

Second World War Unit War Diary – 2nd Bn. Royal Norfolk Regiment - Everitt

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. (Erase heading not required.)				Remarks and references to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	
	4 Jan.	Contd.	Intelligence Summary and Log for 24 hours ending 1800hrs. 4 Jan. is at Appdx. 7. 4 Inf. Bde. Operation Instructions No. 7 and Bn. Operation Order No. 2 of this date in respect of the move of the Bn. to KEDANGE on 5 Jan. att'd. Appendices 8 and 9.	7. 8, 9.
	5 Jan.		0727hrs. message received 2/Lieut. Murray Brown had returned. This message is attached Appendix 10. In accordance with orders the relief of the Bn. by 1 Border Regt. was commenced at dusk. 1 Border having moved up during the previous night and remained in concealment during the day. Coys. were relieved by their opposites and proceeded independently via march route to MONNEREN. As soon as relief had been completed. The relief of the Bn. was finally completed at approx. 1930hrs. The move to MONNEREN was carried out without incident. Coys. proceeded to billets immediately they arrived. At Monneren the weather conditions had improved and the Bn. did not experience such intense cold as it did on the way to the front. Intelligence Summary and Log for 24 hours ending 1800hrs. 5 Jan. is given at Appendix 11. A Message from HQ. 4 Bde. timed 1255hrs. forwarding the congratulations of the Brigadier and all ranks of 4 Inf. Bde. on the achievements of Lieut. Watson ^{Everitt} and No. 2 Patrol. is given at Appendix 12.	10. 11. 12.
MONNEREN.	6 Jan.		In accordance with Bn. Operation Order No. 2 of 4 Jan. the Bn. moved from Monneren to Kedange. Coys. moved by march route at intervals. The move was completed during the afternoon and the Bn. occupied a hatted camp which had been built in a large wood.	
KEDANGE.	7 Jan.		Lieut. Everitt whilst out in charge of a party which was covering a 1 Border R wiring party took part of his patrol over the crest of a hill to within sight of the enemy who opened fire on them. Lieut. Everitt fell and the rest of the patrol were pinned to the ground. Eventually the patrol managed to return over the crest of the hill but Lieut. Everitt who had gone too far ahead of the patrol had to be left. A search for Lieut. Everitt after dark was unsuccessful. A report on this incident is given at Appdx. 13. (Appdx. to Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 1800hrs. 6 Jan.) / Sheet 3.	13.

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Report on circumstances under which Lieut P.A.C. Everitt
2 Norfolk, failed to return from patrol on 7 Jan.

1. A covering patrol under comd of Lieut. P.A.C. Everitt, 2 Norfolk was sent fwd in front of LOHMUHL WOOD 411289, to cover a wiring party. The patrol moved out at 0645 hrs 7 Jan.
 2. At approx 1100 hrs., Lieut. Everitt led part of the patrol to the top of the hill about 41222901, saying he was going to see what he could observe of the enemy and to make a sketch of what he saw.
 3. The patrol accordingly moved up to the crest and at about 1130 hrs., Lieut Everitt is reported to have suddenly got up and moved down the hill towards the HELTENBACH. His patrol followed and heavy M.G. fire was at once opened on them. It would appear that Lieut. Everitt exceeded his instructions in moving fwd over the hill in this manner, as his patrol had a protective mission only.
 4. Lieut. Everitt is reported to have fallen to the ground after the M.G. fire had opened on the patrol.
 5. The remainder of the patrol succeeded in regaining our lines after being pinned for some time.
 6. A search for Lieut. Everitt after dark was unsuccessful, but signs in the snow indicate that he had fallen in a posn about 150 - 200 yds from WALDWISSE Sta and that he has fallen into the hands of the enemy.
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