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Unit 1st Bn The Royal Scots

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year MARCH 43

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.W. Jackson

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TEKNAF	1	0900	1. 'O' Gp Conference - Bn packing for move.	JSP
"	2	0700	2. Bn leaves TEKNAF crossing to MAUNGDAW in BURMA and camped at No 4 Staging Camp	JSP
FIELD	3	0900 2330	3. CO and IO left Bn to proceed to Bde Command Post - Bn lay up in same area - Bn received dose of ATEBRIN 4. 1 Pl pnr Coy left with mule convoy by march route to 5 Staging Camp	JSP JSP
"	4	2200	5. CO and IO reced F.D.Ls and 1 Lincs F.D.Ls 6. Bn moved by ferry transport during afternoon to 5 Staging Camp 1 Pl pnr Coy left 5 Staging Camp with mule convoy to 6 Staging Camp	JSP JSP
"	5	1000 1200 2130	7. CO and QM to 1 Lincs 'B' Ech and came under shellfire 8. CO to Bde Conference 9. Bn moved by ferry transport during afternoon to 6 Staging Camp 1 Pl pnr Coy left 6 Staging Camp with mule convoy to concentration area	JSP JSP JSP
FIELD	6	0900	10. C.O. holds O Gp Conference and at 1400 hrs CO and 'O' Gp move to 1 Lincs for take-over 11. Bn completed move by ferry tpt to concentration area. Map Sheet 84D/11 Square 6486 - CO to Bde Conference 2000 hrs.	JSP
"	7	1200 1550 2130	12. Bn less A Coy completed take-over from 1 Lincs 13. 2 ORs 'B' Coy wounded by mortar shell. 14. 'A' Coy completed take over from A Coy 1 Lincs. Positions taken over by bn as follows:- Map Photographic Enlargement of 84D11 (APP I) Positions Trace APP II 15. Strength 39 Officers 694 ORs (APP III & IV)	JSP JSP APP I & II JSP APP III & IV JSP
"	8	0850	16. During night 7/8 harassing fire by our arty. 'A' Coy came under enemy mortar fire and 'B' Coy sniped at. 17. Enemy gunfire in rear positions till 0920 hrs and mortar fire from 1000/1030 hrs in rear positions and Bn HQ. Enemy sniper in Bn HQ area.	JSP JSP

FIELD		1100	18. CO to Bde Conference. 'B' Coy take over Pl position from DLI.	JSP
		1730	19. Bn HQ move to 645843	JSP
		1815	20. Mortar Pl fired all guns from D Coy area on shore onto chaung mouth and chaung centre (648832) - 5 rds per gun 6 smoke 24 HE. These shots landed 150x over target area.	JSP
		1845	21. Mortar Pl after moving position rapidly fired same shoot as above on same target from behind Bn HQ and all rounds were on target.	JSP
		2230	22. Lt Darling & 6 ORs (B Coy) advanced as a patrol as far as chaung 647835 and missed bogged carrier. Proceeded 60x along chaung and saw no enemy. Moved back to trees and then advanced SSE. Saw no movement and returned 0400 hrs.	JSP
"	9	0100	23. Lt McCance and Patrol Pl started the shore 643838 (A Coy) & advanced along shore wading, 300x past Shepherds Crook chaung. Lt McCance then went fwd 300x to probably opposite trees 649819. No signs of enemy or field works. They then moved back till they located chaung. There is no trip wire from SOUTH bank to sea nor in chaung nor from NORTH bank to sea. Lt McCance and 4 ORs entered chaung to draw fire and were challenged from SOUTH bank about 30x away. They moved fwd but were unable to locate enemy and they fired one burst TSMG and 2 Tracer. They then withdrew and reported in at 0230 hrs. No fire was drawn.	JSP
FIELD		0300	24. Patrol from A Coy of 2 x 2" M moved to chaung 646834, dug in and fired 4 HE, 2 smoke & 2 RED on M17 and then withdrew.	JSP
		0445	25. A Coy fired 2 Red Verey lights - 0450 hrs 'B' Coy fired 3 RED Verey lights	JSP
		0515	26. B Coy fired 2 RED 2" Flares which were answered by 3 ILL 2" from A Coy	JSP
FIELD		0600/ 0615	27. Mortar Pl fired from D Coy position on same targets 12 smoke 78HE. Mortar Pls of other bns fired on chaung. Fwd Coys of DLI & left hand Pl B Coy shouted, used rattles, bugles, etc. Concentration 2" mortar of DLI on S4, S5, M16 & M24 - B Coy fired 18 rds 2" HE on M16 & M24. MGs fired on chaung from Twin Knobs. 130 FA Regt fired HE for 15 minutes on M101. Smoke on Hills 823 and 500. 99 Fd Regt fired on Elbow during same period. During this period LMG observed firing EAST from between M14 and M15 and another firing RED tracer SOUTH. Mortar posn about M17 and LMG SOUTH of S5 which seemed to be put out of action as one man left posn when LMG ceased firing and ran towards S4. He	

		0612) 0615) 0845 1900 2315	<p>was shot at and seen to fall. Mortar position located at 662829.</p> <p>28. Mortar fire fell in areas of Bn HQ, A and D Coys</p> <p>29. 8 rds mortar fire in Bn HQ / D Coy area. 1 OR slightly wounded</p> <p>30. Major Mackenzie-Kennedy joined as Second in Command.</p> <p>31. Lamp put at WEST end of FDLs bearing 270° for guide for navy who bombarded DONBAIK from 2210 hrs to 2300 hrs.</p> <p>32. Sentry of B Coy killed 1 IOR and wounded one other. 'B' Coy stretcher bearer taking wounded IOR shot and wounded by DLI.</p>	<p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p>
FIELD	10	0600/ 0630 0830 2230 2300	<p>33. Our arty put down harassing fire, and from 0625/0630 hrs Jap 75 m/m guns fired on Bn HQ and D & A Coy areas - no casualties</p> <p>34. Major C.S. Mackenzie departed - Bn received dose of ATEBRIN</p> <p>35. Lt McCance and Patrol Pl left A Coy, proceeded thro' sea, landed SOUTH of wooded village at 2300 hrs and then moved NORTH through village. Saw mortar positions with empty cases probably British. At 0100 hrs saw pty of about 30 Japs in file moving NORTH along beach. At 0130 hrs 4 enemy came out of chaung; they were followed and 3 killed; others following forced our patrol to withdraw and they reported back at 0230 hrs without casualties.</p> <p>36. Lt Darling and 7 ORs (B Coy) went out on patrol to broken down carrier in front of B Coy area to lie in wait for enemy patrols. They took up position beside carrier and Sjt Larkin placed some booby traps in carrier. They did not contact enemy although they heard movement at 0245 hrs on their left of a patrol moving NORTH and then returning. Patrol returned to our lines at 0415 hrs.</p>	<p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p>
FIELD	11	0930 1300/ 6 1400 1457 1523 1730	<p>37. C.O. to conference at Bde</p> <p>38. 3 Blenheims dropped incendiaries and 6 Hurricanes MGed Hills 823 and 500 and jungle Shepherds Crook area.</p> <p>39. 'O' Gp Conference</p> <p>40. 10 Pl 'B' Coy vacate positions and from 1506/1515 hrs 6 Blenheims dropped HE from Shepherds Crook to chaung mouth. Most of the bombs dropped SOUTH of the chaung.</p> <p>41. 10 Pl re-occupy positions without any trouble.</p> <p>42. 'C' Coy complete take over of 'B' Coy positions and 'B' Coy move back to 'B' Ech area in reserve.</p>	<p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p>
"	12	0757	<p>43. Quiet night</p> <p>44. DECEIT ONE as per app. V carried out. At 0810 75 m/m Jap guns shelled A & C Coy areas. Lt Pomphrey and 1 OR 'C' Coy wounded. At 0815 A Coy came under mortar fire.</p>	<p>JSP</p> <p>APP V JSP MOST SECRET</p>

FIELD		1000	Result of Deceit: S4 & S5 replied WEST and NW, M17, NE and EAST 45. CO on recce with Bde Cmd.	JSP JSP
"	13	0130	46. Lt Stevenson and 8 ORs (C Coy) on patrol to carrier and chaung 647834; saw and heard nothing; returned without casualties 0355 hrs	JSP
		0130	47. Lt McCance and 3 ORs on patrol from A Coy lines along beach to wooded village; saw no signs of enemy or fresh positions. Returned 0530 hrs; no casualties	JSP
		1030/ 1100	48. DECEIT TWO: RA and mortars under Bde put down barrage on chaung area; 6 Blenheims bomb and 9 Hurricanes MG chaung.	JSP
		1600	49. Bn hand over positions to R Berks without incident	JSP
		2330	50. All Coys in lying-up area square 6486	JSP
FIELD	14	0730	51. DECEIT FOUR: RA barrage and air bombing.	JSP
		1230	52. C.O. at conference with Army Comd - Bn cleaning and washing.	JSP
		1730	53. C.O. at conference at Bde	JSP
			54. Strength 39 Officers 691 O.Rs (APP VI & VII)	APP VI & VII JSP
	15	1000	55. Mortar Pl move to 653836 with OP at 655834 under Bde.	JSP
		1000	56. CO goes on recce with Coy Cmds and gives out plan for future operations - Jap bomber dropped stick of bombs at 1025 hrs 1500x NW of Bn lying up area	JSP
		1500	57. Rehearsal by Bn of future operation	JSP
		1915	58. Operation Ordeal received from Bde	JSP APP VIIIA MOST SECRET
	16		59. Admin Instruction of Bn by 2i/c	JSP
	17	0900	60. C.O. to Co-ordinating Conference at Bde - Coys testing all automatic weapons - Bn receive dose of ATEBRIN	JSP
		1400	61. 'O' Gp conference when C.O. gives out orders for operations	JSP
FIELD	18	0400	62. A Coy moved to chaung junc area 655836 and took over position from A Coy 1 LINC'S by 0700 hrs	JSP
		0930	63. Bn leave lying up area and arrive concentration area 644853 at 1020 hrs - Special Order of The Day read to Bn (APP VIII)	APP VIII JSP
		1130	64. Bn placed on 30minutes notice to move	JSP
		0930	65. 7 and 8 Pls came under command RWF	JSP
		1345	66. O Gp Conference when CO issued order for fresh operation as the attack by RWF (Phase 1) had not been completely successful. The RWF had attacked with 2 Coys and had reached M16 but had failed to capture S11 S10 S4 & S5 and consequently their forward tps in the chaung were isolated. 1 R.S had been given the task of capturing S11, S10, S4 and S5 - Trace of Shepherds Crook chaung attached as Appendix IX and IXA Plan for RS attack is as under: B and D Coys were to assemble in the Shepherd's Crook chaung and B Coy would attack and capture S11 and then S10. After B	App IX and IXA

FIELD			<p>Coy had cleared S10 and S11 D Coy would attack and capture S4 and S5.</p> <p>C Coy would occupy positions held by RWF at 651834 and be ready to meet any counter-attack on B and D Coy.</p> <p>Bn HQ would be established at RWF HQ at 65158345.</p> <p>RWF Coys would hold their present positions and 1 RS would take them over by 1000 hrs 19 Mar.</p> <p>67. Capt JJ Byam Shaw attached to 14 Ind Div</p> <p>1500 68. CO and B, C & D Coy Cmds went on recce of RWF positions and area of the attack</p> <p>2300 69. C Coy left concentration area and were in new positions by 2359 hrs</p> <p>2359 70. Bn HQ B and D Coys left concentration area</p>	<p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p> <p>JSP</p>
"	19	0050	71. Bn HQ established at 65158345 and B and D Coys proceeded to forming up area in Shepherds Crook Chaung	JSP
		0145	72. CO proceeded to OP at 65158335 which overlooks S4, 5, 10 & 11	JSP
FIELD		0200	73. B Coy attacked S11 but did not manage to surprise the defenders who put up their SOS signal at 0205 hrs. Within 30 seconds B Coy came under heavy mortar and MG fire of a very well co-ordinated fire plan.	
			At 0226 hrs when B Coy had not succeeded in capturing S11 and all officers, the CSM and most of the senior NCOs had been wounded, the CO sent orders to D Coy Cmd that D Coy would not put in their attack and D Coy Cmd would report to the C.O. at once.	JSP
		0300	74. D Coy Comd received orders that he would take up a defensive position in the chaung above the crook till morning when he would receive fresh orders and 'B' Coy would meantime regroup under his command. Defensive positions were occupied.	JSP
		0900	75. D Coy were ordered to occupy fwd positions held by RWF at 652833 astride the chaung and B Coy came under command of Major Douglas at 655836 - Nos 8 and 9 Pls placed under command 'C' Coy.	
FIELD			'B' Coy went into action with 4 officers 86 ORs and their casualties were killed 1 OR, wounded 3 officers 33 ORs, missing 1 officer 6 ORs. The CO recommended CSM Kinnear and Pte Berry for decorations for their gallantry.	JSP
		1000	76. RS took over position from RWF	JSP
		1630	77. O Gp Conference when new coy dispositions were arranged. Major G.A. Byam Shaw to command 'B' Coy	JSP
		2230	78. Jap stretcher bearers evacuating wounded seen in chaung at S24. We did NOT fire.	

			No marked enemy activity during day	JSP
FIELD	20	1100	79. Bn positions occupied as under:- Bn HQ 65158345 A Coy 652833 B Coy 652836 C Coy 651834 D Coy 652832	JSP See APP IX
		1930	80. Lieut Todd and Ptes Hart and Sutherland went into chaung below S11 a distance of about 75 yds and brought in 2 wounded ORs of RWF returning at 2000 hrs. The enemy did not fire until after the rescue party were back under cover. It is not known whether this was intentional or not. The C.O. has recommended Lt Todd and Ptes Hart and Sutherland for decorations suitable for their gallantry.	JSP
		2125	81. 5 Japs seen by D Coy in chaung area S24 and fire by two Brens was opened at 2210 hrs. Effect not found but no further movement seen	JSP
		2200	82. A & C Coy ordered to fire alternately 1 x 2" HE mortar bomb every 15 minutes commencing 2200 hrs on target chaung S4 S5 until further orders. There was no marked enemy activity as a result of this harassing fire.	JSP
			83. The carrier Pl which was under Bde Cmd entered the line on our right as part of PIPKAY FORCE and were in position at 0530 hrs	JSP
FIELD	21	0610	84. Mortar Pl fired 3 rds HE on M16 and were well on the target	JSP
		0630	85. 1 wounded RWF OR entered A Coy lines after being 72 hrs in the open	JSP
		0900	86. 2" mortar harassing fire time now plus five minutes	JSP
		1000	87. CO at Bde Conference	JSP
		1020	88. Vengeance Divebombers bombed DONBAIK	JSP
		1310	89. Brushwood on S5 set on fire and occupants tried to extinguish the fire	JSP
		1325	90. D Coy reported 1 OR missing from 1945 hrs 20 Mar	JSP
		1345	91. O Gp Conference when D Coy were ordered to extend their positions taking over part of DLI area and to wire in completely. Future moves were given. 2" mortar harassing fire times were altered as follows:- At 1800 hrs plus ten minutes - fire 1 rd HE At 2200 hrs minus ten minutes - fire 2 HE and 1 Smoke each 15 minutes until 2300 hrs. Thereafter coy cmds to arrange harassing fire	JSP
		1805	92. 2 ORs D Coy wounded by sniper	JSP
		2000	93. 4 Japs seen to enter and 2 to leave S4	JSP
		2125	94. 2 Japs seen moving up chaung to S5	JSP

FIELD		2145	95. A Coy fire 1 x 2" HE mortar on chaung at S24 on party 5/6 and obtained hit	JSP
		2100/ 0530	96. RA working party in 'C' Coy area preparing two gun positions. 97. Little enemy activity during past 24 hrs. 99. Strength 29 Officers 673 ORs (APP X and XI)	JSP JSP JSP APP X and XI JSP
	22	0230- 0300 0815 0940 1000 1100 1020 1250 1800	100. About 20 men were moving up and down S4/5 chaung - probably ration and relief party 101. D Coy sent in two small Jap MSS found when digging new positions 102. Jap sniper shot by D Coy. 103. D Coy completed taking over further position from DLI and dug in 104. A, C & D Coy each fired 4 x 68 grenades on S4/5 chaung. There was an accident in 'C' Coy when grenade burst in firing killing 1 OR and wounding 2 ORs 105. Vengeance Divebombers bombed DONBAIK area 106. D Coy found another Jap document. 107. Jap 75m/m gunfire on Twin Knobs. 1 shell fell in C Coy area	JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP
FIELD	23	0115 0645 0830 1000 1303 1315	108. Jap ration party in chaung area S24 and mortared by D Coy. Movement continued till 0230 hrs and was continuously mortared by C and D Coys. 109. During night 22/23 2 x 3.7 mountain guns put in position in C Coy lines 110. RE started work on shaft for tunnel to S5 from 'C' Coy lines. 111. Enemy movement seen between M16 and M17 112. Arty attacked S5 by putting down smoke on Hill 823 & 500 and from M16 to EAST side of wooded village and HE on M16, 17, 18. 2 x 3.7 mountain guns fired from 'C' Coy lines. Smoke and HE barrage commenced at 0830 hrs and ceased at 0947 hrs. Two mountain guns open fire at 0832 hrs on S5 from 75 yds range. They fired 270 rds HE but failed to break S5. Trench surrounding S5 on EAST side was filled in. Firing ceased at 0947. During this period 5 Japs came out of S5 and were subjected to Bren fire. Jap arty replied to our fire and some shells landed in the HQ area 113. CO to Bde Conference 114. Four Vengeance Divebombers bombed M3 to the SOUTH of the chaung 115. Missing OR of D Coy arrested at MAUNGDAW on 22 Mar 116. 2" mortar harassing fire continued on S4 S5 chaung area	JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP

FIELD		1555	<p>117. CO held conference of A, C & D Coy Cmds when orders for mock attack that night were given.</p> <p>It had never been confirmed that S5 was a MG Post although grenades and crackers had come from there - probably from the surrounding trench.</p> <p>The object of the operation was therefore to find out definitely whether S5 was a MG Post or not; draw the enemy fire; and continue harassing the enemy.</p> <p>The time was to be 2000 hrs which would be just after darkness when the moon would start rising behind Hill 823 and accordingly the figures of men would be silhouetted but observers would not be able to see whether they were actually moving.</p> <p>Also High Tide was 2100 hrs and relief pty to S4 and S5 takes place after High Tide and accordingly it was very probable that the garrison of S5 had not been changed since the bombardment at 0830 hrs that morning and they would therefore be jittery.</p> <p>The plan was that a mock attack would take place at 2000 hrs 23 Mar as under:-</p> <p>1/. 15 men D Coy would form up in chaung from where B Coy attacked on morning 19 Mar and at 2000 hrs they would show themselves, mark time, cheer, shout and look fierce. The remainder of D Coy would also cheer and shout.</p> <p>2/. 10 seconds later if the Jap SOS had not been put up, an A Coy officer would fire a Red Verrey light from the ladder position in the chaung across the front of D Coy</p> <p>3/. All Coys including carrier Pl with PK Force would fire on opportunity targets until 2015 hrs.</p> <p>4/. Lt Barnetson and 4 ORs (2 TSMG and 2 Rifle-bayonet with 2 x 36 and 2 x 69 grenades each) would patrol to S5 to discover if it was occupied or not and try to secure an identification. If possible they would also go to S4. If S5 was empty 2 TSMG would be left to prevent enemy garrisoning S5 while Lt Barnetson reported. In the event of a POW being obtained at S5, patrol would return at once.</p> <p>Patrol would be ready at 'C' Coy gun position with 18 set. CO would give definite order as the mock attack developed whether the patrol would go out. If the order was given 2 x 2" ILL would be fired to warn coys to stop firing.</p> <p>5/. If S5 was reported empty Lt Moffat and 1 sec would be ready to occupy it at once, and depending on the report might</p>	
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FIELD			<p>go on to S4. The remaining 2 secs of 13 Pl would be ready to reinforce. Sec would take store of grenades, sandbags, rations and a rope would be pulled out. Lt Moffat's pty would be replenished by shallow trench and also by means of a rope conveyor.</p> <p>If S4 was taken, then the chaung would be blocked SOUTH of S4 6/. 3 x 3" mortar and Tp 99 Fd Regt would take on targets as ordered. Coy Cmds were also ordered to train up to 25 ORs per pl as mortarmen taking the opportunity of harassing fire to do so.</p> <p>1900 118. During past 24 hours RE have dug shaft 12 ft deep opposite S5</p> <p>2000 119. D Coy cheer and shout. 15 ORs show themselves do the same and mark time. 3.7 guns open up on MG area S4 and mortars ordered to fire Red Verey light put up by A Coy.</p> <p>2002 hrs 6 mortar bombs burst in area S4, S5</p> <p>2010 hrs MG fire from area S10 towards S4. Tracer from S4.</p> <p>6 mortar bombs on S4 and S5</p> <p>2011 hrs 3 Jap 4" mortar bombs, thereafter continuous mortar MG fire</p> <p>2012 hrs 3" mortars lengthen range 100 yds.</p> <p>2014 hrs Firing from M16, M17.</p> <p>2015 hrs Fire from SOUTH side S5 - Two double 4" mortar fired</p> <p>2020 hrs One double 4" mortar bomb - Red Tracer south side S5</p> <p>2022 hrs MG fire continued.</p> <p>Operation finished. Patrol did not go out.</p> <p>It is interesting to note that the initiative of mock attacks, grenades, crackers and patrols on this sector has now passed completely into our hands.</p> <p>Also that the wasteful firing of SAA at targets which could not be seen, indulged in by the previous bde has entirely stopped on our side and the Jap has now started firing at non-existent targets which tends to prove that the continuous harassing mortar fire and mock attacks are shaking the Jap morale.</p>	JSP JSP
FIELD			<p>120. Mortar fire continued throughout the 24 hrs</p>	JSP JSP
FIELD	24	0100-0234	121. Movement of relief parties seen in area S24. Arty fire called for at 0213 hrs and 0234 hrs and hits obtained on Jap ammo pty.	JSP
		0830	122. 'C' Coy ordered to fire A/T Rifle at S5 every minute until further orders.	JSP
		1125	123. S4 reported to be burning inside result of 2" HE from C Coy. Burnt till 1142 hrs. 4 x 75 m/m shells fired over our right.	JSP

		1208- 1228 1225 1845- 54 1855- 1905)124. 12 x 75 m/m shells land in bn area. 2 ORs killed 1 OR) wounded in 'C' Coy. Guns fired from direction DONBAIK FORD. 125. A/TK Rifle fire on S5 ordered to stop. Hits had been made on a metal plate on S5 126. ATEBRIN given to bn. 127. 3 A/TK Rifles (C Coy) fired rapid on S5 128. Mortar fire on Bn area	JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP
FIELD	25	0150- 0205 0525- 0645 1535 1845- 1855 1730- 2030	129. Jap relief pty seen in nullah junc. Arty fired and hit claimed. Two new bodies S24 area 130. Enemy mortar and 75 m/m on Bn area. 1 OR (Mortar Pl) killed 131. 1 OR A Coy wounded by sniper 132. 3" mortar Pl fired on S4/5 and 2" mortars on S4, S5, S10, S24 S11 and S14. C Coy A/TK Rifles fired 130 rds on S5, A, C and D Coy Brens fired on opportunity targets. During this period enemy re-action was mortar fire on FUP area in chaung and MG fire from S4, S5, S10 and S11 133. A and C Coys were under mortar fire. 134. Through jackals howling, S4 and S5 and M16 opened rapid with their MGs. S5 fired explosive bullets.	JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP
FIELD	26	0630 0220 0300 1100 1330 1725	135. A and C Coys renewed 2" mortar fire on S4, S5 areas. 136. Only a small pty of 8/9 enemy seen at nullah junc (S24). Unable to bring down fire in time. 137. Tunnel now 21 ft long. 138. C.O. to Bde for conference 139. CO held 'O' Gp Conference and gave out orders for new coy dispositions - 143 S.S. Coy came under command 140. Bn HQ established at 648839. B Coy " " 633842 D Coy " " 647838. A Coy took over left sector of 'C' Coy who extended this sector to the NORTH to link with D Coy - Trace attached 141. 2" mortar fired continuously every 15 mins but produced no reaction	JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP APP XII JSP JSP
	27	0800 0850/ 0910	142. A Coy reported that during night enemy have been working on SW corner of S5. Little headway made with our tunnel. 'A' and 'C' Coy ordered to concentrate their harassing mortar fire on SW corner of S5. 143. B Coy and SS Coy area came under mortar fire but suffered no casualties	JSP JSP

FIELD		1600 2100	144. Draft of 90 ORs arrived incl. 10 R.S. 145. Draft posted to Coys 146. A Coy fired 2 x 2" ILL but saw no movement. 147. Mortar harassing fire continued throughout the 24 hours.	JSP JSP JSP JSP
	28	0500 0605 0632/ 0700 0800 0900 1400 1545 1915 2215	148. Slight rain fell - strength 33 officers 717 ORs 149. Mortar fire on 'A' Coy positions 150. Mortar fire on SS Coy and 'B' Coy positions - no casualties 151. Tunnel now 31 ft long in rock 152. Mortar Pl moved and took up position at 645844 153. O Gp Conference when orders for relief by R Berks given out 154. Mortar fire on 'D' Coy 155. Lt Fenton and 2 ORs (D Coy) left on patrol to carrier 156. Patrol returned having seen nobody and heard nothing. 157. 'B' Coy carried out Field Firing with 2" mortars and 69 grenades. During 24 hours A, C & D Coy mortars continued harassing fire S4 S5.	JSP APP XIII & XIV JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP
FIELD	29	0800 1020 1030 1745	158. Tunnel 40 ft long in soft rock handed over to 506 Fd Coy. 159. R. Berks completed relief of A B & C Coys R.S. 160. Bn left line - D Coy and 143 SS Coy under command R Berks Bn HQ established 1100 hrs at 644849 - Bn in Bde Reserve 161. CO to conference at Bde	JSP JSP JSP JSP
"	30	0830 0930 2130 2300	162. CO to conference at Bde 163. A Coy and mortar Pl, 'C' Coy and Pioneer Pl given orders to report to RWF and DLI as working party, and were placed under cmd. 164. 'C' Coy returned. 165. 'C' Coy left for KYAUKPANDUYWAMA 5104 (1" Sheet 84D/10) and was placed under command HOPFORCE	JSP JSP JSP JSP
FIELD	31	0900 0930 1100 1200 1430	166. Coys ordered to be at 1 hour's notice to move 167. D Coy returned to Bn - ATEBRIN given to Bn 168. A Coy returned to Bn 169. B Coy with 1 det mortars took over position from RWF on LAHORE HILL 643866 170. CO on recce to KODINGAUK area 6191 <u>Malaria</u> Since the commencement of the regular issue of ATEBRIN on 3 Mar, there have been 11 cases of relapse and 8 new cases of malaria. During the complete month there have been 18 cases of relapse and 8 new cases.	JSP JSP JSP JSP JSP

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