

1/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary October 1944

OCTOBER 1944

1st Oct. Area 441443.

0730 hrs. "C" Coy sent a standing patrol to the track junction at 400450.

0920 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. visited Bn. HQ.

0930 hrs. A Patrol from "B" Coy of Sect. strength contacted about 30 enemy in area 418470. Patrol rtn. and saw 3 enemy at 420470 whom they engaged and believed killed. The patrol then continued to the bridge at 423473 where it took up posn.

1230 hrs. The Div. Comdr. held a conference at Bn. HQ.

1730 hrs. In order to conform with changes in the flanking units the Bn. had to make slight alterations in its dispositions. "B" Coy were relieved by a Coy of 1/7th Queen's who took up posns. on the Bns. right flank. On the Bns. left flank 1/5th Queen's were relieved by units of 101 U.S. Airborne Div. "B" Coy moved to the left of "A" Coy to link up with the Americans and together with the Carrier Pln. to guard the bridges over the R. LIEGRAAF "B" Coy and Carrier Pln. HQs were established at 436431.

Carrier Pln. HQs were established at 436431, "C" Coy also moved its HQ to 428448.

Night 01/02nd "A" Coy had a standing patrol at 406442 which reported slight enemy movement and a Spandau firing from 405436. Another patrol from "A" Coy maintained contact with Carrier Pln. "C" Coy's standing patrol at 400450 reported enemy still at 393453 and 395445 and HD and MT movement in area 388950. The patrol also observed two tks. being booby-trapped at 393453, one of the mines exploded and the enemy scattered. At 0145 hrs. the patrol was subjected to mortar fire and at 0400 hrs. a Spandau fired a burst across the patrols front from 395446. All recce patrols from "C" Coy contacted the standing patrol and were rtn'd. without meeting any enemy.

2nd Oct. 0600 hrs. 12 Pln. "B" Coy relieved "C" Coys standing patrol at 400450.

1000 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. visited Bn. HQ.

1725 hrs. A patrol went out via 398455 to 393453 and investigated 2 tks. that had been K.O'd by the enemy. One was completely burnt out and the other had obviously been looted by the enemy as all the equipment was scattered around. The houses in the area were clear of enemy. Another patrol went to 395445 and then 400 yds. up the track. The patrol moved around freely but no enemy were contacted.

Night 02.03 Oct. "B" Coys standing patrol at 400450 had nothing to report during the night. A patrol from "C" Coy however which went fwd. to contact them at 0300 hrs. met enemy patrols at 406447 and 406444 which were 11 & 7 strong respectively.

"A" Coys standing patrol at 403444 heard movements of a half tracked vehicle in area 397443 to 394443 and an S.P. gun firing from 397446. At 398444 a haystack was seen to burst into flames which spread to two houses and civilians were heard screaming. Patrols which went fwd. from "A" Coy at intervals during the night to contact the standing patrols had nothing to report.

The Carrier plns standing Patrols at 414433, 427429 & 432432 had nothing to report.

3rd Oct. 0830 hrs. An enemy cyclist from Coy MAYER of B.G. BLOCH rode by mistake into "B" Coys standing patrol at 400450 and was taken prisoner.

1100 hrs. 1 Sec. of "B" Coys standing patrol probed N., N.W. and S. from 400450 without contacting enemy.

1200 hrs. The 2i/c attended a Bde. Comdrs. conference to receive orders concerning

the force which was to be under his comd. to relieve the unit of 101 U.S. Airborne Div. on the Bns. left flank.

This force was to consist of "B" Coy & 2 secs. Carrier Pln., "C" Sqn. 11 H., a troop of 5 R.T.R. and a troop of M10's (N.Y.) and was to be u/c of 131 Bde.

1400 hrs. A Dutchman who was suspected of collaborating with the enemy was brought in in by "A" Coy. He was taken to 131 Bde, for interrogation.

1700 hrs. "B" Coy and 2 secs. Of Carrier pln. passed u/c of the 2i/c (Maj. W.L. JOHNSON MC) and took up positions in the area of HEESWIJK 4241 and DINTHER 4441.

1800 hrs. The C.O. & I.O. attended a Bde. Comdrs. conference.

Night 3/4th. The following standing patrols were established:- by "C" Coy at 412449 & 409445 by "A" Coy at 409441 & 441435 and by Carrier pln. at 415432. With the exception of the patrol at 408445 none had anything to report. "C" Coys patrol at 409445 was engaged by an enemy patrol at about 2300 hrs. The N.C.O. in charge of the patrol was wounded and 2 O.R's are missing.
A fighting patrol was sent out by the Asst. Pioneer Pln. which went to track junction at 400450 and then to x tracks at 403444 and 404443. A search was made there for mines as some had been reported by civilians but none were found.
The patrol then returned without having met any enemy.

4th Oct. 1000 hrs. The I.O. went to 131 Bde. to receive orders for the following nights patrols.
1100 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. visited Bn. HQ.
1400 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group and gave his orders for the changes in posn. necessitated by the Bns. boundary with 1/7th Queen's being changed and by the Bns. assuming responsibility for HEESWIJK 4241 and DINTHER 4441. For this purpose, the Force being commanded by Maj. W.L. JOHNSON MC was to come u/c of the Bn. (details at end of October)
Bn. HQ moved to 453427 & "C" Coy took up fresh posns. between "A" & "B" Coys
Hence the Bns. dispositions were as follows:- "A" Coy 424438, "B" Coy 431419, "C" Coy 426424 and Carrier Pln. 428424.

Night 4/5th. A patrol from "A" Coy reced the bridge at 406429 and found that it had been blown by the enemy. The patrol was able to cross by girders however and advanced the other side for 1,000 yds. without meeting any enemy.
A recce patrol from "B" Coy reported that the canal bridge at 411415 although blown could be crossed by inf. and that at the time of their recce there were no enemy on the N. bank of the canal.
The Carrier Pln. had a standing patrol at the lock 432405 but no enemy were encountered during the night.
The Asst. Pioneer Pln. reced the N. bank of the canal in the area S. of DINTHER for a suitable spot for launching assault boats. One was found at 444396.

5th Oct. Area 353427.
Nothing of note happened during the day. Reports on the previous nights patrols were made to 131 Bde. and orders were received regarding patrols for the following night.

Night 5/6th. A recce patrol from "A" Coy went fwd. to the area of MIDDELRODE 3943 where the enemy were found to be holding the same posns. as when "A" Coy made an attack on 30th September.
A patrol from the Asst. Pioneers made a recce between KASTEEL 4142 and the canal without meeting any enemy.

A fighting patrol from "B" Coy went to the N. bank of the canal between 435403 and 440399 with the object of simulating a crossing of the canal. Much noise was made and planks were pushed into the canal and threw grenades into the water but even this failed to provoke any response.

6th Oct. 1445 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. visited Bn. HQ.

7th Oct. missing from diary.

8th Oct. 0220 hrs. (Cont. early part of day missing).

Unspecified number of enemy a few yds. in front of their posns.

0300 hrs. A fighting patrol from the Asst. Pioneer Pln. went out through "A" Coy but when they reached the area 418437 they encountered an enemy patrol. A force fight ensued in the course of which the Patrol Comdr Capt. D.F. SNOWDEN and three men were killed and four were wounded.

Three of the enemy including one CSM were killed. "A" Coy stood to but there was no further sign of the enemy,

0800 hrs. "A" Coy HQ moved to 426430.

1530 hrs. A tp. Of 8 H. under the Bns. comd. advanced up the main rd. towards MIDDELRODE 3943.

When close enough they engaged the enemy in the village and then withdrew under cover of a smoke screen. An enemy patrol followed the tks. out behind the smoke screen as far as "B" Coys. Outpost which they engaged causing two casualties.

1800 hrs. 621 Fd. Sqn. R.E. reported that an enemy patrol had crossed the canal S. of DINTHER 4441. A Tp. Of 8 H. moved into area and fired a harassing shoot with H.E. and M.G's. nothing more of the enemy was seen.

9th Oct. 1145 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. visited Bn. HQ.

Night 9/10th. Recce patrols were sent out by "A" Coy to 405436 and by "C" Coy to 403434 neither of which had anything to report.

10th Oct. 0720 hrs. 3 deserters from 860 G.R. gave themselves up to "C" Coys outpost at KASTEEL 412422.

0800 hrs. "A" Coy sent a patrol fwd. with a Tp. of Tks. to area 403445 where they shot up a group of enemy. "A" Coy suffered 3 casualties.

Night 10/11th. Enemy patrols were active during the night along the whole of the Bns. front. D.F. tasks were fired by 3" and 4.2" mortars and by 3 R.H.A. which prevented the enemy from penetrating the Bns. F.D.L's or from inflicting any casualties.

Recce patrols were sent by "A" Coy to houses at 399439 and by "C" Coy to 398435 neither of which contacted any enemy.

Shortly before first light an O.P. was established in a house at 407436 which remained there throughout the day observing the enemy.

11th Oct. 1200 hrs. Recce Party of 1/5th Queen's arrived and the change over between the two Bns. commenced.

1500 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group at which he stated that the BN. was to take up semi-tactical posns. as 131 Bde. Reserve in the VEGHEL – DINTHER area instead of going as 1 Corps Reserve to the area vacated by 1/5th Queen's.

1700 hrs. The Bn. was complete in its new posns. "A" Coy at 472377 was u/c of 8 H. "B"

and "C" Coys were at 446422 and 442409 respectively and the Carrier Pln. at 456404. Bn. HQ was established at 469396.

Night 11/12th. Patrols from "C" Coy contacted 1/5th Queen's on the right of the Bn. twice during the night.

12th Oct. 1130 hrs. Bde. Comdr. visited Bn. HQ.
1600 hrs. Enemy mortar bombs fell in "C" Coys area causing 2 casualties. The enemy mortars were engaged by the Mortar Pln.

13th Oct. 1130 hrs. "C" Coys. Day time Standing Patrol at 442398 reported Spandau fire from area 437397. This was engaged by 3" Mortars.
1530 hrs. Spandau opened up again from the same area firing incendiary bullets which set fire to a barn at 438403. 2" & 3" mortar fire was brought down on the area of the enemy M.G.
2115 hrs. "C" Coy reported a flying bomb travelling approximately E. to W.

Night 13/14th. A recce patrol from "C" Coy contacted 1/5th Queen's.

14th Oct. 1415 hrs. A number of enemy were observed by "C" Coy in area 433398 and were engaged by 2" & 3" Mortar.
1650 hrs. 6 enemy were observed by "C" Coy in area 435397 and were engaged by 3" mortar & L.M.G. fire which caused several casualties.
1710 hrs. Enemy laid a smoke screen with light mortar bombs in area 444395 and fired a L.M.G. into the smoke.
1725 hrs. Enemy movement was seen by "C" Coy in building at 434397. Tracer was fired at the target and also 3" mortars which succeeded in setting fire to the building. A series of explosions followed presumably caused by ammunition.
Coys changed their posns. "B" Coy taking the place of "A" Coy. u/c of 8 H. in the VEGHEL area "A" Coy relieving "C" Coy in the DINTHER area and "C" Coy replacing "B" Coy in Reserve.

Night 14/15th. "A" Coy patrols contacted 1/5th Queen's twice during the night.

15th Oct. Nothing of note happened during the day, Coys remained in the same posns.

16th Oct. 1915 hrs. A harassing operation was carried out by "A" Coy and Mortar & Carrier plns. together with 3 R.H.A. , 3 Ind. Coy R.N.F. and 1/5th Queen's, Arty., Mortar, M.M.G. and L.M.G. fire was brought down on an area the enemy side of the canal S.W. of HEESWIJK 4241 and DINTHER 4441.
There was no reaction from the enemy except that 2 Spandau's opened up from the S. bank of the canal.

Night 16/17th. Patrols from "A" Coy contacted 1/5th Queen's twice during the night.

17th Oct. Patrols remained the same throughout the day and Coys had nothing to report.

18th Oct. 1100 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group and issued his orders for the move the Bn. had been ordered to make to relieve 1/7th Queen's on the left and 22 Armd. Bde. on the right.
1300 hrs. The Bn. commenced to leave its area and to take over 1/7th Queen's posns. as follows:- "A" Coy 429462, "B" Coy 426462, "C" Coy 426455, Carrier Pln. 428440 and Bn. HQ 441443.

- Night 18/19th. An enemy recce patrol of 4 men was seen by "C" Coy in area 423456 and was fired on nothing more was seen of the enemy.
- 19th Oct. Area 441443.
0900 hrs. The C.O. & I.O. attended a Bde. Comdrs. conference.
1600 hrs. The C.O. held a conference for Coy Comdrs. & Specialist Pln. Comdrs.
- Night 19/10th. An enemy fighting patrol about 20 strong bumped "C" Coys F.D.L's at 421458 and were fired on. Shouts of pain were heard and the enemy patrol withdrew. A recce patrol from "C" Coy followed them up but no bodies were found.
- 20th Oct. 0900 hrs. The C.O. and I.O attended a Bde. Comdrs. conference.
- 21st Oct. 0730 hrs. 2 men were killed and 2 wounded from "C" Coy by enemy mortar fire when moving fwd. to relieve the Standing Patrol at 418458.
1500 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group at which he issued his orders for the part the Bn. was to take in the Operation "ALAN I" commencing the following morning .
- 22nd Oct. 0900 hrs. Tac HQ was established at 424437 and the Rifle Coys cocentrated in the immediate area ready to cross the Bde. Start Line when ordered.
1399 hrs. "C" Coy crossed the Start Line at 418437 and moved up to 411445 where they were held up by mines.
1445 hrs. "C" Coy were able to continue and moved up to the cross-tracks at 400450 which had already been reported clear and then on to the next cross-tracks at 397454.
1500 hrs. The Div. Comdr. visited Tac HQ.
1600 hrs. "B" Coy followed "C" Coy and took up posns. in the area of the cross-tracks 400450.
1900 hrs. Main HQ moved up and joined Tac HQ. "A" Coy remained in leaguer in the area of Bn. HQ.
Positions taken up for the night were therefore as follows:- "A" Coy 424436, "B" Coy 400449, "C" Coy 397453, Carrier Pln. 414440 and BN. HQ 424437.
A total of 64 P.O.W's were taken during the day.
- 23rd Oct. 0800 hrs. "C" Coy continued their advance and by 0915 hrs. were established astride the track 393465-396468.
0930 hrs. Light enemy mortar fire was brought down on "C" Coy from 391465.
Tac HQ moved up to 402445.
Meanwhile "A" & "B" Coys & Carrier Pln. had moved up on left of "C" Coy "A" Coy was on the left in contact with 1/5th Queen's who were advancing along the rd. from DOORNHOEK 3844 to BERLICUM 3745. Then came "B" Coy, Carrier Pln. & "C" Coy. For a time progress was slow as care had to be taken for mines but by 1000 hrs. "B" Coy were reported at the rd. & track junction 383462 and at the houses 387457.
1230 hrs. Carrier pln. met some opposition at the cross-tracks 390468 which was cleared up with the help of 1 R.T.R. Carrier Pln. then continues to the rd. & track junction at 388468 and on to 378468. A pln. of "C" Coy. occupied the rd. & track junction 388468 and "B" Coy moved up to 378468 and the track running S. from there so Carrier Pln. pulled back to join "C" Coy in Reserve.
1430 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. visited Tac HQ.
"A" Coy advancing on the left of "B" Coy encountered enemy with Bazookers in dug in posns. at 376458. These were cleared up with the help of 1 R.T.R.

1530 hrs. Tac HQ moved up to 386452.

1700 hrs. Main HQ made a firm base with F.D.L's running 378455 – 376462 – 377464 – 378465. Hqrs were established as follows:- "A" Coy 380455, "B" Coy 380463, "C" Coy 392465, Carrier Pln. 393464 & Bn. HQ 386452.

A total of 93 P.O.W's were taken during the day for the loss of 1 N.C.O. killed and 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R. wounded.

- 24th Oct. 0815 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group and issued his orders for the Bns. advance on to the final objective.
0930 hrs. The Rifle Coys commenced to advance, "A" Coy on the left, "B" Coy in the centre and "C" Coy on the right. "A" Coy took over the right-hand sector of 1/5th Queen's area. After a few enemy had been dealt with the Coys reported themselves in posn. by 1100 hrs. "A" Coy was at 366463, "B" Coy at 366467 and "C" Coy at 373473.
1300 hrs. The C.O. attended a Bde. Comdrs. conference and received orders for the Bn. to move out of its posn. as the Operation "ALAN I" had been successfully completed.
1600 hrs. The Rifle Coys left their posns. and the Bn. concentrated in the area of MIDDELRODE with Bn. HQ at 392438.
- 25th Oct. Area 392438.
Orders were received giving the Bns. role in the Operation "DON" in which 22 Armd. Bde. were to lead. The Bn. spent the day waiting the order to move.
- 26th Oct. 0940 hrs. Bn. HQ moved off the Bns. Order of March being Carrier Pln. "A" "C" & "B" Coys, Bn. HQ, A/tk. & Mortar Plns. and 14 Pln. R.N.F.
1000 hrs. The head of the Bns. column crossed the Bde. Start Line, the bridge over the ZUID WILLEMS VAART at 425409. The Bn. then followed the Div. axis through SCHIJNDEL 4038 the cross-roads at 347362, GEMONDE 3538, & ST. MICHIELSGESTEL 3440.
1140 hrs. The Bn. leaguered in the area 328377.
1600 hrs. The C.O. & I.O. attended a Bde. Comdrs. conference.
1700 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group at which he stated that the Bn. had passed u/c of 22 Armd. Bde. and was to move fwd. and make a firm base in the area of LAAR 2440.
1730 hrs. The Bn. moved off from its leaguer area passed through ESCH 3037, MOLENSTRAAT 2738 and HELVOIRT 2640 and formed a firm base as ordered. Posns. were taken up as follows:- "A" Coy 237404, "B" Coy 238404, "C" Coy 242404, Bn HQ was established at 247405.
- Night 26/27th. A patrol from "A" Coy reced the wood area 235412 and found unoccupied trenches and track marks of Tks. or S.P. guns on the foot paths but no enemy were seen or heard.
- 27th Oct. 0730 hrs. The Bn. reverted to comd. of 131 Bde.
"C" Coy moved off with a sqn. of 5 R.T.R. and took up posns. covering the X rds. at 220393.
1300 hrs. 1 wounded officer and 2 N.C.O's from miscellaneous units were taken prisoner by "A" Coy.
1400 hrs. The Bn. again came u/c of 22 Armd. Bde.
1500 hrs. The C.O. & I.O. went to 7 Armd. Div. HQ for orders.
1630 hrs. "C" Coy reported an enemy counterattack developing from the wood 210395. "A" & "B" Coys were ordered to Stand To. D.F. fire was brought down and the

sqn. of 5 R.T.R. with "C" Coy moved up in Support.

1700 hrs. The Bn. received the order to move as the area had been taken over by a unit of 51 (H) Div.

1730 hrs. The Bn. moved off in the following order of march:- "A" & "B" Coys, Carrier & A/Tk. Plns. and Bn. HQ, "C" Coy followed as soon as the enemy had been dealt with and the relieving troops were in posn. The Bn. passed through UDENHOUT 2038, and KUIL 1937 and took up posns. in area 1737. "A" Coy were at 173376, "B" Coy at 175377, "C" Coy at 179580 & Carrier Pln. 182379. Bn. HQ was established at 177379.

Night 27/28th Area 177379.

A recce patrol from "B" Coy went to area 1239. Motorcycle patrols were seen going both ways along the LOON-OP-ZAND rd. and an enemy L.M.G opened up from W. of the 12 Easting.

28th Oct. 1145 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group at which he stated that the Bn. was to pass i/c of 5 R.T.R. and would protect the N. flank of the Div. axis from LAAR 2440 to UDENHOUT 2038.

1215 hrs. The Bn. commenced to move on the same Order of March as the previous day and travelled back by the same route. Posns. were taken up as follows:- "B" Coy 239404, "C" Coy 219400, Carrier Pln. 248411 and Bn. HQ 242401. "A" Coy first took up posn. on the right of the Carrier Pln. but were subsequently moved to the Bns. left flank at 207397.

Area 242401.

1955 hrs. "C" Coy reported an L.M.G. firing from 210410. It was engaged by 3" mortars and did not fire again.

Night 28/29th. "A" & "B" Coys sent patrols to 200412 and 230411 respectively, neither of which had anything to report.

"C" Coys patrol to 224408 was unable to reach its objective as it was fired on by enemy in area 223407 estimated to be 1 pln. strong.

Patrol returned and enemy engaged with 3" mortars but the S.A. fire increased.

29th Oct. 0845 hrs. "C" Coy reported an enemy L.M.G. firing from 220407 and engaged it with 3" mortars.

Carrier Pln. HQ moved to 239407 and took over "B" Coys area to enable "B" Coy to clear ZANDKANT 220409 in which about 50 enemy with L.M.G's had been observed by "C" Coy. The attack went in at 1230 hrs. one pln. advancing from the right flank and two plns with a tp. of 5 R.T.R. due N. from the main rd. When the right hand pln. had nearly reached its objective it was engaged by the enemy in ZANDKANT. The Tp. of Tks. fired H.E. at the houses and "B" Coy then cleared out the enemy who fled leaving 2 killed and 17 P.O.W's.

The P>O>W's were from 476 G.R. 256 Div. and miscellaneous Para units. "B" Coy then took up posns. in the wood S.E. of ZANDKANT, HQ locations for the night being "A" Coy 207397, "B" Coy 228398, "C" Coy 219400 and Carrier pln. 239407.

Night 29/30th. A recce patrol from "C" Coy contacted the unit of 51 (H) Div. on the Bns. left flank. A recce patrol from "A" Coy went to 213419 without seeing or hearing any enemy.

30th Oct. 0800 hrs. The Bn. commenced to leave its area the Order of March being:- Carrier Pln., "A" "B" & "C" Coys Bn. HQ and Mortars & A/Tk. Plns.
The Bn. passed through HELVOIRT 2640, TILBURG & HULTEN 0734 to REIJEN 0436 in

which area 5 R.T.R. with the Bn. u/c relieved 4 Armd. Bde.

The Rifle Coys. Took up posns. around REIJEN with HQ as follows:- "A" Coy 046367, "B" Coy 053358, & "C" Coy 046361. Bn. HQ was established at 064351.

1115 hrs. 3 P.O.W's were taken by "C" Coy from 711 Pioneer Bn.

1330 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group and gave orders for patrols to be carried out during the afternoon.

1445 hrs. Carrier Pln. patrol reached 031388 and reported the area clear. On attempting to advance up the rd. from REIJEN to the bridge over the WILHELMINA CANAL at 048398 the patrol found the bridge at 044391 blown and the rd. completely blocked. The patrol then worked its way round by tracks to the right and reached the bridge 048398 without seeing any signs of enemy. The Carrier Pln. then took up posns. at the southern approaches to the bridge.

"B" Coys patrol went to 040375 and reported the area clear. No mines were found but there was considerable enemy material in woods at 041368.

A patrol from "C" Coy reced the cross-rds. 038358. 9 R. mines were found and lifted and the rd. and verges checked for 80 yds. along each rd.

- 31st Oct. 0800 hrs. The Bn. commenced to leave its area in the following Order of March:- Carrier Pln. "A", "B", & "C" Coys BN. HQ and Mortar & A/Tk. Plns. The Bn. followed the route TILBURG, bridge 135348, track junct. 157344. LOON-OP-ZAND 1539, SPRANG 1444 to VRIJHOEVE-CAPELLE 1145 where the Bn. leagued .
Bn. HQ was established at 114453.
The Bn. reverted to comd. of 131 Bde. and the Bde. Comdr. visited Bn. HQ. the Bn. was ordered to remain in non-tactical leaguer for 24 hrs. and then to take over ground occupied by a unit of 51 (H) Div. this was along the rd. running E. to W. from 097473 to 132468 with "A" Coy left, Carrier Pln. centre and "C" Coy right. "B" Coy was to remain in Reserve. HQ's. were established as follows:- "A" Coy 097469, "B" Coy 118457 "C" Coy 118465 & Carrier Pln. 118467.

War Diary of Force Commanded by Maj. W.L. Johnson MC.

- 3rd Oct. Area 439412.
1700 hrs. The Force consisting of "B" Coy and 2 Sects. Of the Carrier Pln. of 1/6th Queen's, "C" Sqn. of 11 Hussars, 1 Tp. of 5 R.T.R. and 1 Tp. of M10's (Norfolk Yeomanry) relieved a Bn. of 101 U.S. Airborne Div. in the area of HEESWIJK 4241 and DINTHER 4441. "B" Coys. HQ was established at 431419 and Carriers Pln. HQ at 428424. "C" Sqn. 11 H. were responsible for patrolling the canal in the area of BEUG 4640 while the tp. of Tks. and tp. of M10's remained as Reserves in the area of DINTHER .
- Night 3/4th. Patrols by "B" Coy and "C" Sqn. had nothing to report.
- 4th Oct. 0600 hrs. There were enemy shelling and mortaring in the area but no casualties were sustained.
1430 hrs. Maj. W.L. Johnson MC held an "O" Group at which he stated that orders had been received that the Force was to come u/c of 1/6th Queen's.

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ORDER OF BATTLE

1/6th Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment

Week ending 14th October 1944.

Bn. HQ.

Lieut.-Col. J. H. Mason	C.O.
Major W. L. Johnson MC	2i/c
Capt. P. Kime MC	Adjt.
Lt. R. J.G. Duns	I.O

HQ Coy.

Major J. Tack	O.C.
Capt. H. S. Morshead	2i/c P.R.I.
Capt. N. E. Aldridge	A/Tk. Pln.
Capt. A. F. Perdue	2i/c Carrier Pln.
Capt. C. H. Nice	Carrier Pln.
Lt. G. E. T. Roache	Assault Pioneer Pln.
Lt. L. G. Woodbury	2 i/c Mortar Pln.
Lt. J.A. Knight	R.S.O.
Lt. C.A. Marvin	A/R.S.O.
Lt. R. H. Smith	M.T.O.
Lt. & QM C. W. Litton	Q.M. Capt.

"A" Coy.

Major L. C. Young	Major V.R. Goodridge
Capt. C. V. Lilley	Capt. H.E. Weatherill
Lieut. H. W. Longstaff	Lt. M. B. Marsh
Lt. B.A. Hogarth	Lt. W.S. Spencer
Lt. J.E. Greenslade	Lt. J.H. Thomas

Recently Attached

"C" Coy.

Major G. A. R. N. Warren	Capt. R.C. Graham
Capt. F. W. Holder	Capt. The Rev. J.W. Devine
Capt. E. Brown (Cdn.)	
Lieut. L. A. Stilling (Cdn.)	
Lt. G. N. Wise	