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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 9 CAMERONIANS

~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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Month and Year APR 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col E. Remington-Hobbs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
155337	1		Bn resting, refitting and re-organizing. Mobile cinema visited Bn. Padre held Easter celebrations.	CNB
155537	2		Major PL Hendricks MC assumed comd of Bn whilst Lt Col E Remington Hobbs on U.K. leave. Bn engaged in training in morning. Afternoon devoted to SALVAGE dive at Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO request. 87 Rfts arrived Bn and allocated to Coys to bring them to A 107. B 109. C 103. D 104.	CNB
155537	3	0915 1000 1130 1200 2005 2330	Warning order Bn will move tomorrow 4 APR 45. Timings and details later ☉ This was later cancelled. Message received be prepared to move at NOT before 1400 hrs. Harbour party 1 off and one NCO will RV at SP Coy forthwith. Tpt Coy. Jeeps. A.B.C Coy and Sp. Capt Daig I/C party to report when party assembled. Harbour party to "Stand By" at Sp Coy at immediate notice to move. Harbour party moved off. Message received from Bde that move now at 1800 hrs which was cancelled shortly afterwards to 1730 to pass Bde S.P. See movement Order No 28. Bn arrived area 317653 and prepared to harbour for night 3/4 APR 45. No further infm from Bde but move expected early on 4 APR. Orders received for move on day 4 APR. Harbour party to leave present area at 0500 hrs. Timings for main body later.	CNB CNB APP. E/1 CNB CNB CNB
	4	0200 0800	Orders received for move to SCHEDDEBROCK 8091. Sht Q1 8 miles N.W. of MUNSTER. (46 Bde mov order No 29) Instr to coys that Bn would be postponed to move off at 0800 hrs, order of march S. Bn HQ. A.B.C.D. Bn moved off and crossed Bde S.P. at 0835 hrs en route for SCHEDDEBROCK and arrived in new location at 1245 hrs.	APP. E/2. CNB

		1700	Bn passed through country already captured by assault and during the first stages destruction was great, as the airborne forces had landed there. In other towns we witnessed just how accurate the R.A.F. bombing attacks were. Also transport and guns were abandoned or destroyed in large numbers along the route.	CNB
		1900	Orders received from Bde that we would have to supply four pl for guarding V.P., namely Bridges over the EMMS-DORTMUND Canal at 9602, 9394, 9089, 9789. To be in position as soon as possible after 1845 hrs. 'A' Coy was ordered to take over this task with under comd 1 sec carriers. C.O. Gp on Brig R.M.L. Villiers discussion on afternoon of 4 APR. This 'O' Gp. the C.O. put Coy comds in the picture as far as fwd posns of 8 CORPS which we are now in. The Bn's next possible op would be clearing an area behind 11th Armd Div 6 Airborne Div who are expected to cross the River WESSER at 9035 as 46 Bde task. 227(H) Inf Bde to clear behind 11 ARMD DIV. (2) As this task would be on a very wide front speed is essential and carriers would do the actual searching and inf on T.C.V. clear areas. (3) Also a number of men would be left guarding V.P.'s.	CNB APP E/3 CNB
		1945	'A' Coy left for V.P. sectors.	CNB
SCHEDDEBROCK	5	0900 1030	Bn location as for APR 45. Two Southern pl of A Coy being relieved during day by 292 L.A.A. Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO arrived at Bn and discussed officers situation within the Bn. At same time infm C.O. that 'A' Coy would be relieved during day and would return to this location on completion of hand over.	CNB CNB
SCHEDDEBROCK		1500 1730 2100	Orders received from 46 Bde that one Coy would be required for task on evening 5 APR 45. T.C.V. would report at 1700 hrs. D Coy detailed for this task. Verbal message from Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. that Bn would be required to move on day 6 APR to area of MINDEN. The route would be cleared as we moved and carriers would be on fwd recce role. C.O. 'O' Gp for move to area MINDEN when points discussed for clearing pockets of resistance en route, order of march, A. Bn HQ. B. C. Harbour party D Coy. Sp Coy split up into gps throughout the length of the column to ensure maximum protection to all vehs. 9th Cameronians would lead Bde Gp to pass S.P. at 0630 hrs. Route will be given later.	CNB

		2300	Congratulatory Letter from Lt GEN MM Ritchie C.B. CBE, DSO, MC Comd 12 CORPS. 46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 30 received from Bde	APP. APP E/3
SCHEDDEBROCK	6	0200 0600 0900 1100 1310 1330	9 CAMERONIANS Mov Order No 8 issued Message from Bde that NO movement before 0900 hrs. No move before 1800 hrs. Mov Order No 30 from 46 Bde Bn passed Bde S.P. en route for MINDEN. Leading T.C.V. of A Coy skidded after back tyre had puncture and collided with a tree. 8 cas. The going was very slow in the convoy and during the first four hours the Bn only covered 11 miles. On darkness the Bn had only covered half route. However the Bn kept on route and luckily enough it was a fine evening and night although very cold. At 2300 1 pl of C Coy was dispatched to guard an ammo dump at IBURG 2097. No opposition was met on way and at 0730 Bn finally arrived at WEGHOLM 7551. 1 carrier burnt out due to overheating, 1 ditched but later recovered. The remainder of day Bn spent resting and maximum maintenance on Vehs.	APP. D/1 APP E/4
	7	1930	Message from Bde that expect NO move tomorrow.	
WEGHOLM	8	0900	Bn ordered to clear large wood to the EAST of WEGHOLM. All Coys were used for this operation which yielded 4 German P.W. The OP finished at 1345 hrs.	
WEGHOLM	9		Bn remained in present location resting and maintenance. Orders received verbally for Bn to move on day 10 APR 1945 to area RADERHORST by march route.	
WEGHOLM	10	0400 0900 1830 2200	46(H) Inf Bde Mov Order No 31. Marching tp left for area RADERHORST. The journey to this area was uneventful, and Bn arrived in area at 1530 hrs after marching 17 miles. This was the first long march the Bn had done for a considerable time and with no exceptions arrived in new area 943218. To harbour for night 10/11 Apr 45. A move was expected early next morning. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. Bn 'O' Gp for adv to contact on area CELLE with in Sup. 4 COLDSTREAM GDS, 1 Tp 288 N.H. Bn leading 46 Bde Gp to move off at 0700 hrs. 11 APR 45. Order of march A, B, Bn HQ, C, D Coys. 6 Gds Tank Bde and 6 Airborne were known to be in area NORTH of HAMBURG but exact positions unknown.	APP. E/5 APP E/6

RADERHORST	11	0700 1140 1555 1630 2000 2030	<p>A Coy on SQN of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS passed Bde S.P. followed at intervals of 800 yds by the remainder of the BN.</p> <p>15(S) Div recce reported enemy strong point at 569389. A diversion was made at this time which took Bn into 9 U.S. Army area. This was due to BR 5845 being under class 40.</p> <p>Message received from Bde for Bn Gp to conc in area 498368 ☉ The C.O. to meet Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. as soon as possible at 534373.</p> <p>Bde 'O' Gp at 534373 when Bn given task of clearing main axis to CELLE.</p> <p>At Bn 'O' Gp. A, B Coys were given this task with A coy right 'B' Coy left. They would adv down 100 yds either side of main axis while the tanks of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS adv on main axis to clear strong pt 559389.</p> <p>TAC HQ set up at 534373.</p> <p>H HOUR 2000.</p> <p>A & B Coys commenced adv to clear 559389.</p> <p>Tanks reported that task was half completed and were meeting small arms fire. At 2045 hrs the two leading tanks were destroyed by BAZOOKA fire. As it was getting dark the tanks had to withdraw to harbour area, and shortly after this A & B coys reported they were about 150 yds short of obj and were meeting Small arms and 20 M.M fire. They were then ordered to become firm in present areas and that rest of Bn would join them in that area.</p>	
	12	0040 0430 0705 0710 1010 1500	<p>C & D coys were ordered to move fwd and join A & B Coys with C on right and D on left.</p> <p>This started at 0205 and both coys in position at 0437 hrs.</p> <p>Total cas for this OP 2 killed 7 wounded.</p> <p>D Coy ordered to move fwd at first light to occupy B Coy original obj. This was completed at 0600 hrs and carrier patrol sent out to find if enemy still in same locality. When carrier patrol out a number of explosions were heard in the direction of CELLE which were later identified as Bridges being blown.</p> <p>Infm received from 46 Bde that 2 GLAS H would pass though Bn and clear axis to CELLE.</p> <p>One wounded Offr P.W captured who gave infm that 200 enemy occupied this area on night of 11 APR but had withdrawn to CELLE at first light.</p> <p>227 Bde reported on outskirts of CELLE.</p> <p>Harbour parties required at Bde HQ at once. No move before 1200 hours, until then maximum rest for everyone.</p> <p>Bn embussed on T.C.V. left for WESTERCELLE using 227 Bde axis.</p>	

		1800	<p>Bn arrived WESTERCELLE and prepared to harbour night 12/13 in this location. On arriving at this location Bn recce party called for to recce area NORTH of CELLE with a view to occupying by first light 13 APR 45. Recce party left at 1830 hrs, to travel on same route as 227 Bde. On travelling along axis it was found that this route had NOT been cleared, and darkness was approaching, so the C.O. put the recce off and party returned. Bde 'O' Gp called for at 2100 hrs. Plan given for continue adv on 13 APR.</p> <p>15(S) Div axis rd CELLE-UENZEN with 227 on main rd, 7 SEAFORTH on subsidiary rd on left and 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS on right subsidiary rd.</p> <p>Mov Order for crossing BR CELLE.</p>	<p>APP E/7. APP E/8</p>
WESTERCELLE	13	<p>0800 Leading tanks with 'C' Coy aboard crossed BR CELLE and moved into conc area to await being called fwd, after 2 GLAS H.</p> <p>1237 Lt Col E Remington Hobbs arrives back from leave and assumed comd of Bn from Major PL Hendricks M.C.</p> <p>1335 Received orders from Bde to move fwd along axis to area 6956, and then await further instr to move to Harbour area. This instr came at 1715 hrs and Bn moved into village at 718618, where Bn to Harbour for night 13/14.</p> <p>During day 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H. had contacted small pockets of enemy who had put up stiff opposition.</p> <p>1912 Brig R.M.L. Villiers DSO visited Bn with orders that adv would be continued on same lines on 14 APR 45 with 9 CAMERONIANS clearing large wood on S.W. of Main axis.</p> <p>2200 'O' Gp at Bn HQ for clearing WOOD, this being done by each Coy in turn forming firm base along axis and carrier patrols clearing tracks to main rd. A Coy with under comd carrier pl, det pnrs and sec mortars and in sup one tp 4 (TK) COLDSTREAM GDS to move first and form firm base in MARMEDE then to patrol fwd to BRICKWEDEL and form firm base for remainder of Bn, ie D Coy to AAGEN, 'C' Coy BEHREN, 'A' Coy to BOKEL. H hour 0730 hrs.</p>		
	14	<p>0730 A Coy Gp adv to MARMEDE and arrived in position at 0755 hrs against slight opposition, 1 off 34 OR being taken P.O.W. They consisted of L. of C. tps.</p> <p>'A' Coy commenced patrolling fwd and at 1130 hrs reported BLECKWEDEL clear and then D Coy ordered to move fwd to HAGEN and at 1238 hrs reported that it was clear with the capture of 38 German P.W and the very satisfying task of releasing 280 Allied P.W. incl 2 Americans and 3 British.</p>		

			At 1500 conference held in HAGEN after C Coy occupied BEHREN. For move to conc in area BOKEL for night 14/15. 'C' Coy will remain in BEHREN until remainder of Bn in position. P.W for day 4 off 111 OR. Cas 3 OR and Lieut TESH Bde L.O. (acting) Bn complete in BOKEL. Total P.W for day 355.	
BOKEL	15	0500	Message received that 2 GLAS H in STADENSEN 8979 and SQN of Recce in NETTLEKAMP had been counter attacked during night, by inf on half tracks and a number of S.P. guns. A large number of 2 GLAS H tpt had been destroyed but counter attack unsuccessful. SQN of recce had been over-run. 9 CAMERONIAN will move to 9076 and then to 9178 hold line of rd and link with 2 GLAS H.	
		0915	This was put into op by A Coy occupying NIENWOHIDE and B Coy occupying KALLENBROCK 9178. 14 P.O.W taken.	
		1500	After further planning A Coy commenced attacking NETTLEKAMP on the right of rd, with D Coy on left.	
		1530	Both A & D Coys on obj and clear of enemy. B & C then passed through respectively and captured areas further EAST making position firm. Total P.W for this op 105 incl 2 off, D Coy capturing 1 off 59 OR. Cas. Lieut A. Young and 6 OR wounded. 6 half tracks were captured in complete working order in the village, 2 M/C and one recce car.	
		1805	Message from Bde that Bn OX and BUCKS of 6 A.B. will relieve 9 CAMERONIAN forthwith. Recce parties will arrive in 1 hour. 9 CAMERONIANS on relief will relieve 10 HLI at present located VEERSON 898880. Recce party report to 10 HLI immediately. Owing to position occupied by 10 HLI they could NOT be relieved in daylight and NO fwd recce allowed.	
		2000	Relief complete Bn moved off to 10 HLI rear HQ 881852 where guides would meet coys.	
VEERSEN	16	0500	Bn relief of 10 HLI complete. For dispositions see Map. It can be noted that the enemy occupied the houses on the opposite side of the rd from A & B Coys and any movement immediately caused Small Arms fire to be brought down. The gap between B and D Coy was also occupied by the enemy. At this stage 44(L) Bde on right had adv to gen line running EAST from GR LIERDEN 9388 while 7 SEAFORTH had reached KL SUSTEDT 8566, 2 GLAS H in reserve at 8885. The Bn snipers were with "A", "C" & "B" Coys and during day did get some targets. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 25 received.	APP E/8.

		2000	'O' Gp at Bn HQ in which plan given out as per O.O No 25 for attacking and clearing UELZEN.	
VEERSEN	17	0630	<p>Enemy action during night very quiet except in 'A' Coy where one of the houses occupied by fwd sec was hit by a BAZOOKA and set on fire.</p> <p>Report received from 44(L) Bde indicated that tracked vehs were heard pulling out and heading in a N.E. direction.</p> <p>At approx 1200 hrs a check was made with all coys as to whether the enemy was still in position in VEERSEN as it was thought they had withdrawn, and a certain amount of movement was still observed by A B & D Coys. Tanks of 4 COLDSTREAM GDS (TK) were being employed to shoot up houses occupied by enemy. A number were set on fire.</p>	APP H/1
		1515	Report from 'B' Coy that 11 enemy observed withdrawing with full equipment on. The Commanding Officer had ordered that in this event patrolling would take place and if areas unoccupied Coys would occupy. Limit of patrol and occupation Fwd edge of VEERSEN.	
		1645	<p>A & D coy commenced patrolling and enemy still in position. Arty fire plan cancelled for attack by 7 SEAFORTH.</p> <p>By 1800 hrs C, A B D were on the move fwd and all in new posns by 2210 hrs.</p> <p>Total P.W for this op 3 off and 125 OR, 2 off and 69 OR from 20 CAVALRY Regt were captured by 'B' Coy.</p> <p>46(H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 21.</p> <p>Plan for day 18 APR 45. 7 SEAFORTH to commence clearing UELZEN at 0600 hrs followed by 2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS.</p>	
UELZEN	18	0600	<p>Attack commenced by 7 SEAFORTH on UELZEN. For areas to be cleared APP J/1.</p> <p>Bn commenced clearing first area at 1400 hrs and task completed by 2007 hrs.</p> <p>P.W for day 2 off 54 OR.</p> <p>CAS. 1 off Capt Glasper M.C. Killed. 1 OR Killed 8 OR wounded.</p> <p>Message from Bde move at 1400 hrs by march route to area BEVENSEN.</p>	
UELZEN	19	1400	<p>46 Inf Bde Mov. Order No 32</p> <p>Bn moved off from UELZEN and in position in BEVENSEN by 1715 hrs.</p> <p>Bn will harbour for night in this area.</p> <p>'O' Gp at Bde HQ for adv on 20 APR 45 to BLECKEDE.</p> <p>Bn order of March C Coy, A Coy, Main Gd with carrier pl, in sup 1 Sqn 4 COLDSTREAM GDS (TK), Bn HQ. B. D Coys to pass S.P. 0815 hrs.</p>	APP. E/9
BEVENSEN	20	0815	<p>Bn crossed S.P.</p> <p>No opposition was encountered en route and Bn arrived in DAHLENBERG at 0940 hrs where recce L.O. met who infm C.O. that enemy held BARSKAMP, GODDINGEN, BREETZE and cross rds 014208.</p>	

		2000	<p>Bn conc in HARMSTORF prior to attacking along Main axis. 'C' Coy moved off and attacked and cleared KOSTORF, and remainder of locations as in attached map.</p> <p>Bn captured all areas as on APP and in position. Message received from Bde that 5 Div now dealing with BLECKEDE and we are astride their axis. Accordingly C & D Coys to move and take up def posn in area BREETZE which had been captured by 2 GLAS H. A & B Coys to remain in NINDORF.</p> <p>Bn firm in this location at 2115 hrs with HQ in BREETZE. A line party on way to A, B Coys missed the route and went down main rd to BLECKEDE and reached 998256 when they were fired on. The jeep in which they were travelling was knocked out, and 3 sigs missing believed wounded.</p>	APP.
BREETZE	21	0800	<p>Message received from Brig R.M.L. Villiers D.S.O. that Bn would now move and occupy GARZE 9727 as soon as possible, recce parties to RV and relieve Coy of 7 SEAFORTH at present in that area.</p>	
GARZE		1550	<p>Bn commenced arriving in area GARZE 9727 and moved into positions as shown on map attch.</p> <p>When Bn in position enemy opened up on gen area with 20 m.m. No casualties resulted. But a number of rounds passed through coy offices, which were very unpleasant. The enemy occupied the general line of the BUND by OP during day, a number of which could be observed at approx 1000 yards range. These targets were engaged by 3" mortars. 2 patrols out on night 21/22 and verified enemy in area BUND 987277.</p> <p>2 CAMERONIANS of 5 DIV were on Bn immediate right waiting to attack BLECKEDE 0025. Infm available that they had cleared up to line of Rly running EAST to WEST through BLECKEDE.</p>	
GARZE	22	0410 0615	<p>Patrols again verified enemy on BUND 986268.</p> <p>Nothing to report from all Coys.</p>	
GARZE	23	1500	<p>Brig RML Villiers D.S.O. visited Bn and gave orders for clearing up to River Elbe. A & B were given this task. B Coy to clear WOOD and establish an OP on fwd edge. This OP commenced 1800 and was complete by 2200 hrs. 2 Bn Cameronians had cleared BLECKEDE.</p>	
GARZE	24		<p>Nothing to report on enemy.</p> <p>Coys employed in re-org and general maintenance.</p>	
GARZE	25	1100	<p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs D.S.O. at Bde outline plan conference for crossing River ELBE. 9 CAMERONIANS to relieve 2 ASH on night 27/28 MAY 45.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Alexander and 8 offr and 20 OR of 2 CAMERONIANS visited Bn arriving at 1800 hrs. The road from BLECKEDE to GARZE had never</p>	

			been used prior to this and opening ceremony was held at rd Block in 'C' Coy area.	
GARZE	26	2345	Bn would now relieve 2 A&SH night 26/27 APR as plan brought fwd. Once more this would require night relief as fwd positions were under direct enemy observation. 'O' Gp at Bde HQ for change in plan. D Coy now 29 APR 45. All coys of 2 A&SH relieved Bn now in position.	
HITTBERGEN	27	0600	Nothing to report. 46(H) Inf Bde O.O. No 26. 9 CAMERONIANS ADM Order No 7. 9 CAMERONIANS O.O. No 5.	APP. E/10 APP G/1 APP. D/2
HITTBERGEN	28	0600	Nothing to report. 9 CAMERONIANS Mov Order No 9. 9 CAMERONIANS Adm Order No 8.	APP D/3. APP G/2
HITTBERGEN	29	0432 0515 0745 0930 1045 1200 1245 1345	3 coys about to move across river now. 4 coy about to load on LVT now. All coys across and established on northern bank of ELBE, patrols being sent out to contact GH who immediately on left, also along main rd to LAUENBERG. On arriving on this side 29 P.W. were rounded up. No casualties during crossing. Report from Bde that 7 SEAFORTH and CDO Bde on obj and patrolling NORTH to OVERHORST. Brig ordered Bn to move to 870367 to take up a defensive position with 7 SEAFORTH on right and 2 GLAS H on left at 859378. 'O' Gp summoned and plan given out. Tpt had NOT joined Bn and it appeared that it wouldn't do so before move. Bn moved off C,A,B,D along main rd to LAUENBERG. On passing V.W.A. a certain amount of Bn tpt arrived and was taken with Bn. 'C' had reached high ground in area 862358. Their obj was cross rds 860370 but C.O. on seeing ground ordered 'C' to remain on high ground covering the cross rd hy fire. The remainder of Bn took up defensive posn on reverse slope in approx location of 7 SEAFORTH. 2 GLAS H were obs adv in direction of KRUZEN. Orders received for Bn to continue with original plan adv along rd LAUENBURG - DAUDORF with BASEDOW as first obj. 'C' Coy reached first obj high ground 879366 with no opposition but the area was being shelled from right flank. B Coy then passed through 'C' for Rd junc about 1000 yards ahead but came under small arms fire from area of this rd junc. Tanks of R.T.R were then ordered fwd and dealt with this situation.	

		1900	<p>A Coy moved off at 1610 to capture area 893395 and captured it at 1750 hrs when 'C' moved fwd to area 908388.</p> <p>Brig RML Villiers DSO then visited Bn and ordered Major PL Hendricks MC that Bn would clear area 8838 by 1930 hrs to allow 7 SEAFORTH to move in.</p>	
		2000	<p>'C' Coy reported on obj. D Coy ordered to occupy BASEDOW, which was complete by 2102 hrs.</p> <p>Total P.W for day 240 and 5 off.</p> <p>Casualties 2 Killed 5 wounded.</p>	
		2130	<p>Carrier patrol ordered to area DALLDORF to recce village to find if occupied by enemy or NOT.</p> <p>Patrol returned with infm that NOT occupied in WESTERN half of village. This was all they could manage owing to nightfall.</p> <p>7 P.O.W. from FLAK captured.</p>	
BASEDOW	30	2400	<p>Recce patrol of 1 off 3 OR ordered out to same area and returned at 0300 hrs with infm that on reaching bend in rd at 906408 a number of enemy 1 pl str passed them travelling in the direction of BASEDOW. Patrol lay up at the side of the road and judged enemy str to be about 200-300 strong.</p> <p>Major P.L. Hendricks MC immediately engaged this area with artillery fire, a MIKE target being ordered. All coys were immediately warned by runner of this possible threat.</p>	
		0445	<p>Another recce patrol ordered out to regain contact with enemy and on leaving 'C' Coy area encountered enemy 500 yds from the area. The patrol immediately reported back to Coy HQ warning to FWD pl en route. Patrol Comd then reported to Bn HQ when infm passed to all concerned.</p>	
		0510	<p>D Coy reported being counter attacked from NORTH etc approx 15.</p> <p>Lt Col E Remington-Hobbs DSO immediately started to harass all areas safe to Bn fwd positions with arty and mortar at same time asking Bde for tanks. From then until 0600 hrs all likely enemy forming up places were brought under continual D.F. fire and a number of enemy were obs to be retreating.</p> <p>Infm from P.W at this stage stated that 4 Coys of 120 strong were in this area although he could NOT give locations, their obj being BASEDOW. 1 coy 935 GREN REGT.</p> <p>Tanks arrived in Bn area and moved to join B Coy as counter attack force if required.</p> <p>Shortly afterwards D Coy asked for one tank to give them SP. This was granted.</p> <p>A number of cas were undoubtedly inflicted on the enemy at this stage due to arty and mortar fire plus accurate small arms fire</p>	

		<p>from C & D Coys who had sustained most of the attack. A number of P.W wounded were evacuated through R.A.P. 1 off 4 OR.</p> <p>0700 The situation to have entered on new phase and the enemy appeared to be attempting to infiltrate, as sniping flared up from these directions. Lieut J. Parsons S.O. was wounded in the shoulder by a sniper.</p> <p>Message received from 46 Bde that 7 SEAFORTH commencing to attack ZUCKER HORST at 0715 hrs but at 0752 when Lt Col Hunt DSO contacted Lt Col E Remington Hobbs DSO he infm Bde that he would NOT start the attack until we had cleared area of small copse on left of B Coy.</p> <p>Various plans then followed but final plan was evolved. B Coy would occupy small WOOD 8940 with 1 pl A Coy under comd. Later this was changed to 7 SEAFORTH occupying WOOD, this allowing 15 Bde of 5 BR DIV to pass through and capture ZUCKER HORST with 1 Bn whilst GREEN HOWARDS would pass through 9 CAMERONIANS and capture rd Bend and WOOD 906408. 7 SEAFORTH will relieve A Coy who on relief will fill gap between D Coy and CANAL.</p> <p>1430 7 SEAFORTH in position. 15 Bde attack commenced at 1835 hrs.</p> <p>1445 A Coy in new location.</p> <p>During the afternoon BASEDOW was heavily STONKED by enemy arty, from PW infm they were located at NORTH end of ZUCKER HORST. This area was engaged with arty. A number of cas were inflicted on the Bn due to this shelling. Major G Carruthers, Lieut J Clunie B Coy being evacuated. Capt G Allan Sp Coy was then given comd of 'B' Coy.</p> <p>1835 15 Bde attack commenced, both obj taken by 2045 hrs.</p> <p>During enemy counter attack from infm recce on 1 MAY, the enemy had reached within 3 yds of some of 'C' Coy FWD sec posts and had even started to dig in before being dealt with.</p> <p>Claims as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Coy 2 Killed B Coy 4 Killed C Coy 24 Killed D Coy 10 Killed <p style="text-align: center;">Total 40</p> <p>102 P.O.W. taken, identifications</p> <p>1 Bn 938 GREN REGT, 1 Bn 937 GREN Regt.</p> <p>3 Coy 935 Gren Regt, 2 Coy 935 GREN Regt.</p> <p>Cas within Bn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 off wounded 8 OR Killed 9 wounded. <p>Infm received that Bn will move to area GULZOW on 1 MAY 45.</p>	
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