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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year March, 1945.

Commanding Officer Maj Gen C.M. BARBER, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1)		
	2)	Div resting area TILBURG.	
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	4		Massed Pipes and Drums of Div at TILBURG.	
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	6		Main Div HQ moved to ZONHOVEN 3368. Bdes moved to areas as shown locn statement GO 960 6 Mar. Come under comd 2 Army.	
	7		Come under comd 12 Corps. Planning Ex BUFFALO began. Planning assault crossing of RHINE (Op TORCHLIGHT) began.	
	8		11 AGRE and 5 R Berks come under comd. 33 Armd Bde in sp.	
	9		Opening narrative Ex BUFFALO and First Key Plan Op TORCHLIGHT issued.	
	10		Ex instr Ex BUFFALO issued.	
	11		Instrs for assembly Ex BUFFALO, and outline plan Ex TORCHLIGHT issued. 4 Armd Bde under comd.	
	12		Div Planning Notes No. 1 issued.	
	13		Fd Marshal Sir BL MONTGOMERY, KCB, DSO, visited this HQ.	
	14		Ex BUFFALO - Day Exercise.	
	15/16		Ex BUFFALO - Night Exercise.	
	17		Planning Op TORCHLIGHT.	
	18)	Planning continued.	
	19)		
	20		Op TORCHLIGHT. Op Order No.9 issued.	
	21		Main Div HQ moved night 21/22 to area 070387. Bdes moved to conc areas as shown on locn statement GO 128 22 Mar 45.	
	22		Tac HQ moved to area 091428.	
	23		Co-ordinating conference for Op TORCHLIGHT. Op PLUNDER 21 Army Gp operation crossing the RHINE began 2100 hrs. Barrage in sp of Op TORCHLIGHT began 2100 hrs.	

	24		Op TORCHLIGHT with 44 Bde Right, 227 Bde Left started 0200 hrs. 0215 hrs 227 Bde reported 10 HLI and 2 A & SH across RHINE without opposition. Difficulty with mud. 0222 hrs 44 Bde reported 8 RS, 6 RSF across river and moving fwd. 46 Bde in reserve started crossing early morning. 18 US Airborne Corps Op VARSITY began 1000 hrs. At 1400 hrs 44 Bde reported 6 KOSB contacted elements 17 US Airborne Div South of DIERSFORDT. 44 Bde at 1550 that all Bns on objectives. 227 Bde reported at 1715 hrs 2 GORDONS pushing towards HAFFEN 1149.	
	25		0430 hrs 46 Bde reported counter-attack on 7 SEAFORTH from area 135493. 2 GLAS H put in to restore situation. Counter-attack dispersed by 0710 hrs. 44 Bde reported leading tps reached 170501 and pushing on towards objective bridge 203530. Slight enemy opposition. 2015 hrs 46 Bde report 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH making good progress in clearing wooded area 1449. 2400 hrs 44 Bde reported 6 KOSB 600 - 800 yds short of objective. Meeting opposition. 157 Bde came under comd. Div HQ moved to 091428.	
	26		During early morning 44 Bde reported counter-attacks on 8 RS and 6 KOSB. Situation restored at 1045 hrs. 3/4 CLY up with 6 KOSB. At 1755 hrs 44 Bde reported crossing R ISSEL to WEST of objective, and after fairly stiff opposition reached objective. 157 Bde reported at 2145 hrs tps were in RINGENBERG. Rd RINGENBERG - R ISSEL clear. 227 Bde, 10 HLI area 1250, 1251. 2 GORDONS 1149, 1049.	
	27		6 HLI under comd 46 (H) Bde. 46 Bde reported at 1117 hrs 2 GLAS H pushing fwd from track 178513 - 172510 - 159508. 9 CAMERONIANS area 1451 unable to push on by enemy opposition. 44 Bde reported counter-attack on 6 RSF area br head R ISSEL repulsed by 1830 hrs. 157 Bde left, to go under comd 7 Armd Div.	
	28		Recce Regt took over sector of 227 Bde during night. During early morning 158 Bde of 53 Div passed through bridge head held by 44 Bde. 46 Bde passed 7 SEAFORTH through 2 GLAS H at 0900 hrs objective area 1551. 227 Bde attacked at 1100 hrs securing area 156530 - 149532 to line of rd 140532 by 1330 hrs, with 2 A & SH and 6 HLI. At 1400 hrs 10 HLI and 2 GORDONS attacked through 9 CAMERONIANS and secured area 139525, 135516 without opposition.	
	29		Main Div HQ moved to 182501.	
	30		Holding role.	
	31		Holding role.	