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Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer Lt-Col F.C. SEELY R Sigs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Shermanbury	1	1000	Lecture by 2ic to 1 & HQ Coys on 'Organization of Beaches, Transit & Assembly Areas' with aid of cloth model.	LB LB
do	3	1030 1400 1700	Mines demonstration by C Section. Test of reception of MET broadcasts and ARTY/R AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon	LB LB LB Appx 'A'
	5	1000 2000	Lecture by 2ic to 1 & HQ Coys on Movements 15 (S) INF DIV SIGS 'OVERLORD' SIG INSTR No. 1.	LB LB Appx 'C'
do	6	0200 1000	Code-word 'ADORATION' received - all wireless closed down EME lectured all drivers on 2nd stage waterproofing and driving through water	LB LB
do	7	0900 1000 1500 1600 1000 2000	Letter from Supreme Comd recd & issued to troops Operational maps issued AMDT No. 3 to OVERLORD FREQ ALLOTMENT ISSUED OVERLORD SIGS INSTR No. 2 issued Code word 'EDINBURGH' - Advance Party on 2 hrs notice to move Code word 'CASTLE' - Advance Party concentrated at Div HQ Waterproofing of Sig Eqpt completed.	LB LB LB Appx 'C' LB Appx 'D' LB LB LB
Shermanbury				
do	10	1700	AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon	LB Appx 'E'
West Grinstead	11	0015 1000 1200	Orders to concentrate at Div HQ by 1000 hrs. Concentrated (Main Body) - Residue left at Shermanbury. Moved off to Marshalling Area	LB LB LB
Southampton		1800	Arrived at Marshalling Area. Stage 2 waterproofing commenced	LB
	12	1500	Stage 2 waterproofing completed. Officers briefed. Embarkation documents completed.	LB LB
do	13	1000	Officers i/c Unit Parties chosen. Men formed up and checked. 321 Officers & ORs (incl 14 Staff Offs & 16 attached ORs) 68 vehicles 12 motor-cycles	LB LB
do		1200 1300 2000	Left for Embarkation Area, arrived 1300 hrs. Completed Stage 3 waterproofing at dock-side Embarked on LST (American)	LB LB LB
do	14	0100	Sailed	LB

English Channel LE HAMEL BUHOT O 864850		1130 2200 2230 2400	Anchored off LE HAMEL (O Sheet 7E/3 7786) Disembarked - waded 3 feet of water. Air-raid alert - smoke screen laid Arrived Assembly Area - bivouac-ed.	LB LB LB LB
ST. GABRIEL O 880795	15	1100 1330 1400	Left for Concentration Area Established HQ. Picked up end of line to ST CROIX-SUR-MER O 9383 (Assembly Area 'GOLDSMITH')	LB LB LB
do	16	1600 1500 1830 1200	Line laid to 44 Bde (BRECY 879782) Line laid to 46 Bde (Wood 886794) Line laid to 227 Bde (Wood 830784) Line to HQ 49 Div (CANCAGNY 8475)	LB LB LB LB
do ST GABRIEL	17	1400 1545 1700 0800	Line laid to BUHOT (864850) Assembly Area SHELLEY Line laid from ST CROIX-SUR-MER to BANVILLE 0183 AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon Commenced daily strength return to 'A' Branch.	LB LB LB Appx 'F' LB
do	18	1000 1600 1000	C.O. visited 51 (H) Div Sigs Visit of S.O in C 21 Army Group and CSO 8 Corps. Established Wireless Comm 44 Bde	LB LB LB
	19	1200 1800	Established Wireless Comm with 181 Fd Regt, 62 Coy RASC Established Wireless Comm on all rear links	LB LB
	20	0900 1800 1900 1800 1900 1400	Corps R/T net on permanent listening watch. Line to Regulating Pt for dumping programme (876746) Three lines to CULLY (9176) Line into CULLY from 8 Corps HQ Switchboard now established at CULLY Line into CULLY from 8 Cdn Bde Rear W/T links opened for test successful, & links closed again	LB LB LB LB LB LB LB
ST GABRIEL	22	1200 2355	Wireless silence except for netting Line through to PUTOT-EN-BESSIN 9072 and BRONAY 8872 Sigs Instr No. 1 OP 'EPSOM' issued	LB LB Appx 'G'
	23	1500 1800 2230	Links (W/T) to 227 Bde & 190 Fd Regt successful - closed down Link (A/Q) to 227 Bde netted & closed down Amendment No.1 to Sigs Instr OP 'EPSOM' issued	LB LB Appx 'H'
CULLY	24	0900 0900 1400 1700 1700	1 Mx, 193 Fd Amb, 194 Fd Amb, 278 Fd Coy, 279 Fd Coy netted & closed down Amendment No.2 to Sig Instr No.1 issued Moved MAIN HQ to CULLY 9176. REAR HQ remains at ST GABRIEL. 1st stage of Line plan as per Sig Instr No.1 completed AF 3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon	LB LB Appx 'J' LB LB Appx 'I'
	25	1400	Line plan as per Sig Instr No.1 completed	LB

CULLY		1400	All sets now netted, with exception of 153 Fd amb, HQ RASC and RASC link to DDST 8 Corps	
		1500	CO to Corps for conference re Signal Plan	LB
		1900	All ranks briefed for OP EPSOM	LB
		2000	46 Bde Sig Sect reports White Scout car lost at sea	LB
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	26	0230	Sigs Instr No.2 OP EPSOM issued	LB Appx 'K'
		0730	All nets opened - comn successfully established	LB
		0930	Considerable interference on R/T Comd Net - Codes & Secy infm	LB
		1100	Interference checked - net now OK	LB
		1330	Line through to TAC/HQ 227 Bde & 46 Bde	LB
		1530	Moved off to new location PUTOT-EN-BESSIN 9072	LB
		1630	Arrived PUTOT-EN-BESSIN & set up HQ. Shelled on way, with several near misses. No casualties to vehs or men.	LB
		1630	All wireless through. Line comn poor, with frequent breaks.	LB
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	27	2345	Call from 181 Fd Regt for 10 miles D3 cable immediately	LB
		0005	Corps will provide cable - delivered at 0230 hrs	LB
		0900	Line State - locals, Corps, Rear Div, 43 Div, 31 Armd Bde Forward Control Point, 49 Div Sig Centre	LB
		1030	Line in from 11 Armd Div	LB
		1300	CRA given new frequency for link CRA to IO	LB
		2000	Lines forward to Bdes. These to be poled and extended SOUTH, to provide main artery for new advance.	LB
		2230	CO back from tour of battalion	LB
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	29	2230	All demands for replacement of controlled signal equipment met	LB
		0900	Signal Centre opened at 906679. Line continued SOUTH to 46 Bde HQ MONDRAINVILLE 9164	LB
		1500	153 Fd Amb & 15 Recce Regt sets netted. Build up now complete	LB
		2230	159 Inf Bde under comd. Netted in to Comd Frequency	LB
		2000	Signal Centre withdrawn owing to development of tank battle in immediate vicinity	LB
	30	0900	Signal Centre re-opened	LB
		1000	151 Fd Regt netted to RA comd net	LB
		1200	REAR DIV moved to BRONAY 8872 & line to ADM HQ in REAR old location.	
		1700	Line in from 53 (W) DIV	LB
		2235	Sig Instr No. 3 issued	LB See Appx 'L'
		2245	Freq Allotment No. 19 issued	LB Appx 'M'
		2300	Closed down all wireless in 46 Bde on their being relieved by 160 Bde	LB
				L Black Capt RSigs Adjutant 15 (S) Inf Div Sigs

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PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	1	1000 1700 2300 2300	Addendum to 15 (S) Div Sigs Instr No. 3 AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon 158 Bde under comd - netted in accordance with Sigs Instr No. 3 227 Bde sets closed down on going under comd 53 (W) Div	LB Appx 'A' LB Appx 'B' LB LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	2	1200 1300 1400 1400 1400	Div HQ sets closed down on Freq Allot No 18 List 'A'. 53 Div assumed 15 Div List 'A'. 15 Div assumed List D1. MAIN HQ arrived at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN 9174. Lines to 8 Corps picked up. REAR HQ arrived next to MAIN HQ. 44 Bde relieved by 71 Bde, and assumed List D1 Div now controls 44, 46, 227 Bdes again. Now out of line for re-organising & re-equipping.	LB LB LB LB LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN		1500 1600 2030	Casualties for OP EPSOM - 5 ORs wounded & injured. No Offrs or ORs killed Line Diagram as at 1st July handed to 53 Div Sigs RE comms closed down indefinitely	LB LB Appx 'C' LB
	3	0800 1200 1800 1800	Changed freq to List A. Allot No 19 Closed down all forward nets except ORD & RASC Closed down all rear links except CCRA - CRA. Issued Line Diagram as at 3rd July	LB LB LB LB Appx "D"
	4	1200 " "	Line from 53 Div strapped through to Signal Centre line All men bathed. CO to conference re points arising out of OP EPSOM.	LB LB LB
	5		Men rested. General tightening up of discipline etc	LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	6	1000 1230 1430	A/CAPT L BLACK relinquished the appt of Adjutant which is assumed by T/CAPT DG HEILBRON formerly OC HQ COY which A/CAPT BLACK now becomes CW01 talks to men re recent op followed by talk by C.O. to all ranks Sigs CO attends talk by C-in-C	DGH DGH DGH

		1445	C.S.O. 2nd Army visits and remains approx 50 mins with Adjt. Advises re application for 4th cable det	DGH
		1700	Line laid to 53 Div at PUTOT-EN-BESSIN by means of experimental cable plough	DGH
	7	0735	R/T link to Rear Corps (CV14) closed until 0700 hrs 8 Jul 44	DGH
		1700	Line laid to 32 GDS BDE at 906713 in conjunction with 8 Corps Signals	DGH
		1730	Adjutant attends lecture by ADJAG 2nd ARMY on discipline in the field	DGH
		2000	44 Bde move to relieve 130 Bde of 43 Div. Wireless nets Main & Rear open to them	DGH
	8	0200	44 Bde Gp under comd 43 Div	DGH
		1200	32 Gds Bde under comd. Netted on R/T and C/W links and "Q" link	DGH
		1430	Fullerphone on line to 32 Gds Bde	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & 3009 submitted to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx D(i)
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN	9	0200	46 (H) Inf Bde Gp now under comd 43 Div for Op "JUPITER"	DGH
		1210	Amendment No 1 to Frequency Allotment No 19 issued	DGH Appx E
		1700	CV3 nets on Corps Armd Cars & closes	DGH
		1800	R/T control set nets on 43 Div net for listening purposes and also CV4 (to accompany GOC & G1 to Corps for conference 10 Jul) CV1 & CV4 on inter-comm frequency to each other.	DGH
	10	0430	CV3 opens on Corps Armd Cars net	DGH
		1400	CV14 opens Rear Div - Rear Corps	DGH
		1400	Line section engaged on laying main artery for projected move South	DGH
		1900	227 Bde moves in (926740) - existing lines adjusted to suit	DGH
		2100	43 Div Sigs contacted & trace obtained of line between their Rear & Main HQ's at present for possible use by Div HQ in next move	DGH
	11	1200	Issued Line Diagram as at 11 July 44, also line trace	DGH Appendix F
		1400	44 Bde back in usual location under Comd 15 Div - using former lines	DGH
		2200	Arrangements made to adjust former lines to 46 Bde returning under Comd 15 Div in slightly changed location from previously. This completes change-over and the Division has its own Bdes back again.	DGH
	12	0930	Visit from 34 Armd Bde Bde O.C. Signals & 2 i/c for liaison purposes	DGH
		1500	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals Sig Instr No 1 & Addendum in connection with 15 Div leaving 8 Corps and coming under comd 12 Corps	DGH Appx G
		1600	34 Tk Bde under comd 15 Div	

		1800	Visit from CSO 12 Corps	
	13	0200	15 Div changes from List "A" Inf Div Freq Allot to List B. All groups netted incl 34 Armd Bde in accordance with 15 (S) Div Sigs Instr No 1	DGH
		0500	15 Div comes under comd 12 Corps Line section engaged, as on previous day, on extensive 'line' programme for forthcoming op "GREENLINE"	DGH
		1700	158 Bde under comd 15 Div - netted with spare set on to 15 Div R/T Comd net	DGH
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN	14	0800	158 Bde netted on all groups and closed	DGH
		1000	Issued 15th (S) Div Signals OO No 1 OP GREENLINE together with Appxs B & H	DGH appx H
		1400	Issued Amendment No 2 to Freq Allotment No 19 Line sections still working full pressure on lines for new area. 11 Armd Div Sigs are providing detachment for lines for traffic control organization necessary for crossing RIVER ODON. Plough proving a great success. LT RADWAY O.C. "C" SEC wounded in left arm on previous day, was evacuated today to 30th GEN HOSP BAYEUX.	DGH appx I DGH
		2100	All control stns on listening watch in accordance with O.O. No 1	DGH
		2300	Plans for move on 15 Jul may be changed - alternative line plots arranged	DGH
LA MARE	15	0315	Line through to 227 Bde in new location	DGH
		0915	Main Div H.Q. moves - comms as per 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 1	DGH
		1100	Main Div H.Q. established at LA MARE 935676. H.Q. main offices incl S.O. dug in for first time by means of R.E. "bull-dozers". Wireless groups all satisfactory - line problem still acute. All lines ready for action but constant trouble, even with the plough, due to shelling & tanks. 12 Corps also experimenting with plough which successfully cut several 15 (S) Div Signals lines	DGH DGH DGH
LA MARE		1300	Rear Div H.Q. also being moved, established at NORREY-EN-BESSIN	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & AFW 3009 submitted to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx J
		1700	Line situation acute but remedying itself. 2nd Army det laying lines for 344 Ind S/L Bty under Div Comd. 3 2nd Army dets on loan until mid-day 16 Jul for maintenance purposes	
		2145	Zero hour for operation "GREENLINE"	
	16	0001	Appx L2 prepared to 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 1 "GREENLINE"	DGH Appx K
		0600	Visit by CSO 12 Corps	DGH
		0615	CAPT J.J. GIROTTI and LT M. STEARS both reported casualties at 44 BDE. CAPT J.J. GIROTTI, after having had piece of shrapnel	DGH

LA MARE		1730	<p>removed from his leg is able to carry on. LT M. STEARS evacuated.</p> <p>The line situation throughout this period is calling for the most intense efforts on the part of the cable section, now under the command of 2/LT J.W. FULLARTON since the evacuation of LT P.O. RADWAY.</p> <p>The wireless throughout is working highly satisfactorily - one of two cases of interference due to sets being off frequency have had to be adjusted</p> <p>C.S.O. 12 Corps, accompanied by O.C. 53 Div Signals arrives to discuss relief of 15 Div by 53 Div.</p>	DGH DGH DGH
	17	0530 1430 1500 2335	<p>Conference of a/m officers on a/m subject</p> <p>Issued 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 2 Op "GREENLINE"</p> <p>Report from 227 BDE that CAPT N. MACLEAN, BDE SIG OFF has been missing since 0730 hrs. CAPT MACLEAN was in the forward area on a visit to 2 G.H.</p> <p>Issued 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 3 Op "GREENLINE" - refers to relief of 15 (S) Div less 44 Bde by 53 Div</p>	DGH DGH Appx L DGH DGH Appx M
LA MARE	18	0200 -0230 0900 1030 1500	<p>Hand-over of lines and work on wireless nets satisfactorily completed as per O.O. No 3</p> <p>Main Div H.Q. moves from present location to LE MESNIL-PATRY 902704 and is established there by 1000 hrs</p> <p>Rear Div H.Q. moves from present location and establishes itself in PUTOT-EN-BESSIN by 1200 hrs 903725. The Div is now on wireless minimize</p> <p>Div H.Q. resting. Sigs bath in private bath acquired & fitted up by "M" Sec.</p> <p>LT T.E. KNOTT and LT J.P. BROWN arrive as re-inforcements. LT KNOTT to 44 BDE SIG SEC and LT BROWN to 'H' Sec.</p>	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY	19	1000 1030	<p>Unit residues arrive complete</p> <p>G.O.C. & GI address all ranks and GOC compliments Signals on their work during recent operation 'GREENLINE'</p>	DGH DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY	20	0730 1800 1800 1800	<p>CAPT N. MACLEAN SIG offr 227 BDE now officially reported missing, having been missing 72 hours.</p> <p>44 Bde returns under comd 15 (S) Div during preceding night.</p> <p>Issued line diagram as at 1800 hrs today. Lines have actually been completed as per this diagram for preceding 24 hours.</p> <p>W/LT R. WALKER promoted A/CAPT to fill vacancy in 227 Bde Sig Sec caused by casualty of CAPT MACLEAN.</p> <p>All wireless nets at Main HQ are now closed except CW link to Main Corps and CRE to CE link, with exception of HQRA nets</p> <p>Rear Div has Rear Link to Rear Corps, Med & RASC nets & from</p>	DGH DGH DGH Appx N DGH DGH

LE MESNIL PATRY	21	0200 1400	12 Corps new frequency allotment in effect, causing only a few changes in frequencies of Div Rear Links Numbers of men attended film show	DGH DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY	22	0800 1430 1830 2150 1700	C.O. and O.C. 3 Coy leave for 30 Corps and HQ 5 (U.S.) Div for discussion re 15 Div coming under 30 Corps and relieving a/m Div in the CAUMONT area. This relief to be completed by 0600 24 Jul at which hour comd will pass. 46 (H) Inf Bde are remaining & coming under comd 59 Div until 1200 hrs 25 Jul Advance party of Sig off det linesmen & DRs leave for HQ 5 (US) Div under O.C. 3 Coy and Signalmaster together with Rear Div Recce party Line trace issued of lines in present area & copy sent to 59 Div Sigs OC 59 Div Sigs visits CO in connection with taking over lines of 15 Div in this area Issued 15 (S) Div Sigs Sig Instr No 1 on change over to 30 Corps AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH DGH DGH DGH Appx O DGH Appx O(1)
	23	0930	Div HQ leaves present location, followed by Rear Div HQ at 1000 hrs & Main and Rear are established in new location 698690 by 1200 hrs (1 mile S.E. of BALLEROY). Liaison with U.S. Signals of 5 (US) Div Sig Coy excellent and the mutual arrangements regarding the lines are working very smoothly. 15 (S) Div are now on complete wireless silence.	DGH
BALLEROY	24	0600 0900 1430 1800	15 (S) Div takes over from 5 (US) Div. All lines taken over that are going to be used by this Div. See forthcoming line diagram CO attends conference on Counter mortar net about to be formed CO's conference on a/m subject attended by Bde etc officers "H" Sec to be assisted with operators for RA exchange and also in the forthcoming Div Counter-mortar organization. See diagram att. Issued amended Freq Allot No 19 on new system. Issued current LIST B only at present.	DGH DGH DGH DGH Appx "P" DGH Appx "Q"
	25	0001 -	Issued Line Diagram as at 1800 hrs 24 Jul 44 Men are resting and are doing P.T. etc and attending various film shows etc. At the same time, the Unit is having a week of concentration on saluting & general smartness.	DGH Appx "R" DGH DGH
BALLEROY	26	1000 1200 1900	Counter mortar nets open up as per diagram at Appx "P". Sets work efficiently after a little trouble with frequencies Issued Amdt No 1 to new Freq Allot 44 Bde moving to new location 713636 - 46 Bde move in to former location of 44 Bde. Lines laid and adjusted accordingly	DGH DGH Appx "S" DGH DGH
	27	1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx "T"

	28	1200	- onwards. Rest period comes unexpectedly and abruptly to its close. Personnel just despatched to 30 Corps rest camp recalled & other plans for 8 Corps rest camp cancelled. 15 (S) Div returning under Comd 8 Corps with 6 GDS TK BDE under Div Comd. Preparations for ops, to commence Sunday 30th inst. Line laid for dumping programme for tonight & afterwards for use by 6 GDS TK BDE. Line laid for 11 Armd Div Sigs to their new location in this area.	DGH
BALLEROY	29	0800 1700 1800 1800	11 Armd Div passing through have destroyed the bulk of our lines, taken over from U.S. Reparations urgently undertaken. 15 (S) Div is about to change from Inf List "B" to Inf List "C" issued as per att. appx AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon 15 (S) Div ceases to be under Comd 30 Corps & returns under comd 8 Corps The division is hastily being got ready for operation "BLUECOAT" with 11 Armd Div, 6 GDS TK BDE, 43 Div (30 Corps) on the left and later Gds Armd Div. It is not possible to prepare either line diagrams or Sig instr and all orders are being given verbally. The line situation is changing constantly and the best use of lines both by ourselves and 8 Corps demands momentary adjustments at every turn.	DGH Appx "U" DGH Appx "V" DGH DGH
LA CHAPELLE	30	0355 1600 2200	H-3 hours of op. "BLUECOAT". Wireless silence relaxed and all nets open as per standard layout with 6 GDS TK BDE on the "C" lines but under Corps on "Q" nets. List "C" operating reasonably satisfactorily and List "B" has been recalled from all users. Main Div moves to LA CHAPELLE (712629) followed by Rear Div to 713636. Established quickly, but line situation difficult and with a vast number of W/T sets functioning, a steady stream of complaints re interference is coming in. Action taken wherever possible but all-round satisfaction out of the question. Fluctuating situation re comms as before but today's advance has been so rapid that better results might perhaps have been considered miraculous.	DGH DGH DGH
	31	0900 0900	44 & 46 Bdes having moved in the night, line comms out. 227 Bde having frequency troubles also R.A. but these are being sorted out - onwards. Line section fully extended to keep comms up with fast-moving battle. Assistance from Corps later in the day with 2 pairs in quad from Main Div to Sig Centre of great value. Wireless working well. Slight trouble with 227 Bde forward net cleared after change of frequency.	DGH

			David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (S) Inf Div Signals	
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Month and Year AUG 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LA CHAPELLE	1	0800	Issued Amdt No 1 to List "C" Freq Allot No 19 (Amended) Another day full of difficult line problems due to the speed of the advance. 2 i/c MAJOR JOHNSON now permanently based on the Sig Centre under present conditions.	DGH Appx "A"
ORVA	2	1000 1700	Main Div H.Q. moves to ORVA (690568). Rear Div H.Q. moves to 700563 nr. AUBIGNY, slightly in advance of Main H.Q. Extensive line work again in progress all day and the Div Sig Centre has now moved on to the area ST MARTIN DES BESACES (6750). OC 3 Div Sigs visits C.O. in connection with 185 Bde who are to relieve 46 Bde tomorrow & come under comd 15 Div.	DGH
ORVA	3	0900 1000 1400 1700	185 Bde not now coming under comd 15 (S) Div, 44 Bde going under comd Gds Armd Div at 1800 hrs today. Wireless O.K. (44 Bde remains on "Q" link). Lines holding up well & new sig centre establishing itself at 680465. Issued Line Diagram as at 1600 hrs. Preparations for moving again tomorrow. Signal Centre now est at 682572 and next layout of lines begun G.O.C. slightly wounded when travelling in his rover jeep, a Sigs veh. L/Cpl op (who is also his driver) rather seriously wounded and L/Cpl op who is his driver of the jeep (GOC rover, link to Corps) very slightly wounded. Mortar shell landed between the two jeeps. Lucky escape by all.	DGH DGH Appx "B" DGH DGH
ST MARTIN DES BESACES	4	0200 1500 1650 1700 1800 2359	Change of ops on Rear Link to Rear Corps (CV14) due to mistake on part of control op. Main Div moves to 684508 (area ST MARTIN DES BESACES) Rear Div moves to 688510 New sig centre established 685475 Lines through to all Bdes except 46 Bde. Wireless OK all round Rear Link CRASC - DDST ceases to operate (see below)	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	5	0600	44 Bde returns under comd 15 Div & nets OK R/T and C/W comd links	DGH

		1700	AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "C"
ST MARTIN DES BESACES	6	1000	- onwards. An unsatisfactory day, great uncertainty prevailing throughout the day as to whether Div is going to move or not. The C.O. anxious not to have to move into the shadow of the hills in front of us and the battle situation not permitting, as had been expected, Div HQ to move over the hills. Lines stretched considerably but holding up well - H.P. telephones in use helping out - and Sig centre moved to 755425 (LA MAJURE) which is the projected next HQ. Wireless OK hence CO's refusal to move a short distance into the valley	DGH
	7	0730	Div Recce Party under the comd MAJ HOUSTON (O.C. 3 Coy) out again but results not satisfactory. Move still in the air, much to the anxiety of Corps Sigs.	DGH
Pt 266	8	1000 1330	Main Div HQ moves, followed 1½ hrs later to 695425 (Pt 266 near LE BENY BOCAGE. Rear Div about 300 yards away, but Rear Div never left the road as the site was immediately considered unsuitable & the Recce party sent out to find another location Main Div HQ moves to LA PLISSONIERE (695458). Rear Div returns to previous location but moves forward later in the day. Main Div in new location by 1600 hrs and Rear Div by approx 1830 hrs to LA BOURDONNIERE (695468). Wireless excellent throughout the day and line layout adjusted with comparative ease. Thanks to location of Sig Centre & help by Corps Signals in providing one pair from Main Corps to our Sig Centre.	DGH DGH
LA PLISSONIERE	9	1700	Issued Line Diagram as at 1600 hrs. Bdes moving small distances today, unlikely to upset this diagram	DGH Appx "D"
	10	1000 1600	Issued Amdt No 2 List "C" Freq Allot No 19 (amended) Inns of Court Regt, now under comd, net correctly on R/T comd net	DGH Appx "E" DGH
LA PLISSONIERE	11	1200 1400	Rather a quieter day with only patrol activity in fwd areas. 6 GDS TK BDE cease to be under comd, except 4 The GREN GDS u/c 44 Bde. 6 GDS TK BDE, therefore, no longer on Comd net. Recce party out for new location Div H.Q. Area MAISONCELLES (7139)	DGH DGH DGH
	12	1300 1700	Word suddenly received that Div leaving this area and going u/c 12 Corps, 46 Bde to be relieved by 29 Bde of 11 Armd Div who are taking over our present area. Conference 1430 with CSO 8 Corps & reps 11 Armd Div Sigs to arrange details. 44 & 227 Bdes to be relieved by 159 Bde] AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH DGH Appx "F"

	13	0000	Preparations under way for 15 Div to move EAST of R ORNE. 46 Bde on relief by 29 Armd Bde conc in area ST PIERRE TARENTEINE prior to move out. Wireless silence imposed as soon as reliefs completed.	DGH
		1400	Det of 11 Armd Div Signals tees in on lines at our Sig centre & our Recce party leaves for new area.	DGH
		1800	TEV of 11 Armd Div Signals tees in on lines at our Sig office.	
LA PLISSONIERE	14	1000	Wireless silence - all nets close. Deception plan being put into operation & making a bogus 76 Division and a bogus 15 (S) Div. All operators on Div R/T Comd net have their voices recorded by special wireless section. These records to be used subsequent to our move to give impression of Div still being in 8 Corps. R/T rear lines to Corps ops staying behind until the evening to work bogus set to 8 Corps.	DGH
		1030	Main Div followed by Rear Div move to AMAYE-SUR-ORNE (967577) & come under comd 12 Corps. "C" section having moved previous day all lines are in readiness. 46 Bde having been relieved first are in new area already. 44 & 227 Bdes do not arrive until the evening.	DGH
AMAYE-SUR-ORNE	15	0900	Wireless silence relaxed to some degree - links to Main Corps only net & then to make 4 hourly tests in accordance with 12 Corps orders	DGH
		1000	46 Bde having already moved forward again are provided with new line laid from their new location to 12 Corps REAR, Corps HQ being well South of us at present. 15 (S) Div on relaxing wireless silence will be on Inf List "A" issued to all concerned	DGH Appx "G"
AMAYE-SUR-ORNE		2300	News of main Div HQ moving the following day received	DGH
	16	0800	Recce party out - main Div HQ moving with HQRA only, leaving 44 Bde and 227 Bde in rear. 227 Bde is still in rear of Rear Div HQ. 46 Bde already gone forward.	DGH
		1000	Lines teed in to temporary Sig Centre at Main HQ	DGH
		1130	Main Div HQ moves to LE HUTRAY (007542)	DGH
LE HUTRAY		1400	Main Div HQ established & sig centre at old location closed, leaving the anomalous situation of Rear Div HQ having the bulk of the lines on their board. In this connection, 15 Div Sigs cable section have laid the Corps lines to this location.	DGH
	17	1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx "H"
		1600	Issued Amdt No 1 to Freq Allot No 19 (amended) - List "A"	DGH Appx "I"
		2300	Issued Amdt No 2 to Freq Allot No 19 (amended) - List "A"	DGH Appx "J"
	18	1000	Main Div HQ moves to FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX (014496) and Rear Div follows at 1130 to approx same location. 44 & 227 Bdes move in	DGH

FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX		1500	to nearby areas. Lines have been laid on previous day for this layout. At present 1 pair only to Corps for both Main & Rear Div. Wireless silence continues except for Corps Rear links	DGH
	19	0600	All nets open to 46 Bde who are moving at 0630 hrs to relieve 158 Bde of 53 Div. Comms satisfactory.	DGH
		0700	Recce party out for move of Main Div HQ. Problem of line comms to 46 Bde in their area. To take over 158 Bde - 53 Div line - thence back to Corps & so to us.	DGH
		1000	CV1, CV7, CV8 net all other stations on group & close them	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "K"
LE BOUT ES VIEL	20	0001	4 Armd Bde now under comd 15 Div for forthcoming ops	DGH
		0700	All nets fwd to Bdes open. All OK except 4 Armd Bde on "Q" link which is not heard, nor is their 14 LFA on Med net, which also opens	DGH
		1000	Main Div HQ moves to LE BOUT ES VIEL (0940) to be followed at 1500 hrs by Rear Div HQ to 095403	DGH
		1300	Spare TEV sent back to old location to establish Sig Centre there on move of Rear Div to take 44, 227 Bdes, Recce & Admin Gp. This now of great importance as forthcoming op now postponed 48 hours and these two Bdes remaining in present locations. 46 Bde still in 53 Div area and reached by line from 53 Div. Line laid to 53 Div. Line (Corps line) to Sig centre giving trouble.	DGH
		1700	Move of 53 Div. Line strapped through to 46 Bde direct. Line also laid to 4 Armd Bde to 46 Bde. 4 Armd Bde do half the laying and doing half the maintenance. 4 Armed Bde now flicking on to "Q" net 20 mins in every 3 hours and their LFA is on the Med net every hour from H+30 to the hour	DGH
	21	2359	4 Armd Bde temporarily under comd 53 Div but remain on Adm nets.	
LE BOUT ES VIEL	22	1000	Line laid from Rear Div HQ to HQ RASC (Adm Gp)	DGH
		1500	4 Armd Bde section under comd but in new location, too far for a line to be laid (MERRI 2530). Up again on R/T & CW fwd nets	DGH
		1600	Issued Line Diagram as at 1600 hrs.	DGH Appx "L"
	23	1100	227 Bde moves down into FALAISE area, followed by 44 Bde and 15 Recce Regt at 1500 hrs. No lines laid. Lines are not having to be laid in forthcoming rapid op. Wireless comms as per standard diagrams OK.	DGH
		2030	Main Div H.Q. moves to LA BOURDONNIERE (252334) - first night move since landing in France. All tpt arrives safely and is established before midnight. Road movement slow due to congestion in FALAISE. Rear Div HQ remaining in present location - moving tomorrow. This move of Main HQ is only an interim one, getting the Div HQ up with the Bdes & on the axis of advance.	DGH

		2200	CO & Adjnt visit CSO 12 Corps - CSO informs CO that no further lines will be laid under present conditions	DGH
LA BOURDONNIERE	24	1400	CO & Adjnt visit 44 & 227 Bdes. Line laid to 15 (S) Recce Regt.	DGH
CORNEVILLE LA FOUQUETIERE	25	0630	Main Div HQ moves to CORNEVILLE LA FOUQUETIERE (878572) arriving at approx 1700 hrs, after halting for 2 hrs in the BROGLIE area (717685) for a meal. Rear Div follows into this location. No lines laid. W/T comms working satisfactorily over extended ranges and hold all through the night.	DGH
		1700		DGH
COMBON	26	1030	Main Div HQ moves to COMBON (007783) to be followed later in the day by Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1300	Lines begin to be laid to all three Bdes. W/T comms O.K.	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx "M"
		1900	Lines through to 44 & 46 Bdes.	DGH
	27	0200	Line through to 227 Bde. Line of approx 15 miles in length	DGH
LE PARC	28	1030	Main Div HQ moves to LE PARC (185870) followed at 1130 by Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1300	Lines begin to be laid to all three Bdes.	DGH
LE PARC		1700	Line through to 44 Bde & Recce Regt.	DGH
		2000	Line through to 227 Bde	DGH
		2100	Wireless O.K. Heavy static interference - thunderstorm	DGH
		0900	Issued Amdt No 3 15 Div Sigs Freq Allot No 19 (Amended)	DGH Appx "N"
		1300	Issued 15 (S) Div Sig Instr No 1 - crossing of R. SEINE (Traffic Control)	DGH Appx "O"
		1530	Main Div H.Q. moves to VIEUX ROUEN (255897). Wireless O.K. incl T.C. group line layout becoming difficult with Bdes making the river crossing. Lines laid to 44 & 227 Bdes but line did not reach 46 Bde in time before they crossed. Line also laid to Regulating HQ of Traffic Control	DGH
VIEUX ROUEN	29	0930	Rear Div HQ moves to 253883 (nr LES MONTS). Lines laid ready for their arrival and Sig centre which was in area of Main Div closes. Main Div hand over by strapping through to Rear Div line direct to Rear Corps	DGH
		1030	C.O. and Adjnt visit site of next Sig Centre & probable site of next Main Div HQ at CHATEAU DES BUSPINS (322923)	DGH
		1300	Signal Centre established at CHATEAU DES BUSPINS and lines are being laid to all Bdes.	DGH
VIEUX ROUEN		1800	Lines through to all Bdes, with two lines from Main Div to Sig Centre. Lines stay up well in the night & wireless all O.K.	DGH
	30	1030	Main Div HQ moves to CHATEAU DES BUSPINS arriving at approx 1400 hrs, taking over lines from Sig Centre which closes. Rear Div HQ leaves at 1015 hrs to HERQUEVILLE (293917)	DGH

HERQUEVILLE		1630 1900	<p>After the troops have fed, Main Div HQ also moves to HERQUEVILLE (291916) and Sig Centre reopens at CHATEAU DES BUSPINS</p> <p>Main Div arrives & lines formerly in use between Main & Rear Div HQ now in use between Main Div & Sig Centre. New lines laid to Rear Div and Corps lines diverted. This line layout is adjusted. Wireless O.K.</p>	DGH
	31	1200	<p>Issued Line Diagram as at 1100 hrs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (Scottish) Inf Div Signals</p>	DGH Appx "P"

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Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HERQUEVILLE	1	1030	C.O. and Adjt visit 227 Bde in connection with difficulties they have been having with their wireless. C.O. operates their command set personally from the Bde C.V.	DGH
		1400	Party attends cinema show. Quiet afternoon. Move proposed for tomorrow is postponed until following day	DGH
	2	1000	Men bathing and generally cleaning up. Further party to cinema show.	DGH
		1000	Corps was at some 60 miles distance - often aeriels tried on Corps nets but results no better than with extra lengths on ordinary rad aeriels. Other wireless at Main Div closed except to Recce Regt on CW net, who have no line	DGH
	3	0900	Main & Rear Div HQ's move to LES CORNETS (515132) arriving at approx 1200 hrs. No lines laid to Bde. Wireless very poor except lines to Corps, some 50 miles away. These lines all through however by approx 1400 hrs	DGH
		1830	All ranks not on duty both from Main & Rear HQ attend church service at Main H.Q.	DGH
LES CORNETS	4	1030	Main and Rear Div move to HAUCOURT (621335) arriving at approx 1300 hrs. Once more no lines to be laid except to Rear Div, where instead of the usual pair of lines being laid, one twisted pair is laid & the one plus ones, usually in use to Main & Rear Corps are utilized. Wireless satisfactory, with one exception of links to Corps, which are still being handicapped by distance, Main Corps, for example, moving to BETHUNE (3825)	DGH
HAUCOURT	5	1000	Main and Rear Div HQs move to NUNCQ (120038). Layout as for previous location.	DGH
NUNCQ		2100	A special force known as "LYS FORCE" leaves. Signals are providing for it one 12 set H.P. as rear link to Corps (R/T). This set worked satisfactorily at 2030 hrs before leaving. The Div-Bde CW rear link of 46 Bde (who are commanding LYS FORCE) later nets to Corps as C.W. link	DGH DGH

		2300	Step-up at departure for benefit of 46 Bde. Comms rather difficult tonight due to interference.	DGH
TRIEU COUSINE	6	0745	Counter-Mortar C.V. employed as control for Traffic Control net working to sets of 119 LAA Regt. Their organisation is now personally under comd O.C. LAA Regt RA. Using CRA alt freq nets satisfactorily at 0800 hrs	DGH
		0800	Step-up Armd Car set sent to accompany 44 Bde who are moving again, some being in advance of rest of Div	DGH
		1130	Main and Rear Div HQ's move into BELGIUM to TRIEU COUSINE (896450) arriving at approx 2000 hrs.	DGH
		2100	ROYALS come under comd 15 Div and net satisfactorily on Comd R/T net. Not coming on CW net	DGH
		2300	Line through to 46 Bde who are coming under comd 7 Armd Div at 070800B	DGH
TRIEU COUSINE	7	1200	Sig centre established at previous location 46 Bde, who moved off at 0800 hrs under comd 7 Armd Div. Two lines laid to Sig Centre and lines from Sig Centre to ROYALS and Recce. Line begun from Sig centre to 44 Bde but stopped owing to that Bde moving again	DGH
		1600	ROYALS O.K. on "Q" net - scheduled to come on at 0800 hrs but not up till now.	DGH
		1700	Line through to Rear Div from Main Corps, using existing civil means - speech requires to be guarded as the line at certain points passing through territory still in enemy hands	DGH
		1800	C.O. and Adjt visit 44 Bde, largely to congratulate the Signal Officer, CAPT J.J. GIROTTI on his recent award of the M.C.	DGH
TRIEU COUSINE BEVERE	8	1100	C.O. and Adjt visit 227 Bde to discuss the matter of frequencies for Bde Comd net, which are O.K. now - they have been lent one of the frequencies of the Div Comd net	DGH
		1330	Recce Regt of 53 (W) Div come under comd 15 Div and are through Div Comd R/T net. Message sent to them by Wireless Officer re C/W net and "Q" net.	DGH
		1445	Main Div HQ moves to BEVERE (073582) and Rear Div HQ to PETEGEM (052555) arriving at approx 1615 hrs. Line already under way between the two HQ and line also being laid from new location to new location 227 Bde at CRUYSHANTEM (0464)	DGH
		1630	Line through to Rear Division	DGH
		1700	Line through from Main Corps and 1+1 put on	DGH
		1730	Line under way to 227 Bde at NAZARETH (0970) to take in Recce Regt as well, 227 Bde having moved on from u/m location	DGH

		2100	Wireless not as good as usual tonight - distances fairly great, especially from Rear Div who are having trouble on the "Q" net. Recce Regt 53 Div are the most remote. Main Comd net O.K. A night of very low cloud and pouring rain	DGH
BEVERE	9	1300 1330 1600	ROYALS and 53 Recce Regt cease to be under comd 15 Div 46 Bde return under comd 15 Div from 7 Armd Div. All on comd R/T and CW nets. Late in coming up on "Q" net. LT G.O.S. SCHREIBER is posted to this Unit from 2nd Army Sigs as Cipher officer. LT J.A. RITCHIE is posted from this unit to 2nd Army Sigs	DGH DGH DGH
RAMSDONCK	10	1100 1600	Main Div HQ moves to RAMSDONCK (610744) and Rear Div HQ to 615740 arriving at approx 1500 hrs. Quad is in from Corps. Three lines laid to Rear Div (pair) and line under way to 44 Bde. Step-up set out to 46 and 227 Bdes. The latter not moving until tomorrow. CV5 and CV6 (lines to Corps) still at old location in use by G1 who is remaining there for a few hours due to last minute change of plan by Corps. CV4 (flank) and CV3 (Tac R) respectively are doubling for these lines.	DGH
RAMSDONCK	11	1000 1730	C.O. and Adjt proceed to visit 50 Div, which area this Div is taking over tomorrow. Line layout is being handed over complete and still be able to be used almost entirely although Div HQ's are not going to quite the same places as those occupied by 50 Div. 2 liberty trucks proceed to BRUSSELS as recreational tpt. Rear Div personnel utilising Camp arrangements.	DGH DGH DGH
BERGUM	12	0930 1600 1730 1830 1900	Main Div HQ moves to BERGUM (030788) and Rear Div HQ to VEERLE (075780) both arriving at approx 1400 hrs. Quad in from Main Corps. Lines through to 44 and 46 Bdes via 69 and 151 Bdes of 50 Div respectively. Line to 46 Bde also gives 50 Main. 1 line through to Rear Div and line laid to new location of 227 Bde who are not moving in until tomorrow. Line to 44 Bde now direct - 151 Bde now gone Line through to Recce on to Rear Div exchange and 46 Bde line direct (69 Bde gone) also giving direct line to 50 Div Main	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
BERGUM		2000 2311	Signal Officer 3/4 CLY visits Adjt. 3/4 CLY now under comd 15 Div. Arrangements made for netting on all gps at 2300 hrs 3/4 CLY OK on R/T net but not on C.W. nor on the "Q" net	DGH DGH
	13	0700 1000 1000	3/4 CLY OK on "Q" net 3/4 CLY OK on CW net. 50 Div gone - their line to us now utilised as 2nd pair to Rear Div.	DGH DGH DGH DGH

BERGUM		1010	Usual line laid by 1 Mx to Div faulty.	DGH
		1030	Permission given by Adjt to Recce to close CW link (not usual - only R/T link when line through) to Div until 0800 hrs tomorrow for set maintenance. Wireless position OK - during the night, 227 Bde still in former area, worked satisfactorily by means of step-up. Now through O.K. direct.	DGH
		1100	C-in-C visits Main Div HQ and talks to Bde Comds etc, certain of the Heads of Services, O.C. Signals, O.C. Recce Regt	DGH
		1230	CSO 12 Corps arrives for lunch with C.O. after which they go	DGH
		1415	together on visit to 44 and 46 Bdes. The first time that the CSO has been round any of the Bdes of the Div	DGH
		1500	Line through to 227 Bde now in new location and laterals between 44 and 46 Bdes and 227 Bde and Recce	DGH
		1500	3/4 CLY off on Main Div nets as LO at Div with set still on "Q" net	DGH
		1700	44 Bde move, but re-establish line comms shortly afterwards to 46 Bde by means of extending lateral.	DGH
		1730	227 Bde off line - on move, also Recce, so their line utilised as third link between Main and Rear Div HQ's	DGH
		2100	Line section, taking armd car with their armd car as link, move off to new location to which Div is moving tomorrow, in order to proceed with line layout as soon as possible	DGH
GASTHUIS HEIDE	14	1000	Main Div HQ moves to area GASTHUIS HEIDE (103852) with Rear Div HQ at 102858 arriving at approx 1115 hrs.	DGH
		1300	3/4 CLY now back on R/T comd net but are not coming up on C/W net	DGH
		1600	Line situation - Quad to Corps with 1+1 - one pair split at Rear Div giving Rear Div direct line to Rear Corps, 2nd pair used as line between Main & Rear Div HQ's. 2nd line from Main to Rear Div. Line to 44 Bde, line from 44 Bde to 46 Bde. Party line to 227 Bde and Recce. Line to 1 Mx.	DGH
		1800	Adjt addresses all offr's on orderly officer roster on disciplinary matters	DGH
		1800	Letter sent out on subject of small OR's messing committee, to be formed forthwith under presidency of RSM, consisting of 6 ORs, 3 from Sigs and 3 from Comp personnel fed at Main Div by Sigs	DGH
	15	1030	C-in-C arrives to present decorations and medals. Capt J.J. GIROTTI receives his M.C. from the C-in-C.	DGH
		1100	Signal officer 158 Bde visits Adjt to discuss arrangements. 158 Bde now arriving in this area and coming under comd 15 Div	DGH
		1125	Direct line through to 46 Bde with spur off to 3/4 CLY	DGH

GASTHUIS HEIDE		1205	158 Bde all in R/T comd net. Not yet up in CW net. Probably not coming up. Therefore, on "Q" net	DGH
		1500	CSO 12 Corps visits CO to discuss forthcoming op	DGH
		1900	Lines under way for forthcoming moves of 44 and 227 Bdes	DGH
GASTHUIS HEIDE	16	0200	15 (S) Div changes frequencies from Inf List "A" to Inf List "B". All nets O.K.	DGH
		0800	Lines through to 44 & 227 Bdes in new locations	DGH
		1100	53 Div having moved into this area 158 Bde now no longer under command 15 Div	
		1100	C.O. attends "O" gp on forthcoming op "GARDEN" in which 12 Corps and 30 Corps are jointly involved in advance NE	DGH
		1200	O.C. 53 Div Sigs visits CO	DGH
		1430	Move of Main & Rear Corps resulting in the following line situation which is unchanged for rest of day. Quad to Main Corps, one pair strapped through at Main Div & Corps respectively to Rear Div & Rear Corps respectively. Rear Div are utilizing now both pairs of the previous Corps quad, thus still leaving 2 lines between Main & Rear Div	DGH
		1430	- et seq. Direct lines to all 3 Bdes, Recce and 3/4 CLY	DGH
		1600	Two new CV's recently acquired now fit for use - one to "B" sec for HQRASC releasing 1 gin palace to be held spare at Main Div for step-up work etc, the other spare at Main Div in use as wireless office.	DGH
	17	0930	Church parade attended almost entirely by Sigs personnel	DGH
		1100	All white stars on vehs uncovered, all cleaned. Three requiring repainting attended to. This in preparation for forthcoming immediate airborne ops. Slit trenches also dug	
		1200	C.O. attends co-ordinating conference re Div op "FLOOD" in which the Div is holding the line of the JUNCTION CANAL. For results of conference involving opening of Signal Centre etc see 15 (S) Div Signal Instruction No 1 of even date issued at 1700 hrs	DGH
				Appx D.1.
GASTHUIS HEIDE	18	0900	LT P.O. RADWAY rejoins unit from ENGLAND on recovering from wound and re-assumes former appointment as O.C. "C" Sec, the present O.C. section LT J.W. FULLARTON remaining attd to the Line Section. 11 reinforcement OR's also arrive, the largest single batch to arrive since operations began (8 ops W&L, 2 linesmen, 1 DR).	DGH
		0600	- onwards. Line sections all fully engaged on lines as per yesterday's signal instructions with slight variation due to move of Recce at 1345 today	DGH
		1000	C.O. and O.C. 3 Coy pay routine inspection to Bde Sections	DGH

		1200	O.C. Sigs Rear to BRUSSELS for 48 hrs i/c Party of JEWISH personnel attending festival of JEWISH NEW YEAR	DGH
		1600	C.O. and Adjt pay routine visit to "R" section and to Recce Regt HQ. Admin side of "R" Sec not satisfactory. CO revisiting tomorrow	DGH
	19	1000	C.O. and Adjt revisit "R" Sec and find improvement though not fully satisfactory yet. Visit also new location 44 Bde. Lines now as per Appx L1 to yesterday's Sig Instr.	DGH
GASTHUIS HEIDE	20	0930	Adjt visits Rear Div and inspects lines, billets etc	DGH
		1330	46 Bde, remaining under comd 15 Div for Admin, pass under comd 53 Div and so leave Div R/T & C/W comd nets. Codes offr visits with necessary papers etc	DGH
		1800	227 Bde remaining under comd 15 Div for Admin, pass under comd 7 Armd Div and so leave Div R/T. Line laid from 7 Armd Tac HQ only a short distance away. Line also laid to 284 Coy RASC to be strapped through to 227 Bde on move of 15 Div	DGH
	21	0900	Signal Centre closes 46 Bde having already moved off. 227 Bde line strapped through to line to 7 Armd Tac and 227 Sig Centre line to 284 Coy RASC	DGH
		1030	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ move into HOLLAND to ZEELST (390167) and Rear Div to AKHEREIND (409160) arriving at approx 1800 hrs. 46 Bde revert to 15 Div and line immediately laid to them. 2 lines to Rear Div one strapped straight through to Rear Corps, Corps quad being in very shortly after arrival of Div	DGH
ZEELST		1830		DGH
	22	0700	Line through to Recce Regt.	
		0900	5 RTR now under comd 15 Div - O.K. on R/T comd net, which is the only net on which they are appearing. Heavy interference on wireless nets due to 3 (Br) Div in 30 Corps being on same freq allotment. Corps through Army have arranged for them to minimize today & to change to List "D" at 2359 hrs tonight	DGH
		1000	46 Bde and Recce on move. Spare gin palace out on sector control work on R/T Comd net.	DGH
		1200	Line through to new location 46 Bde & line to 46 Bde from Sector Control	DGH
		1330	227 Bde revert under comd - OK on all nets	DGH
		1600	LO 5 RTR visits Adj for link signs etc	DGH
		1800	CO & Adjt pay routine visit to 46 Bde	DGH
ZEELST	23	0800	All line dets engaged on extension of line layout, culminating in line layout as per Line Diagram issued as at 1800 hrs	DGH
		1000	Sig Centre opens at 399205. Wireless situation OK throughout day. 5 RTR at 1400 hrs cease under comd 227 Bde and leave Div nets	DGH Appx I folio 2 DGH

		1800	CSO visits C.O. to discuss current problems, especially lines	DGH
		1830	CO and Adjt visit Sig centre and find all in order	DGH
ZEELST	24	0930	Large attendance of Sigs personnel at church parade	DGH
		1000	5 DG come under comd 15 Div and net satisfactorily on R/T Comd net only	DGH
		1015	CO and Adjt pay routine visit to OC 53 Div Sigs and to OC 12 Corps Sigs	DGH
		1400	Signal centre moves up to same location as Corps cable-head, which is 403226, thus necessitating certain minor readjustment of the line layout as from yesterday's diagram	DGH
		1800	Heavy intermittent interference of unknown origin on practically all nets - affecting Corps as well. Lessening as evening progresses. Noise like that of several unsuppressed vehicles in the vicinity completely swamping all but the strongest signals. Corps investigating	DGH DGH
ZEELST	25	0900	5 DG no longer under comd 15 Div - off R/T comd net	DGH
		0900	Wireless officers Main & Rear engaged throughout day in efforts to track down this peculiar interference - assistance of Phillips Radio works at EINDHOVEN worthy of mention. Not yet discovered	DGH
		0900	Line layout in constant state of adjustment throughout day, but in general layout as for yesterday, except that Corps required their pair of the quad 12C/20 which we were using, still leaving us quad 12C/21 in toto. Other arrangements made	DGH
		1430	- 1800 Large numbers of ORs attend one of the periodical film shows.	DGH
		1600	Arrangements made for securing billets of one kind or another for all Sigs OR's. This practice will be followed from now on, the Admin officer for Rear Div Sigs and the Cipher officer at Main being in charge respectively. Here the bulk of the men are being accommodated in a large cigar factory.	DGH
	26	0800	Line section again fully engaged. Moves of 44 and 227 Bdes to be catered for and subsidiary lines such as traffic and sector controls. Wireless O.K. No reoccurrence of strange interference which would appear to be brought on by wet weather	DGH
		1000	MAJOR R.N. HOUSTON granted the T.D.	DGH
		1100	Recce parties out but find no suitable site for move of Div HQ. Area very congested forward with 7 Armd Div	DGH
		1400	Films, an ENSA show and a football match Div HQ & EINDHOVEN Div HQ wins 6-1. 4 Signals reps in Div HQ team.	DGH
ZEELST	27	0100	Corps changes frequency list from Corps List "C" to List "B". Change effected smoothly	DGH

ACHT		0800	Line maintenance etc as normal and preparations for impending move of Main Div HQ in afternoon. Interesting new line laid is one direct from office of G2 to the air-field at EINDHOVEN for air support purposes.	DGH
		1430	Main Div HQ moves to ACHT (396227) arriving at approx 1530 hrs. Rear Div HQ not moving.	DGH
		1800	Line situation - 3 lines to Sig Centre + 1 pair of Corps quad lines from Sig Centre to all Bdes. Line 44 - Recce. Line 44 - 227. Line S.C. Sector Control. Line S.C. - 119 LAA Regt. Direct line Div - 46 Bde. 2 lines Rear Div. Pair to Main Corps. Pair Rear Div - Rear Corps. Lines S.C. - 227 and one of the Rear Div lines faulty for lengthy periods, giving cause for concern. Wireless situation OK since arriving, but further interference of a/m nature - N.B. weather wet again	DGH
ACHT	28	0900	Signal Centre moved forward first beyond the WILHELMINA CANAL (397253). 3 pairs of Corps quads are laid between Main Div & Sig Centre. New line laid between Main Div HQ and ALG	DGH
		1000	CO and Adjt pay routine visits to 44 Bde, 227 Bde and Recce, taking in Signal Centre	DGH
		1500	Rear Div HQ moves to STICHTING WOENSEL (410210). 2 lines between Main HQ and Rear - 1 pair (extended) of a Corps quad and one of our own lines. Direct line between Rear Div - Rear Corps	DGH
		1600	CO and Adjt revisit Sig Centre	DGH
ACHT	29	0900	158 Bde of 53 Div under comd 15 Div except for Admin. O.K. on R/T and C/W comd nets	DGH
		1000	8 HUSSARS of 7 Armd Div (22 Armd Bde) under comd, except for Admin. O.K. on R/T Comd net only	DGH
		1030	C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 44 Bde and 227 Bde arranging about lines for move of Div HQ this afternoon	DGH
		1500	Main Div HQ moves to NEINSEL (439301) arriving at about 1630 hrs	DGH
		1900	Lines to all concerned, except to 8 HUSSARS. To be done tomorrow by means of Corps pair. Rear Div via Main Corps - Rear Div moving in the morning. Signal centre pushed forward, Recce acting rather as forward sig centre to our sig centre tonight. All wireless OK. Section sgt 44 Bde Sig Sec killed today by shrapnel (SGT BROWN RW)	DGH
	30	1000	CO and O.C. 3 Coy attend funeral of Sgt Brown at HQ 44 Bde.	DGH
1100		Rear Div HQ move to ZON (442259). Line laid between Main & Rear. Now also Main Corps - Rear Div and Rear Div - Rear Corps. Line laid Main Div - 8 HUSSARS.	DGH	

		1500	onwards. Preparations of line diagrams, line traces etc preparatory to 51(H) Div taking over here from 15 (S) Div and return of 15 (S) Div to 8 Corps. O.C. 51 Div Sigs visits C.O. David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjt 15 (S) Inf. Div. Signals.	Appx J folio 28
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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS
(incorporating L.A.D. attd)

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Month and Year OCT 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NEINSEL	1	0930	Church parade with reasonably large attendance. Corps Comd present.	DGH
		1400	O.C. 3 Coy 51 Div Sigs visits CO to discuss arrangements for 153 Bde who are relieving 44 Bde tonight	DGH
		1500	C.S.O. 8 Corps visits CO to discuss arrangements for the return of the Div to 8 Corps	DGH
		1710	153 Bde O.K. on R/T comd net only and in place beside 44 Bde and taken over their lines. L/T comms to 44 Bde by means of local from 153 Bde exchange	DGH
		1900	New line laid to Recce as Corps repaired quad pair formerly utilized. Now no line to 8 Hussars, instead direct line to Corps RA Sig Centre. Corps have also brought in line from 101 U.S. Div. C.O. holds conference with Signalmaster Main & Rear & wireless officers on future policy of Div HQ operating from buildings instead of from the debris.	DGH
	2345	44 Bde move off (under comd 8 Corps until Div arrives), maintaining comms, however, on Div R/T comd net only & otherwise on Corps nets	DGH	
NEINSEL	2	1000	Commencement of new system of checking A.B's 412 of vehs of sections in addition to monthly AB's 406. One section per week by Adjt	DGH
		1030	Adjt produces orders for frost precautions so that all will be ready as soon as required.	DGH
		1300	2-in-C leaves for new area (GEMERT 5730) to which Div is proceeding on the 4th to prepare line layout. Certain civil UG's are being utilized - details to follow. 2-in-C takes wireless set with him so that orders and changes of plan, if any, may reach him	DGH
		1400	O.C. 3 Coy as recce officer for Div HQ pays third visit to the new area with Gl.	DGH
		1600	C.S.O. 12 Corps visits C.O. to discuss arrangements for the changeover and is joined by OC 51 Div Sigs for same purpose	DGH

NEINSEL		1700	Direct line to Corps RA sig centre transferred from Main Div exchange to HQRA switchboard	
		1800	C.O. visits O.C. 51 Div Sigs at their HQ a short distance from here	DGH
		2000	It should have been mentioned that all formations and units of the Div are coming on to wireless silence as soon as they leave this area so that all Bde and its group are now off the air	DGH
NEINSEL	3	0800	- onwards. Lines personnel busy (a) under 2-in-C in new area fixing up details and ends for civil U.G. lines to be used between Div HQ-46 Div HQ-227 Div HQ-Recce and laying normal lines between Div HQ-44 and Main Div HQ-Rear Div HQ. All work completed by 1600 hrs, (b) putting finishing touches to arrangements between ourselves and 51 Div Sigs for tonight's handover (originally scheduled for 2359 hrs, when 15 Div pass under comd 8 Corps but brought forward to 1800 hrs)	DGH
		1800	Hand-over begins. Line to Rear Div and line from HQRA to 12 Corps RA Sig Centre not being strapped through to 51 Div until move of 15 Div tomorrow morning, so that we may have two lines between ourselves and 51 Div until we move off. Lines handed over - 2 to Sig Centre (now manned by 51 Div Sigs) one of which is delayed through going faulty at 1715 hrs. Corps line. Corps line from Div to 101 US Airborne Div still to be handed over as faulty. Line to 153 Bde. Line to 158 Bde not being handed over as they have laid their own. Two lines (one strapped through from 46 Bde - 153 Bde) 153 Bde - Sig Centre. 46 Bde, 227 Bde and Recce all to new area by 2000 hrs - Recce being the last.	DGH
		1800	Wireless - Div Comd nets now closed. Rear lines to Corps remaining on 12 Corps nets until midnight and reopening on 8 Corps nets at 040110 hrs	DGH
		2359	15 Div comes under comd 8 Corps and closes rear links to 12 Corps	DGH
NEINSEL	4	0110	Rear links open to 8 Corps. All O.K. by 0135 hrs	DGH
		0945	Hand-over with 51 Div completed. All lines O.K.	DGH
		1000	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ move to GEMERT. Main to 577304, Rear to 577297, Main established by 1130 and Rear by 1230. All lines as scheduled yesterday ready and waiting, plus Corps lines leaving only line to 1 Mx to be completed. This is being done tomorrow, when a further PO pair will be available	DGH
GEMERT		1200	Rear lines to Corps close - to be reopened if lines fail when no wireless working. Division is in a rest period. All personnel of Div HQ very adequately housed in monastery at HQ and "make and mend" activities begin.	DGH

		1230 1600	CSO 8 Corps visits C.O. and stays to lunch C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 46 and 227 Bdes and final general maintenance of all kinds under way	DGH
GEMERT	5	1500	A quiet day of maintenance, recreation, and general repairs and preparations for forthcoming ops. 1 Mx line in by 1100 hrs. Cable section engaged today in reeling in cable in former areas. Lt Q.M. attends A/Q "Q" Conference at Main Div HQ	DGH DGH
GEMERT	6	1000 1000 1100 1200 1400 1630 1950	C.O. attends "O" Gp conference on forthcoming operations Adjt attends "A" Conference on general "A" matters. LT M. STEARS rejoins unit on return from U.K. Has been a month getting here from relanding in France. Apptd 2-in-C "A" Sec 3 SCOTS GDS of 6 GDS TK BDE come under comd 15 Div. Sig Offr visits C.O. and Adjt but not known yet to which Bde the Bn is going to be attached Instruction sent out to all concerned in the Division on wireless discipline (closing of nets when line comms exist) All officers attend Div Comd's address in HELMOND, followed by performance by the Massed Pipe Bands of the Division. The band was magnificent With assistance of civil U/G pair GEMERT-GELDROP, line through to 3 SCOTS GDS in RIEU, with 6 GDS TK BDE in parallel on it.	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	7	0930	C.O., 2-in-C and Adjt visit O.C. Sigs 3 (Br) Div beyond R MAAS as 15 Div are scheduled to take over from them in forthcoming ops. Line layout in that area begun and Recce party out but in afternoon "Holdfast on all movement" comes through and plans left in abeyance. Half cable section left in the area in case original plans proceeded with. This visit occupies most of the day. Remainder of unit still engaged on general admin of various kinds. Frost precautions come into effect tonight.	DGH
GEMERT	8	0930 1000 1100 1400	Church parade - exceptionally large attendance. C.O. reads lesson as usual. O.C. 1 Coy addresses all ranks 1 Coy and others on general matters, especially on conduct in GERMANY Skin inspection for all other ranks at Main Div HQ 12 Corps Officers' Shop visiting Div HQ for three days - in great demand. Adjt visits Rear Div HQ - routine check-up with O.C. Sigs Rear	DGH DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	9	0900	Arrangements begun for line to HQRA who on sudden orders are moving this afternoon to 693394 to do a Corps Shoot or Shoots in sp 3 (Br) Div. This line completed at approx 1700 hrs - 14 miles of cable. Not possible to obtain any assistance in the shape of a civil pair in this case.	DGH

		1500 - 1800 1530	One Australian and one British Signals Major arrive - touring Sig Units of 8 Corps - prior to rejoining Australian forces and are shown around Main and Rear HQs by the Adjt and Signalmaster. HQRA move off and the two usual lines to them from Main Div board are extended to take in 97 A Tk Regt and 119 LAA Regt.	DGH DGH
	10		An uneventful day. Weather grim - rain continuous. Normal line maintenance. New line laid to 97 A Tk Regt after original goes faulty. Fault on long HQRA line at 1625 hrs not repaired until 2020 hrs.	DGH
GEMERT	11	0900 1200 1215 1600	Another quiet day. Maintenance and general marshalling of equipment O.C. Sigs 11 Armd Div visits C.O. and Adjt - ready to see us on our return to our own 8 Corps O.C. Recce Regt to see C.O. Arrangements concluded re the attachment of 1 Cipher Sgt to Recce Regt to work principally with the I.O. to relieve him of cipher duties. Cipher officer taking him out this afternoon. Also arrangements for O.C. 3 Coy and O.C. "N" Sec to sit tomorrow on Recce Regt trade-board of Drs-ops LT J.J. ADEY R. SIGNALS arrives on attachment this Unit for one month from 31 RHU. He will spend a fortnight in "C" Sec and a fortnight at one of the Bdes.	DGH DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	12	1200 1630 1000	New basic freq lists from CSO 2 Army - such changes as are necessary worked out with O.C. "A" Sec Parade of all ranks available outside Main Div HQ to watch and cheer H.M. the King on his way from 8 Corps to Brussels Draft of 12 reinforcements arrives. Men have been on bath parades this afternoon and many also to ENSA Shows at Div HQ	DGH DGH DGH DGH
	13	0900 1100 1430 1530 1730	C.O. attends Div Comd's "R" Gp on forthcoming ops C.O. briefs 2-in-C on lines necessary in new area (WEERT 5897) and line sec with div signs etc obliterated proceeds to that area O.C. 3 Coy and party out on recce of Div HQ in a/m area C.O. attends Div "O" Gp on forthcoming ops Adjt attends A/Q conference on forthcoming ops, known by new general name of op "CONSTELLATION". The degree of secrecy attending the preparation for this op is outstanding	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	14	0900	- Preparations in hand for forthcoming ops continue. Line layout well under way and all arrangements proceeding as normally. Bde recces out today which will enable "C" sec to finish off their lines	DGH

GEMERT		1800	Sig Officer 3 (Tk) SG (under comd) visits Adjt re frequencies etc LT JW FULLARTON leaves today for three weeks to 3 (Br) Div Sigs	DGH DGH
	15	0930 1400	Church parade as last week - conducted on this occasion by RAF padre C.O. and Adjt proceed to HQRA, pick up OC 2 Coy and visit all three Fd Regts and Sig Secs. Very satisfactory reports all round	DGH DGH
GEMERT	16	0500 1400 1800	Signal office veh "J" Sec destroyed in fire - accident with Tilley lamp exploding and setting off phosphorous bombs for destruction of documents. Replaced by loan of TEV from Corps while new 3 ton G8 veh is obtained and fetched C.O. and Adjt pay routine visit to 46 and 227 Bdes - 227 area changed for forthcoming ops. This holding up line laying programme, also uncertainty as to Recce location - otherwise all going well. Div now on complete wireless silence A/CSO 8 Corps visits CO to inform him of wireless deception plan starting this evening to simulate 15 Div nets during this period of wireless silence up till H-1 hrs - whenever that may be. Date of commencement of ops still unknown. RA are <u>not</u> yet on wireless silence - but will come on same on move from their present area when role of 3 (Br) Div will terminate	DGH DGH DGH
GEMERT	17	0700 0800 1500 1800 2215	All plans changed - 15 Div going under comd 12 Corps again forthwith. 3 (Tk) SG cease to be under comd. Recce Regt return under comd - have been under 11 Armd Div for the past three days. Line programme stopped - O.C. 1 Coy returns and the Line Section now reeling up the lines they have laid in the WEERT area. Future plan as yet unknown - wireless silence continues. HQRA returns this location and come under wireless silence and take over 97 A Tk and 119 LAA lines again - splitting them for their two locals and thence out to the two regts. CSO 8 Corps visits CO in connection with the sudden switchover. He explains that 12 Corps have laid a quad up to a point in the 15 Div - 8 Corps line and are splitting it at 2200 hrs tonight, thus giving 12 Corps us and 8 Corps Line split as above takes place - nothing yet as regards Rear Div - Rear Corps line	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	18	1600	Information that 227 Bde are moving tomorrow back into the BEST - ST OEDENRODE area and line is necessary. Arrangements for civil PTT pair (or perhaps two pairs) made with 8 Corps GEMERT - HELMOND - EINDHOVEN - BEST. OC 1 Coy laying tails to this etc tomorrow morning. Corps comms not yet properly arranged. At	DGH

		1800	present Corps line 15 DIV - 12 CORPS terminates at 8 Corps having been changed back from last night. Line section returns from reeling up in the WEERT area, having reeled up 24 miles. All Sigs personnel have been issued with new battle dresses etc in the last 48 hours.	DGH DGH
GEMERT	19	0800	Corps lines not OK. Main Div - Main 12 Corps with 1+1. Rear Div - Rear 8 Corps with 1+1 and carrier strapped through to Rear 12 Corps. This is a suitable arrangement, as 15 Div still being administered by 8 Corps up till 20th incl.	DGH
		0830	Lines to 227 Bde now under way. 2 PO pairs secured to ACHT (3922) only, leaving lengthy lay up to 408290, new loc 227 Bde, with second pair to Recce (389289) who have moved with Recce. This line to Recce will not be put through until tomorrow as OC 1 Coy only has 1 det available today, 1 det in reserve at this HQ and two on loan to Sigs 227 Bde to help them with their own very extensive Bde layout	DGH
		1000	Infm received from Corps - change of frequency list forthwith from Inf List "B" to Inf List "A". New list immediately issued	DGH
		1100	Wireless silence relaxed to 227 Bde only - netted on all nets on new frequencies and then closed.	DGH
GEMERT		2010	Line not yet through to 227 Bde. Wireless reopens - Command R/T up to them immediately and Command CW at 2030 hrs. Command "Q" following at 2200 hrs. All O.K.	DGH
	20	0710	Line through to 227 Bde. A very difficult night for the carrier section.	DGH
		0800	All wireless to 227 Bde closed again	
		1105	2nd line through to 227 Bde and 2nd line from 227 Bde to Recce. This now not being strapped through	DGH
		1400	Information received 6 GDS TK BDE now under comd 15 Div and moving into former location 227 Bde. Arrangements for line comms - already existing line to 6 GDS REAR teed in to their Main - a most suitable arrangement both from our point of view and theirs - line through to them by 1710 hrs	DGH
		1730	Codes and Secy Offr takes freqs, code-signs etc to 6 GDS, who arrived in their new location at approx 1700 hrs	DGH
GEMERT	21	1000	Changeover completed today of O.C. 3 Coy going to Rear Div as O.C. Signals Rear and O.C. H.Q. Coy up to Main, responsible, almost as Camp Comdt, for all the Admin at Main HQ with the RSM leaving Camp Comdt i/c Admin at Rear HQ	DGH

		1100	Recce party out for new location - in ST OEDENRODE (4131) area. Recce now i/c suitable "G" offr if available with O.C. "A" Sec -	DGH
		1200	if "G" offr not available O.C. 3 Coy will be i/c as before	DGH
		1645	3 new vehs acquired today to increase number of dets in "C" sec. "M" Sec are supplying 2 fitters to drive, third one from "A" Sec Lines faulty to 227 Bde. R/T comd net open and immediately through - before other nets opened. Lines OK again	DGH
GEMERT	22	0600	All wireless nets open - all net O.K. (except for Recce u/c 227 Bde) and close except links to Corps, RASC and Med nets which remain open	DGH
		0930	Church parade as usual	DGH
		1000	Personnel on bath parades - OC HQ Coy and 2 ORs on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS. These vacancies are occurring quite frequently now.	DGH
		1400	C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 227 Bde and Recce, in the line, returning by way of ACHT exchange where one of the "C" Sec maintenance dets are based on the two long 227 Bde lines	DGH
	23		A quiet day, with much preparation going on though for future ops.	DGH
		1100	Party attends lecture by War Office rep on the demobilisation plans	DGH
		1500	Line Diagram issued as @ 1500 hrs	DGH Appx J.2
ST OEDENRODE	24	1100	CO and Adjt attend "O" Gp on forthcoming ops, which are being greatly hastened due to the German movement along this line	DGH
		1300	"C" Sec engaged on full layout since early in the morning All wireless nets open - only listening unless operationally required	DGH
		1530	Main Div HQ moves to ST OEDENRODE (419315) arriving approx 1700 hrs	DGH
		1700	Rear Div staying GEMERT overnight - direct line to Main Div and all the former Corps lines on Rear Div. All new Main lines to all Bdes & Recce & laterals between from Sig Centre. 2 lines to Sig Centre - half phantom on one metallic pair. 3 lines Sig Centre - 227 - 2 SC - 6 GDS. 1 pair new Corps line on to RA Sig Centre - strapped straight through to HQRA. Extremely good & quick work by the line section today and all lines working well & holding up. All wireless OK.	DGH
	25	0800	All lines held up throughout the night, but from now on Bdes are peeling off and moving on to next area. "C" Section away on new line programme with OC 1 Coy on wireless to Comd C/W net. Spare CV out on TC duties. Div Recce party out.	DGH
		0945	Rear Div on the move to tempy harbour area near ACHT	DGH

OIRSCHOT		1400	Main Div HQ moves to OIRSCHOT (314257) with Rear Div also in OIRSCHOT at 320267, Main arriving approx 1515, Rear 30 mins later	DGH	
		1700	Lines to Rear Div and to all Bdes except 46 Bde	DGH	
		1730	C.O. and Adjt attend Div Comd's "O" Group	DGH	
		1835	Line through to 46 Bde - this is the important line tonight as with 46 Bde as the only Bde forward. Linesmen's post est midway on the line. No lines from Corps as yet.	DGH	
		2105	Corps line in O.K. to Main Div but not able to do anything for Rear	DGH	
	26		Signal Centre now est at MEERGESTEL (2330) since last night and all Bde lines (except, of course, 6 GDS) from there.	DGH	
		0800	Bdes on the move again with one line sec full out coping. New Bde locations not too difficult to link up from Sig Centre	DGH	
		1100	CSO visits C.O. and discusses several points - chiefly, however, the line situation and the Corps difficulties at the present time. All wireless O.K. throughout the day	DGH	
		1400	C.O. and Adjt visit all three Bdes, finding out future plans etc	DGH	
OIRSCHOT	27	0915	Main Div HQ moves to HILVARENBEK (195240) arriving approx 1030 but Rear HQ remaining in OIRSCHOT until tomorrow. Signal centre remaining in present location to cope with Rear Div and 6 GDS who have moved up quite near and are themselves laying in to the Sig Centre but chiefly with 46 Bde, where new HQ on the outskirts of TILBURG means a very long line.	DGH	
1200		TILBURG captured by 15th (Scottish) Div	DGH		
1800		After a day, like so many others at present, of changed intentions on the part of the Bdes, apart from the above lines, Main Div has Sig Centre line, line to 44 and 227 Bdes (with lateral between), 141 RAC (crocodiles under comd), and lateral to 4 Armd Bde. Signal Centre also has 131 Fd and 181 Fd. Not been possible to do more than one SC line - considerable delays unavoidable. No Corps line as yet. Rear Div have old Corps line. Recce and 1 Mx Wireless O.K. throughout day, some slight interference on R/T Comd net from some "Q" stuff of 7 Armd Div. Corps Comd R/T net nothing great at present, not a very good frequency	DGH DGH		
HILVARENBEK		28	0900	OC 1 Coy proceeds to TILBURG to investigate civil comms but exchange etc demolished	DGH
		1300	Main Div HQ moves into WILHELMINA PARK, TILBURG, followed by Rear Div HQ to 168320. Some purely local short extensions laid -	DGH	

TILBURG		1500 1700	all Bdes within easy reach of Main Div HQ. Rear Div helped out by Corps lines (which arrive at approx 1800 hrs) CSO 12 Corps visits CO. Information received that the Div is moving back on to the 8 Corps front East of Helmond at first light in the morning to counteract German thrust against 7 U.S. Armd Div. 44 and 227 Bdes already away, followed by 6 GDS TK BDE.	DGH DGH
HELMOND	29	0600 1030 1100 1900	Main and Rear Div HQ's move out of TILBURG to HELMOND arriving approx 1030 hrs. Corps nets (except to Rear Corps as the Div is being administered by 12 Corps up till 31 Oct) net satisfactorily to 8 Corps. Main Div at 565215 and Rear Div 545211 CSO 8 Corps visits C.O. followed by 8 Corps lines officers. Most helpful with line assistance but O.C. 1 Coy on ahead in the morning has much of it arranged already. Wireless excellent throughout a day of rather feverish line activity - the evening finds lines to all Bdes (44 through 227) including 6 Gds Tk Bde, line to 11 Armd Div, 7 U.S. Armd Div, two lines to Rear Div, Recce, line to Main Corps and to Rear Corps Air raid over HELMOND. Slight casualties at Rear Div HQ, only rather serious casualty among Sigs personnel being 1 cipher sgt evacuated with cuts from anti-personnel bombs. This will refresh in the minds of all ranks the still very necessary slit-trench being dug on arrival in a new location.	DGH DGH DGH
HELMOND ZOMEREN	30	0900 1130 1300	OC 1 Coy and usual train of line section personnel leave for 7 U.S. Armd Div area, which 15 (S) Div is today taking over. To ascertain line-layout and commence new Div lines. Main Div HQ moves to ZOMEREN (598108) arriving at approx 1245 hrs, followed in the afternoon by Rear Div HQ to 586120. Wireless excellent throughout the move. On arrival here, a complete HSSU FCP is found to be working, having been handed on to us, as it were, by 7 U.S. Armd Div, who left without even giving them the day's routines. Signal Centre established at ASTEN (6113) and together with that and 8 Corps "SWAN" Signal Centre in DEURNE (6419) today's line layout makes good progress. At the end of the day there is a most comprehensive layout to everyone except 1 Middlesex and nothing to Rear Corps. One line only to Main Corps - lateral to 7 US Armd Div, but not to 11 Armd Div as expected. Some of the officers in the HQ buildings for first time - extensions both telephone and W/T satisfactory	DGH DGH DGH

ZOMEREN	31	0800	O.C. "C" Sec (LT RADWAY) sick - section temporarily under comd LT STEARS and engaged today on further consolidation of yesterday's line layout (sec line diagram issued as at 1500 hrs today). Line to 1 Mx, further line to Signal Centre and extensions to 46 Bde who moved forward in the course of the day	DGH
		1000	"R" group officer to see Wireless officer and codes offr to discuss characteristics of the various Div wireless nets for their deception work	Appx J.3 DGH
		1230	C.S.O. 8 Corps visits C.O.	DGH
		1600	O.C. 8 Corps Signals visits C.O. and Adjt and stays to tea with Adjt and Signalmaster.	DGH
			David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjt	

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Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Month and Year NOV 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN	1	0930	C.O. and Adjt visit all three Bdes and ascertain future plans C.O. makes arrangements from Signal Centre for extensions to 44 and 46 Bdes who are moving this afternoon	DGH
		1100	Line Section engaged on these new lines for the two a/m bdes and on improving long line to 1 Mx, which has not been too good. Line to 141 RAC on to 6 Gds Tk Bde.	DGH
		1800	Wireless O.K. throughout day	DGH
	2	1100	C.S.O. 8 Corps visits C.O. bringing with him new CSO 8 Corps, present one leaving, much to everyone's regret.	DGH
		1500	Observer officer attached to the Division to see C.O. for purposes of compiling short biographies of all the heads of services	DGH
		1400	- onwards. Men to baths in HELMOND Line situation pretty well as yesterday - today a reasonably quiet day for Sigs. Line section still fairly well extended, building up on present layout.	DGH DGH
ZOMEREN	3	1000	Heavy hum on some of the Bde lines. Line Sec and indoor linesmen out endeavouring to rectify this and the further building up on lines in general. During the course of the day new direct line laid to 44 Bde by new route - also likely to be of value when 44 Bde move on.	DGH
		1600	C.O. considers shifting signal centre to new location but decides against.	DGH
		1900	Routine check by Codes and Security offr reveals rather a lax state of affairs on ADMS net - a Signals matter, group not properly controlled. C.O. in view of the fact that NCO i/c det has just been dealt with by OC 1 Coy for similar matter orders a further two days' monitoring and further report prior to further action. Codes and Secy officer submitting excellent reports, which have proved of great value in the disciplining and general efficiency of the running of practically every Div net	DGH
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ZOMEREN	4	1200	Line layout considerably altered as from last diagram - see diagram issued as at 1200 hrs In the afternoon second line laid to 1 Mx and first line improved, not having been particularly successful Otherwise, reasonably quiet - both C.O. and 2-in-C rather unwell and confined to quarters	DGH Appx J folio 25 DGH
		1900	Alteration to line diagram - 46 Bde provided with direct line (strapping through at Sig Centre).	
ZOMEREN	5	1130	Church parade as usual - quite a reasonable turnout	DGH
		1200	C.O. leaves for 23 FDS in HELMOND - not serious probably only severe chill, or influenza. Only expected to be absent approx 48 hrs. MAJOR GF JOHNSON (2-in-C) assumes temporary Comd	DGH
		1230	Party leaves for TILBURG to see Div football match against TILBURG (Div wins 3-1).	
		1800	LT JW FULLARTON rejoins unit from attachment to 3 (Br) Div Sigs LT J.J. ADEY now attached to "A" Sec for remainder of his attachment	DGH
		2000	During the course of the day, line layout extended in the HEUSDEN (6211) area to cover possible move of 227 Bde into that area. Certain of these lines kept "warm" at the moment by being utilized as a further pair to the Signal Centre	DGH
ZOMEREN	6	0900	New line under way south along the canal for possible move in that direction by 227 Bde. One of their bns probably going there ahead of remainder of the Bde fixed for line comms via 7 US Armd Div Combat Gp - 15 Div - 227 Bde and another of their Bns withdrawn to HELMOND for brief rest fixes UG DEURNE - HELMOND on party line with 4 GREN GDS of 6 Gds Tk Bde	DGH
		1100	Adjt proceeds to HELMOND to visit CO in 23 FDS and finds him making good progress	DGH
		1400	O.C. Fd Hygiene Sec inspect admin layout Main Div HQ with O.C. H.Q. Coy and RSM	DGH
		1600	2 lines to 6 RSF on Sig Centre board by O.C. Sigs 46 Bde and at 1800 hrs 6 RSF under Div control (in Div reserve) are netted satisfactorily on R/T Comd net and closed shortly afterwards for the night	DGH
ZOMEREN	7	0800	Heavy wind blowing at gale force, creating havoc with lines - "C" Sec on repair work throughout day	DGH
		1000	6 RSF now through on Div pair - Bde lines abandoned	DGH
		1200	O.C. Sigs 51 Div to see C.O. on 51 Div moving into adjoining area - stays for lunch	DGH
		1400	6 Gds Tk Bde moves into HELMOND - through to Swan on UG pair	DGH

ZOMEREN		1630	152 Bde of 51 (H) Div up on Div Comd R/T and CW nets - coming under comd 15 Div 080600 A	DGH
		1630	CSO 8 Corps visits CO regarding dealings with 51 Div	DGH
		1730	Line through to 152 Bde - line already laid most of the way	DGH
		1800	Direct line to 51 Div	DGH
		1800	152 Bde have under comd 2 A&SH - line being fixed by "C" Sec as per previous arrangement (an American line being taken over) to help 227 Bde as, originally, this Bn was proceeding to this area under comd of its own Bde. On move of 6 Gds Tk Bde - separate line to "C" Sqn 141 RAC was laid	DGH
	X		All lines now OK and wireless has been excellent throughout a reasonably difficult day	
ZOMEREN	8	0800	Gale abated. Line situation eased and generally quieter. Day of normal line maintenance and patrolling	DGH
		1100	Wireless situation O.K. - 2 A&SH on Div Comd net to assist 227 Bde. 6 Gds Tk Bde on Div Comd C/W net to help in traffic clearance - only line outlet to them from "SWAN" Corps Sig Centre often blocked	DGH
		1500	44 and 227 Bdes change places - no complications	DGH
		1700	Line to 153 Bde of 51 Div - temporary expedient only, to assist 51 Div who are going to take this line themselves Line diagram issued correct to 1200 hrs.	DGH Appx J folio 26
ZOMEREN	9	0800	No fresh construction on hand for today - day of maintenance, line patrolling, men at baths etc. Wireless activity normal.	DGH
		1800	Corps closing R/T and C/W links at 1800 hrs, to reopen if L/T comms fail. Several stns on Div nets closed also. 152 Bde now no longer under comd - 154 Bde in their place. Line on the board (being taken off by 51 Div).	
ZOMEREN	10	0800	As for yesterday. 51 (H) Div remove 154 Bde line and we now have two lines to their main div. 154 Bde still have 2 A&SH on their board (under Div comd) but we are responsible for the maintenance of this line. "C" Sec det out on building up this line in an effort to ensure no faults on this line in the night	DGH
		1500	44 Bde and 227 Bde again change places without causing any confusion	DGH
ZOMEREN	11	0800	All line pts out on patrolling. Div R/T Comd net and links to Corps closed except for certain daily test calls	DGH
		1600	Adjt goes to fetch CO from 23 FDS and CO returns to the Unit	DGH
	12	0800	O.C. 1 Coy and Codes & Secy ORs depart on 48 hrs leave to BRUSSELS	DGH

		1000	LT J.J. ADEY finishes att of 1 month to the unit and returns 31 RHU Church parade as usual - attendance satisfactory Normal day of line maintenance etc	DGH DGH DGH
		1730	Mess meeting of reconstituted Sigs mess - present messes too large - which O.C. Sigs is joining. CAPT J. ORR elected PMC.	DGH
	13	0800	Normal day commences again - line patrolling etc. One or two minor faults in the course of the day. Parties are proceeding to Brussels on short 48 hours leave at irregular intervals	DGH
		1400	Sigs now responsible for co-ordinating PAD schemes of all units in ZOMEREN - OC HQ Coy nominated as Comd by CO	DGH
		1700	Adjt and OC HQ Coy attend small G2 conference to draw up PAD scheme for Main Div HQ. Signals to be responsible for all billeting and messing buildings	DGH
ZOMEREN	14	0800	Line section on line patrolling again. Line 8 AGRA - Main Div put straight on to RA board and new pair laid Main Div - HQRA. O.C. 2 Coy closes 15 Div RA Sig Centre and makes all his lines direct.	DGH
		1200	Nothing further to report this morning	DGH
		1800	Quiet afternoon - one or two line faults - otherwise nothing to report	DGH
	15	1100	C.O. and Adjt take G1 and A/Q to Rear Div Sig Officer for a trial demonstration of new "scrambler" (privacy) equipment which is to be fitted in GOC's, G1's and A/Q's caravans. Trials to Corps successful	DGH
		1200	Line section have laid new section of direct line to 46 Bde (Div - Sig Centre). Line to 2 Gdns now direct by means of one of the former 51 Div lines (they have now moved). Other line extended to 51 Div new location	DGH
ZOMEREN		1230	O.C. Sigs 49 Div and his Adjt arrive on liaison visit (now in 12 Corps on our right flank). They stay to lunch, the two C.O's and Adjts in their respective messes	DGH DGH
		1300		
		1500	C.O. and Adjt attend demonstration of mine detecting and clearing devices	DGH
		1700	227 Bde have now moved to 640105 (former Div res Bn loc) and have taken over these lines (1 direct to Div - 1 to Sig Centre) Former lines now out of service, except one to Sig Centre in use for 227 Bde A2 echelon	DGH
	16	1100	Several officers to see CO on normal routine matters	DGH
		1030	CSO 8 Corps arrives intending to visit Bdes but Brigs all at Div Comd's conference so does not go	DGH

		1145	Adjnt and OC Sigs Rear attend A/Q conference on domestic matters at Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1400	On move of 51 (H) Div line to them ceases. Line section busy on normal patrolling and "shooting trouble" on and off through the day	DGH
ZOMEREN	17	1030	C.O. holds conference with OC 2 Coy and the three Bde Signal officers to discuss comms layout for a fairly involved TC layout, required for the forthcoming advance of the Div across difficult country. Each of the Bdes and RA are responsible for 1 of the 4 Sector Controls, with Regulating HQ at Main Div. Each can cope - "C" section to do the two longest lays for the line part. All four say they can provide the necessary wireless but CO is trying to borrow four from CSO for the purpose	DGH
		1100	OC 1 Coy joins conference and considers lines both for this purpose and for forthcoming ops and sets line section off on new 46 Bde line for use both for them and for Sector Control "A"	DGH
		1700	Arrangements made with 51 (H) Div for them to put a set on our Div R/T Comd net and also on 227 Bde R/T Comd net	DGH
ZOMEREN	18	0900	Issued 15 (S) Inf Div Signals Op Instr No 1 (Op NUTCRACKER) in connection with above. Line section engaged on programme as per a/m instruction and complete new 46 Bde line started yesterday	DGH Appx D folio 11.
		1330	CO and Adjnt pay routine visits to 44 and 46 Bdes in connection with forthcoming ops	DGH
	19	0730	Line section out on new layout for impending move of Div. Signal Centre closes today and does not reopen yet. At end of day two direct lines to each Bde, 46 Bde having moved at 1430 hrs	DGH
		0915	Church parade with normal turn-out	DGH
		1100	T.C. net opens and nets Sector Control nets A & B and closes	DGH
		1300	Signals Mess as such reopens, after having been merged with Div "B" mess for some months - messes too big. CO joins his own mess from "A" Mess.	DGH
DEURNE	20	0945	Main Div HQ moves to DEURNE (huttet camp 655170) arriving at approx 1100 hrs. Line section, since an early hour, engaged on extension of line layout. No difficulties, with the exception of 227 Bde and Recce, due to whose almost constant moving throughout the day, it is impossible to move on. Line eventually through to Recce at 2200 hrs. No line to 227 Bde.	DGH
		1130		DGH
		1345	Rear Div HQ moves to VLIERDEN (623183) arriving at approx 1600 hrs. Lines through approx 1 hr later. Corps line OK to Main and Rear Corps	DGH
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		1700	A most difficult day for wireless. Appalling interference on both R/T Comd net and Traffic Control net. 227 Bde out of touch, also Recce from approx 2000 hrs. Step-up out	
DEURNE	21	0700	Line section on extremely busy day, building up and maintaining existing lines and struggling in the face of appalling going and increasingly difficult traffic jams to reach 227 Bde. Line finally through 2120.	DGH
		0900	A much better day for the wireless. Last night's interference gone and all comms OK	DGH
		1030	CSO visits OC Signals and meets GOC. Discusses routine matters with CO	DGH
		1330	Sector Control "C" opens. Wireless OK. Line through per Corps quad 1420	DGH
		1700	Line to Sector Control "B" faulty. Difficulty in faulting, not through again until 1900. Same troubles as with 227 Bde (as above)	
		1900	Traffic Control net closes for the night. All lines OK	DGH
DEURNE	22	0700	Div Recce party out to HELENAVEEN (7311) with Main Div scheduled to move there at 1100 hrs and Rear Div HQ coming in here. Move cancelled 1000 hrs. 46 Bde must be allowed to go to Helenaveen. Road conditions appalling. Nowhere else at present for Div HQ to go	DGH
		0900	All wireless OK - line section out on layout for Helenaveen which will not be wasted. 46 Bde through in the late afternoon and Recce shortly afterwards. 227 Bde who have moved twice in the course of the day OK by wireless but state of roads so awful that the line section have to be recalled without being able to reach them. This approved by G1 at 2100 hrs	DGH DGH
		2100		
	23	0900	A day of line maintenance on existing lines with the exception of extension on line to Sector Control "B" who were closer to BERINGEN (7507) and are now linked with second line down lateral route "B" via 46 Bde	DGH
		1600	Plans made for forthcoming move of Div HQ to SEVENUM area (8114) but move subsequently postponed for 24 hours but original plans stand	DGH
		1700	Tests carried out on new "scrambler" telephone equipment to Corps. Appears to be satisfactory	DGH
		1900	Wireless OK throughout day and holding up well	DGH
DEURNE	24	0800	Line section out laying between HORST (8318) and SEVENUM (8114) in view of new positions. This turns out to be an excellent bet as Main Div's new location is in the middle of this line, with 227 Bde at the northern end of it and 46 Bde at the Southern.	DGH

		1400	Rest of the day line maintenance and fault-finding C.O. and O.C. "O" Sec busy on "scrambler" test (OK) and on re-designing signal office vehs. Signal centre now housed in gin palace and 2 TEV's now available for Main Div. One to be fitted out with 2 party-line F&F boards and linesmen's compartment and Signalmaster's office and the other counter-clerks etc.	DGH
		1800	Wireless OK throughout day. TC not now finally closed	DGH
HEGELSOM	25	1030	Main Div HQ moves to HEGELSOM (819156) followed by Rear Div HQ at 1230 hrs to VOORSTE HEES (810141) arriving at approx 1400 and 1700 hrs respectively. Line situation on completion of the day, 2 lines 227 Bde, 1 line 46 Bde, 1 line 1 Mx, 2 lines Rear Div, line Rear Div - Recce, 1 Quad to Corps, with both 1+1 equipments up at Main. The four speech channels are used as follows - 2 direct to Main Corps, 1 Rear Div - Rear Corps, the fourth pair available at present as a third line Main - Rear Div, but likely to be used later for RA - AGRA. 44 Bde who are still in former area have 2 lines to Swan and the fourth speech channel from Main Div terminates there, thus making 44 Bde available	DGH
		1800	Wireless OK throughout day (slight interference on Corps CW net from 1 Mx) but 44 Bde fading in the evening and step up goes out to roughly midway between, just beyond AMERIKA and situation OK	DGH
HEGELSOM	26	0930	Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ on several matters	DGH
		1100	46 Bde move - line ready for them, also lateral to 227 Bde	DGH
		1400	CSO visits CO for general discussions.	DGH
		1530	2 new quads in by Corps - 1 to RA Sig Centre (1 pair on Main Div, 1 on to HQRA), other quad to be strapped through here and through RA Sig Centre, giving quad 8 AGRA - 146 Med Regt but affording alternative routing in case of breakdown	DGH
		1900	Wireless OK throughout day - step-up out to 44 Bde again	DGH
	27	0830	227 move again. New line extended to them, also later lateral to 46 Bde. Line section out laying line to 56 Bde of 49 (WR) Div from whom 44 Bde are taking over night 28/29. Line through to 56 Bde at approx 1600 hrs	DGH
		1030	C.O. and Adjt pay routine visits to 46 and 227 Bdes	DGH
		1400	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH
		1500	C.O. and Adjt routine visits to Sigs Rear Div	DGH
		1900	Wireless state as for yesterday	DGH
	28	0800	Div preparing to go under 12 Corps tomorrow and to take over present area of 49 Div from them, but continuing to be administered by 8 Corps (Rear Div nets staying on to 8 Corps nets)	DGH

HEGELSOM		0830	Div Recce party to PANNINGEN (7704) present HQ 49 Div - next 15 Div loc, also 2i/c, OC "C" Sec and 2 line dets to recce their lines and duplicate same when necessary. Signal centre out there also to set up 'H' pole and be ready to take over lines	DGH
		0845	227 Bde move right back to rest in ASTEN - "C" sec det there to connect them on to 8 Corps Sig Centre (SWAN) - speech OK and will remain so for use by us from 12 Corps	DGH
		1000	O.C. 11 Armd Div Sigs calls to see C.O. - also coming into this area. Has picked up old 227 Bde line - now on to 151 Fd Regt - thence 11 Armd Div	DGH
		1200	CSO 12 Corps calls to see CO re plans for forthcoming move	DGH
		1500	44 Bde move fwd to BERINGE and take over from 147 Bde. Through by line to 49 Div who are obtainable from 12 Corps RA Sig Centre to where we now have 1 pair of a quad	DGH
		1530	6 Gds Tk Bde depart from 15 Div - off all wireless nets etc	DGH
		HEGELSOM		1600
PANNINGEN	29	0900	15 Div comes operationally under comd 12 Corps - through OK on Corps nets. 146 Bde and Recce Regt of 49 Div under comd 15 Div - OK on Div Comd net and 146 Bde later also on C/W net	DGH
		1015	Main Div HQ moves to PANNINGEN (775048) arriving at approx 1130 hrs. Pennants of 49 Div HQ still there, with the usual slight confusion that ensues when one Div takes over from another. At the end of the day (all wireless, such as is working having been OK throughout) there are lines (in some cases more than one) to 44 Bde, 46 Bde, 146 Bde, Recce 49 Div, 12 Corps RA Sig Centre, 12 Corps, 8 Corps RA Sig Centre, 8 Corps, Rear Div and Rear 49 Div. Rear Div have 8 Corps Rear, "Swan" Sig Centre, 12 Corps RA Sig Centre, 8 Corps RA Sig Centre, 15 Recce and 1 Mx. Sig Centre opened, two direct speakers Div - SC. SC have 46 Bde twice & Recce 49 Div	DGH
PANNINGEN	30	0830	Day of considerable activity on lines with several variations on yesterday's situation. Rear 49 Div goes, Signal Centre closes. 1 Mx on Main Div board, line to Rear HQ Fife & Forfar Yeomanry. Line comes in from 160 Bde on closing of Signal Centre, direct line to Recce 49 Div and second line to 46 Bde. Move of 49 Div Rear gives second pair to 12 Corps	DGH
		1345	CO with other members of Div HQ staffs & heads of services, meets 8 Corps Comd, who is leaving, to say goodbye.	DGH
		1800	Wireless OK throughout day	DGH

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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS
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Month and Year DEC 1944

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN	1	0001	Change of frequency list to Inf List B. A smooth change all round. See Appx for last month (issued to all concerned 27/11/44). List "B" greatly preferable to List "A"	DGH
		0800	A day of fairly busy line activity. Position as per line diagram issued 1920 hrs this evening	DGH Appx
		1100	CSO 12 Corps visits CO - ordinary routine visit	DGH
		1430	CO and Adjt attend Div Comd's co-ordinating conference on forthcoming op "GUILDFORD".	DGH
		1600	Authority received for change of nomenclature of CO. No longer O.C. Div Signals but Commander, Royal Signals (C R Sigs) instead	DGH
		2100	Rear Div HQ moves down to this area also (768053). Comms ready for them practically complete. See again current line diagram C.O.'s conference of section officers concerned re forthcoming programme of intense W/T activity (ordered by Corps) to prevent W/T ops and Cipher ops from becoming rusty	DGH DGH
PANNINGEN	2	1000	CO and Adjt visit 44 Bde. CO meets new Brig and arranges several details for forthcoming op (loan of sets for manhandling, if necessary, line arrangements etc)	DGH
		1100	Line section extremely busy today on final layout of lines for op - Signal centre opens again - 2 lines 46 Tac, 44 Tac, 44 Sig Cen. Main Div - Tac 44. Main Div - Sig cen (2). Line laying very difficult today with tremendous traffic on the roads esp Vehs	DGH
		1400	LT J.W. FULLARTON is posted as Unit Signal Officer to 6 KOSB	DGH
		1700	Wireless OK throughout day - 49 Recce now moved away & off both wireless & line. 31 Tk Bde on R/T Comd net (in sp of 44 Bde in forthcoming op)	DGH
	3	0930	Church parade - reasonably good attendance in view of there being a battle in progress	DGH
		1000	C.O. and Adjt visit Signal Centre, 46 Bde and Tac HQ 44 Bde Everything functioning smoothly but a considerable number of	DGH

PANNINGEN		1000	- onwards / line faults throughout day. A certain amount of shelling on the lines but chief source of trouble being own Vehs, especially the AVRE tanks carrying bridges. These pull down most everything. The answer is most difficult to find	DGH
		1200	CSO 12 Corps visits Comd & discusses progress of the op	DGH
		1200	Div R/T Comd net now has 31 Tk Bde and Tac HQ 12 Corps as extra outstns. 31 Tk Bde off the net again by evening	DGH
		1800	Line position as shown by line diagram issued as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx J2
PANNINGEN	4	0800	Line section busy on modifications to layout, with 44 Bde moving up to SEVENUM, 46 Bde to former 44 loc at BERINGE prior to moving back to 227 Bde loc at ASTEN with 227 Bde scheduled for MAASBREE. A certain amount of assistance from both 8 and 12 Corps in providing quad for us to lay ourselves & for 44 Bde who have an extensive layout. As the div looks like being in this area for a considerable period, all lines are being most carefully built with as permanent cable as may be obtained (ie quad as much as possible)	DGH
		1000	Comd holds Coy Comds' conference on various matters, chiefly on tpt and future plans re training	DGH
		1200	A/CSO 8 Corps visits C.O. & Adjt and stays to lunch	DGH
		1400	C.O. holds orderly room - perhaps the largest since leaving England - 4 cases!	DGH
		1600	LT SCHREIBER absorbed in the Unit on 2nd Army Authy (2i/c "A" Sec but employed in "C" Sec). LT STEARS now surplus & posted to 40 RHU but remains attd this Unit for all purposes	DGH
	5	0800	Line Sec again out on line layout, with 44 Tac moving out & back to 44 Main. Direct line to 44 now, with Recce on 44 board 44 - SC and SC - 8 Royal Scots to keep 44 Bde.	DGH
		1500	CO attends Div Comd's conference on training and future ops	DGH
		1600	Lt-Col Lyall R. Signals, instructor at the Staff College, arrives on visit from 8 Corps for the night. Commences tour of layout after tea and takes in Rear Div first with O.C. Sigs Rear	DGH
PANNINGEN	6	0000	Lt-Col Lyall continues his visit and departs at 1000 hrs	DGH
		1200	CO and Adjt depart for HELMOND for much-needed bath & proceed to theatre show	DGH
			Line section engaged throughout day on normal work routine dets assisting both 44 & 227 Bdes. New quad laid Main Div - Signal Centre.	DGH
	7	0930	Adjt holds training conference with Signalmaster, Wireless officer and Cipher officer regarding procedure for W/T links under present semi-static conditions. See instruction issued subsequently	DGH Appx J3

		1100	Line sections out again - new quad being laid Sig Centre - 44 Bde. Arrangements completely for comms to Rear RASC in ZOMEREN (SWAN - 227 Bde - RASC and SWAN - RASC by means of 8 Corps quad) and a further line laid Div Sig Centre - 1 Det assisting 227 Bde in their new area HELDEN (7903) and RA det started on a new layout, which it is reckoned will take 45 miles of D8 double cable to complete.	DGH
		1400	New A Tk Regt (102) (from 50 Div) in place of 97 - require four more frequencies as they have sets from Btys to Tps which 97 never had. Necessary adjustments made	DGH
PANNINGEN	8	0100	Change of frequency list from Inf Div List "B" to Inf Div List "C". Change goes very smoothly indeed	DGH
		0900	227 Bde move out of ASTEN and relieve 160 Bde of 53 Div in HELDEN (7903) and take over existing line. New quad laid to them in course of day and Bde lateral to 53 Div strapped through to Main 15 Div on third pair	DGH
		1415	46 Bde move out of BERINGEN into res in ASTEN and take over existing comms.	
		1700	New quad completed Signal Centre - 44 Bde - one pair still faulty	DGH
	9	0900	15 (S) Div returns under comd 8 Corps - wireless through OK	DGH
		1000	Adjt and OC Sigs Rear attend A/Q conference, which lasts for 3½ hours and discusses many points - accommodation, welfare, surplus MT and leave to UK	DGH
		1400	Comd R Sigs conference of all officers at Main Div HQ and OC Sigs Rear & QM on welfare, Xmas, New Year arrangements & other matters	DGH
PANNINGEN		1700	Certain line adjustments rearwards due to changeover back to 8 Corps - 12 Corps RA Sig Centre away. Now no lines to 12 Corps 1+1 on Main Div - Swan, with carrier strapped through direct to 8 Corps. Recce move today to LIEROP - now also obtainable through SWAN. Forward arrangements still building up - wireless now practically closed	DGH
	10	0930	Church parade at Main Div HQ with very good attendance and a most excellent service	DGH
		1200	CSO 8 Corps arrives on a social visit and stays to lunch and meets most of the Unit officers at Main Div HQ	DGH
		1700	Line secs both of this Unit and of Corps Sigs still heavily engaged on building up and effecting alterations to one line set-up. Now very nearly in shape	DGH

PANNINGEN	11	0100	1st 24 hour period of training on the Div C/W net begins. Goes quite all right, except for the Bde resting back in the ASTEN	DGH
		0100	- onwards / area, where there is considerable difficulty, especially with practice all-stns messages from other outstns. Decided that in future the resting Bde will not be included in the scheme.	DGH
		1430	Adjt attends Div Comd's conference on the forthcoming opening of leave to the UK	DGH
	12	1000	CO and Adjt pay routine visits to 44 and 227 Bdes, chiefly to see how they are getting on with their extensive line layouts - all going well	DGH
		1000	ASM LEEMING W WO i/c LAD today granted emergency commission as 2/LT in REME. CAPT WD TONER (OC A SEC) granted 14 days compassionate leave	DGH
		1700	Line layout now practically complete - hope to issue complete line diagram tomorrow	
		1700	Special Interference Section arrives - working on frequencies with Codes & Security sec for interferences of all kinds	DGH
PANNINGEN	13	0830	CO and 2 i/c leave for ZOMEREN to see presentation of medal ribbons by C-in-C and hear his address to recipients and senior offrs of the Div	DGH
		1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs. Line layout now completed with line lateral 44 Bde - 3 Mons - 159 Bde - 11 Armd Div. Speech excellent. Only forthcoming change now pending (to be completed tomorrow) is removal of 3rd quad pair, belonging to 8 Corps from 44 Bde and turning it into a direct line to 46 Bde in ASTEN (via Swan Sig Centre)	DGH Appx J4
		1800	Wireless on second day of intense CW activity on Div Comd net - position greatly eased by the exclusion of the resting Bde in ASTEN from the scheme	DGH
	14	1000	LT D.W. SOUTAR from 50 (N) Div Sigs attached this Unit FAP. An old and valued member of this Unit to welcome back	DGH
		1000	A day of normal routine - a direct line provided now (via Swan) to the resting Bde in ASTEN	DGH
PANNINGEN	15	1000	CO, Adjt, OC 2 Coy visit 131 and 181 Fd Regts. CO arranges for new direct line (half-phantom) 44 Bde - 181 Fd Regt	DGH
		1100	Capt KR CURRY Cipher Officer posted back to UK	DGH
		1200	Lt M STEARS posted 3 (Br) Inf Div 193 Fd Amb on by line to 44 Bde. 194 Fd Amb on to Main Div	DGH DGH
	16	1000	CO and Adjt - 2 i/c already there - proceed to 53 (W) Div HQ to see there C R Sigs with reference to 46 Bde who are taking over from 160 Bde tomorrow. 46 Bde are moving into HQ 53 (W) Div	DGH

		1200	present locations so the situation is arranged without undue difficulty	DGH
		1415	CO presides over the draw of the ballot for UK leave, which passes off most smoothly	DGH
		1600	CO attends Div Comd's conference on future plans & trg	DGH
			CO and Adjt pay second visit to 53 Div in connection with the a/m takeover	
PANNINGEN	17	0945	Church Parade conducted by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. A most beautiful service and the Moderator's words most moving	DGH
		1000	46 (H) Bde move to HEYTHUIZEN area (7903) arriving about midday and are immediately through by line - 1 quad pair direct and 1 46 Bde - 3 AGRA - HQRA 15 Div - 15 Div	DGH
		1730	Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ on forthcoming move and plans	DGH
	18	0030	Adjt issues leave roster together with vacancies for Jan 1945	DGH
		1000	CO and 2 i/c leave for 30 Corps and HQ Canadian Army to discuss forthcoming move of the Div into their area. They are away all day	
		1100	44 Bde lines, damaged by Carriers, through again OK	DGH
			Lateral to 11 Armd Div under way - lateral from 44 Bde now changing to unit of 3 (Br) Div. Line laid for 11 Armd Div to 227	
		1200	RA det	
		1200	Lt FC BROCK attached as interim Cipher officer in place of Capt Curry, pending arrival of permanent replacement	DGH
PANNINGEN	19	1000	Certain changes in the rearward line layout - 8 Corps taking over former 12 Corps lines - 12 Corps Sig Centre at WEERT becomes 8 Corps Sig Centre "GOOSE" to which we have former 12 Corps quad, giving one line to "GOOSE" and the other strapped through as lateral to 11 Armd Div	DGH
		1200	Issued line diagram as at 1800 hrs today	DGH Appx J5
		1400	An afternoon of normal routine - CO has small orderly room and interviews etc. Wireless day on CW net - practice traffic now excluded from this scheme on orders from Corps. OC Sigs Rear away today on Div Recce party to new area	DGH
	20	1000	Line Section engaged on new lateral 44 Bde - 185 Bde (3 (Br) Div) to replace present - UG pair SEVENUM - HORST utilized for this purpose and through by 1400 hrs. 520 CA det (making third) now 15 Div responsibility for comms - put on party line with 218 det & 39 FS	DGH
		1600	CO decides for the present to cut out "wireless days" altogether	DGH

PANNINGEN	21	0900	C-in-C's certificates for outstanding good service to LT (QM) J.A. SHIELDS, SGT D. UNSTEAD ("A" Sec), CSM C. ANDERSON (HQ 1 COY), SGT R.W. BROWN ("J" Sec (posthumous)), CPW G.E. SPARKS ("N" Sec). The CO is going to present these formally on Xmas day	DGH
		1000	Cpl Wilkes ("A" Sec) returns from DAD course at 2nd Army School at EINDHOVEN, having obtained Q1 and OC 1 Coy institutes a unit course of ten days (2 more in the afternoon)	DGH
		1100	Adjt inspects cookhouse, ration stores etc	DGH
		1400	Normal routine afternoon - NTR	DGH
	22	1000	CO and Adjt visit CSO's branch 8 Corps and lunch in 8 Corps Sigs Mess. Complete trace of all 15 Div lines in present area handed to A/CSO	DGH
		1600	On returning, several changes in rearward lines found - 3 AGRA pair - 8 AGRA instead and lines to "GOOSE". 11 Armd Div had to go through their board. 46 Bde alternative routing gone - temporarily at least	DGH
PANNINGEN		1720	46 Bde late for daily test call on R/T net - necessary action taken	DGH
	23	1100	Comd attends Div Comd's conference on training etc. Schools to continue under Bde arrangements	DGH
		1400	46 Bde lay line 46 Bde - 61 Med Regt, thus restoring alternative routing (15 Div - 8 AGRA - 61 Med - 46 Bde)	DGH
		1500	O.C. Line Sqn 8 Corps arrives from 8 Corps on way to see OC 44 Bde Sigs re undergrounds SEVENUM - BLERICK	DGH
	24	0930	Church Parade with excellent carol-singing by all present and the Christmas spirit is now considerably in evidence	DGH
		1700	A number of shells fall in the village - no casualties, but direct line to 46 and party line to CA and RS Secs put out - speech OK on alternative routing to 46 but C/W net opened to them for message clearing	DGH
		2030	Unit carol-singing party tours officers' messes and sing excellently	DGH
PANNINGEN	25	0800	WO & Sgts take tea to ORs in bed - usual Christmas morning. Ringing fault on 46 Bde rather damps the ardour of "C" Sec	DGH
		1130	Unit carol-singers perform at church service of 1 Mx	DGH
		1300	CO, 2i/c, Adjt visit men's dinner at Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1330	Men's dinner - after visit by officers to WO's & Sgts Mess - a very good show. GOC visits and presents C-in-C's certificates as previously mentioned	DGH
		1800	Men attend performance of "A Christmas Carol" performed by the monks of the monastery	DGH
		2000	Officers Mess Christmas dinner	

		2030	Housey-Housey etc in the men's recreation room - all the Xmas arrangements have really gone very well	DGH
PANNINGEN	26	1400 1800 2100	CO and Adjt pay routine visit to 46 Bde CO and Adjt attend performance of a nativity play and "A Christmas Carol" by monks of the local monastery CO and Adjt attend performance of Div HQ officers pantomime in which CAPT ORR plays part of heroine - most amusing Otherwise a quiet day - a certain amount of trouble on the Corps line with the carrier and on the 46 Bde line, but nothing serious. Ominous note struck in the evening by receiving word that the Unit has to provide 8 OWLs and 1 Dvr/Mech for R Sigs draft for Far East	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	27	1045 1430 1730	CO and Adjt attend talk by GS01 to all ranks bringing them up to date with the feats of the Division from Normandy up to the present position CSO 2nd Army (Brig KNOWLES late CSO 8 Corps) visits CO CO and Adjt attend film show in Men's mess - an excellent show, but Mess Hall freezing cold - OC HQ Coy not yet obtained stoves	DGH DGH DGH
	28	0900	A day of ordinary routine. Nothing outstanding to report. Fault (contact) on 44 Bde quad in afternoon, otherwise NTR	DGH
PANNINGEN	29	1000 1300 1530	Routine morning - issued instructions regarding the recommencement of "wireless days" starting tomorrow on the Corps nets and on the Div nets after New Year Issued Line Diagram as at 1400 hrs CO and Adjt attend the second of three children's parties being run at Div HQ for the children of the village. Great success	DGH DGH J6 DGH
	30	1045 1100 1500 1600	CO addresses draft of 9 ORs under order for the Far East CO and Adjt depart for LIEROP to inspect Recce Regt Sig Sec and Recce Sigs Training Cadre CAPT TONER returns from compassionate leave Linesmen out on 46 Bde and Rear Div lines damaged by three shells falling quite near Div HQ. All OK again in approx 1½ hrs - new piece required to be laid in 46 Bde line	DGH DGH DGH DGH
	31.	0945 1900	Church Parade as normal - good attendance CO and Adjt to Sigs "C" Mess at Rear Div HQ for Hogmanay celebration	DGH DGH
			David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjt 15th (Scottish) Inf Div Signals	

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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS
(incl LAD attd)

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Month and Year JAN 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN	1	1145	Small sherry party in Sigs Mess to usher in the New Year, attended by GOC G1 A/Q etc etc - most of the senior officers of Div HQ	DGH
		1700	A number of shells, larger than normal, fall in the PANNINGEN area - no damage, only faulty line being the alternative routing to 46 Bde	DGH
		1830	Second sherry party in Sigs Mess for the more junior officers of Div HQ - both parties a great success and Comd & officers drink the health of Mess Cpl and Men's Cook at drinks afterwards	DGH
	2	0830	CO and OC Sigs Rear (OC 3 Coy) depart for Brussels on 48 hrs leave	DGH
		1000	A busy morning, chiefly devoted to fixing up extra signal stores for 227 Bde and for the DUTCH Coy under comd 44 and for the Div school opening shortly beyond Brussels	DGH
		1500	Draft of 9 men received to replace those posted the other day to Far East	DGH
PANNINGEN	3	1800	A normal day of busy routine with nothing outstanding to report	DGH
	4	1000	First case of its kind - Court of Inquiry sits to declare a Sgmn of Codes & Security "illegally absent" having failed to return from compassionate leave	DGH
		1200	Line laid by "C" Sec to 6342 LWS (Light Warning Set) of RAF 46 Bde line faulty this morning - also attended to by both "C" Sec and 46 Bde linesmen	DGH
		1700	CO and OC 3 Coy return from BRUSSELS	DGH
	5	1100	Routine morning with CO interviewing several people in the ordinary course of affairs, including LT CR WICKS posted to us from 12 Corps Sigs as Cipher officer. LT BROCK (att) leaves on the 7th.	DGH
		1445	CO and Adjt pay routine visit to 44 Bde and 227 Bde remaining for tea at 44 Bde	DGH

PANNINGEN	6	1000	Normal routine day - nothing to report	DGH
		1200	Adjt with Signalmaster and Codes offr leaves for HELMOND for bath etc	DGH
		1745	Comd has interview with GOC	DGH
	7	0945	Church parade as normal	DGH
		1000	ORD moving mostly from Rear Div to ASTEN - problem of comms not easy, especially with ORD - such a busy extension and taking the OFP with them. Recce shortly vacating LIEROP and coming further forward but this line of no value for ORD. Only solution is to make ORD and Rear RASC a party line and arrangements for this under way & completed by 1800 hrs	DGH
		1800		DGH
PANNINGEN	8	1000	Signal officer RECCE to see CO and Adj re forthcoming move of Recce Regt on Wednesday or Thursday of this week to STICHTING HEILBLOEN (717015). "C" sec start on this lengthy lay which will be carried on from new HQ Recce Regt to 46 Bde. 8 miles of quad specially authorized by CSO for this job. Line sec also engaged on cable recovery and receive rum ration at night	DGH
		1100	CO with OC 1 Coy inspects all CVs at Main and Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1200	Unit receives its first "weasel" - with LAD for inspection	DGH
		1400	Signalmaster Rear on ORD problem again - possible alternative solution	DGH
	9	0930	- onwards. Adjt engaged in taking Summary of Evidence in the case of Sgmn Fielding (damage to veh - refusal to accept CO's award)	DGH
		1000	"C" cable again on Recce line - by the afternoon only 500 yds to do - held up by fresh supplies of quad cable not arriving until the evening	DGH
		1400	Commanding Officer's orderly room	DGH
PANNINGEN	10	0840	CV1 and CV2 remain open after normal test call for move of Recce	DGH
		1030	at 1030 hrs - comms OK. Recce move	DGH
		1250	Recce in new location. Both pairs of new line through are terminated at present on Recce board (later to be taken on to 46 Bde). Contact between both pairs partially remedied. Line is UG from PANNINGEN - BERINGEN thence quad.	DGH
		1500	218 CA and 39 FS line cease as party line - both now through on separate UG lines	DGH
		1700	ORD and RASC now on separate direct lines from SWAN (RASC on former Recce line (SWAN - UG HELMOND - UG LIEROP - D8 ZOMEREN BRIDGE - quad RASC) and ORD on former RASC stumped at ASTEN Speech OK on both circuits	DGH
	2150	Extreme Frost Warning received (14° of frost tonight). Necessary precautions taken - both for engines and for batteries - all	DGH	

			engines being run for 20 mins every 4 hrs (all vehs are already filled with glycol mixture)	
PANNINGEN	11	0900	A day of normal routine. One CV (LP) exchange this day on Corps authority for one ACV (LP) from 11 Armd Div. To be used as a spare especially for a Bde HQ going forward into an exposed position in which case the Bde will make a temporary exchange with "A" Sec with one of its own CV's.	DGH
		1000		DGH
		1930	The new G1 (LT-COL HAILEY) comes to the Sigs Mess for drinks before dinner	DGH
	12	1000	Comd attends GOC's conference on future events - changeovers in Bdes etc, additional tps coming under comd and the Div area considerably enlarged in the near future	DGH
		1400	CSO 8 Corps visits Comd and remains for about 1½ hours, talking over routine matters and inspecting one or two of the CVs	DGH
		1800	First of the Main Div HQ Officers PT classes - in the conference room. A great success - actually a dancing class and "strip the willow" was practiced on this occasion, with the aid of one of the SIGS pipers	DGH
	13	1200	Issued Line Diagram as at 1800 hrs	DGH Folio 21
		1300	Comd and OC 3 Coy leave for Corps on routine visit and to attend an evening function with 8 Corps Signals	DGH
PANNINGEN	14	0915	Church parade as normal. CO and Adjt, with 2in-c, busy on many matters of greater and lesser importance, prior to departure tomorrow of CO on leave	DGH
		1000	Link working (CV6 (outstn) - CV5) to Div School at GENVAL nr Brussels, a distance of 78 miles. R5 both ways CW, speech not practicable - rod aerals only, naturally, results considered reasonably satisfactory	DGH
		1400	Line Section out recceing new line to be laid to ASTEN - a lengthy lay forced upon us at last by the amount of lines already on the SWAN board and by the incoming fourth Bde already mentioned coming in to ASTEN shortly	DGH
PANNINGEN	15	1000	CO and Codes & Secy officer depart on UK leave. Major GF JOHNSON assumes comd of the Unit	DGH
		1000	Adjt engaged on additional summary of evidence on the Fielding case	DGH
		1430	CO has conference of those concerned on the subject of forthcoming changes in Bde dispositions and of 1 Cdo Bde coming u/c 15 (S) Div on 18 Jan. Arrangements satisfactorily concluded.	DGH
	16	1000	Line to ASTEN turns out to have been a good "spec" - 1 Cdo Bde, prior to coming u/c 15 Div concentrating in ASTEN at old 227 Bde HQ and we are able to connect them on without delay. ORD also	DGH

		1000	put in parallel on this line, but later in the day, 10 line exchange established in ASTEN with Div line terminating there and 1 CDO Bde and ORD as extensions	DGH
		1800	Adjt engaged on Summary of Evidence in the case of a returned absentee from compassionate leave	DGH
PANNINGEN	17	1215	COL ASHLEY (47 Trg Div SIGS) and LT-COL COPELAND (MT3) arrive on visit to the Unit - leaving tomorrow morning. After lunch they proceed with A/CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy to 44 Bde and visit Rear Div HQ and Signal Office etc at Main Div HQ after tea	DGH
		1400		DGH
		1600	Sig Offr (CAPT BEATTIE) 1 CDO Bde visits Adjt and many points in connection with their takeover settled (frequencies, codesigns etc). Proceeds after tea with OC 3 Coy to talk over a/m matters, particularly UC switchboards and telephones, which are proving the greatest difficulty in these handovers - they have none and no one has any to issue to them! ACSO meets QM to arrange matters on the 'Q' level	DGH
	18	1000	Adj again engaged on court-martial work & other returns - Hons & Awards etc. LT QM departs on leave	DGH
		1100	A/CO and Adjt on burning problem of phones etc for 1 CDO Bde with more success today by a good combout from all corners of the division	DGH
		1800	Ech allotment of leave received - very much reduced	DGH
PANNINGEN	19	0900	Final arrangements on the Sigs side made for the changeover of Bdes tomorrow and also for INNS OF COURT Regt of 11 Armd Div who are also coming under comd and going into ASTEN tomorrow - no problem now as they will take over the lines at present in use by 1 CDO Bde. Wireless silence forward tomorrow	DGH
		1000	Line Sec engaged on two lines from our ASTEN switching centre (now known as "DIAMOND") partly UG (from LIEROP) to HELMOND for 44 and 46 Bde Wkshps. Completed by 1700 hrs	DGH
		1400	Adjt commences clear-out of all secret files & institutes new filing system	DGH
	20	0900	Line sections engaged on completion of work in ASTEN area	DGH
		1100	44 Bde (less Tac HQ) move out - 227 Bde take over and 1 CDO Bde take over from 227 Bde. All lines taken and handed over satisfactorily. INNS OF COURT Regt move into 1 CDO location in ASTEN - lines OK there also and 'A' Sec rep proceeds there for wireless briefing	DGH
PANNINGEN		1230	News of Div being relieved almost immediately by 6 Airborne Div and Div going back to TURNHOUT - HERENTHALS area for rest	DGH

			<p>period. Secrecy extreme but former plan of ops under 30 Corps appears to be a certainty. Div will be under 1st Cdn Army in rest area. Recce parties laid on for tomorrow - all quite smoothly as per previous arrangements when this plan was in the air before</p> <p>1530 Adjt, OC 3 Coy and OC HQ Coy attend A/Q conference on above at Rear Div HQ. A/CO sees Col etc</p> <p>1700 Adv party 6 Airborne Div arrives - 3 offrs & 9 ORs. CAPT BLACK (OC HQ COY) returns from leave.</p> <p>1800 All arrangements in order for tomorrow and all & sundry of those "in the picture" are heartily delighted at the prospect of leaving PANNINGEN</p>	DGH DGH DGH
PANNINGEN	21	<p>0930 A/CR Sigs leaves for Corps, new Div area etc</p> <p>0930 Line Sec of 6 Airborne and ours out together recceing for taking & handing over lines</p> <p>1200 Issued Line Diagram as @ 1200 hrs</p> <p>1300 Information received that 1 CDO Bde leaving again tomorrow & being relieved by 8 RS, 4 KSLI and INNS OF COURT (both 11 Armd Div) all directly under comd 15 (S) Div. Arrangements made for netting of 4 KSLI and 8 RS. Adjt arranges for DIAMOND switch to close wef first light 22nd and to proceed to HELDEN to take over lines from 1 CDO Bde</p> <p>1700 CV6 moved from Div School to Report Centre at new Div HQ at HERENTHALS and reports to OC Div Recce Party (Major HOUSTON). After some little difficulty comms established R3 each way</p> <p>1800 Tremendous arguments over swbds and teles to be handed over to incoming Div - finally settled but not easily</p> <p>2000 A/CR Sigs returns and has left half of line section in new area but most lines already in existence (51 (H) Div)</p>	DGH DGH DGH Appx Folio 22 DGH DGH DGH DGH	
PANNINGEN	22	<p>0830 Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ - Div now moving to TILBURG and not to HERENTHALS</p> <p>0915 Spare F&F switchboard takes over lines from 1 CDO Bde in HELDEN smoothly giving lines to the 2 bns in the line, 8 RS & INNS OF COURT, and other Helden subscribers</p> <p>0920 Recce move out and pair in quad strapped through direct to 46 Bde</p> <p>1010 1 CDO Bde move out</p> <p>1035 All stns satisfactorily netted, including 8 RS for the first time on Div Comd R/T net</p> <p>1115 A/CR Sigs leaves for 30 Corps & TILBURG on liaison with CSO and on recce</p>	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH	

		1800	Line traces, diagrams etc handed over to senior rep of adv party of 6 Airborne Div	
PANNINGEN	23	0900	A day of final adjustments and arrangements - 6 Airborne take over lines at 1100 hrs - situation somewhat complicated by the fact of us moving tomorrow and comd not actually passing until 250001B hrs but 6 Airborne agree to take Rear lines for us	DGH
		0900	- onwards / except for CCRA line which we are doing - armd car remaining also to hold Div Comd net until changeover - Col remaining behind - net now consisting of 227 Bde, 3 Para Bde and 5 Para Bde both of whom are now under comd 15 Div (satisfactorily netted at 1300 hrs - 1½ hrs before actually coming under comd). We are leaving small party behind for various duties under OC HQ Coy with lines section also leaving half behind until following day	DGH
		1400	A/CR Sigs conference with 6 Airborne reps for final details	DGH
		1500	A/CR Sigs departs for new area	DGH
		1800	Still arguments on vexed question of exchanges and telephones but reasonably satisfactorily settled. A good handover in general	DGH
nr TILBURG	24	0945	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ leaves PANNINGEN and moves to the SEMINARY (235380) near TILBURG with Rear Div HQ in the CONVENT at SPARENDEAL (283405) arriving at approx 1600 hrs. Now under 30 CORPS, 1st CDN ARMY	DGH
		1700	Corps quad through - 1 pr through to Rear Div - Div lines quad to OISTERWIJK (2334) thence UG into TILBURG for 44, 46 Bdes. Only 46 Bde in so far, but arrangements well in hand for all subscribers. Wireless silence on for Div - change to List "A" wef 0100 hrs tomorrow. New list produced tonight - netting times to follow	DGH
nr TILBURG	25	0900	Issued 30 Corps freqs to all concerned	DGH
		1000	CV5 nets on Corps R/T Comd net at 10 mins notice - R5 right away and first stations to come up and group. Rest of wireless nets still silent. Line sections busy on completing line layout - line through to 227 Bde as soon as they arrive and line also completed this afternoon to HQRASC - other subscribers not yet arrived at locations	DGH
		1240	Rear party arrives from PANNINGEN - all handed over there most satisfactorily	DGH
		1430	A/CR Sigs and Codes Offr go to Corps on routine visit re wireless arrangements, link-signs, codes (now 1 CDN Army) etc	DGH
nr TILBURG	27	1000	A/CR Sigs attends planning conference at HQ 30 Corps, returning at lunch time	DGH

		1200	Issued line diagram as @ 1600 hrs - line layout now exactly as per this diagram	DGH Appx Folio 23
		1400	Adjt and Signalmaster leave for Tilburg for much-needed bath	DGH
		1800	Adjt and Sgt Morris (orderly room Sgt) briefed for op "VERITABLE" by A/CR Sigs	DGH
	28	0945	Church Parade as normally	DGH
		1500	All 15 Div nets down to but excl 18 & 38 set nets open and net on Inf List "A" in connection with op "TURBINATE II" - as per 4000/G(Ops) issued by "G" for Sigs dated 26/1/45 - all comms satisfactorily established despite Corps confusion who appear incapable of deciding whether they are on Corps List "A" or "B" - some Corps nets on A and others on B. Certain nets find increasing interference as evening comes (CV1, CV8, CV7), Adjt attempting to clear	DGH Appx Folio 24
nr TILBURG	29	0900	Wireless position much more satisfactory this morning but decided to put Div Comd R/T on to alternative freq on next period	DGH
		1100	All wireless nets close	DGH
		1600	OC Sigs 6 GDS TK BDE (coming under comd 15 Div) to see A/CR Sigs and Adjt - Bde moving into TILBURG tomorrow - arrangements made for line for them by tomorrow night	DGH
	30	0930	A/CR Sigs leaves for Corps to discuss line layout in assembly area for forthcoming ops	DGH
		1045	Adjt and Codes Offr depart for Corps for frequency allotment and callsign conferences respectively	DGH
		1140	A/CR Sigs returns	DGH
		1610	Adjt and Codes Offr return - several amendments to be made in freq allotment in order to assist the move	DGH
			Appalling clashes with other fmns in the ops	
		1620	CR Sigs and Codes Offr return from leave. CR Sigs reassumes comd	DGH
nr TILBURG	31	0800	Wireless state OK all round - Div R/T comd net now on alt freq of 2128 Kc/s - better than 2372 Kc/s on this occasion	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs and 2 i/c leave for Corps to see CSO on line matters	DGH
		1030	Unit receives 3 weasels (two allotted "C" and one to "D" Sec) but one has to go straight to wkshps	DGH
		1125	Unit receives 2 C52 wireless sets - for CCRA and Corps Comd nets - and two of the 9 sets are to be handed over to 3 (Br) Div Sigs	DGH
		1600	Wireless det of "R" Force arrives - to take over from us by degrees, the Rear R/T link to Corps - part of the "TURBINATE II" deception plan	DGH

		1700	CO of No5 Special Wireless Sec ("R" Force) calls to see CO re the above and the forthcoming recording of certain of the Div nets	DGH
		2030	CR Sigs and 2 i/c leave for GOC's party in TILBURG	DGH
			David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant	

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Month and Year FEB 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
nr TILBURG	1	0730 1000 1210 1630 2200	OC 1 Coy and lines officer leave for line Recce in new area of forthcoming ops CR Sigs attends Div Comd's Co-ordinating Conference Rep of Gds Armd Div arrives to recce our present line layout etc. They are taking over from us here when we move out OC 1 Coy and lines officer return after successful day Wireless situation has been OK throughout day and 6 GDS TK Bde netted on Div Comd R/T and C/W nets at midday satisfactorily and all nets now close and period of wireless silence now in force	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
nr TILBURG	2	0900 1100 1430 2015	"R" Force personnel arrive for the recording of Div Comd R/T and CRASC nets - very satisfactory. "R" Force comments as the best performances they have had for a long period CO & Adjt leave for 88 Gen Hospital to visit Capt Toner and Lt Soutar - Toner slight concussion after fall on ice and Soutar leg injury - both making satisfactory progress CO and Adjt leave for 30 Corps for final tying-up of lines in new area with CSO. A most satisfactory interview and several points cleared up OC 1 Coy, lines offr and bulk of "C" Sec depart in 6 Gds Tk Bde column for NIJMEGEN (new loc Div HQ) to get started on big line layout in NIJMEGEN itself and forward in the area of forthcoming ops	DGH DGH DGH DGH
	3	0900 1500 1900	"R" Force personnel return to record the Div "Q" Comd net Recce party - OC 3 Coy, OC HQ Coy and "G" offr proceed to NIJMEGEN to lay out new Div HQs. Wireless silence is now imposed on the Div until further orders OC Guards Armd Div Sigs calls to visit CO to discuss arrangements for the handover in this area In the "London Gazette" for 2nd Feb - MC for MAJOR GF JOHNSON 2 i/c of the unit - this news heard with very great pleasure	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH

nr TILBURG	4	0930 1400 1430 1500	All officers, except adv party under OC HQ COY which left for new area at 0830 hrs this morning, leave for TILBURG to attend Corps Comd and Div Comd briefing conference for op "VERITABLE" 15 (S) Div Signals Operation Instr No 1 Op "VERITABLE" is begun and continues until approx 050200A hrs - of necessity by the scale of the operation, the biggest Op Instr from this office since "OVERLORD" CR Sigs visits Sigs at Rear Div Adv party GDS ARMD DIV arrives to take over lines etc which proceeds perfectly smoothly	DGH DGH Appx D.1. DGH DGH
	5	0900 1600	Preparations in hand for move-out of Div to NIJMEGEN Div HQ and approx 1 hour later Rear Div HQ on move, and arrive new location NIJMEGEN (714615) and Rear Div (714616) at approx 060600A and 060800A respectively. A long and difficult journey with several vehs ditched en route	DGH DGH
NIJMEGEN	6	0915 1100 2300	Lines through to 6 GDS TK Bde, 46 and 227 Bdes who are already in situ, also in NIJMEGEN. Lines keep on coming in throughout day - picture (less Sig Centre comms) as per line diagrams Appces L2 and L3 issued this evening by 2100 hrs (less 53 Div not through until 071125A hrs) Adjt attends A/Q co-ordinating conference at Rear Div HQ Nothing vital for Sigs except line required fwd for Traffic Sector Control - completed in the course of the afternoon Issued Appces L2 and L3 to Op Instr No 1 and Amdt No 2	DGH DGH DGH Appces
NIJMEGEN	7	0900 1200 1400 1600 1730 1030	Final preparations in hand - all line arrangements completed including fwd comms as per Appx L2 referred to above CO attend Div Comd's Traffic Control Conference All ranks Main and Rear Div attend briefing conference by GOC and G1 CO attends Div Comd's final co-ordinating conference LT DW SOUTAR rejoins the unit from hospital Further alternative routing to Signal Centre laid on - Sig Centre - RHLI - 4 CDN BDE - 2 CDN DIV - 15 DIV - speech excellent	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	8	0600 0800 0930 1030 1100	Div Comd net opens to 227 Bde only All HQ 15 Div nets open and net - all OK (one RASC Coy via HQ RASC otherwise everything in order) Links to 30 Corps open - all OK H HOUR 2 HCR (now under comd 15 Div) net on R/T Comd net - OK Line situation as normal in all ops - a certain number of faults throughout the day and the situation complicated by both 46 &	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH

NIJMEGEN		1430	227 Bdes, the two fwd bdes in Phase I of the op, employing Tac HQs and also 44 Bde later in the day and 6 Gds. CO visits Sig Centre and confers with OC 1 Coy, who is already pushing new lines fwd from Sig Centre - traffic & state of roads the chief difficulties - Tac 44 and 227 very hard to reach with line by nightfall	DGH
		1800	Wireless situation worsening rapidly with very considerable interference on practically every net - Div Comd especially affected. Step up sent out but results far from satisfactory	DGH
		2000	CO departs in Armd Car to endeavour to fix matters with a step-up	DGH
NIJMEGEN	9	0200	GOC leaves for ACV and spends night there - CO with him most of the time. Wireless situation not good throughout night	DGH
		0645	Wireless position greatly improved - possibility of German jamming set having been in operation and now driven back.	DGH
		0830	Div Recce party leaves and recces GROESBEEK (7555) and KRANENBURG (7756) area for move of Main Div HQ - subsequently cancelled for today at any rate	DGH
		0900	- onwards. Bde Tac HQs constantly moving about - quite impossible to follow them up with lines - due to state of roads and traffic blockers but wireless greatly improved throughout day	DGH
		1400	CO visits all Bdes at their Tac HQs - has to walk last bit due to road conditions	DGH
		1500	Sec Sgt "A" Sec out to intermediate position as last night had Sig Centre with two step-ups - the ACV and spare 12 set CV - but night shows that conditions greatly different from last night - step up only very occasionally and all stns remain through	DGH
		2200	directly to control, strengths having only dropped to a good R3 and ranges increased	DGH
	10	1000	A very similar day to yesterday - line sections not possible to catch up to Bde Tac HQ's except 6 Gds Bde, who are linked on to 46 Bde Tac	
		1800	Wireless position satisfactory throughout day but now beginning to deteriorate again as on previous night - step up not of great avail	DGH
		1900	CAPT W.D. TONER rejoins Unit from 10 (Cdn) General Hospital	DGH
		2300	Wireless comms very much improved again after being most difficult - explanation of such difficulty over such reasonable ranges quite baffling, but comms one way or another have been maintained throughout	DGH

NIJMEGEN	11	0930	Main Div HQ (Rear Div HQ remains for the present) leaves for GERMANY and arrives new location (NUTTERDEN 853558) at approx 1230 hrs. As an original member of this Division I wish to say this night and trust that it may not be considered frivolous "The mills of God grind slow, but they grind exceeding small"	DGH
GERMANY NUTTERDEN		1600	Lines through to 44, 46, 227, Recce - quads to Corps Sig Centre in flooded KRANENBURG - but only one line thence to Corps - not very satisfactory	DGH
		1900	R/T Comd net closed partially - 44, 46, 227 off the group for the night - otherwise all comms OK	DGH
NUTTERDEN	12	0900	Extreme difficulty today, owing to heavy flooding, in reaching Rear Div still in NIJMEGEN - only 3 tonners possible for DRW and they strictly limited	DGH
		1000	46 Bde sent out "Jock" column using Div Comd R/T alternate freq	DGH
		1400	Lines laid to 130 D.I.D. and 8 T.C.P. (for Corps)	DGH
		1600	Sig Centre open at 882560 - lines laid from there to 46 Bde and Recce but quad from Main Div HQ - Sig Centre not completed until 2320 hrs	DGH
		2200	Wireless situation reasonably good, in spite of heavy but intermittent interference throughout day, including to Rear Div - just as well this, as both Corps lines faulty throughout evening and these were the only way of reaching Rear Div by line	DGH
	13	0700	44 Bde in support of 43 Div - netted satisfactorily on 43 Div R/T Comd net only. 2 HCR now no longer under comd 15 Div	DGH
		1000	CO and Adjt leave on routine visits to 44, 46, 227, 6 Gds, Recce, 1 Mx and Signal Centre, and also inspect progress on build-up of line layout (continued throughout day) on existing structure	DGH
		1500	CO and Adjt leave again for 44 Bde - they are now in support of 53 Div - same procedure as this morning with 43 Div and have suffered (Sig Section) heavily in this operation in both men and vehs and despite assistance from Sigs HQ today in both personnel and eqpt.	DGH
NUTTERDEN	14	0900	Div Recce party out to CLEVE and arrange new HQ in the BARRACKS square (8855)	DGH
		1430	Main Div HQ moves as indicated above, arriving at approx 1600 hrs - line situation reasonable as only 46 Bde have moved today and existing Sig Centre stands for all concerned - new lines to 46 Bde and Corps arrive shortly after Div HQ established	DGH
CLEVE		2100	Wireless in new area satisfactory fwd but becoming rather stretched in rear - to both Corps (on R/T) and to Rear Div but comms maintained	DGH

CLEVE	15	0900	- onwards. A day of usual work, wireless remaining steady throughout - 46 Bde under op comd of 3 Cdn Div at 1800 hrs & satisfactorily netted (after some delay) on their R/T net only. Corps C/W net split differently (we are now on C3A net with 43 and G.A.D.). Lines today primarily concerned with readjustments necessary for Rear Div who are moving tonight to the previous location of Main Div in NUTTERDEN	DGH
		1900	CR Sigs attends Div Comd "O" Group conference	DGH
CLEVE	16	0630	Rear Div HQ arrives at former location Main Div HQ in NUTTERDEN.	DGH
		1200	Certain changes in line layout necessitated by this, culminating in line diagram issued as at 1200 hrs Certain other minor changes later in the day, especially with the CDN lines	
		1500	CO and Adjt pay routine visit to 46 Bde	DGH
		1900	LT KNOTT of 44 Bde Sig Sec brings to CR Sigs Office certain extremely important circuit diagrams etc discovered in the wrecked CLEVE post office. Forwarded forthwith to CSO 30 Corps	DGH
CLEVE	17	0900	A day of preparation for op "SPIDER" (44 Bde tomorrow to capture GOCH) and lines laid in readiness - Sig Centre established (1500 hrs) at 46 Bde location. Wireless reasonable throughout day, but fluctuating on Corps R/T net and Div Medical net (especially)	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs addresses all officers WO's & Sgts on behaviour in Germany and on committing currency offences & selling W.D. property	DGH
CLEVE	18	0945	Church parade - CR Sigs and Adjt attend - but turnout good	DGH
		1000	Line section busy on lines fwd for op SPIDER (assisted by 7 bodies loaned from other Divs, in view of our heavy linemen casualties in this op) and beyond to the SOUTH. Div Recce party out but move proposed for today postponed until tomorrow. Lengthy Sig Centre - 44 Bde line completed by 1510 hrs	
		1200	CSO 2 Cdn Corps and A/CSO visit CR Sigs	DGH
		1600	CR Sigs pays routine visit to 44 Bde in their new location	DGH
BEDBURG	19	0900	Signal Centre closes at former 46 Bde location and returns to Main Div to take over lines there on move of Main Div	DGH
		1130	Main Div HQ moves to BEDBURG (928527) and arrives at approx 1230 hrs, cheek by jowl with Main Div HQ 43 Div, accommodation therefore rather tight, but fitted in and, surprisingly enough, no mutual wireless interference	DGH
		1700	All normal lines completed by this hour and comms situation OK either direct or via Signal Centre later in rear - also alternative routings via 43 Div to whom a quad has been laid. Wireless situation also satisfactory	DGH

		1730	CR Sigs and Adjt visit CR Sigs 43 Div and have tea in their Mess	DGH
	20	0900	A day of considerable trouble with wireless interference - chiefly 227 Bde (on same freq as CRA 53 Div, who have made a change) and Recce Regt. 227 eventually cleared but Div Comd alt freq has to be loaned to Recce for daytime working and their allotted one used for night-time only. Line layout adjusted (see	DGH
		1300	line diagram issued as at 1300 hrs) so that strappings may be made tomorrow morning and Signal Centre brought fwd to Div for use in Bde area	DGH
		1900	OC 3 Coy arrives Main Div HQ to take over 2 i/c from OC 1 Coy proceeding on leave in the morning	DGH
BEDBURG	21	0930	Recce party out for move of Main Div HQ tomorrow morning and extremely busy day arranging line layout to suit	DGH
		1000	Signal centre returns from CLEVE and goes out forward to 920490 to hold lines for Bdes	DGH
		1000	Major Johnson (2 i/c) departs on leave and OC 3 Coy (Major Houston) comes up from Rear Div and takes over	DGH
		2100	214 Bde of 43 Div under comd 15 Div - netted satisfactorily on R/T and C/W nets and through on line taken over from 43 Div. Sig Offr has already been in to collect code signs, freqs etc	DGH
PFALZDORF	22	0930	Main Div HQ moves to PFALZDORF (909458) arriving at approx 1100 hrs followed in the afternoon by Rear Div HQ to near DECKERSHOF	DGH
		1610	(917468) 3 lines waiting for Rear Div on their arrival and all other lines to all 5 Bdes etc very satisfactorily adjusted at an early hour of the day - a great deal of hard work done by the linesmen. Wireless OK throughout day except MED net which is rather beaten by distance at present	DGH
PFALZDORF	23	1000	News received this day of the impending withdrawal of the Div to TILBURG for rest and relief here by G.A. Div and 3 (Br) Div. Certain line alterations today to accommodate adv parties etc of Gds Armd. 214 Bde ceases to be under command at 1700 hrs	DGH
		1400	CO together with OC 2 Coy visits Fd Regts	DGH
		1430	Adjt visits Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1800	Issued line diagram as at 1800 hrs & prepared line trace	DGH Appx
	24	0900	- onwards. An extremely busy day with CR Sigs 3 (Br) Div and his Adjt and other officers making arrangements for their take over of this area - everything proceeds extremely smoothly, however, with no unsurpassable problems.	DGH
		1500	CSO 30 Corps visits both CR Sigs and discusses the handover	DGH
		1700	Adv party 9 Inf Bde arrives location 227 Bde who are being relieved tonight. All line and wireless arrangements	DGH

			satisfactorily concluded. 9 Bde will be on the nets as from 280100A hrs	
PFALZDORF	25	0530	Div Recce party (Sigs A/2ic, OC HQ Coy) leave for new Rest Area (TILBURG) but new Div HQ probably to be BOXTEL (former Corps HQ)	DGH
		0900	Proceedings continue of the handover with 3 (Br) Div - certain frequency problems due to the RA remaining in AGRA Bde and 3 (Br) coming in on same freq list as ourselves - Corps supply the necessary 13 freqs for 3 (Br)	DGH
		1100	Arrangements satisfactorily made by mutual agreement for the changeover of wireless nets. 3 (Br) as from 0100 hrs tomorrow, irrespective of the time of change of command which is still unsettled. 9 Bde of 3 (Br) at present on our nets but they are the only Bde so doing and 6 Gds Armd Bde are also coming under comd 3 (Br). 9 Bde moves from former 227 Bde location to 46 Bde HQ and 8 Bde to 44 Bde HQ and proceed to take over lines etc	DGH DGH
		1800	Handover of Signal offices at Main Div HQ satisfactorily concluded and Signal Centre exchange brought in	DGH
PFALZDORF	26	0100	Command passes from 15 Div to 3 (Br) - everything transferred smoothly	DGH
		0930	15 (S) Div HQ Main and Rear moves to BOXTEL (3234) into Rest Area and lines directly under Comd 1st Cdn Army. Arrives approximately 1600 hrs. C.O. and Adjt arrive at approximately same time having travelled independently by way of 30 Corps to say "au revoir" to CSO and staff	DGH
BOXTEL		1700	Lines (all UG except 1 Mx - local quad) through to all Bdes, Recce, Rear Div (3) Main Army, Rear Army (Rear Div) and former Rear Div lines in this area to RASC and ORD also restored. These lines all laid out by A/OC 1 Coy in the advance party and were waiting for subscribers to pick them up on arrival. No wireless working whatsoever - the Div moved out of op area on wireless silence, leaving 3 (Br) with our current Inf List "A" freq list.	DGH DGH
BOXTEL	27	0900	A day of maintenance in all its forms and re-equipping the unit with all requirements - leave, entertainments, recreational tpt etc all well to the fore	DGH
		1400	Adjt attends A/Q conference at Rear Div HQ	DGH
		1430	CR Sigs visits CSO 1 Cdn Army in TILBURG	DGH
		1700	Line through to 44 Bde who have now moved down to TURNHOUT area, also to S'HERTOGENBOSCH MILITARY from Rear Div for local calls	DGH
	28	0900	Another day of maintenance and preparation for the large numbers of personnel scheduled to proceed on Brussels leave in the course of the next fortnight	DGH

		1400	CO holds officers conference, on leave problems and also on the question of honours and awards for op "VERITABLE"	DGH
		1600	Issued line diagram as at 0900 hrs David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant	DGH Appx

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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS
(incl LAD attd)

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Month and Year MAR 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BOXTTEL	1	0900	Tps again employed on maintenance both of vehicles and tech equipment. Baths for the men and various types of entertainment. The first of large leave parties for BRUSSELS 48 hrs leave sets out today (2 offrs and 20 ORs per day from Sigs at Main & Rear Div HQ for 4 days)	DGH
	2	1030	QM holds large scale clothing exchange for Sigs personnel at Main and Rear	DGH
		1100	CSO 1 Corps visits CO and discusses several matters re officers etc	DGH
		1200	Capt Fyfe CSO's Branch 1 Cdn Army visits CO re exchanges of officers	DGH
		1900	CO leaves for 227 Bde HQ to attend evening function there	DGH
	3	1030	GOC addresses all ranks Main and Rear Div HQ. CO commands the parade. GOC thanks all ranks for their work in recent ops and compliments the parades on excellent turnout and appearance. Signals specifically mentioned for their good work	DGH
BOXTTEL	4	1030	CO and Adjt attend normal Church Parade	DGH
		1330	Sigs detachment (CAPT J. ORR i/c) leave for TILBURG to attend ceremonial church parade there and to see the massed pipe bands of the Division play Retreat afterwards	DGH
		1430	CO and Adjt leave for TILBURG and see the pipe bands as mentioned	DGH
		2345	Word received of impending move of the Division to MOLL area starting tomorrow with 227 Bde - a "Q" move apparently, ill-received on all sides!	DGH
	5	1000	CO leaves for 2nd Army and for 12 Corps - the Div returning to 2nd Army and coming under 12 Corps on arrival in new area - to arrange about line comms etc and it is through him that Div HQ is changed from MOLL area to ZONHOVEN (3368)	DGH
		1600	Adjt despatches all available "C" section personnel to new area to start the new line layout	DGH

BOXTEL		2200	On return of CO, CO and Adjt re-allot vacancies for Brussels leave continuing in spite of the move but requiring alterations to suit	DGH
ZONHOVEN	6	1030 1115 1200	CO and Adjt leave for new area Main and Rear Div leave, arriving ZONHOVEN approx 1500 hrs CO and Adjt arrive new Div HQ and are engaged in arranging through HASSELT repeater stn - HASSELT military and the Belgian PO for line to 44 Bde - a formidable lay otherwise. Proceed with Belgian lineman to make necessary strappings etc most satisfactorily. 44 line through approx 1700 hrs, 46 line (field cable) at approx 1830 hrs, together with 2 lines to Rear Div approx 1 mile away. Corps quad also through. 1 pair to Main Div and one to Rear Div. 227 Bde obtained from Corps by means of Corps line and Main Corps board Div moved out of BOXTEL on wireless silence and is remaining so until further orders	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
ZONHOVEN	7	0900 1100 1400 1500	Line section, under OC 1 Coy, fully engaged on extending and building up line layout - adjustments on 46 Bde and lines for 131 Fd Regt, Recce, 1 Mx, ORD - out BOURG LEOPOLD and MOLL way - arranged via HASSELT and B.L locals CO and OC 2 Coy depart on 48 hours BRUSSELS leave. Div Recce party out in effort to find better HQ - so far without success - not desirable from Sigs viewpoint Adjt leaves for 12 Corps and sees CSO in connection with certain points in connection with forthcoming ops (46, 52, 68 sets etc - waterproofing of Sigs eqpt frequencies etc)	DGH DGH DGH DGH
ZONHOVEN	8	0900 1225 1400 1235 1410 1800	Line Section out on direct line for 131 Fd Regt and Recce. Completed by the afternoon - Mx from Recce and ORD and 102 A/TK Regt from 131 Fd Regt OC Sigs 4 Armd Bde calls in for assistance in lines to his Signal Centre in HELCHTEREN - we have two pairs not in use to there so he is given those and after lunch he and Major Johnson go out to arrange CSO 2nd Army arrives on visit of general interest and stays to lunch CSO 21 Army Group arrives - A/CR Sigs out - he and CSO 2nd Army spend approx an hour discussing general topics Slight readjustment in Corps lines - main div - Main Corps Rear Corps - Rear Div one pair each - Main Div - Main Corps with one plus one	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
	9	0845	New frequency lists as amended by certain changes in the basic lists produced and despatched as required	DGH

ZONHOVEN		1130	Adjnt, after consultation with GSO II produces new schedule of tng programmes for Div wrls nets - periods of activity followed by periods of wrls silence to commence tomorrow	DGH
		1300	Line Diagram as @ 1200 hrs issued	DGH Appx
		1400	LT GOS SCHREIBER posted (as surplus to est - negotiations being on first to absorb LT DW SOUTAR at present att) to 68 Med Regt Sig Sec.	
		1600	CR Sigs and OC 2 Coy return from BRUSSELS leave	DGH
	10	0845	CR Sigs, OC 1 & 2 Coys leave for 12 Corps to attend Div Comd co-ord conference in the Model Room there	DGH
		1300	A/m party return and arrangements under way for forthcoming exercise "BUFFALO" (one by day and one by night) prior to actual assault crossing of the RHINE. 104 Beach Sub Area, to be followed shortly by one squadron of the ROYALS, under comd 15 (S) Div for Bank Control both for the exercises and the actual op	DGH
		1800	A great quantity of stores received this day - the remainder of the WSC 52 sets, the 46 sets for the Div and 12 SCR 300 sets - distribution of this last not yet settled	DGH
		2100	CR Sigs in contact with OC Sigs 104 Beach Sub Area - CR Sigs and Adjnt to visit tomorrow	DGH
ZONHOVEN	11	1030	CR Sigs and Adjnt leave to meet OC 104 Beach Sub-Area Sigs in location of the Div HQ for exercise "BUFFALO" and carry out recce with him and discuss many points of Bank Group comms	DGH
		1430	CR Sigs and Adjnt visit CSO's Branch 12 Corps in connection with above	DGH
		1700	LT FELLOWS posted (attached surplus) to the Unit	DGH
		1700	- onwards. Busy on op orders etc for forthcoming exercise "BUFFALO"	DGH Appx
	12	1245	CSO 12 Corps arrives for lunch and for discussion with CR Sigs and BM 11 AGRE on comms for forthcoming op "TORCHLIGHT"	DGH
		1600	CSO departs and CO and Adjnt busy on problems of the rather unexpected responsibility of 29 Fd Coys and 9 CsRE comms	DGH
		2300	CR Sigs and Adjnt visit 11 AGRE for conference with CAGRE and BM	DGH
	13	0930	Adjnt away all day with OC "A" Sec on frequency conference at 12 Corps and CR Sigs with conferences and planning re Bank Gp & AGRE comms	DGH
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ZONHOVEN	14	0100	CR Sigs and Adjnt extremely busy with the long-distance preparations for op "TORCHLIGHT" - letters to be written for extra sets, weasels and diverse equipment and the draughtsman busier than ever before with trial diagrams - own Div problems of comms not yet touched upon	DGH

		0800	Tac Div HQ leaves on day exercise "BUFFALO" with wrls group as shown in Appx L1 to Sig Instr. Through OK and remains through for the period of the exercise	DGH
		0930	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave for the exercise as spectators chiefly from Bank Gp comms point of view - reasonably successful - certain dubious things such as faulty telephones here and there and shifting of TRs etc at last moment after lines had long been completed	DGH
		1600	Exercise ends - CR Sigs returns followed by Tac Div HQ personnel	DGH
		1700	CR Sigs & Adjt resume preparations for op	DGH
ZONHOVEN	15	1430	CR Sigs attends conference on previous ex "BUFFALO"	DGH
		1600	Tac Div HQ leaves for night ex "BUFFALO" - Div comd net through OK	DGH
		1800	Another day of intensive prep for op - all concerned with Bank Gp and AGRE comms	DGH
		2100	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave for night ex "BUFFALO"	DGH
		2300	Adj makes up maps in planning room and prepares trace for OC Sigs 104 Beach Sub Area Sigs	DGH
ZONHOVEN	16	0300	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy return from night ex "BUFFALO"	DGH
		0900	Tac Div HQ returns from exercise - wireless etc having all worked well throughout	DGH
		1000	Adj busy with QM on numerous problems re stores etc, collection of for op	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs has conference with OC Beach Group Sigs, CSO's rep and Sig Offr 100 AA Bde on problems of Bank Gp tfc & River Defence comms. OC Beach Gp Sigs visited with provisional line and wireless diagrams, line trace, location trace and location statement	DGH
		1600	Adj visits 11 AGRE to find out further RE locations in new area, also detailed allotment of Fd Coys to the 9 CsRE under comd	DGH
		1900	Div now on wireless silence (complete) up till 18 Mar incl.	DGH
	17	1030	CR Sigs conference of all officers of the Unit to discuss points, chiefly admin problems of forthcoming op. First conference of its kind held for many months and a number of important matters dealt with and settled. Conference lasts until lunch-time	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs briefs 2 i/c for op "TORCHLIGHT" preparatory to most of "C" Sec moving to op area tomorrow to commence Div line layout	DGH
		1500	Large dets of 52 (L) Recce Regt arrive for use by 11 AGRE in the op and are despatched to their various locations. The officer accompanying will be CAGRE Sig Offr	DGH
		1900	CR Sigs attends GOC's second co-ordinating conference	DGH

ZONHOVEN	18	0815	CR Sigs and OC 1 Coy leave for 12 Corps for discussion with CSO and CR Sigs 53 (W) Div	DGH
		1030	Adjnt, OC Sigs Rear and QM attend A/Q Conf Main Div HQ on maint etc for op.	DGH
		1100	"R" Force personnel here for recording of CV1 net as on recent ex "BUFFALO" for cover plan for op	DGH
		1700	CR Sigs and Adjnt visit CR Sigs 51 (H) Div to tie up points for op, chiefly lateral comms both wrls and line	DGH
	19	1000	Codes & Security and Cipher Officer briefed as much as necessary for forthcoming op and detailed to write our own paras for op order for op "TORCHLIGHT" - most of the day taken up with preparations for this	DGH
		1600	CAPT (TMO) E. PEARCE arrives to take over from LT (TMO) J POLLARD who together with LT A. YOUNG of "K" Sec are posted under the "PICKFORD" scheme. LT POLLARD is a volunteer. LT FELLOWS will now be absorbed in the unit and posted to "K" Sec	DGH
ZONHOVEN	20	0900	CR Sigs leaves for new area, to remain there until the Div comes up and taking in CSO's conference at 1430 hrs at Corps en route - Corps being already in their new location	DGH
		0900	- onwards. A day of preparation for tomorrow's move back into Germany and Adjnt engaged on op instr. Certain formations moving today, necessary line adjustments made, and wireless tng periods continue	DGH
	21	2100	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ moves to BECKMANNSHOF (070387) and Rear Div HQ to ROM WARITURM (060362) arriving at approx 0515 hrs. Whole Div together with tps under comd, which now incl 4 Armd Bde, on wireless silence until further orders	DGH
BECKMANNSHOF	22	0530	Lines to following - 1 quad to Main 12 Corps, 2 quads to Rear Div, 1 pair to 46 Bde, 1 Mx, 4 Armd Bde, RA Sig Centre and lateral to Div 51 Div. This long move went extremely smoothly and the tps in excellent heart on returning to GERMANY	DGH
BECKMANNSHOF		0600	A day full of activity - still wrls silence but lines section together with 104 Beach Sub-Area Sigs under full pressure. Sig Centre out to location Tac Div HQ and lines by nightfall approximate to line diagram (see below)	DGH
		0900	Lts Pollard & Young leave - LT FELLOWS to "K" sec in place of LT YOUNG	DGH
		2100	CR Sigs and Adjnt visit Bank Control HQ and inspect progress - have conference with OC "B" Sqn Royals whose sets provide the Bank Gp wrls	DGH
		2300	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals Op Instr No. 1 (op TORCHLIGHT)	DGH Appx
	23	1000	CR Sigs attends GOC co-ordinating conference	DGH

BECKMANNSHOF		1400	GSO 1 briefs all ranks Main Div HQ for op - H hour for 15 Div being 0200A hrs tomorrow morning - wireless netting at H-3	DGH
		1700	Tac Div HQ moves out to present site of Sig Centre which now becomes Tac HQ board - OC "A" Sec i/c Sigs personnel at Tac Div HQ	DGH
		1900	Another day of rather desperate activity in the line world especially on the part of Bank Gp Sigs, who, having asked for 14 clear days to complete his line layout, has had to do it in 4 - some of it will NOT be finished by H hour. These 4 days not unhampered, as smoke necessary for daylight line-laying and the programme altered about extremely inconveniently several times	DGH DGH
		2045	CR Sigs leaves for Bank Control and other fwd areas	
		2300	Wireless opens - CV1 OK all round immediately (44, 46, 227, 4 Armd, Recce, 1 Mx, Tac Div HQ & LO at 51 Div) also all links to Corps - trouble on CV2 - set goes faulty. Bdes not up (except 4 Armd & Recce Regt) but 19 set opens and Bdes called up. CV7 OK except 153 which is being relayed through 193 - CV8 OK except for 46 who were late on the air - CV15 OK except 399 Coy who were late on the draw - by 2359 all culprits dealt with and all comms OK - R5 all round - distances very reasonable. All stns on CV1 net (with 52 sets) are crystal-controlled, also links to Corps	
BECKMANNSHOF	24	0220	CR Sigs returns from marshalling area Bank Gp etc - OC 1 Coy with 3 cable dets now located at Bank Group Fwd Sig Centre in preparation for laying two quads across RHINE commencing 0600 hrs	DGH
		0300	15 Div now in full attack over the RHINE and all going extremely well - all comms working splendidly	DGH
		1000	Airborne attack goes in and almost immediately Bdes make contact with the SCR 300 sets, which then justify themselves straight away.	DGH
		1800	A day throughout which all comms wellnigh perfect and very few line faults - CR Sigs and Adj proceed to river bank to watch progress of fwd quads over river - Sigs now have their own stormboat allotted - one quad already laid - operation excellent right back to Main Div - and the second in progress	
		1900	44 Bde HQ already across & line comms established via Right Crossing Control	DGH
BECKMANNSHOF		2200	In view of moves tomorrow of both Tac and Main Div HQs over river, necessary tonight to issue Op Instr No 2.	DGH Appx
	25	1000	CSO 12 Corps visits CR Sigs principally to discuss handover to Corps of Bank Control at 1600 hrs today	DGH

		1100	CR Sigs leaves for Bank Control and to assist OC 1 Coy laying his lines in fwd areas and across river - managing to ferry weasels and jeeps over now	DGH
		1200	157 Bde of 52 (L) Div comes under comd 15 Div - netted on R/T and C/W Comd nets at 1230 hrs precisely - comms R/5 each way	DGH
		1430	15 (S) Div Main moves up and joins Tac HQ which ceases to exist to BONGERTSHOF (091428) arriving at approx 1600 hrs - line	DGH
		1800	layout suitably adjusted and lines shortly through across the river to 46 Tac and 227 Tac HQs. Recce party has already been out across the RHINE this afternoon and Main Div is crossing tomorrow morning	DGH
BONGERTSHOF	26	1000	Main Div HQ all ready for move across RHINE but move delayed due to timings over the bridges until 1200 hrs approx when Div HQ moves out and arrives at new location (BERGEN 140460) at approx 1545 hrs	DGH
BERGEN		1600	Signal centre in position prior to arrival of Div to take on lines and lines through shortly - 2 to Rear Div, 46, 227 Bdes - lateral between 46 & 227 and Recce from 227. No lines being laid to either 4 Armd or 157 Bdes as these are both passing from comd tomorrow, but parties out on 44 Bde line, which is a very considerable lay, especially in view of the congested state of the roads	
		2300	The above also caused a good deal of trouble with line faults. Wireless no trouble throughout day - except for a very temporary breakdown of CV8 - CV13 took comd of the group until CV8 on the air again	DGH
BERGEN	27	0900	- onwards. A day of build-up on lines, exceedingly hampered by road congestion but apart from 44 Bde, not through until late evening, all fms through as per schedule - Sig Centre established in 46/227 area. Two bns under Div comd at various times of day (2 A&SH & 6 HLI of 52 Div) but 2 A&SH revert to own 227 Bde and 6 HLI go to 46 Bde	DGH
		1230	CSO 12 Corps visits and stays for lunch	DGH
		1500	157 Bde pass from comd - 4 Armd Bde having already done so at 0600 hrs	
		1600	Owing to traffic direct line to 44 Bde has had to be abandoned and new line laid from Sig Centre	
		2100	Lorries from QM dept at Rear Div arrive with stores, cable etc having taken 6 hours for the journey	DGH
	28	0100	Div Comd R/T net freq changes to 2064 Kc/s (former 46 Bde comd) & 46 to borrowed freq of 2544 Kc/s (original Main of 2260 Kc/s being recalled)	DGH

BERGEN		0900	A morning of little interest - building up of line layout first from Sig Centre - line through now from Main Div HQ - RASC FWD DUMP	DGH
		1430	CR Sigs and Adjt pay routine to all three Bdes - 44, 46 & 227 Bdes and do not return until 1800 hrs approx	DGH
	29	0100	All borrowed freqs for op (except 2544 Kc/s acquired yesterday when this first began) returned and Div now back on normal Inf List "A" - not convenient as our own freqs seem to have the whole world also working on them at present - hence the necessity for keeping the borrowed 2544 - given to 46 Bde and the 46 Bde freq of 2064 Kc/s now used for Div Comd R/T net	DGH
		1000	Main Div HQ moves to area HALSHORSER (182501) and Rear Div HQ moves across RHINE to VISSEL (137453) both arriving new location approx 1130 hrs. Sig Centre remains firm and line layout most satisfactorily built up throughout day around this. Wireless very little in use at present - present op virtually over	DGH
HALSHORSER	30	0900	- onwards. A very much quieter day generally - line maintenance, set maintenance and make and mend	DGH
		1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx
		1500	Last of borrowed freqs (2544 Kc/s mentioned yesterday) withdrawn by Corps. 46 Bde given former Div Comd freq in lieu	DGH
		1730	GSO 1 addresses all ranks Main Div HQ on the progress of the last battle and events to date	DGH
	31	1000	Another reasonably quiet day of maintenance etc	DGH
		1200	CR Sigs 52 (L) Div arrives and stays for lunch - that is our first real meeting with our original parent unit since the war began - only too few left now in either unit to whom the association means anything at all	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs and Adjt proceed on tour around Div area inspecting the building, maintenance etc of the line layout	DGH
			David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (Scottish) Inf Div Signals	

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Unit 15th (SCOTTISH) INF DIV SIGNALS
(incl LAD attd)

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Month and Year APR 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HALSHORSER	1	1000	Large-scale church parade - excellent turnout and the men looking very smart. Parade takes place for the first time in a German church (in HAMMINKELN).	DGH
		1400	The rest of the day fairly quiet again - even Corps is now forward of the Division	DGH
	2	0900	Following changes in offr's appts - CAPT BLACK relinquishes HQ Coy and is posted to 1 Coy - proceeds to Rear Div as Signalmaster vice Lt PRINGLE who comes up to Main for Signalmaster's duties (CAPT ORR about to proceed on UK leave). CAPT TONER assumes comd of HQ Coy and the duties of Camp Comdt Main Div and relinquishes "A" Sec. LT SOUTAR (at present on UK leave) is appointed OC "A" Sec	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs proceeds to 46 Bde - arguments raging since submission of last monitoring report on 46 Bde Comd net!	DGH
		1800	Lecture by Mil Gov officer to offr's Main Div HQ (CR Sigs, Adj't, OC 1 Coy, OC HQ Coy attend). Adj't produces lists on these matters for all Secs	DGH Appx
HALSHORSER	3	1000	A day of preparations for moving tomorrow - Recce party out at Tac Div HQ for move fwd of Div HQ and 1 Bde (227 Bde) to take over from 155 Bde of 52 Div in RIESENBECK area. The remainder of the Div to concentrate in area EAST of BOCHOLT prior to returning into the line with 12 Corps	DGH
		1600	46 Bde and Recce move into a/m area - wr'ls comms OK but rather stretched while moving and for "Q" net at Rear Div - direct comms with Tac Div HQ (a distance of some 60 miles) OK after Tac Div static	DGH
		1830	Remainder of lines at Sig Centre strapped through to Rear Div, 227 Bde and Mx and Sig Centre brought in to Div	DGH
		2200	All preparations made for move at 0645 hrs tomorrow but plans suddenly changed - no move before 0900 hrs and 15 Div going under comd 8 Corps and proceeding to completely different area from that rec'd and planned for. Admin arrangements altered to	DGH

			suit - not much else can be done - recce party will contact ½ cable sec gone fwd earlier	
HALSHORSER	4	0900	Main Div HQ - 15 (S) Div now under comd 8 Corps. 6 Gds Armd Bde under comd 15 (S) Div and 15 (S) Recce Regt under comd 6 Airborne Div - moves to TECKLENBURG (051022) after making short halt at GREVEN (9188) arriving at approx 1930 hrs, having covered a distance of 87 miles	DGH
TECKLENBURG		2000	No lines being laid - at present the nearest Bde is over 20 miles away, with Rear Div HQ and remainder of Div still 60 miles away in the BOCHOLT area	DGH
		2100	Wrls comms fairly good, considering extreme ranges - most serious problem being mutual interference between Div R/T Comd and 8 Corps C/W Comd - some changes will have to be made when the Div is more concentrated tomorrow	DGH
TECKLENBURG	5	1000	A day of concentration of the remainder of the Div, with attention focused entirely on wrls comms which have really stood up to the strain very well and given good service over the ranges they have been asked to work. Certain frequency changes effected at this hour today, which have the effect of restoring the allotment completely to normal	DGH
		1730	The only line being laid in this area - Main Div - 227 Bde now completed. A difficult proposition due to the congestion on the roads	DGH
LAVELSLOH	6	1000	Main Div HQ followed by Rear Div HQ moves to LAVELSLOH (686254) arriving at approx 1915 hrs - Rear Div not till approx 2200 hrs	DGH
		2200	No Bdes in as yet, so no lines. No corps lines through there under way. Quad ready for Rear Div to pick up on arrival. Wireless comms almost impossible tonight - Corps nets OK - but Div nets, with Bdes on move with only short aerals not through at all satisfactorily. Div Comd R/T even with two step-ups out not through at all - freq hopeless due to proximity of Rear Corps - Rear Div freq and set on loan to Recce Regt. This freq recalled but change of freq out of the question at present	DGH
LAVELSLOH	7	0800	Wrls situation greatly improved - interference much reduced - all stns OK - 44 Bde through step up in last location, but direct later as Bde nears this area and step up (ACV) recalled.	DGH
		0930	CR Sigs inspects cookhouse etc with ADMS - some rather unfavourable comments - these being attended to by OC HQ Coy	DGH
		1000	Lines to Bdes under way (PL possible for 227 Bde) and pairs Main Div - Main Corps - Rear Div - Rear Corps in last night and by	DGH
		1700	1700 hrs lines completed to all four Bdes (6 Gds Armd Bde under comd) and 1 Mx, 44 Bde the last Bde to arrive, moving to new HQ	DGH

			by approx 1600 hrs. Lateral to 11 Armd Div also completed (by Corps)	
		1800	Adjnt attends A/Q conference with OC Sigs Rear at Rear Div HQ	DGH
LAVELSLOH	8	0900	A day of maintenance, both vehs and equipment, and of baths. Early morning patrols out today, 2 secs of Div Sigs, hunting Germans in the surrounding woods - 3 prisoners brought back. Signalmaster, Cipher officer and lines officer were out on this ploy and there is to be another similar foray tomorrow morning	DGH
		1000	Church parade in village church - reasonably good attendance	DGH
		1700	Apart from a/m - a quiet day with most wrls lines closed, though Rear lines to Corps now open again, as Corps moved at approx 1500 hrs	DGH
	9	0600	CR Sigs, 2 i/c and Adjnt out on Div HQ patrol in woods of 46 Bde area on another search for lurking Germans but none found	DGH
		1100	CR Sigs inspects general area vehs cookhouse etc and finds good progress being made on maintenance and general cleaning up	DGH
		1415	CR Sigs and Adjnt pay routine visits to all three Bdes, returning	DGH
		1730	at approx 1730 hrs	
HAGENBURG	10	1200	Main and Rear Div HQ move to HAGENBURG (068276) arriving at approx 1630 and 1730 hrs respectively. Main Div occupying the palace of the Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe, he and his entourage being turned out by the Div recce party.	DGH
		1830	Lines to Main Corps, Rear Div - Rear Corps, 227 Bde and a line from Main Corps - 46 Bde arranged through CSO channels, after a visit from the CSO after tea	DGH
		1945	CSO Sigs attends Div Comd "O" Gp conference Wrsls position fairly good, but interference on Div Comd R/T net and freq is being changed tomorrow morning to alt freq which is once again being recalled from on loan to Recce	DGH
	11	0700	Div Comd R/T net changes satisfactorily to alt freq, a big improvement, but Recce Regt takes over former freq in preference to their own	DGH
		1000	A/Q addresses all ranks on the subject of looting	DGH
		1030	Div HQ in a state of half-readiness for move, promised for mid-day but now somewhat postponed - 227 Bde making slower progress in front than anticipated	DGH
		1830	Main and Rear Div HQ move to FUHRBERG (434428) arriving at approx 2000 hrs. Wrsls OK all round. Corps line in but no Div lines laid except locals (incl 6 Gds Armd Bde & Rear Div)	DGH
FUHRBERG	12	1000	Main and Rear Div HQ move at very short notice to CELLE - just captured and ahead of Bdes! Main Div at 589501 in former palace of the wife of George I (arriving at approx 1230 hrs)	DGH

CELLE		1300	CR Sigs and Adjts visit concentration camp - sights too vile to be described	DGH
		1830	No lines being laid other than locals in this location 6 KOSB on Div Comd R/T net for task - also set with LO at 11 Armd Div. Wrls state OK but R/T comm extremely difficult to 44 Bde, still in yesterday's area and also to Corps	DGH
ESCHEDE	13	1030	Main Div HQ (followed in the afternoon by Rear Div HQ) moves to ESCHÉDE (695621) after harbouring for about 4 hrs, still in CELLE, but on the NORTH side of R. ALLER. Main Div HQ not into new location till approx 1700 hrs. Corps line in and short lines laid to all lower fmns except 44 Bde and 227 Bde. Wrls situation good tonight, after slight difficulty with Rear Div on today's moves	DGH DGH DGH
ESCHEDE	14	1000	One of the mornings so prevalent just now of starting by waiting for orders to move - wrls OK throughout and routine work proceeds apace - the amount of paper reaching this office now is very heavily on the increase	DGH
		1430	Main Div HQ <u>only</u> moves to HOSSERINGEN (807770) - a long and tedious journey for a short distance, arriving at approx 1830 hrs, leaving Rear Div HQ, 44 Bde & 6 Gds Bde in former area	DGH
HOSSERINGEN		2200	Wrls OK all round, except to Rear Div which is rather feeble on both nets - lines to 44 Bde, and from there to 227 Bde and Recce, and to 46 Bde, all reasonably short distances	DGH
HOSSERINGEN	15	1000	Open air church parade - not a very good attendance, probably due to the rather cold weather. Not expected that there will be move today, the Div being somewhat held up on the approaches to UELZEN and line build-up planned, but requires alteration when decision made to move in afternoon after all.	DGH
		1445	Main Div HQ moves to HAMERSTORF (833833) arriving at approx 1630 hrs - Rear Div HQ established this morning at RABER (800790)	DGH
HAMERSTORF		1800	Lines laid to all 4 Bdes, Recce (from 6 Gds exchange) and two lines to Rear Div - all lines quad tails and the majority railway PL. Lines also to Main Corps and Rear Div - Main Corps	DGH
		2200	Wrls OK throughout day - Med net now very scattered and only 193 Fd Amb possible	DGH
	16	1000	The Division rather halted in its advance today before UELZEN with no moves for either Main or Rear Div - quite a welcome relief and a rather quieter day at Div HQ, especially as most of the wrls nets are closed at varying times throughout the day.	DGH
		1600	Lines comms being satisfactory all round The following awards notified today - CROIX DE GUERRE with gilt star - Major P.B. Pitney (OC 2 Coy), Capt W.H. Munro (46 Bde),	DGH

HAMERSTORF		1830	with silver star Lt P.O. Radway ("C" Sec) and with bronze star Sgt Bebbington J ("C" Sec) This follows on yesterday's announcement of Mentions in Despatches for CAPT Munro, CPL Monteith ("O" Sec), CPL Bowman ("J" Sec), CPL Seed (ex "C" Sec) and L/CPL Plows (ex "A" Sec) CSO 8 Corps visits CR Sigs, chiefly to discuss matters of cable economy	DGH DGH
	17	1730 2100	Capt Heilbron proceeds on UK leave. Capt S.H. Borland assumes A/Adjt. Capt N. McLean (late OC 227 Bde Sig Section) visits Div HQ after being released from OFLAG 79 by Br troops. Div attack launched on UELZEN (MR 8989) Recce Regt moved to SLISTEDT ☉ Direct line laid from Div utilising PL on rly.	SHB SHB SHB
HAMERSTORF	18	1100 1230 1230	CR Sigs and Adjt visit Bdes. Battle for UELZEN going well but slowly. All Bdes preparing to move fwd CR Sigs inspects Mens' mess and dinners CR Sigs 5 Br Div (now under comd 8 Corps) visits to see layout of unit and standard wrls diagram.	SHB SHB SHB
BARUM	19	1130 1430 1800 1940 2300	Div HQ moves to BARUM (8698). 11 AGRE now under comd Line laid to 44, 46 & 6 Gds Armd Bdes ☉ No line to 227 Bde owing to distance and further moves in immediate future 1 Cdo Bde under comd and on CVs 1 & 2 nets BM 11 AGRE visits to apply for help on comm problems. Two sets and extra tps to be provided by CSO 8 Corps Div First Outline Plan for Elbe Crossing received.	SHB SHB SHB SHB SHB SHB
SCHARNEBECK	20	1000 1400	Div HQ moved to SCHARNEBECK (8525). CSO 8 Corps visits ☉ Exchange at LUNEBURG undamaged and excellent PTT facilities available	SHB SHB
SCHARNEBECK		2230	Lines laid to all Bdes (except 44 Bde who are still on move) 11 AGRE, 1 CDO BDE and RA 11 Armd Div (in sp)	SHB
	21	1500 2330	Lines laid to 44 Bde in LUNEBURG and 6 A Tps RE in SCHARNEBECK. Day devoted to recces and discussions on crossing of R ELBE	SHB SHB
	22	1100 1900	CR Sigs at conference with OC Royals (who will comd Beach Group on Elbe crossing) and CSO at HQ 8 Corps on comms CSO explains that cable supply sit is critical and utmost economy must be exercised. Everything possible is being done to meet urgent demands	SHB SHB
SCHARNEBECK	23	1200 1600 2330	BM 11 AGRE visits to discuss comms for OP ENTERPRISE, 5 additional sets for him asked for from Corps HQ A/CSO 8 Corps visits to discuss lines layout OP ENTERPRISE Allotment of UK leave vacancies for May received (1 offr 53 ORs)	SHB

	24	1000 1200 1230 2245 2300	CR Sigs attends second planning conference on OP ENTERPRISE 8 Corps line dets report previous to laying the control lines for OP ENTERPRISE A/CSO 8 Corps visits and confers with CR Sigs re lines requirements for tfc control and "beach" org All wrls, except MED net, closed as lines thro' to all formations under command Div 2nd Outline Plans for R. ELBE crossing received	SHB SHB SHB SHB SHB
SCHARNEBECK	25	1000 1600 1800 1800 1940 2130	44 Bde moved into LUNEBURG and line extended 46 Bde moved to JURGENSTORF (9029) lines extended Day devoted to preparation of draft of Sigs Op Instr for ENTERPRISE. Plan changes hourly and many amendments have to be made CR Sigs 6 Airborne Div visits to tie up wrls comms for 5 Para Bde who will be under comd 15 Div in initial stages of OP ENTERPRISE OC 8 Corps Sigs visits to get complete plan to line comms - these to be civil ug and p.l. quad (British & German) and D8 Line party leave to lay cable in forward areas. As S of River ELBE is under enemy observation, no move in daylight is allowed in area. All reces and cable laying to be done at night. No lights allowed by moon good	SHB SHB SHB SHB SHB SHB
SCHARNEBECK	26	1730 2100	Informed by 'G' that 5 Para Bde are not now taking part in OP ENTERPRISE. Day devoted to planning and procuring of definite location of units and Tac HQs.) CR Sigs & Adjt on recce of fwd positions to R. ELBE	SHB
	27	0200 1100 2000 2100) All line work going well Sigs Op Instruction produced for OP ENTERPRISE CSO 8 Corps visits to tie up comms) CR Sigs & Adjt on recce of all sites. Lines	SHB SHB Appx SHB SHB
	28	0415 1900 2300) all completed 158 Bde (53 Div) u/c ⊙ Owing to lack of line and distance no line comm possible ⊙ Bde Sigs Offr visits to get codes - freqs for wrls working All lines tested. All OK	SHB SHB
SCHARNEBECK	29	0200 1045 1700 2000	H for Op ENTERPRISE One quad across R ELBE at LAUENBURG to 46 Bde Tac HQ Two quads (Div main artery) plus one quad (8 Corps) Main artery across at ARTHENBURG. Left crossing quads OK ⊙ LAUENBURG quad faulty All river crossing quads OK ⊙	SHB SHB SHB SHB

		2330	Line comn (other than to 46 Bde Tac, which has been moving all day) has been exceptionally good. Very few lines out and little maintenance required ☉ Wrls good throughout since H hour	SHB
JULIUSBURG	30	1315	Div HQ moves to JULIUSBURG (8439) Quads across river provided comms to Bde for short time necessary and are still OK. All quads handed over to 8 Corps as main artery.	SHB
		2000	Considerable enemy air activity ☉ Changing layout 46 Bde HQ hit by shell - no casualty other than truck which is written off	SHB
		2330	L/Cpl FARROW admitted to hosp. Shell splinter wound in back.	SHB
			Stewart H. Borland Capt R Signals A/Adjt 15 (Scottish) Div Signals	

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Month and Year MAY 45

Commanding Officer LT-COL F.C. SEELY R SIGNALS

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
JULIUSBURG	1	0800 1400 1700 1845	Civil exchange at GULZOW (8342) line utilised by OC Sigs 44 Bde 46 Bde move into GULZOW (8342); 44 Bde to SCHWARZENBEK (8348). Signal Centre established at GULZOW (8342) CR Signals & A/Adjt visit 44 Bde. Adjt returns from UK leave	SHB SHB SHB
BRUNSTORF	2	0930 1400 2110	Signal centre closed, Bdes on the move again and Div Recce party out. Wireless comms absolutely perfect just now, so line-laying not quite so urgent - linesmen rather tiring after fortnight or so of concentrated efforts Main and Rear Div HQ move to BRUNSTORF (7847) arriving at approx 1600 and 1715 hrs respectively. Lines to 46 and 227 Bdes (eventually party line 46-227 due to further move of 46 Bde and quad to Corps via Corps Sig Centre and quad to Rear Div HQ	DGH DGH DGH
BRUNSTORF KUDDEWORDE	3	1030 1430 1830 2000	CR Sigs and Adjt pay routine visits to 46 and 227 Bdes Main and Rear Div HQ move to KUDDEWORDE (7657) arriving at approx 1600 hrs and 1700 hrs approx Lines to all three Bdes and Rear Div and to 1 Mx from Rear Div (note 158 Bde reverted to 53 (W) Div at 1200 hrs today). Wireless situation OK all round and most links closed tonight 15 Div have been responsible for the immobilisation of the exchanges in GEESTHACHT, GULZOW and TRITTAU - the last of these completed this evening	DGH DGH DGH DGH
HAMMOOR	4	1030 1400 1430 1600 2000	CR Sigs superintends line layout (PL circuits) for new area CR Sigs and Adjt leave Div HQ in advance and visit 44 Bde and inspect captured German veh of VHF equipment - handed over this afternoon to 8 Corps (a most valuable prize) Main Div HQ <u>only</u> moves to HAMMOOR (7072) arriving at approx 1600 hrs - wireless OK all round, but line problems rather difficult - not easy to put into working order PL circuits but lines to all three Bdes by 2000 hrs this evening. Line not yet possible to Rear Div - to be arranged tomorrow, together with Recce	DGH DGH DGH DGH

	5	0930	CR Sigs leaves for Corps for CSO's conference on line problems in Op "ECLIPSE"	DGH
		1000	Line Sec engaged on Recce & Rear Div lines - Recce line through by 1130 hrs - work suspended on Rear Div line at approx mid-day on receipt of news of Rear Div HQ moving up to this area tomorrow	DGH
		1700	CR Sigs holds conference of Coy Comds & Bde Sig Offrs arising out of CSO's conference	DGH
		1800	CR Sigs goes to 44 Bde for small celebration party	DGH
		1830	Adjt & Signalmaster go to inspect and remove exchange from a former Luftwaffe barracks for our own use later when the Div becomes static.	DGH
		2100	Wireless OK throughout day - R/T Comd net closed	DGH
HAMMOOR	6	1045	CR Sigs and Adjt leave for large-scale church parade at BARGTEHEIDE and from there proceed to BAD OLDERSLOE (7482) to inspect the exchange with a view to future use	DGH
		1200	Rear Div HQ arrive in EICHEDE (767725) having been moved up nearer to Main Div HQ. Line laid in readiness for them and 1+1 fitted. Line also laid this morning (partially PL) to 8 AGRA in POLITZ (749791), an undertaking which, laid on at short notice, took several hours to complete and was in working order by 1500 hrs	DGH
		1500		DGH
		1800	Various recces carried out in the course of the day of local exchanges	DGH
		2100	Word received this evening of 46 Bde moving with 1 Bn only at very short notice to KIEL tomorrow morning. Causes a certain amount of planning and adjustments to be made - 46 Bde probably coming under direct Corps command	DGH
HAMMOOR	7	1000	46 Bde come under Corps comd and go on Corps wrls nets, taking 7 Seaforths only with them. 9 Cams and 2 GH net on Div R/T net and former 46 Bde line strapped through to 9 Cams and lateral from 9 Cams to 2 GH	DGH
		1130	Signal officers photograph taken - as many officers of the whole unit present as possible - followed by short Coy Comds conference for the appointing of - Major Houston i/c Training & Education, Capt Toner Entertainments & Welfare Officer, Capt Borland Sports Officer, assisted by RSM Booth	DGH
		1400	Various officers engaged on recces of exchanges and lines and at approx 1600 hrs CR Sigs and OC 1 Coy go to HAMBURG to obtain information from 12 Corps lines Control there (i/c Major Orr) and from 53 (W) Div and to check up on the line situation and general layout there, returning at approx 2000 hrs	DGH
		1600		DGH
		2000		DGH

HAMMOOR	8	0920	VE day - CR Sigs in conference with GOC - various semi-peace time projects formulating today	DGH
		1200	Small party in Sigs Officers Mess of Sig Offrs of Main and Rear Div HQs	DGH
		1600	CR Sigs and Adjt depart on preliminary recce for Signals HQ in AHRENSBURG area, nearer probable new static Div HQ	DGH
	9	1000	CR Sigs out on further recce for new permanent Sigs HQ in VOLKSDORF area, together with several other officers	DGH
		1400	GSO1 addresses all officers of Main Div HQ on present and future problems in the occupation of Germany	DGH
		1730	CR Sigs attends GOC's conference on aims and policy of the Div in its new role	DGH
		1900	CR Sigs addresses all Sigs ORs at Main Div HQ on future plans for the Unit in Germany and expresses his thanks for their great efforts and service of the past eleven months	DGH
HAMMOOR	10	0200	15 (S) Div changes Frequency list from List "A" to List "C" - all changes go very smoothly - Div Comd R/T opened, netted and closed again in just over 5 minutes	DGH
		0715	P.T. for all ranks commences - 0715-0730 for ORs, 0745-0800 for officers. Good turn-outs in both cases	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs institutes line control organisation to be run by OC "A" sec	DGH
		1200	Adjt issues "Memorandum on Conduct and Behaviour in Germany"	DGH Appx
		1600	Information received that 15 (S) Div are responsible for the disarming and dismembering of 8 German Para Div and 5 German Flak Div - task delegated to 44 Bde. Adjt issues directive for guidance of Sig Offr	DGH
		1730	CR Sigs leaves for proposed new area to superintend the more detailed recces which are taking place today	DGH
HAMMOOR	11	0900	Route march for all Sigs personnel at Main Div - a good turn-out and personnel looking smart	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs together with OC 3 Coy and other officers on detailed Recce of new area - move forthcoming on Sunday 13 May 45	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs to HAMBURG to Lines Control and Mil Gov, making various arrangements in connection with the moves of the Div to permanent areas	DGH
		1400	Re-introduction today of modified works tickets for vehs - onwards. Various football matches in progress this afternoon of an inter-section nature	DGH DGH
	12	0210	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals Signal Instruction No 1 (Construction etc of German Civil Comms)	DGH Appx
		0715	- 0800 Officers & ORs PT classes	DGH

		0945	Issued instructions to AMTSLEITER of VOLKSDORF re arrival of Sigs HQ	DGH
		1300	227 Bde move to new location in VINZIER (6883) leaving Rear party in old loc - new line through for them on arrival and wireless links satisfactorily opened up	DGH
		1600	CR Sigs leaves for HAMBURG to see 53 Div in whose area VOLKSDORF just falls - the matter regularized satisfactorily	DGH
HAMMOOR	13	0800	- onwards. All preparations being made for the move this afternoon of Div HQ and Div Signals to their permanent static locations	DGH
		1130	CR Sigs & Adjut attend church parade in BARGTEHEIDE	DGH
VOLKSDORF		1430	Main and Rear Div HQ move to their new HQ SCHLOSS AHRENSBURG in the town of AHRENSBURG, while Div Signals carry on to VOLKSDORF (6064) less of course "O" Section and the bulk of "A" & "B" Secs, which are still functioning. Being run now as one section under LT REEKIE of "B" Sec	DGH DGH DGH
		1630	Arrived VOLKSDORF 1630 approximately and all arrangements proceeding smoothly - CR Sigs & Adjut busy between Div HQ and Sigs HQ - wireless OK all round and line situation developing most satisfactorily - all main fmms have their PL circuits ready.	DGH
		2000	VOLKSDORF a most excellent location, with every modern amenity Billets, offices, stores, facilities for the troops absolutely first class and all concerned delighted - better than any UK location the Unit ever knew and once the Unit is properly settled in as happy and beneficial a time as possible in Germany should be had by all concerned	DGH
	14	0900	A day of very considerable activity with regard to settling into billets on the one hand and the continuation of work on lines on the other	DGH
VOLKSDORF		1030	CR Sigs and Adjut spent whole day on inspection of billets, stores, offices etc	DGH DGH
		2100	CR Sigs holds all officers conference on general matters affecting the new area	DGH
	15	1000	A day of general routine, with all concerned catching up on their office work	DGH
		1400	CR Sigs to Div to see CRE regarding the inspection of certain exchanges in which it is suspected that delayed action charges have been left	DGH
		1900	Majors Gilbert-Smith and Birkett, Instructors from Staff College and School of Signals respectively arrive on attachment of one week to study Div Signals in the field!	DGH

		2300	A degree of alarm in the area as small attack by "werewolves" on HQ RASC took place tonight	DGH
VOLKSDORF	16	0830	Satisfactory wrls comms to Recce & 1 Mx (who have been loaned the ACV for the job with crew) who are moving to temporary locns on the removal of PW operation. CV9 on loan to Corps on same role	DGH
		1000	GOC visits Sigs HQ and addresses all ranks congratulating them on their work since D Day and wishing them luck in the future	DGH
		1400	Adj & RSM drafting orders for daily CO's parade, commencing on Friday, at 0900 hrs	DGH
		1800	Adj attends guard-mounting by RSM. Quite good drill & turnout excellent. Ceremony of lowering the Union Jack at retreat, now flying from outside the Burgomeister's office, very well done	DGH
VOLKSDORF	17	1000	Commanding Officer's inspection of billets, stores, offices etc. Considering the time since arrival, the area in very good shape	DGH
		1800	ORs club opens in restaurant premises in town (christened "THE STANHOPE ARMS" from the Horsforth days) and obviously going to be a great success. There is also now a Corporal's Room off the ORs Mess - an innovation for this unit and the first time there has been such a Mess - it is for both Cpls & L/Cpls	DGH
		2100	Considerable trouble today with lines due to miniature cyclone this afternoon. "C" Sec attending but considerable damage done & lengthy repairs necessary	DGH DGH
	18	0900	First of the daily C.O's Parades - a great turnout and all concerned satisfactorily smart. Much drill required, however, to refresh memories and to teach where there are not even memories. Drill parade follows C.O's inspection	DGH
		1200	This unit now responsible for the exchange at LAUENBURG (8734) and NCO installed there as ACECON representative (8 Corps) in supervisory capacity. TMO inspects for changing necessary and condition in general. The exchange is manned by German personnel	DGH
VOLKSDORF	19	1200	Ordinary routine morning - 227 Bde have now moved to LUBECK, comms OK and two direct lines through. 15 Bde (5 Div) and 106 AA Bde now u/c 15 Div - comms OK	DGH
		1500	Representative of the Historical and Photographic Section of the War Office arrives and takes several pictures of what remains of the Div field layout and expresses his satisfaction of what he has seen	DGH
		2000	Film show in cinema adjoining OR's club - very successful	DGH
	20	0915	Church parade for service at 1000 hrs at Div HQ in AHRENSBURG, a good turnout and the men looking very smart, particularly those from Sigs HQ - the det from Div HQ not as good	DGH

		1100	8 Corps Sigs det arrives with teleprinter for installation Div HQ to work to Corps. Installed on this occasion by Corps Sigs & to be operated by them till return of 4 of our ops from teleprinter course. Maintenance and servicing our responsibility	DGH
		1600	Instructions from Corps removing teleprinter detachment!	
		1800	Internal wiring of SCHLOSS AHRENSBURG now practically completed Div HQ gradually moving in - every one should be in by next Tuesday	DGH DGH
		2000	Another film performance in the Unit private cinema, again highly successful	DGH
VOLKSDORF	21	0915	Sports officer addresses the men on 1st works parade on the commencing org for sports - football already well under way and an extensive programme envisaged.	DGH
		1030	CR Sigs to LUBECK to visit 227 Bde on routine visit	DGH
		1600	CSO 2nd Army arrives on informal visit and stays to tea, accompanied by Brig RAC of 2nd Army	
		1815	OC Sigs 8 Corps and his 2 i/c arrive on visit to CR Signals for discussion on line problems	DGH
	22	0900	- onwards. A normal day with nothing of importance to recount - certain of the wrls nets permanently closed today (Med, Rear Div-Rear Corps CV13, CV4, the ACV returned from 1 Mx) which will enable a large part of the wrls section to be withdrawn to Sigs HQ	DGH
		1830	CR Sigs leaves for "A" Mess to attend Div Comd's cocktail party	DGH
VOLKSDORF	23	1000	CR Sigs leaves for 44 Bde on routine visit. Normal day otherwise but CR Sigs at Div HQ all afternoon in throes of impending change of location of Div HQ and other fmns - almost certain to involve moves in view of reallocation of Div area	DGH
		1500		DGH
		2000	OC 119 LAA Regt & 2 i/c to dinner and War Office photographic section and historical section reps spending the night - to collect data on the ELBE crossing	DGH
	24	0900	Pickford V arrives - 13 ORs affected, none above the rank of Cpl, not anticipated that they will all be withdrawn First Div release instruction to hand - the documentation etc on this all-important subject now in full swing	DGH DGH
		1400	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave on preliminary recce for new Sigs HQ in the new area, possibly RETZEBURG - GADEBUSCH area	DGH
		1600	Visits from A/CSO 8 Corps and Major Orr from 12 Corps - it is hoped that Major Orr will be returning to this unit with Major Johnson whose demob number is 5 and who it is expected will have to depart some time next month	DGH

VOLKSDORF	25	1000	CR Sigs over to Div twice today re future moves - possible new location of Div HQ now SCHWERIN. Not moving before 15 June	DGH
		1600	OC 2 Coy to see CR Sigs - OC 2 Coy going as unit rep to 21 Army Group for conference re the est and forming of occupational tele, RF etc Sig Secs - no doubt some large cuts in strengths will be forthcoming	DGH
	26	0900	CR Sigs and OC 3 Coy leave for SCHWERIN and 5 Div area on recce in connection with forthcoming move. OC 1 Coy also there separately	DGH
		1100	"N" Sec brought in from HQRE and joins Sigs at Sigs HQ - most of "A" & "B" Secs in now also - only CRASC dets still out and CVs 1, 2, 5 & 6 at Div HQ	DGH
		1400	Sports officer (Capt Borland) to Div HQ for sports conference, presided over by GS01	DGH
		1500	Football match v 1 Mx - lost 1-7. A good game but far from Sigs best XI	DGH
VOLKSDORF	27	0900	CR Sigs leaves for 44 Bde and Div HQ for discussions regarding accommodation and line facilities in the new SCHWERIN area	DGH
		1000	Church parade at Div HQ - parade taken by 2 i/c - a good turnout	DGH
		1115	News received on return from church parade of tragic death in a road accident of CAPT W.D. TONER OC HQ Coy and his driver on 19 May on their way to 21 Army Group - it is safe to say that the whole Unit will mourn the irreparable loss of a real officer and gentleman	DGH
		1400	An excessively busy Sunday afternoon - a large number of returns of varying nature due CSO's Branch today. ORs busy this afternoon on blanket exchanges	DGH
	28	0900	Route march scheduled for this morning cancelled due to rain Otherwise normal routine day - CAPT L. BLACK appointed OC HQ Coy vice CAPT TONER and permission requested from Corps to promote.	DGH
		1800	CR Sigs to Division for important A/Q conference re accommodation etc in new area	DGH
VOLKSDORF	29	0900	106 AA Bde reverted to comd 5 Div - will return to 15 Div when 15 Div in new area	DGH
		1000	CR Sigs to 501 Mil Gov, Bad Oldesloe to see EME, attached there for a period of 3 weeks. EME has obtained a number of German m/cs for use by DR section for the Div Tattoo to be held during the summer	DGH
		1500	CR Sigs and QM to Hamburg to Mil Gov re fairly extensive stores of wines and foodstuffs unearthed by QM in Volksdorf	DGH

		1700	OC 2 Coy to see CR Sigs prior to departure 21 Army Gp as unit rep on discussions to be held on the est & fmn of occupational sig secs	DGH
	30	0900	After CO's parade - Route March, turn out of 6 officers and approx 90 ORs quite good and marching excellent with Cpl Hay as piper - otherwise normal day with NTR. Weekly days off for all ranks starting now & roster prepared	DGH DGH
VOLKSDORF	31	0900	- onwards. Normal day. ABCA period by MAJ HOUSTON and the usual routine of the day with inter-coy football in the afternoon. The following re-org of adm duties has taken place - CAPT BLACK OC HQ Coy, PRI and Welfare Offr, CAPT BORLAND Education Offr, Sports Offr and Entertainments assisted by LT BULL, RSM BOOTH and CQMS VINCENT respectively. David G Heilbron Capt R. Signals Adjutant 15th (Scottish) Inf Div Signals	DGH DGH