountered from this area. At 0450 hrs movement heard fwd of pt. 602 but enemy mortaring prevented a recce patrol from being sent out to ensure this fact.</p> <p>At 0500 hrs the Coy held off an attack launched from the EAST and SOUTH. At 0515 the Coy was attacked from the NORTH, during this attack the rear of the Coy area was shelled and mortared.</p>	JTC

			<p>The Coy defended and all possible D.F. tasks were brought down on the enemy posns. At 0545 the enemy infiltrated through the fwd posns and temporarily held pt 602. The enemy strength was estimated at 50. A little later the Coy was attacked from the rear. Some hand to hand fighting took place and casualties were inflicted on both sides. The enemy losses were estimated at 10 to 12 killed and 4 wounded. Our losses:- Killed:- Pte Gorman. Wounded:- Ptes Bonner and Collingwood. With the enemy holding Pt 602 the whole situation appeared unstable. Lt Young went out in daylight with a small recce patrol to ascertain the posn, he moved up to the building on Pt 602 before being fired on and having ensured that the enemy held the posn withdrew without casualties.</p>	JTC
In the field	14 Sep	<p>Detailed Account of Operations:-</p> <p>0625 Move:-</p> <p>0715</p> <p>0740</p>	<p>C.S.M. Cameron assumed command of the outpost defences. In the darkness he rallied the fwd force which had become disorganised to support the defence of 608 which was still held and did so successfully, the enemy withdrawing. Pte Andrews manned a bren during the attack and remained with this gun the whole time firing under orders from the C.S.M. He was under heavy spandau fire the whole time and had little cover. Pte Paterson displayed courage whilst i/c carrying party evacuating wounded in darkness.</p> <p>3" Mortars, Carriers and 1 Coy moved from BORGIO S LORENZO to area 934934.</p> <p>The posn in B Coy area now stabilised and it was found that the enemy had gained no ground whatsoever.</p> <p>D Coy, Carriers and Mortars arrived. O.C. D Coy went fwd and contacted O.C. B Coy to obtain infm., and arrange change over, this was put into operation forthwith. A Coy followed D Coy from concentration area, and remained in area 9393. Joined later by B Coy.</p>	JTC

In the Field	13 Sep	1030	<p>C Coy sent out a recce patrol to see if ridge in area 936956 was occupied by enemy. They reported no enemy in this posn. On this infm O.C. C Coy (Capt Scott) then made this point a pl posn. But at 1500 hrs this pl had to withdraw to original area as very heavy mortar and strong MG fire was concentrated on this ridge. Casualties:- Killed Pte Nicholas Wounded:- Sjt McGarva, Cpls McEwan and Howe, L/Cpl Baird, Ptes McGee Allen 63 Crosby Little Taylor 57.</p>	JTC
		Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>Pte. Glaves a Stretcher bearer was sniped and wounded on attempting to evacuate wounded. D Coy sent out patrol to IL MONTE and heavy fire from enemy posns about 942953 was encountered, spasmodic mortaring in Bn area throughout the day. L/Cpl Wilcox was wounded. All movement in fwd areas was very difficult by daylight. At 2330 hrs C Coy sent out patrol to retrieve wounded men in fwd area 936956. (2 of them were brought back)</p>	
		Locations:-	<p>Tac H.Q. 934934, A Coy 9393 area, B Coy 9393 area, C Coy 934947, D Coy 943947.</p>	
		Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>From 0600 to 0645 hrs fwd Coy posns mortared. At 1000 hrs Bde 'O' Gp. C Coy patrol reported that they had reached area 935955. No enemy had been seen in that area or activity.</p>	
		1100		
		1300	<p>C.O. called 'O' Gp and gave details of Bde attack on M Prefetto. Bn ordered to prepare mules. A Coy to move fwd for mopping up purposes. D Coy would move fwd on receipt of codeword YOUNGERS ALE. Little activity during the day. At 1800 hrs D Coy patrolled to IL MONTE. To see if enemy occupied the posn and if not to occupy.</p>	See appendix 5.
		1910	<p>Area EAST of Tac H.Q. shelled.</p>	JTC
		2015	<p>D Coy reported that enemy M.G. fire was encountered in front of Coy H.Q. coming from right flank. Arty engaged enemy. At 2030 hrs D</p>	



In the field			<p>The Coy deployed and by tactical bounds withdrew 333x Casualties being:- Wounded:- Sjt Holehouse Pte Henderson Missing:- Pte Christie.</p> <p>The Coy remained in this area for two hours and as any movement fwd was impossible the Coy withdrew to A Coys posn at 0250 hrs. C Coy arrived at A Coys area and on moving round to M Prefetto they failed to make contact with D Coy, thus they remained in that area.</p> <p>Lt Paterson reassumed duties of Signal Officer. C Coy found themselves in a posn on the road just in immediate front of pt 950 and the Coy Comd had received infm that there were two enemy M.G. posns on the right and left flanks. On this news the Coy Comd decided to send out a fighting patrol (Sjt Gott and 12 men.) to deal with the one on the right, as this went out several M.Gs opened fire on the remainder of the Coy inflicting casualties. Killed:- Cpl Boardman Ptes Berry, Bowers and Hurt. Wounded:- Ptes Drummond, Ewing and Sinclair.</p> <p>Sjt Gott moved fwd but was unable to advance owing to very heavy M.G. fire, but by fire and movement managed to extricate quite a number of men. Capt Scott came fwd to attempt to withdraw the remainder of the pl but was wounded by spandau fire and at the same time so was L/Cpl Ullathorne Ptes Sweeny and O'Rawe.</p> <p>The remainder of the pl reached the Coy area and dug in on the reverse slopes of the hill.</p> <p>C.S.M. Doonan went fwd to attempt to extricate the wounded but was himself wounded. Five men pinned down in bushes approx 150 yds from enemy for nearly twelve hours. Finally reached Coy area under cover of darkness. Sjt Gott assumed command of the Coy, organised and established all round defence until last light when Major Simpson re-assumed command. Sjt Gott was commended by O.C. Coy for his initiative and action under the circumstances which incurred a period of 16 hrs without communication and food.</p>	<p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p>
In the Field		Command Detailed Account of Operations:-		

			<p>At 0855 B Coy reported in posn 400x short of A Coy at 947960.</p> <p>At 0951 A Coy reported that they had been heavily mortared. Casualties:- Killed Pte Riley, Wounded since died Pte Morrison.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. moved to area WEST of 911 945962. No incident occurred other than intermittent shelling in wadi WEST of this location.</p> <p>Major Simpson and Lt Ross returned to the Bn. Major Simpson re-assumed comd of C Coy. NTR during the night.</p>	JTC
In the field	17 Sep	Locations:- Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>Tac H.Q. 945964, A Coy 945967, B Coy 944964, C Coy 947970, D Coy 943969.</p> <p>A quiet night. Patrols report nothing of interest. At 0830 hrs A Coy was mortared and Pte Falkirk was killed and Pte Paterson wounded. At 0900 hrs C Coy was mortared and about this time a force of approx 20 to 30 Germans put in an attack on the left flank. This was repulsed and beaten off by the Coy and the Americans in the area. Casualties inflicted on the enemy were five killed for certain, and several wounded. The Coy again took up positions and a second enemy patrol appeared wearing British Steel Helmets but this was driven off from a distance by M.G. and rifle fire and it is believed at least two were wounded. After the Americans had cleared M. SIGNORINA the Coy sent out a fighting patrol (Lt Ross and 12 men) to 948973 to clear the M.G. posn in this area. They cleared up this area killing two Germans the remainder withdrew through the trees. Documents from a wounded P.W. showed him to belong to A/A 2 Bn 305 Recce Regt. The C.O. gave out the following orders to B Coy:- The Coy would advance along following the axis Track 945968 - through A and D Coys to 938973 thence to track junc 949983 - Track N.E. to 1018 to M. PAGININO. Bounds:- 1. TEA 947976 2. SUGAR 948979 3. MILK 949983 4. BREAD 955986 5. BUTTER 959988 6. JAM 961990 7. CAKE 961993. 2 3" Mortars loaded on mules would move with Tac H.Q.</p>	JTC
In the field		1900 Orders:-		JTC



In the field			<p>At 1145 hrs reported that two M.G. posns had been wiped out and during this attack L/Cpl Watherspoon and Pte Morrison were killed. Pte Baume severely wounded (since died). D Coy reported that the Coy area had been mortared, Pte Murray was wounded.</p> <p>At 1156 hrs A Coy reached approx 300x SOUTH of objective but here advance delayed again by fire which was sweeping the area. At 1220 hrs it was reported that the Coy area was under heavy mortar fire. Arty and Mortar Fire brought down by us in area Pt. 1111 NORTH 200x. Enemy mortar located at 964996.</p> <p>At 1245 hrs A Coy consolidated with fwd elements at base of objective. At 1255 hrs two more M.G. posns reported wiped out, but advance very slow. Delayed by wooded country and intense fire. At 1300 hrs C.O. ordered A Coy to attempt infiltration in view of country to be crossed. At 1400 hrs Coy advanced 100x but again heavy M.G. fire in area prevented further advance. 2" Mortar used against suspected posns and at 1450 hrs the Coy adopted the method of infiltration and made little progress.</p> <p>On this infm the C.O. ordered that they would prepare for a night attack and for the moment dig in.</p>	
In the field		<p>Commanding Officer's Message to A coy.</p>	<p>You have done well, and I fully appreciate your difficulties. I am quite confident that you will reach your objective by one of the following methods which you will try in turn. 1. 3 I.B. are attacking RONCHI between 1800 and 1900 hrs, there will be a very heavy concentration of Arty fire for this attack which will include CEPPPO as a result of this a determined last light assault by you may bring complete success. You will carry this out.</p> <p>2. If this is not successful and you cannot subsequently complete the operation by night, which you will try, you will attack at First Light under cover of concentrated 2" Mortar smoke which you will put down yourself. I am</p>	



			<p>sending up supplies for this tonight. The success signal for the capture of M. PAGININO will be two red flares fired from the top. At 1815 hrs A Coy attack went in but owing to trouble in comm no report could be obtained.</p> <p>Postings Officers:- Lt Barnetson, Lt MacBeth, Lt Coles, Lt Carstairs posted to Bn.</p>	JTC
In the field	20 Sep	Detailed Account of Operations:-	<p>At 0400 hrs no signal had been seen from M. PAGININO. The C.O. therefore issued written instructions which stated that A Coy would find out for certain by first light if objective occupied or not. If so two green verrey lights would be fired.</p> <p>At 0515 hrs two green verrey lights seen fired from M. PAGANINO. But A Coy infiltrated through the posn mopping up and in this method cleared and gained the objective. The going was very heavy but at 0645 hrs C.S.M. Kellet, Cpl McGee, Cpl Bertram, L/Cpl Hamilton and Pte Casson u/c Lt Allwright gained the summit. During this action the Coy accounted for at least twenty Germans and took seven prisoners.</p> <p>Identification:- 715 Supply Coy.</p> <p>Casualties received by A Coy C.S.M. Kellet, Pte Reeve, Pte Hall J, Pte Halstead, Pte Davidson wounded. Pte Sharman suffered from shock.</p> <p>At 0920 hrs A Coy consolidated on M. PAGININO and a patrol (Lt Allwright and 7 men) moved fwd of the objective some six hundred to eight hundred yards. Reported that an enemy mule train had been shelled by arty while attempting to leave the area. At 1100 hrs Bde Comd ordered the 11/LFs and 1/Herts to move fwd with 2 R.S. in reserve. At 1145 hrs C Coy moved from present location to CHEPPO to relieve one Coy of 11/LFs. At 1530 hrs C Coy reported in posn 989970 M. CEPPPO. Nothing to report from this area.</p> <p>At 1700 hrs A and D Coys changed locations. D Coy relieving A Coy from M. PAGININO. The Bn remained in reserve.</p>	JTC

			During the night 19/20th the mule train was mortared. 9 Mules were lost, 2 Muleteers killed. Ptes Borland and Davies received wounds from mortar fire at the same time.	JTC
In the field	21 Sep		Locations:- Tac H.Q. as before, A Coy 958986, B and C Coys as before, D Coy 961993.  Detailed Account of Operations:- At 0930 hrs Bn ordered to move to concentration area SOUTH of RONCHI 9898. Order of march:- Tac H.Q., B, D, C and A Coy. The two fwd Coys and Tac H.Q. arrived in area of RONCHI at 1530 hrs. The Bde Comd gave orders to the C.O.  Locations:- B and D Coy and Tac H.Q. moved fwd to area 9899. Tac H.Q. 988001, B and D Coys area 987997, C and A Coys in area 971984.  Detailed Account of Operations:- Projected plan for patrol consisting of two pls to move fwd at first light to area 047021 cancelled by Bde.  Bn placed under four hours notice to move.	JTC
In the field		Last Light		JTC
In the field	22 Sep		Locations:- No change. Detailed Account of Operations:- At 0900 hrs Bde Comd gave orders for the Bn to have two coys ready to move fwd on original axis of advance. At 1030 hrs Command Post established at 997005. At 1230 hrs Bde Comd ordered that one Coy 2 R.S. should proceed on original axis. B Coy moved at 1330 hrs. At 1400 hrs fwd elements passed 1148 by the hill track moved through the fwd LF Coy. The going was very rough. The Coy made good progress with 11 Pl as advance gd. Beyond LAZZOLE things were uncertain according to L.F. Intelligence and orders had been issued that 9 pl would relieve 11 pl on each feature. 10 and 12 pl were held back with plenty of room for manoeuvring. The Coy went up a green hill 025012 whilst 11 pl contacted an 11/LF patrol moving with great care around 027014. 9 pl gave support from high ground on left. During this contact enemy mortars were accurately directed on the area inflicting casualties. The patrol made a dash for it. Lt Young Pl Comd 11 Pl was wounded at this pt.	JTC

In the field			<p>The Coy Comd who was assisting directing arty fire went fwd and comd 11 Pl until Lt. MacBeth arrived, he ordered 9 Pl to dig in. Lt Allwright quickly got control of the situation in 9 Pl. The enemy O.P. was not observed but the fire was very accurately aimed. Coy H.Q. moved to 9 Pl area and 11 Pl moved fwd immediately. M.G. fire was encountered from the objective. The Pl went to ground. The Pl and Coy Comd moved to the flank and found a possible line of approach, this was exploited with skill. Meanwhile 9 Pl moved fwd but were again fired on and went to ground. Coy H.Q. went to a flank as it was of the utmost importance to reinforce the successful Pl. The Coy Comd and Lt Allwright led the way to the covered approach and although fire was concentrated no casualties occurred at this point. 11 Pl consolidated on the least exposed flank but had difficulty as fire continued to sweep the area. Pte Donnelly was killed at this time. 9 Pl were held up again but with determination Lt Allwright continued along the axis given by the Coy Comd, consolidated and linked up with 11 Pl. Pte Dudley of 11 Pl who had now got in close silenced the most effective gun and killing at least one of the enemy. C.S.M. Cameron led the rest round the right flank in between the 2 Pls. 50% alert was ordered.</p> <p>2 men went fwd as a patrol from each pl during the night. Casualties were attended and evacuated during the night.</p>	
In the field		Last Light	<p>Move:- D Coy moved to area 997005 at 1445 hrs and at 1630 hrs to area 021010. During this second move Pte Laidlaw was wounded by shrapnel. At 1720 hrs R.A.P. established at 021010.</p> <p>Locations:- Tac H.Q. 988001, Command Post 997005, B Coy 035017, D Coy 033017, A and C Coys in area 971984.</p> <p>Postings:- Lt Renfrew posted to Bn.</p>	JTC  JTC

		Officers	
		Hospital:- Discharge	Lt Cathcart discharged from hospital. JTC
In the field	23 Sep	Detailed Account of Operations:-	At first light B Coy resumed advance on orders from the C.O. Lt. MacBeth and 11 Pl went fwd as advance guard but 10 pl was in close support. In this way 039019 was taken, a patrol was sent out and Lt. Allwright with 9 Pl went fwd to the fwd slopes of final objective. 10 Pl moving in close support 11 and 12 Pls with 5 L.M.Gs held a posn on high ground to give covering fire if required. As the Coy Comd moved fwd one M.G. opened fire and as he proceeded fwd to clear it up another opened fire, but the fire of 11 ad 12 pls silenced this. C.S.M. Cameron got in some very good shooting with one of these guns. The enemy strength was reported twenty to thirty strong. 6 PWs were taken and as many again killed.
In the field			At this time The Gordon Highlanders came in from the right flank and collected weapons etc. From the objective 11 Pl patrolled fwd after consolidation and encountered fire which had worried the Gordons. Mortar fire encountered in this area, arty comm broke down. Lt MacBeth tried to get fwd by alternative route but fire was so intense and although wounded himself he tried to extricate his Pl. Cpl Easton (Pl Sjt) took command and got all back except Pte Dick who was severely wounded in the leg. Pte Denyer and Pte Chalkley who remained with Dick applied a field dressing under heavy fire and were wounded whilst carrying out same. Cpl Easton made repeated attempts to reach these men and co-operated courageously with the Coy Comd in a final attempt under 2" Mortar smoke. They reached and brought back Chalkley but intense fire prevented any further attempt. (An attempt with red cross flags met with the same result.) The men were recovered under the cover of darkness Pte Dick dead.

In the field		Last Light	<p>The operation covering two days and an advance of 7,500x cost the Coy two men killed, two officers and five men wounded.</p> <p>At 0500 hrs D Coy stood to in posn on M. PREVALIGO ref 033017 no activity. At 0700 hrs recce patrol of 1 Offr and 3 O.Rs. went out to see if ridge on left of Coy posn was clear of enemy.</p> <p>They had only moved approx 500x when they were engaged by M.G. fire and had no return. A fighting patrol was then sent out Strength 1 pl. to clear the ridge, the enemy withdrew, the pl engaging them with L.M.G. and rifle fire. It is believed casualties were inflicted. The patrol continued for approx 1000x but no further contact was made, they then returned to the Coy area.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs the Coy moved to 030019 vacated by B Coy.</p> <p>At 1130 hrs C.O. ordered Coy to move through B Coy and proceed to M. CARNEVALE.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs the first pl moved off and on arrival at 048021 was informed that a patrol had come under very heavy effective fire and they remained in area. Until posn was cleared. At the same time it was learned that a Coy of Gordons operating in this area was held up by M.G. fire. The C.O. was informed of the situation and at 1500 hrs the Coy was ordered to consolidate in area 039019. Pte Barber was killed by a shell at 0930 hrs.</p> <p>At 0930 hrs A and C Coy arrived in area 997005.  At 1005 hrs C Coy moved to 003017.  At 1230 hrs Tac H.Q. moved to area 043014 and A Coy to 022010.  At 1515 hrs Tac H.Q. established.</p> <p>Locations:- Tac H.Q. 043014, A Coy 022010, B Coy 048021, C Coy 033017, D Coy 040019.</p>	<p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p>
In the field	24 Sep		<p>Locations:- As Before</p> <p>Detailed Account At 0900 hrs A Coy moved from area 022010 to PGIO</p>	

			of Operations:- VALICAVA. They arrived and established in this area, no opposition encountered. Routine throughout the day. No activity. Major R.R. Finlay proceeded on leave, Capt J.R.B. Walker assumed command of the Coy.	JTC
In the field	25 Sep		Locations:- General Infm:- The Bn was concentrated in area 0401. During the day men were given a chance to get a clean change of clothing and washing facilities were available at timed intervals throughout the day.	
In the field	26 Sep		Locations:- General Infm:- Bde Orders:- As before. Routine. The Bde Comd ordered that the Bn would concentrate in Palazzoula on 27 Sep. Advance party to arrive at Bde H.Q. at 0900 hrs. C.O. awarded Efficiency Decorations (auth W.O. P/36063 (m 53) dated 15 Aug 44).	See Appendix 8.  JTC
In the field  In the field	27 Sep		Detailed Account of Operations:- At 0500 hrs Advance Party (I.O. and senior N.C.O. from each Coy) went to Bde H.Q. arriving at this locality at 0815 hrs, recce'd area and found accommodation in Palazzoula for Bn. The Bn moved concentration area in Palazzoula arriving at 1230 hrs. Order of march:- Tac H.Q., D,A,C and B Coys. The C.O. called an 'O' Gp at 1300 hrs and explained the general situation. He said:- The enemy still held M. GAMBERALDI and it had been decided to infiltrate round the rear. 2 R.S. would leave at last light on a night march, and pass through 1/Herts on to objective. (This later cancelled by Bde). At 2000 hrs the Bde Comd ordered the Bn to move at first light to area of 1/Herts. The C.O. ordered the Bn to move in the following order:- Tac H.Q., B and C Coys. A and D Coys would follow 2 hrs later along the same axis. But would remain in area 057032 until further orders. The Bn move would be in three phases:- 1. Move to TONCONE area. 2. Contacting of 1/Herts and arrangement of guides to IL CASONE. 3. The tactical move fwd through 1/Herts to the final objective.	JTC

			Supporting arms would be 2 M.M.G. Pls, 2 Det. 3" Mortar, 2nd Regt Field Arty.	JTC
In the field	28 Sep		Detailed Account of Operations:- Tac H.Q., B and C Coys and 2 Det Mortars and RAP moved to area 0707 and arrived in this area at 1400 hrs. Going was very difficult as rains had made the tracks almost impossible in places, this slowed down the advance considerably. At 1400 hrs the C.O. went to Bde Tac H.Q. At 1530 hrs C.O. received orders regarding the advance and general situation from Bde. At 1600 hrs C.O. sent for O.C. C Coy who arrived almost immediately. At 1630 hrs C Coy moved to PRESIOLA area on orders from the C.O., which stated that the Coy would establish themselves in PRESIOLA for the night, and at first light to advance to the area of IL CASONE. C Coy would contact one Coy of the Herts in the PRESIOLA area. They would move on to the objective by the following bounds:- 1. Pt 645 PORT 2. PRESIOLA SHERRY 3. Pt 711 WHISKY 4. Pt 684 BEER 5. IL CASONE GIN. D.F. Tasks were also arranged. F.O.O. moved fwd with the Coy Comd. At 1900 hrs C Coy reached PRESIOLA and had a non adventurous night. At 1700 hrs the Adjt infm the C.O. by R/T that the rains had made the river near 1/Herts H.Q. uncrossable and neither men nor mules could make the crossing. This made the supply problem very acute. The Bde Comd ordered the 11/LFs to man porter rations by an alternative route to supply C and B Coys and Tac H.Q. Guides went to meet them at 061052 and the rations arrived at 0930 hrs 29 Sep. O.C. 3 Coy 1/Herts reported that C Coy had arrived and married up with 3 Coy.	JTC
In the field	29 Sep		Detailed Account of Operations:- C Coy reported that 3 Coy 1/Herts had patrolled fwd and had been committed to battle on a pl basis at VALLONA 098088 and had to withdraw	JTC

<p>In the field</p>			<p>receiving six casualties. Enemy M.G. located at pt 711 103092 and at pt 606 098093.</p> <p>At 0700 hrs Bde Comd (Fwd with C Coy) ordered C Coy to move direct to IL CASONE. At 1130 hrs Tac H.Q. prepared to move and at the same time O.C. A Coy was given orders to move round the right flank to objective Pt 779 109079 in a series of bounds. Bounds:- 1. 095073 BRANDY 2. 107070 CHAMPAGNE 3. 107074 GIN.</p> <p>At 1200 hrs C Coy moved from present location (PRESIOLA) and when the 2 leading plns were in area of FONTANA they were very heavily engaged by enemy mortar and M.G. fire. They took up posn in two farm houses. Sjt Norris and Pte Ritchie were wounded by a booby trap. During this engagement the following casualties were incurred:- Wounded:- Sjt Broadley Ptes:- Swift, Tomkins, Parker, Valentine and Hall 36. The reserve pl and Coy H.Q. came under heavy mortar fire. The Coy Comd not knowing the exact situation regarding his fwd pl decided to proceed to the objective by an alternative route, this plan was carried out and they reached a point approx 300x from the objective when they were heavily engaged by M.G. fire and a sniper from the flank. The two rear sections engaged and silenced the M.G. and the pl and Coy H.Q. took up posn in a nearby house.</p> <p>In the meantime A Coy proceeded fwd and reached the first two bounds without opposition, on approaching the objective the fwd pl crossed a stream, came under M.G. fire and the advance was temporarily halted. The Coy Comd sent 8 and 9 Pls round on the left flank to get round this posn, but as 7 Pl moved fwd no opposition was encountered. The advance continued until the Coy was 400x from IL CASONE when very accurate M.G. fire was encountered. Fire was located coming from the top of IL CASONE and about 10 mins later they were heavily mortared, and the Coy Comd decided to remain dug in, and attack the</p>	<p>JTC</p>
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			<p>feature at last light. A fighting patrol (Lt Cathcart and 20 men) advanced and reached the objective, and at 1845 hrs two runners came back from the patrol reporting that no contact had been made with the enemy and that they had occupied the fm building on top. On this infm the Coy Comd moved up the Coy on to the objective and consolidated.</p> <p>Throughout the night A Coy came under intense mortar fire this slackening at about 0700 hrs 30 Sep.</p> <p>Whilst Lt Allwright and his pl were in the fm house they found sights for the M.G. 42. These were fwd to Bde.</p>	JTC
In the field	30 Sep	<p>Locations:-</p> <p>Detailed Account of Operations:-</p>	<p>Tac H.Q. 083079, A Coy 106079, B Coy 077070, C Coy 104073, D Coy 090076.</p> <p>At 1030 hrs B Coy received orders to prepare to move to MARRADI with the I.O. The Coy Comd recce'd the route and the Coy acted as guides for the Bn. and assured that transport was arranged for the journey to BORGIO S LORENZO. At 1100 hrs B Coy ordered to move. D Coy moved at 1200 hrs.</p> <p>During the morning A Coy came under spasmodic M.G. fire and mortaring from the right and left of their posns.</p> <p>The relief of the Bn went according to plan with the exception of the two pls of A Coy, 9 Pl managed to withdraw during daylight but 7 and 8 pls had to remain until darkness as they were under heavy M.G. fire.</p> <p>One casualty was incurred during this change and relief. Pte Gall was wounded and has since died. The Bn thus concentrated in BORGIO S LORENZO area.</p>	JTC
		<p>Field 8 Oct 44</p>	<p>JT Campbell Lieut Colonel, Commanding 2nd Bn The Royal Scots, The Royal Regt.</p>	

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Month and Year Oct 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.T. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the field	1 Oct		Locations:- Bn H.Q. 908872, A Coy 908872, B Coy 925954, C Coy 923859, D Coy 917863, Spt Coy 901862.  General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	2 Oct		Locations:- As before Orders:- Special Order of the Day issued by Bde Comd.  Postings:- Lt Cadger posted to the Bn. Officers	See Appendix 1  JTC
	3 Oct		Locations:- As before General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	4 Oct		Locations:- As before Lecture:- The Bde Comd spoke to all officers and senior N.C.Os of the Bde in the theatre at BORGIO S LORENZO.  He congratulated the Bde on the fine work of the past eighteen days and went on to speak of various matters which he wished to be brought to the notice of all ranks.	JTC
	5 Oct		Locations:- As before Re-organisation:- The Bn ordered to re-organise on a three coy basis with a cadre Coy. Re-organisation to take effect from 1200 hrs 6 Oct 44.  Command:- Capt G. Gilchrist relinquished command of D Coy and assumed command Spt Coy.	Appendix 2.  JTC
In the field	6 Oct		Locations:- As before Rejoining Unit:- Capt J.H. Davidson rejoined the Bn from course in U.K.  Command:- Capt J.R.B. Walker assumed command H.Q. Coy w.e.f. this date.	

			Capt H.D.G. Taylor assumed command Cadre Coy w.e.f. this date.	JTC
	7 Oct		Rejoining Unit:- Capt R. Fletcher rejoined the Bn from course in U.K.	JTC
	8 Oct		Locations:- As before Church Parade:- A Bn Church Parade was held in BORGIO S LORENZO. Appointments:- Capt W.S.H. Coltart relinquished appointment of adjutant. Capt G.M. Macrae assumed appointment of adjutant.	JTC
	9 Oct	1800	General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	10 Oct	1800	General Infm:- Routine	JTC
In the field	11th Oct	0730	Locations as before	
		0900	Bn 'O' Gp composed as under left Bn. HQ to proceed to BADIA DI SUSINANA. Composition of 'O' Gp:- C.O., Sigs. O., I.O., OsC. 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'Sp' Coys, O.C. Mortars, Lt. Steele.	See Appendix 3.
		1200	C.O. received orders that the Bn would relieve the FORRESTERS in their present locations on the 12.10.44.	
		1900	Bn 'O' Gp returned from recce.	JTC
	12th	0630	Bn left BORGIO SAN LORENZO en route for new area.	
		0900	'A' Ech and Rear HQ remained in PALAZUOLA area. Bn collected mules in area 047083. These were loaded and on the orders of the C.O. the Bn moved to area 0810. Order of march:- Bn HQ, Two Dets Mortars, R.A.P., "A" "B" "C" Carriers (dismounted role)	
		1630	Tac HQ established at 085109 R.A.P. " " 081112	
		1700	"A" Coy in position 084104	
		1730	"B" " " 092112 "C" " " 087108	
		1740	Carriers " 089101 Mortars " 086112	JTC
In the field	13 Oct	0930	C.O. visited all Coys in the new location.	
		1230	Bde Comd visited Tac H.Q.	

		<p>1300 B Coy established fwd elements at 993113, skeleton manning by day, 1 Pl by night.</p> <p>1330 Intermittent shelling in Bn area.</p> <p>1345 A Coy received orders to send out a fighting patrol (Lt Allwright and 22 men). Time out 2400 hrs. Task to proceed to Pt 553 and clear it.</p> <p>1600 Bde informed Bn that partisans were operating in the following areas:- 126113, 127118, 119117, 136126, strength not known.</p> <p>1700 A.C.M.O. established O.P. in area 087108.</p> <p>1800 Last Light sitrep to Bde:- Intermittent shelling of Bn area during the day, and B Coy manning area 993113, otherwise N.T.R.</p> <p>2030 B Coy patrol moved from the forward pl to pt 556 to occupy this posn until A Coy's fighting patrol moved through. This posn was occupied without incident.</p> <p>2200 A Coy's patrol passed through B Coy's area en route to objective.</p> <p>2400 A Coy patrol crossed start line and proceeded to objective. Route out:- 096114, 097116, Pt 553. Returned by the same route. Time in:- 0445. Furthest point reached:- 102117. The patrol reached a point approx 400x from the objective and from here a recce patrol was sent fwd to the house at pt 553. They found the objective clear of the enemy and returned to the main body with this infm. The patrol comd then established a Standing Patrol in area until 0330 hrs. During this time much activity heard from area of pt 653 (This proved to be the action between 11/LF and enemy). Patrol returned without incident.</p>	JTC
In the field	14 Oct	<p>0330 Medium and 4.2 mortars engaged suspected posns in areas 108125, 105123, 106123, 106118 on request from C.O.</p> <p>First Light</p> <p>1020 Locations:- As before.</p> <p>1100 B Coy are mortared (No casualties).</p> <p>1100 B Coy area again mortared. (Two casualties:- Pte Lane seriously wounded and since died, L/Cpl Bell wounded). Medium arty engaged suspected mortar posns and the mortaring ceased. 3" Mortars also engaged these posns.</p> <p>1230 B and C Coys received orders for patrol activity, night 14/15th Oct from the C.O.</p> <p>1800 Last light sitrep. Other than intermittent shelling and mortaring of the Bn area N.T.R.</p> <p>1820 Recce patrols left Coy areas. B Coy (Lt Renfrew and 3 men) recce patrol. Time out:- Last Light. Time in:- W.T.C. Task:- To see if enemy occupy posns 098107.</p>	

		2200	Lt Cadger returned, they stated that they found that the objective was a three story building, they [laid] up for approx 15 mins and as no movement was heard or seen, they then attempted to enter the house, but all the doors on the ground floor were heavily barred. They saw a chink of light from the window above but could not say if the posn was occupied by the enemy or civilians.	
		2310	Lt Renfrew returned, the patrol did not reach the objective.	JTC
In the field	15 Oct	First Light	Locations:- As before	
		0650	B Coy area mortared (counter-mortar fire brought down).	
		1000	Lt Cadger and 2 O.Rs went to VALPIANO to investigate a haystack and farm which was thought to be a probable enemy O.P. The two O.Rs (Snipers) remained in a posn of observation in preparation for a fighting patrol to 098107 that night.	
		1020	B Coy's snipers went fwd to posns, to keep house at 100111 under observation in preparation for fighting patrol at last light.	
		1255	C Coy patrol returned. No contact with the enemy and the suspected posn was not an O.P.	
		1540	B Coy area heavily mortared. Counter-mortar barrage fired.	
		1845	B Coy patrol (Lt May and 17 O.Rs) left Coy area. Object:- to proceed to the house at 100111, the patrol will return in the early morning and the O.P. party will remain throughout the day. C Coy patrol (Lt Cadger and 17 O.Rs) left Coy area. Time in:- WTC. Object:- to proceed to house at 098107 and clear if necessary.	
		2220	C Coy patrol returned and reported that the objective was clear and no signs of enemy occupation or activity in that area.	JTC
	16 Oct	0530	B Coy patrol returned to Coy area.	
		Last Light	Locations:- As before	Appendix 4.
		1220	B Coy and Tac H.Q. areas mortared.	
		1300	B Coy shelled (Pte Henderson slightly wounded).	
		1720	C.O. ordered A Coy to provide two fighting patrols. Strength 1 and 15. Patrol Comds:- Lts Cathcart and Coles. To proceed to MARTINFABRO and IL POGGILOLO. Time out:- Last light. Time in:- First light. B Coy to provide a standing patrol of 1 and 8 to pt 556 095115. Time out:- Last light. Time in:- First light.	
		1742	Carrier area mortared.	
		2030	Light shelling in B Coy area.	JTC



In the field		<p>0615 A Coy patrol reported back and report that this posn is occupied by the enemy. Strength believed 1 pl with outposts 100 to 150 yds from this posn.</p> <p>0845 Contact patrol to BOLDRINO left B Coy area.</p> <p>0730 Recce patrol to MARTINFABBRO Strength 1 and 3 backed up by 1 pl. Task to see if enemy still occupy this posn.</p> <p>1330 A Coy patrol reached MARTINFABBRO. No enemy contacted, 1 pl now established at this location. Recce patrol will proceed to IL POGGIOLO.</p> <p>1430 C Coy ordered to proceed to POGGIO MORRO. To leave Coy area at last light.</p> <p>1530 I.O. and interpreter went to BOLDRINO to question civilians and obtain further infm regarding enemy dispositions. A little infm was obtained but was not of much value as it was stale.</p> <p>1600 Recce patrol from C Coy (Lt Cadger) left Coy area and preceded the Coy in an advance to Pt 692.</p> <p>1830 C Coy moved out from present location at last light enroute for pt 692</p> <p>2245 C Coy contacted Lt Cadger's recce patrol at C. DEI PRETI, reinforced it and then proceeded enroute for POGGIO MORRO.</p> <p>2310 A Coy's recce patrol fired on by three spandaus from IL POGGIOLO. N.B. In accordance with instructions received from Bde the C.O. briefed B Coy for an attack to take place at last light. O.C. B Coy made recce and plans accordingly. This was later cancelled by Bde.</p>	JTC
	20 Oct	<p>0430 C Coy's fwd elements after leaving C. DEI PRETI were fired on by automatic weapons, strength of enemy estimated at approx 20. Situation of the enemy rather obscure, three casualties. Lt Ross, Sjt Richmond, Pte Quarry wounded. C Coy established themselves 1 pl:- C DEI PRETI, 2 pls and Coy H.Q. BOLDRINO. 1 pl of B Coy u/c O.C. C Coy established at VALGEMIGLIA. The original intention was that when C Coy occupied pt 692 this pl would patrol fwd to CALAMELLO.</p> <p>First Light Locations:- A Coy 1 pl at pt 553, remainder of Coy in area 085109. C Coy less 1 pl at BOLDRINO, 1 pl at C. DEI PRETI. 1 pl of B Coy VALGEMIGLIA. All remainder of locations:- As before</p> <p>0640 Recce patrol to IL POGGIOLO (from A Coy's fwd pl).</p> <p>0930 Recce patrol returned with the infm that IL POGGIOLO was still held by the enemy.</p>	

		1200	C.O. instructed O.C. A Coy that he would occupy MARTIN FABBRO and pt 653 area.	
		1300	Intentions for night 20/21 Oct. A Coy recce patrol to IL POGGILOLO 1 and 3 to see if enemy still occupied this posn. Also contact patrol to 098119 at 2400 hrs with 6/Gordons. C Coy recce patrol of 1 and 3 to pt 516. Task to see if enemy occupy this posn. Occupation of pt 587 by 1 pl at night (This is sentry post during the hours of daylight). Standing patrols in area 105108.	
		1800	A Coy established MARTIN FABBRO 1 pl on pt 653.	JTC
	21 Oct	0630	C Coy's patrols returned and report no contact with the enemy. A Coy's recce patrol report that the enemy still occupy IL POGGILOLO.	See Appendix 6.
		0740	Intelligence O.P. reported movement in area 115116. 2 men moving around but could not state if enemy or civilians.	
		1000	Intentions for night 21/22 Oct. C Coy:- Standing patrol to 105108, Recce patrol to Pt 516. Pl to occupy pt 587. A Coy:- Standing patrol to 102119. Recce patrol to IL POGGILOLO. Contact patrols with the 6/Gordons at 098119 at 2400 hrs. Contact patrols with C Coy at C. DEI PRETI. Carrier Pl to relieve 1 pl B Coy at VALGEMIGLIA. Mortars to establish new posn in BOLDRINO area.	
		1400	Mortar O.P. established at Pt 725 (102101) and Mortar location VALPIANO.	
		1800	Last Light Sitrep to Bde:- Reporting that it had been a quiet day.	
		2015	Carriers reported in posn at VALGEMIGLIA.	
		2210	Patrol to pt 516 reported no contact with the enemy. (A further patrol sent out by O.C. C Coy).	
	22 Oct	0500	This patrol returned and reported that they had heard movement at MONTACCIO but had not contacted any enemy.	
		0730	All patrols other than A Coy reported that they had not made contact with the enemy. But a patrol of C Coy reported that they had reached house at pt 442 and that this was occupied but they could not say by whom. A Coy's patrol which left at 0400 hrs had not yet returned.	
		0855	A Coy's patrol report that from a posn approx 100x from the house they observed two men in military greatcoats. These believed to be sentries.	
		First Light	Locations:- Carriers:- 099111, Mortars 092108, 1 pl B Coy returned to B Coy area. Remainder as before.	



In field		<p>1200 Intentions for night 22/23 Oct. A Coy:- Standing patrol to 102119, Contact patrol to 098119, with 1/Herts at 2400. Recce patrol to IL POGGIOLO at First Light.</p> <p>1200 C Coy:- Standing patrol to 105108. Recce patrol to IL POGGIOLO at last light.</p> <p>1800 Sitrep to Bde:- Quiet day N.T.R.</p> <p>2050 C Coy patrol to IL POGGIOLO returned and reported that this posn was occupied, still believed to be enemy.</p>	JTC
In the Field.	23 Oct	<p>0625 Observation party of A Coy's patrol returned from IL POGGIOLO and stated that the fire from the Bren Gp directed on the objective had failed to draw fire from this point.</p> <p>0630 All other patrol reports collected N.T.R. No contact with enemy.</p> <p>0700 C.O. ordered A Coy to send out a further patrol to IL POGGIOLO to see if this posn was still occupied.</p> <p>0925 A Coy reported IL POGGIOLO clear</p> <p>0930 C Coy sent out a recce patrol (Lt. Cadger &amp; 3 O.Rs.) to proceed to POGGIO MORRO, Pt. 575 &amp; BADERZA.</p> <p>1000 A Coy reported that "S" mines had been located in the area of IL POGGIOLO. And this area had been marked off and was being searched.</p> <p>C.O. ordered Pioneers to proceed to this point to clear area.</p> <p>1200 POGGIO MORRO REPORTED CLEAR PATROL PROCEEDING TO Pt. 575</p> <p>1237 Pt. 575 reported clear patrol proceeding to BADERZA</p> <p>1240 O/C. A Coy informed C.O. that Cpl. Coleridge had found 23 "S" mines. These were laid in no definite pattern, but appeared to be scattered over the complete area.</p> <p>1415 C Coy's recce patrol on approaching BADERZA was fired at from the direction of the Il Castelletto ridge. The patrol is returning to Coy HQ with an Italian partisan found in that area.</p> <p>1630 A Coy reported that 45 mines had been lifted by Cpl. Coleridge.</p> <p>1630 Intentions 23/24 Oct. B Coy Patrol of 1 and 12 (Lt. Barnetson) to POGGIO MORRO Pt. 692 &amp; Pt. 569. From this patrol a recce patrol would go forward at first light from 569 to CALAMELLO. Signals arranged were as follows:- 692 clear 1 White. 569 clear - 2 white, enemy contacted - 1 red S.O.S task - 2 red. Recce patrol signal if clear - 2 green.</p> <p>C Coy:- 1 pl to occupy pt 442 and POGGIO MORRO, 1 pl to pt 575. A fighting patrol to BADERZA, if unoccupied to occupy with 1 pl. Coy H.Q. to C. DE PRETI.</p> <p>A Coy:- Standing patrol to 102119.</p>	

		1930	Pt 442 occupied by 1 pl of C Coy, patrol enroute to pt 575 and BADERZA.	
		2045	B Coy patrol passed through Pt 442.	
		2105	C Coy pl occupied BADERZA.	JTC
In the field	24th	0610	B Coy patrol reported in area 300x S.E. of pt 569. A recce patrol consisting of Lt Barnetson, Cpl Hay D and Pte Balkwell went fwd to pt 569 and beyond. (nothing has been heard or seen of this party since this time.) Locations:- C Coy H.Q. 103113, 13 pl Pt 442, POGIO MORRO, 14 pl BADERZA, 15 pl 115116, Remainder as before.	
		0630	A Coy's patrol N.T.R.	
		0730	B Coy on orders from C.O. proceeded to IL POGGIOLO area. Details for two patrols by this coy were given by the C.O. at the same time.	
		0930	Tac H.Q. prepared to move to BOLDRINO.	
		1030	B Coy established in IL POGGIOLO.	
		1100	Recce patrol from B Coy (Cpl Johnstone and 7 men) left coy area. Object:- to see if the enemy occupied PEDRETO.	
		1125	A fighting patrol (Lt May and 1 pl) left B Coy area enroute to IL CASTELLETTO and LA CELLETTINA.	
		1130	Tac H.Q. moved from present location.	
		1325	Tac H.Q. established at BOLDRINO.	
		1350	Mortars moved from VALPIANO to C. DE PRETI, O.P. established at POGIO MORRO.	
		1420	A Coy report that all the paths in area of IL POGGIOLO have been cleared of mines and marked accordingly, Pioneers still working in other area.	
		1617	B Coy recce patrol returned and stated that the enemy occupied posns in area 117129. These appeared to be outposts and were manned.	
		1620	Intentions night 24/25 Oct. C Coy:- Recce patrol from BADERZA to 433 119127. Object:- to obtain information re first light situation at this posn. B Coy:- Recce patrol to CASTELLETTO during the night. B Coy patrol (Lt May and 1 pl) to CASTELLETTO by day to be withdrawn to coy area. The remainder of No 10 pl under the command of C.S.M. Cameron will contact No 10 pl on ridge SOUTH of 569.	
		Last Light	Locations:- Command Post 098107, A Coy H.Q. and 7 pl 102116, 8 pl 098121, 9 pl 099117. B Coy 107117. C Coy H.Q. 103113, 13 Pl Pt 442 - POGIO MORRO, 14 Pl Pt 432. 15 Pl 575 115116. Carriers 099111, Mortars 103113.	

		2020	O.C. B Coy reported that Lt May's Pl was now in Coy area and stated that the patrol had reached 111129 without trouble, few mortar bombs fell in this area whilst patrol was there. Patrol Comd observed pt 698 108138 and reported that several enemy posns were dug in on this feature. They were fairly well camouflaged and enemy were occupying. The patrol returned to IL POGGIOLO.	JTC
In the field	25th	0450	Runner for C.S.M. Cameron's patrol reported that contact had not been made with 10 pl up to that time.	
		0645	Patrol to CASTELLETTO returned and stated that this posn did not appear to be occupied by night. Patrol was followed in by a deserter (Pole). Identification No 2 Coy 1028, now part of Buhrman Battle Gp. He was sent to Bde under escort for detailed interrogation and useful infm regarding enemy dispositions in PEDRETO area was obtained from him.	
		0830	C Coy recce patrol to pt 433 reported enemy in occupation at this posn.	
		1030	C.S.M. Cameron contacted No 10 pl's patrol and instructed and guided them to Coy area. With the remainder of 10 pl under his command he occupied a posn on the ridge 123117 pending relief by 1 pl of C Coy at last light.	
		1035	The Pioneer Officer reported that all tracks in area of IL POGGIOLO and VALDIFUSA had been cleared. 60 mines in all had been lifted.	
		1200	Intentions night 25/26 Oct. C Coy:- Recce patrol to pt 433 to see if enemy in occupation. Time out:- 0400 hrs Time in:- 0700 hrs. 1 pl to relieve B Coy pl at 123117. A Coy:- Standing patrols as on previous nights.	
		1800	Last Light Sitrep to Bde:- Quiet day N.T.R.	JTC
	26th	0500	Relief of 10 pl by C Coy completed without incident.	
		0625	C Coys patrol reported that owing to adverse weather conditions and the nature of the ground they had not reached the objective.	
		0855	1xpl of B Coy moved from present location to C. DEI PRETI. N.B. Adverse weather conditions and heavy rain had made the stream in the SINTRA VALLEY a fast flowing river through which it was impossible for men or mules to cross. Supplies for the maintenance of fwd troops were got over the river by improvised rope and tackle.	
		1800	Sitrep to Bde:- Despite adverse weather conditions and difficulties, maintenance and supplies to fwd troops had been carried out otherwise N.T.R.	

In the field		2350	<p>Intentions night 26/27 Oct.  Recce patrol from C Coy to pt 433 to see if this posn occupied by the enemy or not.  C.O. received orders from Bde that the Bn would relieve 1 Herts in their present locations 27/28 Oct.</p>	JTC
In the field	27th	0030 0630 0700 0750 0900 1200 1550 1555 1740 1820 1850 1900 2045	<p>C.O. issued orders to O.C. C Coy stating that the BADERZA pl would be withdrawn at first light. But patrol to 433 would carry on if practicable. Pl would concentrate at IL POGGILOLO.</p> <p>Patrol to 433 reported that they had reached a posn approx 25x from this location, ground conditions prevented them from making further advance. They arrived at this posn at 0330 and left at 0410 hrs. During this time they did not hear or see anything.</p> <p>C Coy's pl arrived at IL POGGILOLO.</p> <p>A recce patrol from B Coy (L/Sjt Tibbetts and 3 men) left Coy area to proceed to PEDRETO. Object:- To see if enemy occupied this posn.</p> <p>C.O. gave the following orders regarding relief of the first Herts.</p> <p>A Coy:- 1 pl and Coy H.Q. to remain in MARTIN FABBRO, 1 pl to occupy IL POGGILOLO, 1 pl to relieve pl of 1 Herts at VALDIFUSA at last light.</p> <p>B Coy:- To relieve No 2 Coy 1 Herts on pt 734 at last light.</p> <p>C Coy:- To relieve No 1 Coy with 1 pl on CECO, 2 pls and Coy H.Q. to remain at Pt 556, this relief could take place during the hours of daylight.</p> <p>Carriers:- To relieve Carrier pl of 1 Herts on 677, 102131 at last light.</p> <p>Mortar Pl:- To establish posn in area 102120.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. to be established in 1 Herts Tac H.Q. at pt 520.</p> <p>B Coy's recce patrol to PEDRETO returned and reported they had reached a point 115129 at 0950 hrs and remained for 25 mins. They saw a trench at 116128 occupied by 1 enemy. No other movement seen.</p> <p>C Coy pl from 123117 had been withdrawn.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. moved from present location.</p> <p>Tac H.Q. established at Pt 520.</p> <p>B Coy now in posn at Pt 734.</p> <p>C Coy fwd pl in posn on CECO, remainder of Coy had been established from 1700 hrs on pt 556.</p> <p>Carriers in posn at Pt 677.</p> <p>Mortars reported in posn in area 120102.</p>	Appendix 7.

		2050	A Coy reported fwd pl in posn VALDIFUSA, Coy now in locations as ordered by the C.O.	JTC
		2059	Bde informed relief completed.	
	28th	0600	First Light Sitrep:- Quiet night no mortaring or shelling.	
		1215	Intermittent shelling and mortaring in area pt 677 and VALDIFUSA. C.O. visited all sub-units in the Bn area.	
		1800	Last Light Sitrep to Bde:- Other than intermittent shelling in Bn area during the day N.T.R. From 0130 hrs until 0630 hrs intermittent shelling and mortaring of area pt 677 and VALDIFUSA. A.C.M.O. and Bde infmd during these periods. And counter-mortar fire was put down on suspected enemy posns.	JTC
	29th	1000	Advance party from 6/Gordons to recce area prior to the Bn being relieved arrived at Tac H.Q. Bn was relieved by 6 Gordons during the day. Relief completed by 2300 hrs. Bn concentrated in the area 073118 for the night 29/30.	JTC
	30th	1030	Bn H.Q. embussed in area 072108 and moved to concentration area BORGIO S LORENZO 932908. Order of march:- Bn H.Q., Spt Coy, C, B and A Coys. Move was completed by 1600 hrs.	JTC
	31st	1800	Routine.	JTC
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Unit 2 R.S.

Month and Year Nov 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.T. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the field	1 Nov		Bn in concentration area of BORGIO S LORENZO General Information:- Routine	JTC
	2 Nov		General Infm:- Routine Bn Move:- Warning order issued by Bde for move to new area to relieve 88 US Div.	Appendix 1. JTC
	3 Nov		General Infm:- Routine	
	4 Nov		General Infm:- Press photographer from 'Parade' interviewed and photographed men of the Bn who had participated in recent action.	
	5 Nov		Church Parade:- A Bn Church Parade was held at BORGIO S LORENZO General Infm:- Routine Bn Move:- 66 Inf Bde Operation Order No 7 issued 2 R.S.+ would relieve a Bn of 349 Regt in area BAZZANO DI SOTLA 008307 on 9th Nov. 66 Inf Bde Admin Order No 4 issued.	Appendix 2 Appendix 3
	6 Nov	1430	C.O. held 'O' Gp and gave details of move and take over of new area. Bn Move:- 2 R.S. Operation Order No 3 issued. General Infm:- Routine	Appendix 4 JTC
	7 Nov		General Infm:- Routine	JTC
In the field	8 Nov	1300 1530	Bn Move:- 0630 hrs Bn Recce Party composed as under left concentration area BORGIO S LORENZO for area 0030. Recce party:- C.O. I.O. Sigs Offr, O.C. A.B.C. Coys Sqn Comd B Sqn 1 Recce Regt and 2 Offrs. Recce party arrived in area 974277. C.O. went to Bde H.Q. Recce party proceeded to H.Q. 3/362 and 1/349 Inf Bns at 003300. Party remained in area for night 8/9 Nov.	JTC
	9 Nov	0900	Orders:- C.O. held 'O' Gp regarding situation and disposition of Coys.	

		<p>1200 hrs:- Bn H.Q. arrived at debussing point and proceed to area 996303.</p> <p>1230 Between 1230 and 1530 hrs remainder of Bn arrived at debussing point and proceeded to area 996303.</p> <p>1910 C Coy relief completed in area 003301 pt 435</p> <p>1930 A Coy reported relief completed in area 006300</p> <p>2245 B Coy relief completed in area 008298</p> <p>2310 B Sqn 1 Recce Regt report relief completed in area 001286</p> <p>4 A Tk 17 prs u/c Bn at 001286 and 004286</p>	JTC
In the field	10 Nov	<p>First Light Locations:- As Before</p> <p>C.O. visited Coys</p> <p>1000 Mortar Pl in posn 014298</p> <p>1525 Enemy M.G. fired 2 bursts on fixed line area 019295</p> <p>1600 Enemy observed around house at 011300 also 2 enemy in slit trench at pt 342</p> <p>INTENTIONS NIGHT 10/11 NOV:-</p> <p>A Coy:- Recce patrol to house 011300. Strength 1 N.C.O. and 2. Time out:- 2015 hrs Time in:- On completion.</p> <p>Standing patrol to 007304</p> <p>B Coy:- Standing patrol Strength 1 N.C.O. and 3 to pt 330 033292</p> <p>Contact patrol with B Sqn Recce Regt at 011289</p> <p>C Coy:- Standing patrol 1 N.C.O. and 3 to 005304</p> <p>B Sqn Recce Regt:- Standing patrol at 015286</p> <p>Listening patrol at 011289</p> <p>M.M.Gs moving to 007297</p> <p>Carrier Pl M.M.Gs moving to 007294</p> <p>2125 1 AP Bomb fell in area 003303</p> <p>2320 Spandau fire from pt 342 firing across A Coy's fwd pl.</p> <p>2340 Pl Comd visiting listening posts 007304 fired on by automatic weapon.</p>	JTC
	11 Nov	<p>0024 A Coy report listening post captured.</p> <p>0027 A Coy Comd found post empty except for rifles and steel helmets of Cpl Coleridge and 2 O.Rs. Enemy patrol in area 006303.</p> <p>0032 3" Mortar D.F. put down in area 008303</p> <p>0600 First Light Sitrep:- Recce patrol report house at 011300 occupied by enemy M.M.G. now in posn at C DI LUCCA.</p> <p>Sec of Carriers at SUSSO</p> <p>1600 INTENTIONS NIGHT 11/12 NOV:-</p> <p>A Coy:- Recce patrol to house 011300</p> <p>Booby traps at 00653010</p> <p>B Coy:- Standing patrol to pt 330 003292 will also contact B Sqn at 011289</p>	

		1700 1850 2300	C Coy:- Standing patrol to 005304 B Sqn:- Standing patrol to 015286 Listening patrol to 011289 Movement observed at house 035322 Enemy M.G. posn located at 024287 O.P. on pt 435 reported four very heavy explosions heard on bearing 320°	JTC
In the field	12 Nov	0500 0800 1615	B Sqn reported that at approx 0200 hrs enemy patrols estimated 20 to 30 strong approached sec posn at pt 207 011289. Sec engaged the enemy but in view of size withdrew to main tp posn. S.O.S. fire was then put down by own mortar pl and arty. No penetration of our posns reported and pt 207 has been re-occupied. Recce patrol went out to see whether cas had been inflicted on the enemy but found none. No cas. own tps. Patrol of B Coy contacted B Sqn at pt 207 all quiet there now. A Coy Recce patrol at house at 011300 report still occupied by enemy otherwise N.T.R. Established from air photographs that house at pt 245 013303 is place visited by A Coy recce patrol over past 2 nights and NOT house 011300 as believed. INTENTIONS NIGHT 12/13 Nov:- A Coy booby traps at 00653010 B Coy:- Standing patrol to pt 330 003392 B Sqn:- Standing patrol to pt 156 015286 Listening patrol to 010290 C Coy:- Standing patrol 005304 General Improvement of defences.	JTC
	13 Nov	0510 1510 2055 2210 2305	Very quiet night N.T.R. 4 men of enemy patrol carrying weapons seen at 055315 heading SW During the afternoon B Coy area mortared. Enemy engaged by arty and mortars. INTENTIONS NIGHT 13/14 NOV:- As for night 12/13 Nov except booby traps. B Coy area mortared. 22 bombs no cas. Position of enemy mortars estimated 022292. B Coy reported 2 M.M.Gs out of action due to enemy mortar fire. 8 mortar bombs in B Coy area.	JTC
In the field	14 Nov	0530 1010 1100	Quiet night N.T.R. 1 enemy seen entering trench at 036308. Camouflaged vehicle thought to be light tank seen at 022313. A party of 35 Italian civilians arrived in the Bn area interrogated by the I.O. with the assistance of an interpreter. They gave	



		<p>information about enemy dispositions which was passed on to Bde. They stated that on night 10/11 Nov 3 British soldiers passed C TAMAGRIN. Their descriptions correspond very well to those of the listening patrol reported missing that night. They were uninjured, the Germans were para-troopers.</p> <p>1600 B Sqn reported that approx 40 mortar bombs fell in Sqn area during the day. Suspected enemy mortar posns at 023308 and 028303.</p> <p>1615 INTENTIONS NIGHT 14/15 Nov:- As for night 13/14 Nov. M.M.G. harassing fire IL SILLARO 017293 and pt 342 014 299 intermittently throughout the night.</p> <p>2045 1 shell fell in B Coy area killing Sjt Miller and wounding Cpl Bell. B Sqn reported increased mortaring of fwd tps in the area 009288 and pt 207 001289.</p>	JTC
In the field	15 Nov	<p>0020 Enemy approached A Coy posns but was driven away by L.M.G. fire.</p> <p>0100 A Coy Comd reports situation now normal.</p> <p>0123 O.P. reported loud bang in front of A Coy followed by spandau fire.</p> <p>0125 A Coy Comd reported Coy Standing To and asked for 3" Mortar D.F. Explosions and firing coming from area of booby trapped dummies.</p> <p>0200 A Coy Stood Down.</p> <p>0500 B Coy report light intermittent mortaring during the night.</p> <p>0650 A Coy report that booby trapped dummies had been destroyed apparently by enemy grenades. No other traces found.</p> <p>1300 B Coy mortared and shelled. 92 bombs in area. Ptes Campbell and Pierce killed. B Sqn area shelled at same time.</p> <p>1620 INTENTIONS NIGHT 15/16 Nov:- Carrier Pl to relieve A Coy Pl 009299 Normal Standing patrols and work.</p> <p>1815 Mortaring of B Coy area was continued intermittently during the afternoon. Cpl Croft wounded at this time.</p>	JTC
	16 Nov	<p>0215 A Coy Comd reported an explosion thought to be 75 Grenade heard in front of fwd pl. In accordance with prearranged plan flare was put up and Brens fired on fixed lines. Nothing seen of the enemy.</p> <p>0640 Patrol of A Coy which went to investigate the explosion returned N.T.R. Carrier Pl now at 009299. A Coy pl into reserve with Coy H.Q. at 005300.</p> <p>1115 4 shells fell in B Coy area.</p> <p>1615 INTENTIONS NIGHT 16/17 Nov:- Normal standing patrols and working parties. B Sqn to be relieved by C Sqn 1 Recce regt.</p> <p>1715 Relief of B Sqn commenced.</p> <p>1925 Warning order of Bn relief received</p>	Appendix 5



In the field	20 Nov		General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	21 Nov		66 Bde Operation Instruction No 3 issued. 2 RS would relieve 1 DWR area M CASTELLARO 9833 on 24th Nov 44	Appendix 7 JTC
	22 Nov		66 Inf Bde Admin Order No 6 issued General Infm:- Routine Bn Order for Move issued	Appendix 8 JTC Appendix 9
	23 Nov		Advance party as detailed in Appendix 9 left for new area at 0830 hrs General Infm:- Routine	JTC
	24 Nov	1700	0830 hrs:- Bn left concentration area and arrived at debussing point at approx 1500 hrs. Relief of 1 DWR commenced.	JTC
	25 Nov	0645 0920 1450 1615  1655 2220	Relief completed at 0340 hrs. Ptes Gallo and Smith wounded by mortaring during the move up. B Coy report intermittent mortaring of Coy area. 12 large calibre shells fell in the area of Bn H.Q. 6 mortar bombs fell in C Coy area. Ptes Dooley and Watson wounded. INTENTIONS NIGHT 25/26 Nov:- C Coy:- Contact patrol to KSLI at 2200 hrs General improvement of posns. A Coy report 8 shells in area CA DI CO A Coy reported spandau firing on posns at CA DI CO	JTC
In the field	26 Nov	0420  1225  1300 to 1400 1400  1700	Command Post established CALANCO 995332. Intermittent mortaring of fwd posns throughout the night. Mortaring and shelling continued throughout the morning. B Coy report 5 men carrying stretcher with red cross flag. Entered C.S. MARIA 975345. B Coy report 5 men with red cross flag and loaded stretcher moved to SOUTH along track from C.S. MARIA to FUMARINA 974337 and then turned NW B Coy reported that shutter on window at CANETTO 078337 opened yesterday is closed today. INTENTIONS NIGHT 26/27 Nov:- Contact patrol 11 LF General improvement of Defences	JTC
	27 Nov	0520  1345 1430 1640	Sitrep to Bde:- Fwd posns mortared and shelled during the night. Mist very thick, otherwise N.T.R. B Coy report 4 enemy entering house FUMARINA 2 more enemy entered house at FUMARINA INTENTIONS NIGHT 27/28 Nov:- C Coy:- Contact patrol to 11 LF	

		1900	Improvement and maintenance of Defences B Coy report that contact party to 2 Secs at C NUOVA 983333 took nearly three hours for the double journey because of the very bad ground conditions. Intermittent spandau and mortar fire throughout the evening.	
		2305 to 2310	C Coy and Command Post areas subjected to very heavy mortaring and shelling. Bde explained that N STAFFS patrol to RAGGI got into trouble and Bren and mortar fire was brought down to help them out. This apparently worried the enemy who put down very heavy fire apparently a D.F. Task on Div Scale on 2 RS and 11 LF posns. Bn Stood To at 2310 hrs and stood down 2355 hrs. N.T.R.	JTC
In the field	28 Nov	0815	Intermittent mortaring continued until 0230 hrs. Shelling and mortaring of Bn area commenced. This continued throughout the day approx 400 mortar bombs and shells falling in the Bn area up to 1545 hrs. Owing to heavy rain during the last twenty four hours considerable damage had been done to posns. A Coy report that during the day the side of one slit trench collapsed burying the occupant who was quickly dug out unharmed.	See Appendix 10.
		1630	INTENTIONS NIGHT 28/29 Nov:- Contact patrol to 11 LF at 2200 hrs Improvement of defences and rain damage.	
		1745	B Coy asked for mortar tasks WILLOW (C CAVINA 988340) and ASH (C ROCCA 990338) as movement heard in areas. 20 rounds fired on each.	
		1845	B Coy asked for repeat of WILLOW and ASH as movement still heard. 12 bombs each fired on WILLOW and ASH and two belts M.M.G. on HADDOCK.	
		<del>1910</del>	Movement still heard in area C CAVINA. 20 bombs including 6 smoke fired. 1 mortar to harass for next hour.	
		1915	Message from B Coy that C NUOVA report hearing footsteps on hill between C NUOVA and Coy area. Fighting patrol being sent out to investigate.	
		1955	Message from B Coy that report from C NUOVA states that 2 men about 100 yds from NUOVA, and that they are attempting to capture them. There is also noise heard from pt 444 of digging hammering and of stones being emptied and the noise of a truck.	
		2005	Arty fired scale 3 on F 5 and repeat ordered.	
		2050	B Coy report own secs in posn C NUOVA. Enemy patrol of unknown strength is in area and bren and spandau has been exchanged. Patrol is going out from the Coy to investigate. Arty fire brought down 110 yds WEST 50 yds SOUTH of F 5 Scale 2. 4.2" Mortars fired Scale 3 on C DI PRATI.	
In the field			General Stand To ordered.	

		2320	B Coy report that line communication now re established with C NUOVA and that the following is the narrative of the patrol action:- Enemy patrol with 1 spandau 6 pr 8 other automatics and a Panzerfaust approached C NUOVA, fire was opened and grenades thrown at them. Panzerfaust was fired at house, the grenade failed to explode but wounded A/Cpl Croft and Pte Dudley with splinters. The C NUOVA secs believed to have inflicted 1 dead and other cas on the enemy. Enemy patrol then withdrew. B Coy's patrol have not found enemy dead but are still searching. No longer any signs of enemy in area. Return to normal alert ordered.	
		2340	O.C. B Coy reports light mortars are falling in area, and that he is going out to investigate. General Stand To ordered.	
		2345	A Coy report noises in front of their posns. 3" Mortars fired S.O.S. scale on ASH	
		2355	A Coy report enemy quite close Coy Brens engaging.	JTC
In the field	29 Nov	0007	S.O.S. Signal fired by A Coy ASH repeated. Arty 4.2" Mortars and M.M.Gs firing S.O.S. Tasks.	
		0010	No reply received from A or B Coy by telephone.	
		0028	Capt Anderson R.A. O.P. Officer on B Coy's telephone said "Major MacKenzie has not come back" asked "Where is the Bosche" he replied "They are very near" he was heard with difficulty as he appeared to be whispering.	
		0055	A Coy report enemy on B Coy's posn. Arty fire brought down.	
		0120	A Coy report very heavy mortaring in last ten minutes.	
		0245	A Coy ordered to attack and restore posn in B Coy area. 0330 hrs	
		0330	with Arty support from 0320 hrs.	
		0320	A Coy report being fired on from right flank by enemy want arty fire continued on B Coy posn till 0335 hrs	
		0335	A Coy report "No longer want fire on B Coy posn but on CA DI CO which is now held by the enemy".	
		0400	A Coy report that counter attack failed and that they are no longer in original posns but behind them. Capt Dick still in command though wounded. Strength 20.	
		0420	A Coy ordered to withdraw through C Coy and to report when clear. C Coy ordered to organise A Coy and pass them to the Command Post.	
		0420	Major MacKenzie O.C. B Coy reported to Command Post wounded. He stated that enemy crawled up to the posns and threw in grenades before being seen and quickly established themselves on top of the hill. Major MacKenzie counter attacked got back on top of the hill but was driven back again. At the time the Coy was depleted by the two secs at C NUOVA and the fighting patrol which went down there.	

		<p>0445 C.O. ordered that C Coy would hold its present posn and Command Post form a strong point with personnel of A and B Coys who had reported there and would hold its present posn.</p> <p>0515 C Coy report A Coy personnel now in C Coy area and A Coy posns clear of own tps. Arty harassing fire opened on A Coy's posn.</p> <p>0525 Capt Dick reported to Command Post wounded.</p> <p>1225 Very heavy mortaring of C Coy and Command Post areas commenced and continued intermittently throughout the day.</p> <p>1325 Heavy mortaring still continuing. Enemy movement seen round house at CA DI CO</p> <p>1630 INTENTIONS NIGHT 29/30 Nov:- C Coy recce patrols to M CASTELLARO and CA DI CO. Time out:- Last light. Command Post:- 2 listening patrols to cover wadi below track from CALANCO to Tk House 997328. 6 Guides to be at Tk house at 2200 hrs to guide A Coy 2 FORR to their start line in C Coy area for counter-attack on M CASTELLARO.</p> <p>1815 White flare from IL POGGIO followed closely by heavy mortar and NEBELWERFER CONCENTRATIONS ON C Coy and Command Post area.</p> <p>2050 1 Recce Regt patrol of 1 offr and 12 men to C NUOVA have reached objective and linked up with 2 R.S. there. Wireless communication rather difficult but can just be heard.</p> <p>2125 C Coy recce patrol report enemy digging in on fwd slopes of CA DI CO</p> <p>2220 From IL POGGIO four single shots and two white flares followed closely by heavy mortar and nebelwerfer fire on C Coy and Command Post area, for about five minutes decreasing to heavy intermittent mortaring.</p> <p>2320 A Coy 2 FORR arrived at Command Post and were sheltered in building. 66 Inf Bde Op Instruction No 4 received, 2 FORR to C/A M CASTELLARO night 29/30 Nov.</p>	
	30 Nov	<p>0035 A Coy 2 FORR left Command Post mortaring still continuing 110 bombs in last 45 minutes.</p> <p>0135 3 white flares fired from M CASTELLARO then white which burst into five red.</p> <p>0145 2 white flares which burst into six red fired from M CASTELLARO</p> <p>0420 C/A by 2 FORR on M CASTELLARO has failed. A Coy Comd 2 FORR with approx 40 men sheltering in our C Coy area. Ordered by Bde Comd to withdraw to rear of M GRANDE</p> <p>0530 I.O. went to recce outpost posns at 995331 and 992326. C Coy to recce outpost posns at 991332</p>	Appendix 11 JTC

In the field		<p>0540 A Coy 2 FORR+ withdrew past Command Post</p> <p>0735 Reported that rations were delivered to 2 secs at C NUOVA, amm requires replenishment. Line comm established with Bn H.Q. 2 R.S. strength now 1 offr and 17 men. Patrol of 1 offr and 12 men of 1 Recce Regt still there. They report a relatively quiet night.</p> <p>1315 C Coy reports German voices between them and IL POGGIO. Visibility very poor owing to thick mist. Bren fire in direction of voices.</p> <p>1430 I.O. with patrol of 1 Sjt and 12 men went to 996330 to dig posns for night listening post.</p> <p>1650 INTENTIONS NIGHT 30 Nov/1 Dec:- C Coy recce patrol to pt 493 986336. Recce patrol to CA DI CO 989337 Listening patrols fwd of C Coy area. Command Post:- Listening Posts at:- 996331 and 994330                   Outpost pl at 994326                   Outpost 2 N.C.Os and 16 men at 992334.</p> <p>2205 Recce Regt report noise of Spandau and grenades from C NUOVA. Line comm broken. Fighting patrol out to contact with line party. Bn Stood To.</p> <p>2250 C Coy recce patrol to CA DI CO returned, was fired on by spandau from fwd slopes of CA DI CO.</p> <p>2305 Bn returned to normal alert. N.B. Casualties sustained in this engagement other than those already mentioned were:- Killed:- L/Sjt Worsnop Wounded:- Lt Cathcart, Sjts Campbell, Preston and Smith. Cpl Hay. Ptes:- Anderson R, Borrowman W, Ball H, Clegg, Casson, Hyden, Johnston A, Jones F, Reid W, Stacey G, Young T. Missing:- L/Sjt Patrick, Cpls:- Bailey Fraser and Wyatt. L/Cpl Bell. Ptes:- Andrews L, Attwood W, Anderson H, Brownridge, Battles, Blackley, Brines, Bloomfield, Cameron, Dickson, Halsey, Jopling, Lennan, Miller, Mumford, McLaren, Steven, Walker, Ramage J.</p> <p>Field Dec 44</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JT Campbell Lieut Colonel Commanding 2nd Bn The Royal Scots R.R.</p>	
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Unit 2nd. Bn. The Royal Scots.

Commanding Officer Lt/Col. J.T. Campbell.

Month and Year December 1944.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the field	1 Dec		Bn. Locations. - Bn. H.Q. 983319 Command Post. Strongpoint with personnel of A & B Coys. who had reported there - CALANCO - 995332. "C" Coy. Area - C. Rovine - 994334.	Appendix E. 1.
		0046	10 Mortar bombs in "C" Coy area. Pte. Clark. A killed.	
		0050	C. Coy. Recce patrol to Pt 493 986336 returned. Was fired on by Bren from low on East spur of CASTELLARO.	
		0120	66 Inf Bde. Op. Order No. 8 received	
		0430	1 N.C.O. & 10 out from Command Post to relieve outpost Platoon at 994326.	
		0610	Outpost Platoon reported back. Posns dug at 994326 insufficient to accommodate 1 N.C.O. & 10 by day, therefore only 1 N.C.O. & 2 men of relieving section left there as listening post.	
		0815	Adjutant reported from Bn. H.Q. the following information on 2 sects. of B. Coy. at CASA NUOVA 983333:- At 0001 hrs reported by 1st Herts that their Recce Patrol had contacted out troops in CASA NUOVA. This information was proved false. A platoon of 1st Herts sent to relieve CASA NUOVA failed to find their objective. Three separate line parties sent out by 2 R.S. Bn. H.Q. First force to return by heavy mortaring. 2nd returned to report seeing CASA NUOVA on fire. 3rd with an escorting patrol got to within 20 yds of the house, and found the barn on the left ablaze. They shouted several times without receiving any reply, and were then fired on, but whether by enemy or own troops was not known. They withdrew and returned to Bn. H.Q. A Recce patrol of 1st Herts was in CASA NUOVA area from 0545 to 0630 hrs. House was on fire. Enemy was firing Spandaus at the house and there was no sign of any movement or answering fire. At 0800 hrs 1 Recce Regt. reported that a small recce patrol had reached CASA NUOVA and found house and area deserted.	
In the Field				



In the Field		<p>1055 Reported that Recce Regt. patrol had NOT been inside house at C. NUOVA.</p> <p>1105 Shelling of Command Post area by High Velocity gun commenced. 25 shells fired until 1145 hrs.</p> <p>1110 Mortaring of Command Post area commenced. 55 bombs until 1150 hrs.</p> <p>1245 Visibility improving. Own 3" Mortars firing on to top of CASTELLARO hit ammo dump.</p> <p>1255 Mist cleared sufficiently to see CASA NUOVA from Command Post. One enemy seen at N.W. corner of house. Appeared to be dragging things towards the barn which was still smouldering. Smoke was pouring from under the eaves of the house.</p> <p>1402 Approx. 20 enemy seen at C. NUOVA. Majority moved off to the North, disappearing behind shoulder of hill. 4 or 5 remaining appeared to be attempting to increase the fire still smouldering in the barn. Our Arty shelled area. 3 bursts seen on house and more near to it. After shelling only one enemy seen running into the barn. Much more smoke now coming from house.</p>	
In the field		<p>"B" Coy Sects at C. NUOVA now assumed missing are:- Lt. Renfrew, L/Sgt Tibbetts, L/Cpls Greer &amp; Guthrie, Ptes Caldwell, Clark, Collingwood, Duncan, Dickens, Dodds, Fraser, Gray, Hall D, Hewitt, Jackson, Lumb, Rodger, Stone.</p> <p>1500 Mortaring of Command Post and "C" Coy areas commenced. Approx 60 bombs per hour.</p> <p>1630 Intentions night 1/2 Dec:- "<u>C</u>" Coy - Recce patrols to Pt 493 986336, CA DI CO 989337. Listening patrols fwd of Coy area. <u>Command Post</u>. - Standing patrol 2 N.C.Os &amp; 16 men at 992334. Outpost pl. at 994330. Listening posts of 1 N.C.O. &amp; 2 men at 995333 and 996331. Listening post at 994326 to remain until relieved. Pte Payne R. wounded by shell splinter but remained at duty on 29th Nov. now evacuated.</p>	
In the Field		<p>1900 1 white &amp; 3 red flares fired from CASTELLARO, followed by Spandau fire and very heavy mortar concentrations in area South of CASTELLARO.</p> <p>1945 90 mortar &amp; Nebelwerfer bombs in area Command Post and "C" Coy.</p> <p>1949 3 Red flares on South side of CASTELLARO followed by Spandau fire &amp; very heavy mortaring.</p> <p>2000 66 Inf. Bde Op. Instrs. No. 5 received. Bn to be relieved by 1 HERTS during night 1/2 Dec.</p>	Appendix E. 2.

		2005 - 2100 2140 2359	Approx. 200 mortar & Nebelwerfer bombs in area "C" Coy & Command post. Pte Howe W. killed & Pte Wishart H. wounded in "C" Coy area, and Cpl Thomson and Pte Russell wounded in Command post area. Advance elements of 1 HERTS, relieving Bn, arrived at Command post. Representatives of 2 Coy, 1 HERTS proceeded to "C" Coy. Intermittent very heavy mortaring of Command post and "C" Coy areas continues.	
In the Field	2 Dec	0230  0445	Bn H.Q., 2 Coy & Sp Coy 1 HERTS arrived at Command post. 2 Coy proceeded to "C" Coy area. Intermittent mortaring still continuing but on greatly reduced scale. Relief completed and Command passed to 1 HERTS. Bn moved to bivouac area in WESTERN VALLEY 974306. Some mortaring on way but no casualties. Pte Moonie T. accidentally shot during move down.	
	3 Dec		Gen. Information - Routine Advance party of 1 representative from each Coy, 1 representative from each of Sigs. Pl & Int. Sect., under command of O.C. HQ Coy, left to recce re-organisation area in area VALLOMBROSA	
	4 Dec	1030 1200 1700	Battalion left bivouac area 974306 for embussing point 975277. Commenced embussing. Convoy moved off.	
In the Field	5 Dec		Battalion arrived new area. Locations - Bn H.Q., H.Q. Coy and C Coy - VILLA GROTTANELLI 997637. A and B Coys VALLOMBROSA 032634. Sp. Coy TORRE A MONTE 958619. North sector (1 Brit. Inf. Div.) O.O. No. 1 received.	Appendix J. 3.  Appendix E. 3.
	6 Dec		General information - routine.	
	7 Dec		General information - training and routine.	
	8 Dec	1930	General information - ditto . Order for move of Mortar Pln to support attack by 1 Loyals received.	Appendix E. 4.
	9 Dec	0600	O.C. Mortar Pl left to report to O.C. 2/7 Mx. Regt. Special order by Commanding Officer announcing the following awards:- The Military Cross to Major D.B. MacKenzie and Lt J.A. Anderson. The Military Medal to 3061926 Sgt Easton, G., 5954839 Pte Bell, R., and 14212060 Pte Thomson, T. General information - training and routine.	Appendix J. 1.
	10 Dec	0700	Mortar Pl. left TORRE A MONTE for bivouac area 973304 to come under command O.C. 2/7 Mx. Regt.	

			General information - Church parade held at each location.	
	11 Dec		2/7 Bn Mx. Regt. operation order No. 5 received. General information - training.	Appendix E 5.
	12 Dec		General information - training. Defensive layout of North sector received.	Appendix E 6.
	13 Dec		General information - training. DF/SOS tasks - 1 Brit. Div. policy for 3in. Mortars received.	Appendix E. 7.
In the Field	14 Dec		General information - training.	
	15 Dec		General information - training. Mortar Pl. returned to TORRE A MONTE and again under command. O.C. Mortar Pl. reports that Pl. registered on targets on 11 Dec., did no further firing, and were ordered to return to Bn on 14 Dec as attack by 1 Loyals postponed.	
	16 Dec		General information - training. I.O. and I. Sgt. informed by Italian civilians of suspected enemy minefield. 1 German "S" mine discovered and lifted at 99056441. Area marked.	
	17 Dec		Church parade held at each location. Amendment No.1 to North sector O.O. No 1 received.	Appendix E 3.
	18 Dec	2100	General information - training. Order received for move of Mortar Pl. to come under command 2/ North Staffs in area MONTE GRANDE. Pl. to move up on 19 Dec. and report to 2 N/S Mortar Pl. at 99453210 after dark.	
	19 Dec	0700	Mortar Pl. left TORRE A MONTE to come under command 2 N/S in area MONTE GRANDE. Pioneer Pl. lifted 11 German "s" mines from area 991644. Area now reported clear. General information - training.	
	20 Dec		Ditto.	
In the Field	21 Dec		General information - training.	
	22 Dec		Ditto.	
	23 Dec		Ditto.	
	24 Dec		Ditto.	
	25 Dec		Xmas Dinner served to all ranks.	

			Brigade Commander visited. He gave verbal orders that A Coy would move forward on 27 Dec. to come under command of 2 Foresters, and that Bn would relieve 2 Foresters on 31 Dec in FRASSINETO area of South sector 0131.	
	26 Dec	2020	General information - routine. Movement order for A Coy received.	Appendix E 8.
	27 Dec	0530	A Coy left VALLOMBROSA to come under command 2 Foresters in area FRASSINETO. Amendment No.2 to North sector O.O. No. 1 received.	Appendix E 3.
	28 Dec		General information - training. 3 Inf. Bde. letter G. 40/30 re relief on 31 Dec. received.	Appendix E 9.
	29 Dec		General information - routine. 3 Inf. Bde. O.O. No. 35 received. "O" Group at Bn H.Q. re relief of 2 Foresters on 31 Dec. - Notes for move issued.	Appendix E 10. Appendix D. 1.
In the Field	30 Dec	0545  1500	Special order by Commanding Officer announcing award of Distinguished Conduct Medal to 3059837 Sgt Gott, W. Advance party of S.O., I.O., O.C.s B and C Coys, Pioneer Officer, and representatives from each platoon left for area FRASSINETO 0131. Advance party arrived 2 Foresters mule point, LA CASSETA 994302. Coy representatives left to spend night in coy areas.	Appendix J.2.
	31 Dec	0345 1400 1700 1710  1945 2040  2200 2305  2359	Bn left reorganisation areas for area FRASSINETO. Bn arrived LA CASSETA 994302. Bn arrived area command post 003310. B and C Coys passed command post to relieve 2 Coys of Foresters. A Coy 2 R.S. to remain in present positions and maintain 100% stand-to. Mortar Pl. revert to command and relieve Mortar Pl. 2 Foresters. B Coy report relief completed. Standing to until further orders. C Coy report relief completed. Standing to until further orders. Command passed to 2 R.S. - locations as per appendix E. 10. A Coy alert reduced to 50%. B and C Coys to 75% stand-to. Spandau firing at FRASSINETO 009315 from area point 440 008318. 12 x 3inch Mortar bombs fired at point 440. Spandauing ceased. 7 shells landed in Bn area.	

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Unit 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots.

Month and Year January, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt/Col R. Delacombe D.S.O.  
M.B.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
In the Field	1 Jan.	0001	Command. Lt/Col. R. Delacombe D.S.O., M.B.E. assumed command of Bn. w.e.f. 31 Dec. 44.	Appendix E1.
		0001	Locations. - FRASSINETO Area as per Appendix E1. Pioneer Pl. in defence of Bn H.Q.	
		0001	Enemy fired many coloured flares and tracers into the air along the front.	
		0015	20 Mortar bombs fell on 'A' Coy Pl at CASA NUOVA 00553172. 3" Mortar Task "FLORENCE" 007318 fired.	
		0035	'A' Coy report that Listening Post in front of C. NUOVA saw enemy patrol of about 10 men. Listening Post threw grenades and fired Bren. No casualties claimed, but enemy patrol withdrew. 2" Mortars fired into probable line of withdrawal.	
		0045	State of alert of B and C Coys reduced to 50%.	
		0705	A Coy Recce patrol to area where enemy patrol was seen returned, having found nothing.	
		1145	A Coy report small bombs, probably grenades fired from discharger cup landing at C. NUOVA 00553172. 3" Mortars fired 12 rounds at 007318 and bombing ceased.	
In the Field		1440	Several enemy seen crawling 70 yards East of GALLO 009323. 12 rounds 3" Mortar fired into area fell 100 yds short but movement ceased.	
			Intentions Night 1/2 Jan:- A Coy Listening Posts at 00503140 and 00603170 all night. B Coy Standing Patrol 00653140 ) C Coy Standing Patrol 00553140 ) During maintenance period. Listening Post 00353115 all night. B Coy Recce Patrol to PENZLA 012318 out 0300 hrs in 0500 hrs.	
		1610/ 1625	40 Mortar bombs in B Coy area. No damage or casualties.	
		1712	A Coy being fired on by Spandau from point 440 00853185. 12 rounds 3" Mortar fired on task "Argyll" 00853185 and spandauing stopped.	
		2150	10 light mortar bombs fell in B Coy area.	

		2355	2 shells fell in area A Coy HQ.	
In the Field	2 Jan.	0435 0440/ 0800 1120	B Coy Recce patrol to PENZLA 012318 returned and reported:- 1. House is on fire. 2. Area occupied by enemy of approx. strength 1 pl. 3. Approach is no real obstacle, but hill is very steep. 120 rounds 3" Mortar fired intermittently at PENZLA. A Coy laid 24 A.P. mines in area C. NUOVA 006317 during the night. Two houses at C. MURANO 022315 shelled yesterday are now flying Red Cross flag. Bde reported that air O.P. over Pt 440 008318 saw new signs of digging behind crest and also 500 yards North. Intentions Night 2/3 Jan:- A and C Coys - Normal Listening patrols. B Coy - Recce patrol 1 NCO and 2 to PENZLA 012318 out 1900 hrs in 2100 hrs. Ambush patrol 1 NCO and 6 to 008315 out 1830 hrs in 0100 hrs. LMGs to fire harassing tasks from 1745 hrs to 1900 hrs to cover noise of mule trains.	
In the Field		1300 1510 1600 1615 2040 2140 2350	Bde informed that artificial moonlight not wanted before moonrise tonight. 6 mortar bombs in B Coy area - no casualties. 66 Inf Bde letter G2/2 d. 1 Jan 45 received. Bn to be relieved on 8 Jan. 1 15 cm shell in area of Bn HQ and 4 in area A Coy HQ - no damage. B Coy Recce patrol to PENZLA 012318 returned. They reached within 90 yds of house. Patrol Comd L/Cpl Ormiston then crawled forward alone a short distance. He saw three enemy, who saw him at the same time and challenged him. He fired a burst of TMC and heard a moan. Only 1 shot was fired at him. He then threw a 36 grenade, withdrew to his patrol and returned. A dead German was seen at 011316 on the return route. 3" Mortars fired 20 rounds at PENZLA. 1 Herts reported that their Recce patrol to Pt. 440 008318 heard digging and movements, and asked us to put down some mortar fire. 12 rds fired.	Appdx. E2.
In the Field	3 Jan.	0055 0128 0220/ 0240	A Coy harassed by Spandau from PENZLA 012318. 3" Mortars fired 12 rounds at PENZLA and spandauing stopped. B Coy Ambush patrol to 008315 returned. N.T.R. Bn Area and area to left bombarded by rocket-like projectile with very heavy detonation, thought to be Nebelwerfer firing single rounds from close range. No damage or casualties.	

In the Field		<p>1020 1030</p> <p>1600</p> <p>1855 1900 1955</p> <p>2045 2050</p>	<p>A and B Coys each laid 4 coils Dannert during the night. 60 Mortar bombs fell in B Coy area. No damage or casualties. Coys informed of relief programme by letter. Intentions Night 3/4 Jan:-     A Coy. Listening Post 1 NCO and 2 at 007317 out 1800 hrs in 0100 hrs.           Listening patrol in conjunction with 1 Herts on track 004317 during hours of darkness.     C Coy. Standing patrol 1 NCO and 6 at 005313 out 1800 hrs in 2400 hrs.     B Coy. Ambush patrol 1 NCO and 5 at 008315 out 1830 hrs in 2400 hrs.           Ambush patrol 1 NCO and 6 at 011316 out 1800 hrs in 0100 hrs with additional object to obtain identification and approximate time of death of dead German observed by Recce patrol on night 2/3 Jan. 3" Mortars harassing fire 1945 hrs to 2115 hrs on PENZLA 012318 to cover noise of mule trains. Arty harassing fire arranged for same purpose 1945 hrs to 2115 hrs on bend in road 014319. 66 Inf Bde letter G2/2 d. 3 Jan received. Bn to be relieved by 2 For. on 8 Jan. 10 Mortar bombs fell in B Coy area. No casualties. 2 Bn Royal Scots Op Order No.5 issued - Counter attack plan. B Coy Ambush patrol at 008315 returned. Saw one man approaching. Patrol fired prematurely and man ran off. Patrol Comd decided purposes of patrol defeated, and after waiting a further 30 mins returned to Coy Area. B Coy Ambush patrol returned to 008315. 14 shells in B Coy area. No casualties.</p>	<p>Appdx. D1.</p> <p>Appdx. E3.</p> <p>Appdx. D2</p>
In the Field	4 Jan	<p>0005 0030 0110</p> <p>0140</p>	<p>B Coy Ambush patrol to 008315 returned. N.T.R. C Coy Standing patrol 005313 returned. N.T.R. B Coy Ambush patrol to 011316 returned. Paybook of dead German brought back. Body was frozen to ground, and clothes frozen hard. Paybook had been sodden and was falling to pieces. Must have been lying for several weeks. Paybook shows 7 Coy 367 Grenadier Regt.(M) Pte Marshall 95 wounded by mortar as patrol was returning. A Coy Listening Post at 007317 returned. Noise of movement heard in front, but did not come near. Noise of mule train heard from PENZLA direction. Wiring of A Coy position at C. NUOVA 00553172 completed</p>	

In the Field			<p>during night.  Intentions Night 4/5 Jan:-  A Coy Ambush patrol 1 Sec. to 007317 out 2300 hrs in 0400 hrs. Normal Listening patrol in conjunction with 1 Herts on track 004317 during darkness.  B Coy Ambush patrol 1 Sec. to bend in track 009317 out 1815 hrs in 2300 hrs.  Listening patrol 1 NCO and 2 to wadi bed 013314 out 2100 hrs in 0100 hrs.  C Coy Ambush patrol 1 Sec. to wadi 007313 out 1815 hrs in 2300 hrs. Normal Listening patrols.  No searchlights wanted from 1800 hrs to 1930 hrs during movement of mules on skyline 003312.  3" Mortars harassing 1 min slow on PENZLA 012318 at 0600 hrs.  1355 8 Mortar bombs in A Coy Pl area at C. NUOVA 00553172. No casualties.  1730 30 Mortar bombs in B Coy area. No casualties.  1930 B Coy reported considerable amount of small arms fire from direction of Ambush patrol at 009317.  A and C Coy reported small arms fire and flares from direction of PENZLA.  1945 3 men from B Coy Ambush patrol returned to Coy area. On way out, they were challenged in German from the rear at short range. The patrol scattered, and fire was opened on them by several automatic weapons and flares were put up. These three men had not seen the remainder of the patrol since then. A further patrol was sent out to search the area.  2000 50 rds 3" Mortar fired at PENZLA 012318.  2040 Several bursts of automatic fire heard from PENZLA.  2245 C Coy Ambush patrol to 007313 returned. N.T.R.  2315 B Coy Search patrol returned. They had searched area to within 100 yds of PENZLA and found nothing.  The missing members of the ambush patrol are Ptes Lawson, Wilkes, Rennie, Somerville and Sillars.</p>	
In the Field	5 Jan.	0100 0110 0340 0410 1000	<p>B Coy Listening post at 013314 returned. N.T.R.  12 heavy shells landed in B Coy area. No casualties.  Noises of digging heard in front of B Coy in area 012315. Grenades thrown down slope, and noises stopped.  A Coy Ambush Patrol at 007317 returned. N.T.R.  2 Bn Royal Scots Op. Order No.6 issued - Orders for Relief on 8 Jan.</p>	Appdx. D3



In the Field		1030/ 1300	<p>Intermittent mortaring and shelling by single enemy mortars and guns of various calibres. Apparently registering on Bn area. No damage or casualties.</p> <p>Informed by Bde that enemy has moved Arty and mortars in last few days. 5 coils Dannert wire laid in front of Bn HQ during afternoon.</p> <p>Intentions Night 5/6 Jan:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A Coy Standing patrol 1 NCO and 2 to 008317 out 1930 hrs in 0130 hrs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Normal Listening patrol in conjunction with 1 Herts on Track 004317 during darkness.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B Coy Recce patrol 1 NCO and 2 to N.E. slopes 012315 to investigate noises of digging heard there. Out 1800 hrs in depending on information.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ambush patrol 1 Sec. to 012315 out depending on information from Recce patrol in 0200 hrs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ambush patrol 1 Sec. to corner of wood 009316. Out 1800 hrs in 2400 hrs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">C Coy Standing patrol South of maintenance track 005313. Out 1800 hrs. In 2300 hrs and normal Listening Posts.</p>	
In the Field		1630/ 1715 1945 2125  2130  2225 2300 2325	<p>36 Mortar bombs on B Coy and Bn HQ areas. No casualties.</p> <p>Bn stood to because of poor visibility caused by mist.</p> <p>B Coy Recce patrol returned. Nothing seen because of very poor visibility.</p> <p>B Coy Ambush patrol went out to 012315 in spite of lack of information.</p> <p>Bn state of alertness reduced to 50%.</p> <p>Heavy rain commenced.</p> <p>C Coy Standing patrol to 005313 returned. N.T.R.</p>	
In the Field	6 Jan	0005 0035 0105/ 0120 0215 1030	<p>B Coy Ambush patrol to 009316 returned. N.T.R.</p> <p>A Coy Standing patrol to 008317 returned. N.T.R.</p> <p>25 Nebelwerfer bombs fired singly landed in Bn Area. No damage or casualties.</p> <p>B Coy Ambush patrol to 012315 returned. N.T.R.</p> <p>Rain which commenced 2300 hrs 5 Jan is now turning to snow and beginning to lie.</p> <p>Intentions Night 6/7 Jan:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A Coy Listening Post in conjunction with 1HERTS on track 004317 during darkness.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B Coy Listening Post 1NCO and 2 to 009314. Out 1900 hrs In 0100hrs.</p>	

In the Field			<p>Recce Patrol 1NCO and 6 by right flank route to PENZLA 012318 Out 1800 hrs In 20000 hrs.</p> <p>C Coy Standing patrol of 1 NCO and 6 at bend in track 005313. Out 1745 In 0100 hrs.</p> <p>Arty harassing fire arranged from 2200 hrs to 2400 hrs on track junction 020326.</p> <p>1650 Pioneer Pl reported suspected movement in wadi at 005312. Bn HQ and C Coy stand to. C Coy 2" Mortars fired into area. 24 rds 3" Mortars fired into area. Patrol out from Bn HQ.</p> <p>1700 Bn HQ Patrol returned. No trace of movement found. Snow very deep and drifting into wadi.</p> <p>2200 B Coy Recce Patrol returned. Patrol went out on right flank got on to a terrace and moved round it to the left flank without finding a way down. Snow was 5 inches deep and drifts deeper and wadi sides were very steep.</p> <p>2230 B Coy Listening Post at 009314 returned. NTR. Conditions in wadi very bad with snow.</p>	
In the Field	7 Jan	0100 0500 0610 1000 1330	<p>C Coy Standing Patrol returned. NTR.</p> <p>A Coy fired on by Spandau from PENZLA 012318. 10 rds 3" Mortar fired at PENZLA and firing ceased.</p> <p>A Coy fired on by Spandau from Pt 440 00853185. 10 rds 3" Mortar fired and firing ceased.</p> <p>Snow four foot deep in places. Conditions for troops in positions on forward Very Severe.</p> <p>1 Pl. of 11 Lancashire Fusiliers came under comd, role to defend Bn HQ area. Occupied positions held by Pioneer Pl. and enlarged them.</p> <p>Intentions Night 7/8 Jan:-</p> <p>A Coy Normal Listening Patrols in conjunction with 1HERTS on track 004317 during darkness.</p> <p>B Coy Ambush Patrol of 1NCO and 4 at 007314. Out 1800 hrs In 2300 hrs.</p> <p>B Coy Fighting Patrol 2 NCO's and 9 to PENZLA 012318 Out 0300. Arty and 3" Mortars at call. Arty on CASSETTA 014322 and MURANO 022315. Mortars on Pt 440 008318 and GALLO 009323.</p> <p>C Coy Standing Patrol 1 NCO and 6 to corner of track 005313, Out 1745 In end of mule traffic.</p> <p>11 LF Pl. Listening Post at 003311 All night.</p> <p>1330 Informed by Bde that it is now known that enemy are using snow camouflage suits.</p>	

		1730	Advance party Of 2 FORESTERS arrived at Bn HQ and went to spend the night with Coys.	
		2105	B Coy heard German voices in area 009317. 3" Mortars fired 20 rds into area.	
		2130	B Coy saw 4 enemy in wadi at 006312. Engaged by Brens and disappeared.	
		2305	B Coy Ambush Patrol to 007314 returned. NTR.	
In the field	8 Jan	0440 0500	White flare seen in direction of PENZLA 012318. B Coy Fighting Patrol returned. They reached about 150 yds of PENZLA and patrol comd went forward with 1 man to recce. As they came out of small wadi phosphorous grenades were thrown at them. They replied with grenades and two automatic weapons fired back. Patrol comd considered he had lost all element of surprise and led his patrol back to Coy area. They state enemy standing patrol of about 1 Sec. at PR 01183173.	
		1050	12 light mortar bombs in Bn area. No casualties.	
		1640	Mortar Pl. relieved by Mortar Pl 2 FORESTERS.	
		1800	2 FORESTERS arrived area Bn HQ. Owing to snow and ice movement up the hill was most difficult.	
		1947	Hand over of B Coy. FRASSINETO completed.	
		2008	Hand over of C Coy. Centre Coy completed.	
		2020	Hand over of A Coy. Left Coy completed.	
		2025	Command passed to 2 FORESTERS. Bn moved to embussing point near Bde HQ, convoy formed up and moved off to rest area at L'Olmo. Roads very bad with hard frozen snow.	
In the Field	9 Jan	0600/ 0900	Bn arrived area L'Olmo. Orders received for advance party to move to PERUGIA to contact 2 Inf Bde there for orders. Bn to move on 10 Jan.	
		1400	Advance party consisting of 1 representative of each Coy left for PERUGIA. 2RS Op Order No 7 issued.	Appdx. D4
	10 Jan	0700 1100	Guide party left. Advance party arrived BEVAGNA. Main body left area L'Olmo.	
		1700 2300	Guide party arrived BEVAGNA and contacted advance party. Bn main body advance elements arrived BEVAGNA.	
	12 Jan	0600	Bn completed move into area BEVAGNA 8682. 2 Inf Bde Adm. Instructions No 16 received.	Appdx H1.
	13 Jan		Routine 66 Inf Bde Op. Instr. No 6 received. 1 Div to move to Middle East.	No copy available.

			2 Inf Bde Orders for move of advance parties received	Appdx E4.
In the Field	14 Jan	1000	Bn Church Parade. Brigadier Redmayne D.S.O. took salute at march past of Bn. 2 Royal Scots Op Order No. 8 issued.	Appdx D5.
	15 Jan		Routine 66 Inf Bde Op. Instruction No.7 received.	Appdx E5.
	16 Jan	0900	Bn advance party u/c Major Crawford left to join 1 Div advance party for move to training area.	
	17 Jan		Routine 2 Bn Royal Scots Op Order No. 9 issued.	Appdx D6.
	18 Jan		Appdx C to 66 Inf Bde Op Instr. No 7 received. Appdx A to 2 RS Op Order No 9 issued. 66 Inf Bde letter G3/4 received.	Appdx E6. Appdx D7. Appdx H2.
	19 Jan		Routine	
	20 Jan	1100 1330	Bn less adv. and rear parties embussed for TERNI. Arrived TERNI and entrained for TARANTO.	
	21 Jan		On train.	
In the Field	22 Jan		On train.	
	23 Jan	0900	Bn detrained NASISI Stn and marched to transit camp, TARANTO.	
	24 Jan		Routine	
	25 Jan	2030	Routine Commanding Officer called to 66 Inf Bde O Group. Commanding Officer's O Group. Bn would embark on H.M. Troopship BERGENSFJORD on 27 Jan at OIL JETTY, TARANTO. Baggage to be loaded on lighters at GENIO MARINA on 26 Jan. Lt Dall to be baggage officer. I.O. and 3 men to embark BERGENSFJORD 26 Jan as berthing party.	
	26 Jan	0800/ 1200 1700	Baggage loaded on lighter. Berthing party embarked.	
	27 Jan	0700 0930 1600	Bn moved by march route from Transit Camp. Bn commenced embarking HMT. BERGENSFJORD. HMT. BERGENSFJORD sailed	
In the Field	28 Jan	2300	At sea. Clocks put forward 1 hour to 2400 hrs. All times shown henceforth are "B" Time.	

	29 Jan		At sea.	
	30 Jan		At sea. 66 Inf Bde Adm. Instr. No.1 received.	Appdx H3.
	31 Jan	0830 1115 1315	Bn commenced disembarking at HAIFA, PALESTINE. Bn left HAIFA by train. Bn arrived HADERA. Embussed and moved by road to Camp 87, PARDESS HANNA 148210	