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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 20 Fd Coy RE

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

(Erase heading not required).

Month and Year MARCH 1945

Commanding Officer Major M.D. WILKINSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
S'Hertogenbosch	1	)		
	2	)	Coy resting, cleaning stores and equipment. Vehicle maintenance.	JG
	3	)	Large numbers of vacancies for Brussels 48 hours leave granted.	
	4	)		
S'HERTOGEN-BOSCH	5	1600	Coy moved to new area (227 Bde) in RECHUM, 6 miles N of MAASTRICHT (Belgium)	JG
RECHUM	6-13		Vehicle painting and maintenance, conservancy, resting, recreational training.	JG
	14,15 and 16		Pls engaged in amphibious training with Infantry. Called Ex BUFFALO in preparation for a wide river crossing.	
RECHUM	17.	0400	Coy moved to conc area in wood 1 mile N of SONSBECK, arrived at 0930. Swept area for mines, but none were found.	
SONSBECK	18. 18 and 19.		1 pl employed constructing a tank track for buffaloes from forming up area to Flood bank. Under cmd 52 Div RE pending being taken under cmd 4 GHQ tps Engrs for Op Torchlight. Work involved culverting streams, bulldozing ditches and banks, felling trees, etc.	JG
	20.		Work completed on Buffalo track.	
	21 & 22-23		No work done except 3 pl & 2 pl on night 22/23 blew up W flood bank to R Rhine.	
	23.	1600	1 pl joined HLI, 2 pl 2 GORDONS, 3 pl - A.SH (Bns of 227 Inf Bde for Op Torchlight). Tac HQ joined & GHQ tps at 2300 hrs and main HQ moved to area near 4 GHQ tps WARDT	
WARDT	24	0200	3 pl and 1 pl went over in buffaloes with respective Bns and blew up E flood banks with prepared charges to allow buffaloes to land. Then started proving area clear of mines on E bank of Rhine.	
WARDT		0600	2 pl landed with 2 Gordons in storm boats, were held up by M.G. fire but eventually blew up their flood bank at 0900 hrs and	JG

		0800 1300	started constructing site for class 9 ferry landing. 1 NCO wounded (bullet) in thigh. LT WATKINSON S. wounded in back when trying to carry out a recce of E bank of Rhine in a storm boat before inf had cleared area. OC crossed river and set up Tac HQ on E bank near storm boat ferry site. Pls after completing blowing flood banks proved area to 1 mile inland clear of mines. Then improved L.V.T. ferry sites and Class 9 ferry landing sites.	JG JG JG
WARDT	25	0200 2200	Coy HQ and all pl vehicles (less 2 wireless jeeps with pls in assault) moved to Vehicle Waiting area prior to crossing river. Coy crossed river and harboured in REE at Div RE Rally point. Pls had lived on 24 hour packs for 2 days.	JG
REE (E of Rhine)	26	1200 2350	Coy moved to HAMMINKELN taking 1 Bailey platoon (½ immediately handed over to 279 Coy). Bridging equipment arrived on site at 218498 over R. ISSEL to build class 40 bridge.	
HAMMINKELN	27	0445	Bridge built and completed by 1 and 2 pls.	
	28.	1000 1300	Coy moved to 227 Bde area and harboured in wood E of HAFFEN. Pls engaged in clearing main road from xrd 147495 in NW direction past lakes for 3 miles. Trees had been felled on road and scattered 'R' mines encountered on main road. Schu mines found in verges and in woods. Armd D6 blown up on 'R' mine.	
HAFFEN	29.		Pls engaged in clearing and marking mines in verges and woods in 227 Bde area.	JG
"	30.		2 pl and 3 pl engaged in road repairs in Div area.	JG
"	31.	1200 1200	Coy moved to RE rest area N.W of DINGDEN. A pl sgt came off his m/bike and broke his leg.  Coy strength on 31 March. Officers           6 + 1 attached from 40 RHU. ORs.               239 + 3 sigs attached.	JG