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October

S ACQUILINA

During the first part of the month the Battalion remained in area S Acquilina, re-equipping and training after re-organisation on 3-Coy basis.

- Oct 2nd The following awards were approved by C-in-C: 2/Lt TM Glendinning (UFD) Military Cross; Cpl Potter, W Military Medal.
- Oct 4th Bn Recce Party Standing Orders issued to all Coys.
- Oct 12th Programme of Discussion – 'Town Fighting' issued.
- Oct 13th Personal message from Army Commander received and copies issued to all Coys to be read to all ranks.
- Oct 14th Details for Exercise 'Town Fighting' issued. Major PCS Heidenstam posted to HQ 13 Corps.
- Oct 15th Lt HS Dean left unit on reversion to UK on compassionate grounds.
- Oct. 16th Details for Cloth Model Discussion 'Town Fighting' issued. Details for Bn Exercise "FEET" issued.
1330: Warning Order received from Bde – 4 Div. to relieve 46 Div. No move likely before 18 Oct.
- Oct 17th Details of road circuits in use in the area issued to all Coys. Cloth Model Discussion 'Town Fighting', trace issued to Coys.
- Oct 18th 1100: Warning Order received from Bde. Be prepared to move 19th Oct. Harbour Recce Parties to stand by ready to move on 19th Oct. Cloth Model Discussion 0900 hrs cancelled and may be held 19th Oct if no move. Detailed analysis of Battle Casualties sent to ADMS 4 Div and Bde for information.
- Oct 19th *0030: "O" Group to be prepared to leave am 19 Oct. (Olificio 6301)*
0200: Warning Order for patrols issued to "D" Coy.
0210: Warning Order for move issued to all Coys.
0740: Detailed orders for "D" Coy patrol issued.
1020: Bn Recce Party ordered to parade at Bn HQ.
1030: OC and Recce Party left Bn HQ. Allocation of TCVs issued to Coys.
1100: Order to be prepared to move sent to Coys. Copy of Bde letter concerning dress for Future Ops. sent to Coys.
1400: Orders received from Bde – move as soon as possible.
1415: Move Order issued to Coys.
1455: Head of column (armoured car) left Bn HQ.
1500: Head of column passed Bn SP.
1555: Head of column passed Noisy Bridge.
1615: Head of column passed Blackfriars 733948
1645: Head of column passed Trafalgar Sq.

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1725: Head of column passed Brixton 661974
1735: Head of column passed Milton 666997
1800: Head of column arrived at conc. area. Bn HQ established in house at 639022.
1830: Coys all in, and concentrated in area of Bn HQ.
2030: "S" Coy reported all in with the exception of 1 carrier and 1 truck.

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- Oct 20th
0545: Bde: Are you complete? Adj: Yes, with exception of one carrier and one truck.
0930: CO and other Bn Comds went with Brigadier to view forward area. Details of responsibility for TC within Div boundary issued. Bde Gp Admn Order No 27 received.
1330: CO and Coy Comds left Bn HQ to visit a forward OP.
1445: Bde HQ moving to 607029.
- Oct 21st
0930: CO and other Bn Comds went with Brigadier to COTY to view forward area.
1545: Bde: Send an Officer to this location to go on a recce of an area for the Bn 700 yds 5 o'clock of ARDEN (approx 13048) Officer to be at Bde by 0700 hrs tomorrow.
1800: Instructions for arrest of German Officer believed to be in area issued to Coys.
1805: Instructions for checking credentials of War Correspondents issued.
1900: Sitrep to Bde. No change. Locations Bn HQ 639022, "B" Coy 642027, "C" Coy 641025, "D" Coy 643016, "S" Coy 646023.
- Oct 22nd
0730: Sitrep to Bde. Nothing to report. Awaited further orders. During the afternoon "S" Coy moved to an area with hard standing as it is raining heavily. Location Church 638026.
1900: Sitrep to Bde. Location "S" Coy now church 638026. Nothing further to report.
- Oct 23rd
0630: CO and Coy Comds left to view forward area from GIBBS – returning at 0930 hrs.
0700: Sitrep to Bde. Nothing to report.
0830: Bde: Bn Sunrays to report here at 1000 hrs. Sunray miners to report at 1030 hrs in separate vehicles (Capt Edwards)
0930: CO and party returned from recce.
0945: CO went to Bde for "O" Gp. Bde: Cancel previous message re Sunrays. They are now to RV here for "O" Group, and are to be self-contained for 24 hrs.
1200: DR arrived from CO to say that he was with 12 Inf Bde, and this unit might be operating with 12 Inf Bde night 23/24 Oct – Coys warned to prepare to move at short notice.
1615: DR from CO – Bn to move to area previously selected near Cesena by Capt Edwards. RAP to have stores ready to manhandle

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across river. All men to be fed before move. See message 231615A for Move Order. Move went off as per order..
1840: Main HQ arrived 599063 in Cesena. Coys in immediate vicinity. See Operation Order No 1 23 Oct for details of river crossing and subsequent attack.
1900: Bn came under command 12 Inf Bde.
2030: 12 Inf Bde Operation Order No 14 received.
2100 CO held "O" Gp.
2200: All times of moving put forward ½ hr.
2230: Operation Order issued to all Coys.
2340: Tac HQ left house 599063 to march down to river.

CESENA

Oct 24th

0030: Tac HQ crossed river without incident
0040: Bn HQ established in house 583059.
0100: "A" Coy: BLUE reported
0145: "B" Coy: BLUE reported
0147: "C" Coy: BLUE reported
0205: To Bde. Reported that sub-units with exception of Carrier Pl have reported BLUE.
0235: IO: Are now being guided down to river by Capt Westworth who went back to find them.
0330: IO: Reported BLUE (to Bde).
0530: Supporting barrage opened up. "C" Coy: reported WALTER (to Bde)
0531: "A" Coy: reported WALTER (to Bde
0534: "C" Coy reported shells dropping very short. CO: Wait for lift before proceeding.
0535: I: "B" Coy reported casualties from own barrage. CO: Do not get too close. Meanwhile Gunners checking.
0540: Tanks: Report that our left Coy are suffering casualties from own shelling
0545: "A" Coy: Shells are still falling short.
0600: "A" Coy: Well behind time have crossed to right side of road.
0602: "C" Coy: Being heavily stonked.
0605: "A" Coy: Heavy shelling. Still well behind. Country is very close.
0615: To Bde: Heavy stonking on forward Coys making going difficult. No further information.
0616: Bde: Friends on left are in ANZORA. No opposition (passed to "A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy and Carriers)
0627: "C" Coy: PEAR. "A" Coy: No information forthcoming.
0628: "C" Coy: No opposition but still being stonked (to Bde).
0629: CO to IO: carry on now.
0631: "A" Coy: As soon as barrage stops we can attack.
0632: CO: Ordered CO to stop guns.
0635: CO: Told "B" Coy to carry on.
0636: CO to "A" Coy: Shelldrake stopping, go ahead.

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0637: To Bde: We are now going on with Phase 2.
0645: Bde: Friends on right at Julysia.
0648: "A" Coy: Report APPLE. No opposition (to Bde).
0655: CO to "A" Coy & "C" Coy: Consolidate and patrol deep.
Contact friends on left and right.
0702: Carriers: Report PLUM (to Bde).
0706: "A" Coy & "C" Coy: Tanks have joined up with us (to Bde). Bde: Kents are pushing on to PEPSODENT.
0715: Carriers: Date (to Bde)
0725: CO to Bde: Prepare to patrol to and occupy IODINE. Have you any other orders?
Bde: Carry on.
0730: "C" Coy: 2 killed and 10 wounded from shelling.
CO to "C" Coy: Patrol to IODINE.
0735: Bde: Friends on right are going for PEPSODENT and HAIRPIN. You are to push on to HENNA.
0755: Bde: Ultimate objectives for us are YARDLEY and GILETTE. RWK are at JULYSIA. They are to clear HAIRPIN, and then go for GERMOLINE. Ultimate objective ROLLS. 10 Inf Bde pursuing us on right.
0750: CO: "B" Coy are to get cracking.
0800: CO and IO going forward to Scuola Agrari 572058.
0825: "C" Coy: Patrol has returned and found no trace of enemy.
0830: Runner from "B" Coy: 18 set is dis.
0835: CO: "B" Coy are to get set from FOO and get cracking.
0910: CO: IODINE clear. 1 sub-unit proceeding to HENNA (to Bde).
0915: CO: Remainder of Tac are to join him at Scuola Agrari.
0930: Adjutant's party moved off to join CO.
1000: CO to "C" Coy: Consolidate on HENNA and send strong patrol to GILETTE.
1005: Adj to 5 (Sgt Taylor in last night's location). Send up Starlight vehicles, Shelldrake vehicles, armoured car, CO's carrier and Coy carriers.
1010: Adj's party arrived at Scuola Agrari 527058 and Bn HQ was established in the building.
1015: To Bde: Sub-unit "B" Coy last seen 500 yds N.W. of ZAMBUCK and heading for HENNA. They have been ordered to send a strong party to GILETTE. "C" Coy are now moving to ZAMBUCK, and when HENNA is consolidated they will move on to YARDLEY.
1045: "B" Coy: Have reached HENNA. CO: Push out patrol to Gillette.
1047: CO to "C" Coy: Go on to Yardley.
1120: To Bde: "C" Coy are half-way between ZAMBRUCK and YARDLEY. "B" Coy say houses at HANNA are clear, and patrol is on its way to GILETTE.
1125: "C" Coy: Report shells at foot of YARDLEY.
1130: Bde: DETTOL clear, and a small party have gone to PERSIL.
1150: To Bde: "A" Coy moving to ZAMBUCK now. "B" Coy At HENNA – patrol on way to GILETTE. "C" Coy At bottom of YARDLEYS.

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1200: "C" Coy: Own shells falling on YARDLEYS. Stop them. CO: OK Done.

1205: "B" Coy: Report that they have three partisans with them (to Bde).

1215: "B" Coy Report YARDLEYS (to Bde). One PW found in our building. Identified as 3 Coy 721 Regt., and reports that his Coy withdrawn two days ago (to Bde).

1217: "B" Coy: Patrol on way to Gillette (to Bde).

1245: "B" Coy: Report mines and large crater at HENNA.

1247: "C" Coy: Civilians report that enemy left YARDLEYS this morning.

1300: "B" Coy: Patrol report road junc. N.E. of GILETTE clear, and they can see "B" Coy moving up.

1330: "A" Coy: Arrived at GILETTE.

1335: CO to "C" Coy: Now "A" Coy are on GILETTE move to NAILBRUSH.

1400: Bn reverted to command 10 Inf Bde. Comd. 12 Inf thanked the CO for assistance and cooperation. Review of situation on reversion of command.. "A" Coy on GILETTE and firm. "B" Coy on HENNA and firm. "C" Coy moving from YARDLEYS to NAILBRUSH. Mortars going to HENNA after recce.. Carriers and Cos party moving to YARDLEYS to establish Bn HQ. CO went forward and established Tac HQ at 544055.

1430: RE Officer. Road Scuola to ZAMBUCK and road ZAMBUCK to HENNA and clear of mines.

1450:Brig: "C" Coy are to find best tactical position in triangle NAILBRUSH, TOOTHBRUSH, FORHAMS with a view to further advances.

1507: "C" Coy: Have reached road junc. 400 yds N.W. of GILETTE (to Bde).

1520: Carriers: Have reached YARDLEYS.

1535: "C" Coy: Report that they are pinned down by Spandau fire from high ground.

1540: Brig. Make firm the triangle and consolidate. Patrol to ORANGE-STICK. Beds. will go through and get on MORNEY and NILON before dark. Our "C" Coy are to provide labour for repairing roads.

1615: CO going forward to view the whole position. Doesn't want "C" Coy to be used as he needs them to hold the position given.

1620: "C" Coy: Held down by Spandau fire from FORHAMS.

1625: "B" Coy: Report box mines in road at GILETTE.

1635: Bde: We are to take over from a sub-unit of RWKs at ODORONO tonight. This position will be taken by "C" Coy who will not now provide working parties. RWKs sending guides to HENNA. (to Bde).

1640: Bde: Orders are amended as follows:- "C" Coy will proceed at once along road to ODORONO. Guides will meet them at X-roads 400 yds S.W. of ODORONO. "C" Coy will hold position and carry out local patrols..

1715: CO: At the moment "D" Coy are in a small valley completely overlooked by surrounding ground. He doesn't think he can settle FORHANS in daylight, so tonight he will patrol to TOOTHBRUSH, NAILBRUSH and FORHANS and occupy. Will try to eliminate FORHANS first. (to Bde).

1750: "B" Coy: Are proceeding to ODORONO.

1755: CO of Beds. for us to pass to Bde: My wheels and tanks are at HENNA. Do not consider it possible to carry out my plan until FORHANS has been captured. NILON is a very impressive feature and cannot be tackled lightly. Will wait at out Tac for an answer. (to Bde).

1800: Bde: Beds will clean up FORHANS as a preliminary operation, and then they will carry out operation as planned. It is definitely his responsibility to clear FORHANS (to Tac HQ).

1830: adjutant and armoured car party moving forward to try and reach Tac HQ.

1900: Armoured car reached Beds HQ near JULSIYA.

1930: Bde suggested we lay a line to Tac HQ if armoured car unable to reach there.

1940: Intentions night 24/25 received from Bde. Casualties during day: 3 ORs killed 14 wounded and evacuated. 3 Officers wounded and evacuated: Lt DH Bryan, Lt RB Myles, 2/Lt L Cocker.

1945: Bde: Are "B" Coy on SHAVEX? Confirm definitely one way or the other.

1950: "B" Coy: Confirm not on SHAVEX.

2000: Pioneers recceing route to Tac have not yet returned, so PRONTO is laying line to Tac.

2020: "B" Coy: Mortar and shellfire on ridge to their right from bearing of 314° Mag. Friends whom they relieved are about to leave.

2230: Pioneers returned, and armoured car left Beds HQ for Tac HQ.

2330: Armoured car arrived at Tac HQ at YARDLEYS, and Main Bn HQ established in house at 544055.

2345: "C" Coy: Patrol has reached NAILBRUSH. No opposition. (to Bde).

Oct 25th

0815: Bde: 4.2" mortars are to leave us and join 2 DCLI.

0900: Intercept: Friends on left are 100 yds past BATHMAT.

0905: Intercept: Friends on right have reached VALET. No opposition. Demolitions on road.

0915 Brigadier visited Bn HQ and said get as much rest as possible during day.

0930: Intercept: Demolitions going up at Forlimpopoli.

1130: Intercept: DCLI between RENDALLS and SCISSORS.

1450: Intercept: Forlimpopoli is reported to be in partisan hands (Civilian report).

1500: Intercept: DCLI report enemy just West of BOURJOIS.

1530: Intercept: Friends on left in Mendola. Friends on right approaching Forlimpopoli.

1535: Intercept: Patrols find that river at BOURJOIS is between knee

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and chest deep.

1700: Bde: CO is to report here at 1900 hrs. No move for unit before 0700 hrs 26th.

1730: Routine for 26th issued – see Message 251730A. Intercept: Friends on right have reached bridge BAYRUM. Order to be prepared to move morning 26th issued to Coys.

1800: Sitrep to Bde. Locations of Coys forwarded to Bde.

1830: Mine report sent to Bde.

1900: CO reported to Bde for conference.

1930: Intentions for night 25/26 Oct received.

2145: CO returned from Bde with orders for 26th.

2215: Move Order No 1 issued to Coys.

Oct 26th

0550: Message received from Bde – not to move at time arranged, but stand by ready. (passed to Coys.)

0650: Intercept DCLI: Propose to push 1 sub-unit to POWDER and then sub-unit "D" Coy to SALVE and on to road.

0700: Sitrep to Bde. Nothing to report.

0855: Message received from Bde – move to area already selected at 1000 hrs. Heavy rain commenced and continued throughout the day.

0915: Bde: You are to hold line TISSUE – EVER_READY. DCLI have had difficulties across river, and remnants of two forward Coys have returned to this side.

0950: On move as per Operation Order. Heavy rain.

1000: Bn moved off as ordered. Passed "B" and "D" Coys on route. "D" are going to EVER-READY, and "B" to TISSUES.

1015: Codenames compromised.

1030: Main HQ arrived Bertinoro 508081 and established in house. Message received from Corps Commander 5 Corps issued to Coys to be read to all ranks.

1100: Adjutant: Unable to get communication with CO so took armoured car up on to hill to house 508078.

1115: Sharp scattered stonk of area BERTINORO and forward.

1230: DR arrived from CO who, in the meantime, had returned to BERTINORO (18 set hd been dis). Coys now in positions as planned (to Bde).

1240: Armoured car returned to BERTINORO.

1300: CO: "C" Coy are to move forward and take up positions behind "B" and "D" Coys at 511101.

1500: Mortars: Left area Main HQ for new location.

1600: Carriers: Moved to new location..

1700: Bn HQ moved to new location and established in house 517092.

1900: Sitrep to Bde: 1000 hrs Bn moved through BERTINORO and by 1200 hrs "B" and "D" Coys were in position on 502101 and 504106.

1300 hrs "C" Coy took up defensive position 511101. By 1500 hrs mortar Pl. was in position at 508086. 1630 hrs carrier Pl was in area 504093. A sec of MMG (NF) was in position by 1500 hrs with each of

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"B" and "D" Coys.

1900: Main and Tac HQ moved from house at 508081 to S Clementina 517052 just outside Bertinoro.

2100: "C" Coy: Trace dated 20 Oct 1944 showing German demolitions and minefields found by "D" Coy – sent to Bde by SDR. All demolitions already known to us are shown on the trace, confirming accuracy. "B" Coy: Shells of heavy calibre falling approx 600 yds N.E. of "D" Coy (EVER-READY). Bearing from "D" Coy 287° Mag (to Bde – across bearing supplied by Beds and Herts.)

2215: "A" Coy: 105 mm firing from 321° (to Bde).

Oct 27th

0525: "B" Coy: Report all quiet. Bn remained in position awaiting further orders.

0700: Sitrep to Bde: Trace dated 20 Oct showing German demolitions and minefields in this area was forwarded to Bn HQ from "D" Coy. (Area 504106). All demolitions known to us are shown on this trace. Trace forwarded to Bde 2100 hrs. At 2100 hrs "C" Coy reported shells of a heavy calibre falling approx 600 yards N.E. of "D" Coy – bearing from "D" Coy 287° Mag. 0525 hrs "B" Coy report all quiet. Nothing further to report.

0830: Bde: Are all sub-units dried out?

0900: All sub-units reported dried out (to Bde).

1830: See Sitrep to Bde: Evening Sitrep.. 1700 hrs "D" Coy reported occasional heavy shells 400 yards N of their area bearing 310° Mag.

1720 hrs "B" Coy gave a bearing of 300° Mag on the same gun.

Nothing further to report.

Oct 28th

0700 & 1900: Sitrep to Bde. Nothing to report. Bn remained in position awaiting further orders.

Oct 29th

0700 & 1900: Sitrep to Bde. Nothing to report. Bn remained in position awaiting further orders. Capt FC Layhe admitted to hospital (sick).

Oct 30th

0700: Sitrep to Bde. Nothing to report.

1010: Warning re handling of German R mines received from Bde and issued to Coys.

1430: Patrol Warning 30/31 Oct received from Bde.

1915: Sitrep received from Bde.

2030: Messages re roads received from Bde.

Oct 31st

0600: Patrol Report from night 30/31 sent to Bde and copy to Coys for information.

0700: Sitrep. Nothing to report (see patrol report).

0830: CO left for Bde "O" Group.

1145: CO called for Adj't's party and armoured car to proceed to Brickworks 487110 and meet him there. Pioneers will also go there equipped with ropes etc. Bn at very short notice to move. as enemy are believed to have withdrawn. "B" Coy fighting patrols will proceed across river and endeavour to find enemy.

1400: Main HQ left S Clementina 517092 on route for Brickworks.
"C" Coy: Have reached Brickworks.

1410: Passed "B" Coy on road to Brickworks.

1415: Main HQ arrived at Brickworks 487110.

1430: "A" Coy: Have reached Brickworks.

1435: CO down by river on recce. Pioneers have got one rope over, and two fighting patrols have crossed by it.

1510: CO: "A" Coy & "C" Coy are to move down in the river now.

1530: CO: Carrier Pl to move to river.

1600: "A" Coy and "C" Coy over river, followed by IO.

1615: CO to "C" Coy: Push forward to DAIRYMAID and. if unoccupied, consolidate there and patrol forward.

1640: Adjutant's party moved forward.

1640: Adjutant's party arrived and Tac HQ established 477119 in a house close by the river.

1700: "B" Coy arrived area Tac HQ, and crossed the river.

1704: CO: "B" Coy are to concentrate on far side of river, and not to move forward until ordered.

1705: "A" Coy: Report under fire from Spandau firing from North of CROONER. Are just behind "C" Coy.

1706: "C" Coy: Have reached PIRATE. Going is very difficult. Flooding on right and very open on left. Under shellfire and Spandau firing from North of CROONER.

1708: CO to "C" Coy: Push on to POLICEMAN. CO to "A" Coy: Deal with opposition.

1710: To Bde: Both sub-units under fire from Spandau firing from position 100 yards North of CROONER. "D" Coy are at PIRATE, and "B" Coy are just behind.

1712: Carriers: Have reached FLYMAN. No opposition. Light mortaring.

1730: "A" Coy: 5 casualties from earlier fighting patrol are at a point 300 yards NW of FLYMAN (RAP informed). Company Nebelwerfer – 4 casualties. Clearing local opposition (2 Spandaus and snipers). CO to "A" Coy: Send patrol to CROONER and then follow up if possible.

1740: CO to "C" Coy: Make firm at PIRATE.

1750: CO to Bde: "D" Coy are at PIRATE, and are to make firm. "B" Coy are halfway between FLYMAN and PIRATE. Are sending patrol to CROONER and then following up if possible, "C" Coy are over river and making firm where they are, thus forming a tight bridge-head at crossing point. When means are available shall take following vehicles over the river:- A/Tk guns, CO's jeep, carrier, Coy carriers, armoured car and Gunners' vehicles.

1815: CO to "A" Coy: Dig in where you are and do not go to CROONER.

1830: "C" Coy: Am firm on PIRATE. Being shelled and Nebelwerfered. Small arms fir from N and NE is very close. CO: Avoid obvious places, and pull back a little if you wish to do so.

1835: "A" Coy: Being shelled and Nebelled. Spandau is sweeping

airport.

1840: Pioneers: Report road clear from river to FLYMAN. Road FLYMAN to PIRATE mined in at least one place, and badly cratered N of FLYMAN. Shelldrake going to stonk CROONER. CO to "A" Coy: No patrolling N of Fossi. (Scole Re dei Fossi) – (runs SW from PIRATE along East edge of airfield). Give exact location.

1845: "A" Coy: We are 300 yards NE of FLYMAN. Carriers at FLYMAN.

1850: To Bde: Route to FLYMAN OK for all vehicles. FLYMAN to PIRATE unsuitable owing to opposition and darkness. Road also mined in at least one place. Bad crater N of FLYMAN is an RE job. There is a diversion for tracks but it is too soft fore wheels. "C" Coy: Are firm on PIRATE and "A" Coy are firm 300 yards NE of FLYMAN.

1900: "A" Coy: Are evacuating wounded to river. 1 lying and 9 walking wounded. CO: They will be met at river.

1905: Carriers: Report constant shelling and mortaring of road between FLYMAN and PIRATE from a bearing 330° Mag. Intercept: Friends on left may be at CROONER – INDIANA ("A" Coy and "C" Coy warned).

1950: "A" Coy: Nebelling and shelling continues. Also SA fire.

2015: "C" Coy: Are firm on PIRATE. All quiet now.

2020: CO to "C" Coy. Patrol to RATCATCHER when you consider it possible. Inform us when patrol goes out.

2050: Bde: Friends on left are approaching SYLVAN. (passed to Bde and IO). Also watch your flank.

2055: To Bde: No-one can approach the aerodrome as it is swept by Spandau fire. Patrols will go out later and try and work round 'drome.

2110: CO to "A" Coy & "C" Coy: If you can pinpoint any Spandau positions inform us, and we will get Shelldrake on them.

2115: Rations on way to Bn HQ. They are to be ferried over and carried to Coys.

2120: One 2 pdr A/Tk gun now across the river and on its way forward.

2122: "A" Coy: Report that Spandau's fire on road 300 yards N of their location every 10 mins. Fire comes from due N of PIRATE and they are firing due South.

2130: To "A" Coy, "B" Coy, "C" Coy and Carriers.: Send guides to river-crossing for ration parties.

2200: Bde: RONCO village, aerodrome buildings and CARPENA 4512 are being harassed throughout the night. No patrols are to go West of the Fossi)to "A" Coy & "C" Coy).

2245: Carriers: Report A/Tk gun at their location.

2250: Another 2 pdr has been got over river and is on way forward.

"C" Coy: Two bearings on Nebels. are 300° and 350° Mag.

2255: "C" Coy: Bridge over Fossi is blown, but cannot get details yet.

2300: Intentions for 1 Nov issued.

2330: All rations are over river.

2340: "A" Coy: Report another A/Tk gun in position.

2350: To "A" Coy: When things quieten down will you send a patrol S down the Fossi and look for crossing places for inf. and tanks.

2342: "C" Coy: Being shelled by a gun firing from 295° Mag.

2355: Bde: All harassing fire will cease at 0530 hrs.

Casualties during the day: 1 died of wounds, 11 ORs wounded and evacuated.

Full details of the period 19 – 31 Oct are shown in Intelligence Log.

Appendix C is divided as follows: 1 – 8 Intelligence summaries received during the period; 9 – 17 Topographical Codenames Lists received and issued to Coys; 18 – 63 Sitreps and messages connected with the Intelligence Log.