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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 1 Mx

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year March 1945.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BOXTEL 327367	1st	1100	Div Comd visits the Bn and expresses appreciation of the good work done during the last operation.	
	5th		C Coy move to DILSEN 598725.	D/4.
	6th		Remainder of the Bn move - Bn HQ, HQ and D Coy to BOURG-LEOPOLD 263824 - A Coy to STALL 2577 - B Coy to SCHULEN 209653 - C Coy to DILSEN 598725.	
	7-14th		The Bn is at rest and undergoing training in river crossing. Each Coy constructs a model LVT and class 9 rafts. Practice in loading vehs is carried out.	G/36 H/39.
	14th		Ex "BUFFALO" - C and B Coys only are taking part.	
	20th		Bn HQ, HQ and D Coy move to XANTEN area in preparation for Op "TORCHLIGHT". Bn HQ and HQ Coy is est at SONSBECK 069371 - D Coy at 086374.	D/5. D/6. H/40. D/7. D/8 H/41 G/37. H/44 H/45
	22nd		Coys have now arrived in area and are est as follows :- A 038402 - B 074407 - C 048429.	H/46. J/57-64.
	23rd	1300 1400	Tac HQ and all pls of D Coy move fwd to conc area to their allotted posns and dig in. B Coy Tac HQ move to 116424 - 6 and 8 pls complete loading of LVTs - 7 pl occupies posn for "PEPPERPOT". 9, 10 and 11 pls C Coy move with their Bns to the Marshalling area and thence to the Vehicle Waiting area, where 9 and 11 pls guns and 15 belts per section are loaded on to LVTs - 10 pls guns and amm are taken by carrier to the loading area where the pl personnel joins them.	D/9. E/12. E/13.
	24th	0100  0200	Div "PEPPERPOT" starts. The whole of A Coy and 2 pls of B Coy together with all four of D Coys pls join in the tremendous barrage that is already being put down. The noise is unbelievable. "PEPPERPPOT" is controlled from Bn Tac HQ and subsequently the very difficult task of keeping track of all sub-units is successfully carried out from this location. H Hour Op "TORCHLIGHT".	

		0210	<p>9 pl Comd (C Coy) with 1 sec crosses the RHINE with C Coy 10 HLI and digs in at 120460. At dawn enemy MGs that were causing trouble are hunted out and after some hand to hand fighting 12 Germans are killed and 32 captured. The whole of 9 pl then move up with 10 HLI to 126472. 10 pl C Coy cross with 2 Gordons and man-handle their fighting equipment to their posn in front of 2 Gordons at 098493. The posn is held under very heavy mortar and SA fire. 11 pl takes up a posn on the Bund and engages the enemy at dawn.</p> <p>A Coy, having successfully crossed, 3 pl is put into posn hurriedly and a counter attack against 7 Seaforths from Wood and Bridge 135494 is successfully broken up.</p> <p>A Coys pls are now est as follows :-  3 pl 1 sec 120487 1 sec 123487  4 pl in reserve and 5 pl at 123465.</p> <p>The remainder of B Coy cross the river and Coy HQ reach BISLICH 139429 at 1930 hrs. During the operation a carrier of B Coy is blown up by a mine injuring the driver, Pte Ward, in the back.</p>	<p>E/16. E/17. E/18  E/19. E/20. -/24.</p> <p>E/14. E/15.</p> <p>E/25.  J/65.</p>
	25th	0600	<p>D Coy leaves marshalling area and moves to vehicle waiting area E of XANTEN.</p>	
		0630	<p>Bn Tac moves off to veh waiting area. CO's group goes straight through and is taken across the RHINE in BUFFALOES</p> <p>The remainder are held up for a time but are rafted across successfully at about 1200 hrs and the complete Tac HQ is est at 457451 VISSEL by 1400 hrs.</p>	
		0900	<p>D coy commence to cross. This task completed, the Coy advances to the following posns :-  Tac HQ 121478 - 12 and 13 pls 121481 - 14 and 15 pls 124475.</p> <p>A small enemy counter attack is reported from area of WISSHOP but 14 and 15 pls soon smash this.</p>	
		1050	<p>7 Seaforths report enemy transport withdrawing in the BELLINGHOVEN area. 15 pl engages this target and their shoot is conducted with great <del>effort</del> effect by Capt Bindloss from an OP.</p> <p>3 and 5 pl A Coy are at 123493 in re-organisation role with 9 Cams - 4 pl giving right flank protection to 2 GH and also re-organisation</p>	

		<p>from 156480. These pls fire 11 belts per gun during the attack by A&amp;SH and GH. Tac HQ moves to 119476.</p> <p>B Coy HQ is est at 166479 - 6 and 8 pls conc at 126476 - 7 pl at 177504. These pls are under comd of Inf Bns for advance to contact - only 7 pl in action. Lieut Stubbs of 7 pl and 6 ORs are wounded and evacuated during this action.</p> <p>9 pl C Coy remains in posn at 126473 until 1800 hrs when orders are received for them to move and conc under comd 157 Bde in area BISLICH.</p> <p>10 pl C Coy remain in posn with enemy MGs within their arc.</p> <p>1500 11 pl under comd 2 A&amp;SH move off to clear wooded area at 1448 and 1449.</p> <p>1800 They next come under comd 10 HLI and occupy posns at 127493 and 124497.</p>	
	26th	<p>4 pl A Coy carry out the following DF tasks :-</p> <p>West end of wood 149491 to east end - X rd tracks 148502 both being called for by 2 A&amp;SH. 3 pl is in reserve. 6 pl B Coy concs with a view to consolidate later, on an objective of 6 RSF in area br 203529 - 7 pl is in reserve. 8 pl is in direct fire posn with 8 RS and successfully sees off a counter attack during the morning - 1 OR is wounded in the leg. A large number of German dead are found in their target area.</p> <p>10 pl C Coy is covering right flank of 2 Gordons at 106495</p> <p>11 pl conc both secs at 124495 in sp of 10 HLI - 9 pl remains attd to 157 Bde.</p> <p>1105 The first task D Coy has to deal with is an enemy known to be at 134519.</p> <p>1230 13 pl fires on small wood at 128523.</p> <p>1410 13 pl sp an attack by 7 Seaforths and fire on area 141502 - 142505.</p> <p>1500 14 and 15 pls sp an attack by 10 HLI on BELLINGHOVEN.</p>	
	27th	<p>0730 3 pl A Coy RV at 170505 in sp of 2 GH and take up posns at 158504. Their task is to cover the gap created through 9 Cams and 2 GH being unable to completely take all their objectives - 4 pl occupy posn at 172509 - 5 pl are in action supporting 9 Cams at 145510.</p> <p>B Coys pls are in the following posns :- 6 pl 200509 - 8 pl 187518 firing direct on fixed lines along the Autobahn.</p> <p>9 pl C Coy remain under comd 157 Bde at 205488. At first light they move to 259488 to sp the attack of the KOSB on RINGENBERG. The tactical handling and adm of this pl by 157 Bde was excellent and enabled the fire power to be used to unaccustomed advantage.</p> <p>14 pl D Coy take up a posn at 140499 and subsequently move to 156497 - at 1030 hrs 15 pl move to 157499.</p>	E/26.

			During the morning shells fall in the area of D Coy Tac HQ 1 OR is wounded as a result of this.	
	28th		3 pl A Coy fires during the first phase of 46 Bdes attack and sp 7 Seaforths - 4 pl fires in sp of 10 HLI and 5 pl in sp of 2 A&SH. B Coy carry out numerous tasks. 10 and 11 pls C Coy move to 108513 and 139526 to cover advance of 2 Gordons through wood 1252 - 1352. 11 pl move to 139526 to carry out a similar task on 10 HLI front, lifting with the advance. 10 and 11 pls do not fire as there is no opposition. 0900 12, 13 and 14 pls D Coy sp attack by 2 A&SH and HLI on wood 1452 - 1552. The pls fire on a time programme laid down by CRA. 1300 227 Bde are attacking SOUSFELD WOOD and the aforementioned pls of D Coy are supporting. In each case the attack progresses so swiftly that no mortar fire is required.	
	29th		Division comes into Corps Reserve and Bn is located as under: Bn HQ and HQ Coy - 146494 A Coy - 158498 B Coy - 196503 C Coy - 148494 D Coy - 157498	
	30- 31st		Much needed maintenance, cleaning and re-organisation is carried out.	