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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

Month and Year Feb 1945

Commanding Officer Major M.D. WILKINSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
POPPEL	1.2.3.	4.	Pls training respective Bns in assault demolitions, pushing and firing of bangalores, fixing and firing of General Wade charges and beehives.	JG
	4		Pls loaded transport in preparation for Op VERITABLE. Pl Officers briefed for operation.	JG
	Feb 5	1630	Coy moved in 227 Bde column to NIJMEGEN arriving at 0200 on 6 Feb.	
	Feb 6	day	Reloading stores and getting all special stores for Op VERITABLE.	
	7.	1700	1 pl joined parent Bn (HLI). 2 pl joined GORDONS and 3 pl (2 secs) joined ASH, all of 227 Bde. evening - 3 pl maintained SKYE route which was to be the principal axis for the Bde advance. 26 tipper loads of hardcore were dumped during the night. LT M.J.A. CAMPBELL awarded M.C.	
NIJMEGEN	8	0500	All 3 platoons moved forward to conc area with Bn.	JG
		1030	3 pl marked gaps in minefield made by flails and breached a mixed Schu and 'S' minefield by hand. 3 casualties sustained. ½ 1 pl in supp HLI. Opened PEARL BLACK by clearing rd blocks in KRANENBURG. 2 pl maintained SKYE, aided by other ½ of one pl.	
		0800	Cooks trucks and stores lorries of platoons sent to a fwd dump behind Bde HQ.	
	1700	Coy HQ moved to new harbour at West end of PEARL BLACK route.		
NIJMEGEN	9	0900	1 pl engaged in maintaining and improving lateral road AYRE as far as KRANENBURG. 2 pl maintained and improved PEARL BLACK from HOCHSTRASSE to KRANENBURG and removed 2 250 S.C. bombs from manholes in K'burg bridge. 3 pl marked and recorded enemy minefields in KRANENBURG area and swept railways to prove for mines from 800559 to 819552 and adjoining road to GAZGENSTEEG Coy HQ moved to KRANENBURG crossing Dutch German frontier at 1130 hrs.	JG JG

KRANENBURG	10.	0730 pm pm pm pm	3 pls and Tac HQ on road ready to join Bn for assault on CLEEVE. This was postponed and pls returned 3 hrs later to Coy HQ. 2 pl piled rubble on railway track making it fit for wheels from KRANENBURG Station in the direction of GROOESBEEK. 3 pl clearing debris off road to make it double way traffic E of K'burg. 1 pl tidying up K'burg, removing wire and wood obstacles. 2 pl constructed a dam 60 yds long in K'burg 3ft high to hold back flood water from main street.	JG Flood water rises 4ft in 24 hours. JG JG
	11.	day day	1 and 2 pls in support HLI and GORDONS for advance on CLEEVE 3 pl worked on railway line and filled in antitank ditch V shaped 26ft across top at 829537. Rly line opened for wheels at 2100, closed 2 days later	JG Floods from Rhine still rising approx 1 in per hour
KRANENBURG	12.	0700 1030 0930	1 pl provided 6 teams of 6 men each to travel in a KANGAROO to go on an armd Recce with Inf Bn and regt of tanks from CLEEVE in direction of CALCAR. Held up 2 miles SE of CLEEVE. Sappers started filling craters left by bombing on night 7/8 2 and 3 pls built 70ft class 40 D.S. Bailey at 901557 and 2 pl improvised a single way class 9 bridge from damaged existing bridge at 901559. These continue to be maintained. HQ moved to NUTTERDEN W of CLEEVE	JG JG JG
NUTTERDEN	13		PEARL Black maintained in CLEEVE and outskirts and two large craters filled on it.	JG
"	14		1 pl returned to company after completion of task with 46 Bde armd recce patrol. 2 & 3 pls maintained roads in CLEEVE and div axis fwd.	JG
NUTTERDEN	15,16, 17,18		Coy resting, received orders for 2 ops but both cancelled.	JG
NUTTERDEN	19.	1200	Pls in support 227 Bde for attack E of GOCH. 1 pl with HLI, 3 pl with A.SH, 2 pl in reserve with GORDONS. Each pl provided 1 sec to travel in KANGAROOS with leading inf. Coy HQ moved to HAU S of CLEEVE.	JG JG
HAU	20.		227 op started at 1100 hrs, completed at 1200 after seizing BUCHOLT, SCHL. KALBECK and SCHL. CALBECK. 1 pl clearing tracks through woods.	JG
HAU	21	AM.	LT KB THOMAS M.C. wounded in leg by bullet when carrying out recce of bridge crossings of R. NIERS in GOCH. Pls maintained routes in 227 Bde area & lifted the odd scattered mine on earth tracks.	JG JG
	22.		Road block removed consisting of trees, steel rails, conc etc on 227 Bdes axis S.E of GOCH. Pls maintained roads in 227 Bde's area.	JG
	23.	am.	Coy HQ moved to Xrds 4 miles N of GOCH.	

GOCH			Maintained roads in Bde area South of GOCH-CALCAR rd area. Pls started work opening rd GOCH-CALCAR. 3 mile stretch E of GOCH. Obstacles consisted of felled trees, bomb and shell craters, steel rails, Atk ditch, scattered unburied 'R' mines. Located and marked enemy minefield E of GOCH. Coy worked all night and opened rd for 2 way traffic at 0900 hrs on 24.	JG JG JG
GOCH	24.		Rd maintenance 227 Bde area continued.	
GOCH	25.	0745	Coy moved from battle area to S'HERTOGENBOSCH for a rest with 227 Bde.	JG
S'HERTOGEN- BOSCH	26,27, 28.		Coy resting, conservancy, checking tools, stores etc, cleaning vehicles. Coy strength on 28 Feb. 6 + 1 attached officers 243 ORs.	
			W/Sgt. THOMPSON A.C. granted emerg. combat commission as 2/LT in RE. Assumed duties 21 Feb. Auth A ECHEXFOR Rear message ref. A 10064 of 181915. 2/LT THOMPSON posted to 624 Fd Pk Coy on 22 Feb. Auth CRE LT. LODGE RGE posted to this unit from 624 Fd Coy wef 22 Feb. Auth CRE 15 (S) Div. LT THOMAS KB MC wounded on 21 Feb. S.O.S. on evacuation. LT BOYD HWK attached to this unit from 40 RHU wef 19 Feb 45 (X attachment). Auth 21 A Gp Serial No O/40/RE/ATT/1592 dated 7 Feb 45	JG JG JG