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Battle Report

Report on Ops of the Perth Regt for the period 27 March to 11 Apr dealing with this regt's activities in the area of the island Northwest and North of NIJMEGEN.

Maps used; Holland, Sheet 5, Hertogenbosch, 1/100,000.

1. On the 27th Mar this Unit moved from KBABEL, Belgium to conc area near NIJMEGEN, Holland, 681627.
2. We took over a static front in the area of ELST 701703 on the 28th Mar. The unit we replaced was the 2nd Bn Gloucestershire Regt, 49 Br Inf Div. This front had been very quiet and the change-over was completed in daylight. The coys were well spread out and the Bn frontage was roughly 1600 yds. Ours was a holding role and in support we had 17 Fd Regt, RCA, one troop of tanks (GGHG) and the PLF Sp Gp with 4.2 in mortars. For the next six days there was practically no shelling. Our only activity was patrolling, both contact and fighting. Efforts were made during this period to secure prisoners, but to no avail. Minor clashes with the enemy resulted in a dozen or so of our men being wounded. On Apr 2nd Bde gave us details of an operation plan intended to take us right up to the Neder Rhine River. To start with "A" Coy was to secure 684733 and "D" Coy 689734. By 2215 hrs both these coys were in these positions without suffering any casualties. "B" and "C" Coys were ordered to new positions, "B" to 682743 and "C" to 688743. At 0210 hrs "B" Coy reported on objective but "C" Coy did not get on until 0400 hrs. "A" and "D" Coys were now given their final task, that of clearing up to the dyke or "BUND" as it was called. "A" Coy pushed off around 0430 hrs but ran into trouble at road junc 681744. Three men were lost here and the Coy Comd waited for tank support before pushing through the town of DRIEL. After a hot meal at the road junc the Coy progressed into DRIEL. Persistent sniping was encountered but by 1300 hrs the town was in our hands and "A" Coy had positions along the BUND. The tanks(GGGH) broke up a small counter-attack in the area about 1530 hrs and every thing was quiet except for heavy shelling. "D" Coy front was quiet until mid-afternoon, when two heavy counter-attacks were put in. These were beaten off each time and for the balance of the day no enemy were encountered. Because of the danger of infiltrations "C" Coy was ordered to a new position on the

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the right of "D" Coy and "B" Coy took a reserve spot on 695764, 692763 and 695761. For the next week there was little activity. Both sides shelled each other heavily and patrols up to the River were the only contact. The 49th Br Inf Div in on our rear were making preparations to take ARNHEM and smoke was used extensively to screen this movement. On the 9th information was received of a probable move to a new area east of the Weser River and on the 11th of May this Regt moved to OSTERHOUT 6866.

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Battle Report

Activities of The Perth R from 12 Apr to 21 Apr, 1945, incl.

Maps used: Sheets P-1, 5, and 2, 1/100,000.

On 12 Apr the unit had arrived at and was completely settled in the new area at OSTERHOUT, with Tac HQ and Main HQ at 684663 and the coys at 687667, 685665, 684662, 684662 and 685664. A recce party was called to go to an area in front of ARNHEM, but this was later cancelled. On the 13th the CO took a recce party to a new area near DOESBURG, and later in the day the Bn was led by the 2 i/c to WELK, 951750. The intention was to hold a frontage on the River IJSSEL. The coys were widely dispersed here; "A" at 939795, "B" 866753, "C" 938885 and "D" at 899787. In support was one pl of MGs (PLF), the Div Arty, 17 Fd Regt, RCA and "A" Sqn of the GGHGs. On the 14th "C" Coy swept their area with tank sp but progress was slowed down by many mines and booby traps. ~~They took over 80 prisoners and gave them medical attention.~~

~~As DOESBURG was a key position commanding the area around it, it was thought we should have to assault the town. However, two enemy personnel came over to "A" Coy lines to inform us that the garrison wished to surrender. The party was sent back accompanied by two men from our "I" sec, and returned with 88 prisoners, mostly Russian, laden with full arms and equipment. It was learned that our Div intention was to pass through the 49th Br Inf Div, secure the high ground north of ARNHEM, and then swing west. TCVs were to be used for this move. At 0900 hrs on the 15th the Bn crossed the SL at DIHAM, 894725. There was a short halt in ARNHEM while we waited for the Armour, Id SH and 8 NBH, to go forward. This was mostly an armoured show and it was intended for us to follow the armour along the axis ARNHEM-HARDERWIJK. The Bn was hurled from ARNHEM with "A", "B", "D" Coys up and "C" Coy in reserve riding on tanks. No enemy were encountered and the coys consolidated for the night in the village of DIELEN 738873. The following morning the Bde pushed on again and the Ir RC led the way with the Perth next. The Ir RC secured the town of OTTERLOO and we went through them. "C" and "D" Coys went to relieve the 8 NBH on the high ground at 571905, and "A" and "B" Coys, on tanks, entered LUNTEREN, 5589, at 2000 hrs. No opposition was encountered but they took some prisoners, including three Officers, and remained there for the night. "C", "D" and Tac HQ remained at 578908, 576912 and 571905. On the 17th a few Dutch SS were picked up in LUNTEREN. At 1400 hrs "C" Coy~~

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was put under Comd the Ir RC and they moved to OTTERLOO. Word was received for the Bn to push on to a new area near BARNEVELD 528957, and at 1600 hrs "A" Coy led off. The move was completed without incident and coy positions were taken up at 588952, 593952, 604937 and 592937. At this time "A" Coy was put under comd of the BCDs and went to BARNEVELD. The remainder of the Bn was held in a counter-attack role. At 0900 hrs on the 18th the Bn was given orders to move to VOORTHUIZEN 545012, and by 1200 hrs the move was completed. Further orders now came through that the Regt was now under comd the BCDs and would move to HARDERWIJK. At 1540 hrs the Bn started with "B" Coy in the lead. At PUTTEN 5409 a halt was made and a recce party went forward to contact the Ld SH and the Westmr R (Lot), who were ahead of us. They were in control of the town of HARDERWIJK from the flanks and high ground commanding it, and the Bn pushed on into town by 1800 hrs. Coy positions were taken up; "A" 567188, "B" 562185, "C" 557183, "D" 556194 and Tac HQ at 558194. At 2200 hrs the Bn returned to under comd the 11th Cdn Inf Bde. The underground in the town rendered very valuable assistance at this time. The 19th and 20th were very quiet and the Bde came under comd the 5th Cdn Armd Bde. Word was received of a probable move to the northeast to relieve part of the 3rd Cdn Inf Biv, and on the 21st of Apr this unit moved ZUIDLAREN, 8900.

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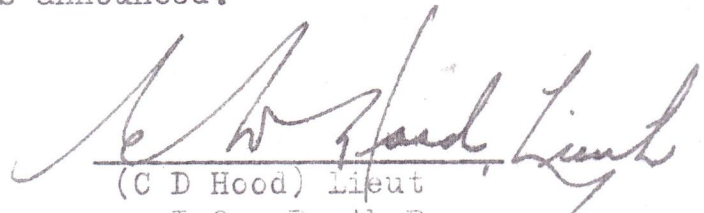
Report on Operations of The Perth Regiment for the period from 22nd April to V-E Day.


Maps used:- 1/100,000, Sheets L-1 and M-1.

The Bn arrived in the ZUIDLAREN area by 0545 hrs on the 22nd. At 1200 hrs the CO had arranged a recce party to LOPPERSUM, 347267. The intention was that we would relieve a unit of the 3rd Cdn Inf Div. Our unit arrived OK and relieved the Royal Regina Rifles. We took up positions in the areas as follows; Tac HQ 387314, "A" Coy 399318, "B" Coy 402333, "C" Coy 418324, "D" Coy 386313 and Sp Coy 387312. On the 23rd the CO received orders to secure the coastline at 424315 and 420312 and also to move into HOLWIERDE at 423297. Next morning at 0045 hrs the scout and tank-hunting platoons entered KREWERD 409204 without opposition. "C" Coy, by 0315 hrs reported their areas at 424315 and 420312 secure. "A" and "B" Coys ran into heavy opposition and were stopped in the west end of HOLWIERDE with 8 killed and 23 wounded. On the 25th all Coy areas were heavily shelled and we suffered numerous casualties. Coastal guns on the dyke near "C" Coy were firing at almost point-blank range. An air attack on these guns missed the target. After dark one sqn of 8 NBH tanks came up to support us. On the 26th our 3" mortar platoon suffered 4 casualties near a house at 403312 from heavy enemy shelling. The Bn task was to clear the coastline from 429349 to line of the road 433314. On the 27th at 0035 hrs "D" Coy left SPIJK and at 0220 hrs reported firm at 433334. "C" Coy pushed through "D" Coy and ran into a minefield and were forced to retire. "D" Coy pushed on against heavy MG fire and by 0845 hours had taken 43 PWS. At 1000 hrs they took 29 more PWS. Their position was constantly under heavy MG fire and shelling. The CO Now ordered "D" Coy to 436307 while "C" Coy was to take out the big guns in the area 439302. "A" Coy was to capture NANSUM and the road to HOLWIERDE. On the 28th at 0130 hrs "C" Coy moved off but made slow progress owing to mines. At 1515 hrs "D" Coy moved off with the intention of passing through "C" Coy. They ran into much SA fire and shelling but kept going. During this period "A" Coy moved from LOSDORP to BIERUM 4132. Smoke was used to help "D" Coy out and the 8 NBH provided tank support. At 1915 hrs "D" Coy reported on their objective and "C" Coy began to move. The Coy Comdr asked

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for Arty support and this was given. The oppositon was light and by 2145 hrs "C" Coy reported the guns and 177 PWs taken. "A" Coy was then ordered to move on to NANSUM. They advanced along to 433300 when opposition was encountered from farm buildings. The positions were stormed and 70 PWs taken but the Coy ran out of ammo and the advance stopped at 0525 hrs on the the 29th. They were about 300 yds out of town and were counter-attacked three times during the morning. These attacks were beaten off. At 1520 hrs "A" Coy pushed into the town of NANSUM while "D" Coy, with a troop of tanks, swept the area between NANSUM and HOLWIERDE. "B" Coy began to push into HOLWIERDE from the west. The operation was a complete success and by 1730 hrs NANSUM and HOLWIERDE were ours. Our A, B and C Coys were relieved by sub-units of the C B Highrs and started at 2200 hrs for the areas of LOSDORP, SPIJK and BIERUM. On Apr 31st the Bn was ordered to stand down. On May 1st "B" Coy assisted the C B Highrs in clearing up UITWERDE and BIESUM. The C B Highrs took the port of DELFZIJL. On May 2nd this unit moved to WAGENBORGEN 4618 to relieve the Ir R C. It was only a holding role, since the enemy had been cleared from the area, and the unit was still in this area when V-E Day was announced.


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