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**WAR DIARY**

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**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div G (Ops)

Commanding Officer Maj Gen GHA MacMillan,  
CBE, DSO, MC

Month and Year Jun 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WEST GRINSTEAD	1		Censorship instrs amendments issued under 1/10/G(I)	Appx "A"
	2		Letter regarding clearance of mines on rd verges issued under 85/G(O)	" "B"
	5		Letter regarding Beach Markings by day and night issued under 329/G/(O)	" "C"
	6		Commencement of ops for invasion of the Continent Letter concerning accredited war correspondents by Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower KCB, Supreme Comd AEF received.	" "D"
	7		Letter regarding the issue of Unit Censor Stamps issued under 1/10/G(I) Div Comd, ADC and Adv Party left for the Marshalling Area. Adv Party consisted of GSO 2, GSO 3(O)1 and LO 2. Letter regarding hostile shelling reports issued under 134/G/(O) 8 Corps Sitrep Nos 1 and 2 received	" "E" " "F" " "FF"
	8		15(S)Div Standing Orders for Ops issued Message O 94 amending above issued	" "G" " "H"
	9		8 Corps Sitrep No 3 received 15 (S) Div Sitrep No 4 issued	" "I" " "J"
	10	2300 approx	15(S)Div Standing Orders for Main Div HQ issued Orders received for movement of Div HQ to Marshalling Area at SOUTHAMPTON	" "K"
	11	1230 2100	Left WEST GRINSTEAD en route for SOUTHAMPTON Arrived in Transit Camp SOUTHAMPTON	
SOUTHAMPTON	13	1630	Embarked in three LST as follows, LST V 62 HQ RASC, LST V 63 HQ Div Sigs and the 'G' Staff offrs who travel in CVs, LST V 64 HQ RA.	
ASNELLES	14	2130	Party from LST V 62 landed on "JIG GREEN" beach in area ASNELLES (Map 1:50000 sheet YFS) 8786 and proceeded to assembly area near BUHOT 8684 where de-waterproofing was begun.	
	15	1000	Party as above moved to div conc area	
ST GABRIEL		1200	Div HQ est (less HQ RA) 878795	

		1300	Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower KCB, Supreme Comd Allied Expeditionary Force visited this HQ	
	16		HQ at same place. Build up continues.	
	17	1630 2100	At same location. HQ RA est and HQ now complete less residues Div Comds planning conference with Bde Comds	
	18	2100	At same location Div Comds planning conference with Bde Comds Some rain most of the day.	
	19	2115	Same location Div Comds conference with Bde Comds etc. Weather dry.	
	20	2115	Same location Div Comds conference with Bde Comds etc. Some rain earlier in day with a high wind during latter part.	
	21		Additions to 15 (S) Div Standing Orders issued under 68/G/(O)	Appx "L"
ST GABRIEL	22	1940 1800	OO No 1 issued in connection with Op EPSOM with appendices C-in-Cs conference at 21 Army Gp Tactical HQ attended by Div Comd	
	23	1800 2040	Div Mov Order No 1 for moves from present location to Assembly and Gun Areas for Op EPSOM issued on D basis 8 Corps Comds briefing at 8 Corps HQ attended by Div Comd Message O 54 giving D day for Op EPSOM issued	" "N" " "O"
CULLY	24	1400 1500	Main Div HQ moved to CULLY 9176 Main Div HQ est at CULLY. Mov Order No 2 for moves to Assembly area Night D-1/D issued for mov of certain units not catered for in Mov Order No 1	" "P"
CULLY	25	0240 0900 1130 1430 1700 2100	Message O 54 issued on full distribution to the effect that certain rds are in view of the enemy and subject to enemy shelling. Div Comd briefed 44(L)Inf Bde on Op EPSOM. Message O 87 that respirators would be carried in unit tpt during Op EPSOM, but that they would be available at short notice. Div Comd briefed 227(H) Inf Bde on Op EPSOM. Div Comd briefed 46(H) Inf Bde on Op EPSOM Message O 92 regarding activities of Met 8 Corps Letter regarding cases of the compromisation of codes and code signs by being carried by offr on recce issued under 1/3/G(I).	" "S" " "T" " "V" " "W"
CULLY		2100 2103	Op Instr O 95 concerning the use of the terms "H" hr etc during Op EPSOM and stating "H" hr to be 0730 hrs on 26 Jun. Message O 91 stressing the importance of submission of SHELREPS by the quickest possible means and giving SHELREP R/T net freq.	Appx "X" " "U"
CULLY PUTOT-EN- BESSIN	26	0730 1350 1440	Op EPSOM begins. Main Div HQ moves to PUTOT-EN-BESSIN at 915710. Main Div HQ est PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	

		2300	Message O 104 issued containing orders for the securing of crossings over R ODON as early as possible on 27 Jun.	" "Y"
	27	1020	Message O 106 to the effect that all ranks be infm that CHERBOURG is now captured and that the Russian armies are making a very rapid adv on the Eastern front.	" "Z"
	28	0110	Op Order No 2 for the organisation of a defensive posn on R ODON issued with trace showing dispositions to be occupied. (Traces were to be returned by LO).	" "AA"
		1100	8 Corps Comd's conference at this HQ.	
	29	2200	8 Corps Comd's conference at this HQ.	
	30		Op Instr O 144 regarding the relief of 46 (H) Inf Bde by 160 Inf Bde of 53 Div issued.  PA Fishbourne, Capt for Maj Gen Comd 15 (S) Inf Div	" "BB"

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Unit "G" Branch HQ 15 (S) INF DIV

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Month and Year JULY 1944.

Commanding Officer Maj Gen GHA MacMillan,  
CBE, DSO, MC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PUTOT EN BESSIN	Jul 1		Instr for relief of 15 (S) Div by 53 Div issued	Appx "A"
	2		Main HQ moved to SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN 9274; est about 1200 hrs	
SECQUEVILLE EN BESSIN	3		Div location statement issued for locations as at 1200 hrs	Appx "B"
	4		Div Comd's conference on Lessons from Recent Ops attended by all COs.	
	5		Notes on Div Comd's conference of 4 Jul issued.	Appx "C"
	6		Message O 189 regarding the use of passwords in 8 Corps area issued.	Appx "D"
	11		Div Comd's briefing conference on Op "GREENLINE" held at this HQ	
	13	0200	Div under comd 12 Corps	
LA MARE	14	0945 1000	HQ moved to LA MARE 9367; est 1100 hrs OO No 3 for Op "GREENLINE" issued Appx "D" to above OO issued	Appx "E" Appx "F"
	15		Appx "C" to OO No 3 issued containing Arty Sp Outline Plan Div Traffic Organisation trace issued	Appx "G" Appx "H"
	16	1540 2310 2325	15 (S) Div Op Instr No 2 issued concerning the holding of certain objectives Some shellfire in vicinity of HQ. No cas. The gen area was also bombed. No damage was done and two enemy a/c were probably destroyed by AA fire	Appx "I"
	17	2300- 2400	The Div area was bombed. No bombs fell in the immediate vicinity of HQ.	
LE MESNIL PATRY	18	1440	HQ moved to LE MESNIL PATRY 902703 and was est there at 1045 hrs. 15 (S) Div Op Instr No 4 issued, stating the policy of 12 Corps, under whose comd the Div now is, and setting out various reliefs. Amendment No 1 to above Op Instr issued.	Appx "J" Appx "K"
	19	2040	Div Op Instr No 5 issued, containing instrs for the lifting of certain minefds and having att a trace showing Corps, Div and Bde bdys	Appx "L"

	21	2330	Div Op Instr No 6 issued concerning the relief of 5 US Div on 24 Jul by 15 (S) Div Div came under comd 30 Corps	Appx "M"
BALLEROY	23	0900	HQ moved to area BALLEROY 698690; est there 1200 hrs.	
	24	0900 2030	Counter Mortar conference held Div Location Statement issued Div Op Instr No 8 issued, relating to relief of 44 (L) Inf Bde by 46 (H) Inf Bde on night 26/27 Jul Amendment No 1 to above Op Instr issued	Appx "N" Appx "O" Appx "P"
	25	1730	15 (S) Div Op Instr No 9 issued, relating to the picking up of American minefds and the laying of further minefds. Staff meeting held to arrange details of routes and timings for the relief detailed in Div Op Instr No 8 (Shown as Appx "O").	Appx "Q"
	26	0815 1930	Div Op Instr No 10 issued, laying down the counter attack roles for each Bde New Div Op Instr No 7 issued, laying down the orders regarding patrols in lieu of a previous Op Instr No 7 on same subject, which was cancelled.	Appx "S" Appx "R"
	28	1730	Div is under comd 8 Corps. Staff meeting held to decide routes and timings for reliefs taking place on night 29/30 Jul vide Div Op Instr No 8. Secret Routine Order No 348, and Appx "A" to same, issued	Appx "T"
LA CHAPELLE	30	0730 1500	Op "BLUECOAT" begins. HQ moved to LA CHAPELLE 7062; est there about 1730 hrs.	
	31	1130 1845	Div Op Instr No 11 issued, laying down the tasks for the capture of the high ground in sq 6742, 6842, 6942 and 7142. Div Op Instr No 12 issued, laying down the Div task as the protection of the LEFT flank of 8 Corps.	Appx "U" Appx "V"  PA Fishbourne Capt

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Month and Year AUG 1944.

Commanding Officer Maj Gen CM BARBER, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
La Chapelle	1	1045	Message 0585, Warning Order giving Div grouping	Appx "A"
	2		Div Op Instr No 13 issued with Appx "A" (Mov Instr) HQ moved to SEPT VENTS 6957	" "B"
SEPT VENTS	3	1500	Visit by Gen (now Field Marshal) Sir Bernard L Montgomery, KCB, DSO. Maj Gen GHA MacMillan, CBE, DSO, MC, wounded.	
685508	4	0915 1430	Visit by Lord Trenchard. Command of Div devolved on Brig CM Barber, DSO. HQ moved to 685508.	
	5		15 Div Op Instr No 14 issued, being instr for the op of the Div in the gen direction VASSY 7923.	Appx "C"
694425	6		15 Div Op Instr No 15 issued, showing tasks of each bde.	" "D"
	8		HQ moved to 694425 thence two hrs later to 695458.	
	9		Div Op Instr No 16 issued, being instr for the adopting of temporary defensive posns	" "E"
	10		Div Op Instr No 17, giving preparations for following up the enemy, with trace showing axes and routes.	" "F"
	12		Div Op Instr No 18 issued, giving order for relief of the Div by 11 Armd Div 12/13/Aug, with trace Message 0450 correcting above trace.	" "G"
	13		Div placed under comd 12 Corps.	
966576	14		HQ moved to 966576.	
009543	16		HQ moved to 009543.	
FRESNAY LE VIEUX	18		HQ moved to FRESNAY LE VIEUX 0048.	
LE HAMEL	20		Div OO No 5 for securing high ground preparatory to crossing R VIE and R TOUQUES. HQ moved to LE HAMEL 090400.	Appx "H"
LA BOURDONNIERE	23		Div Mov Order No 0521 for Op "GALLOP" issued. Div Op Instr No 19 for Op "GALLOP" issued. Amendment No 1 to Op Instr No 19 issued.	" "I" " "J" " "K"
		2030	HQ moved to LA BOURDONNIERE 2633.	

878753	25		HQ moved to posn three miles WEST of BROGLIE, halted for two hrs and then moved to 878753.	
COMBON	26		HQ moved to COMBON 0077.	
LE PARC	27		HQ moved to LE PARC 1887.	
VIEUX ROUEN	28		Div Op Instr No 20, giving re-grouping as from 1600 hrs, issued. HQ moved to VIEUX ROUEN 2589.	Appx "L"
HERQUEVILLE	30		HQ moved to HERQUEVILLE 293916.	
				PA Fishbourne, Capt For Lt Col G.S.

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Month and Year SEP 44

Commanding Officer Maj Gen CM BARBER, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LES CORNETS	3		Moved to LES CORNETS, near LYONS LA FORET 5112. Div Op Instr No 22 issued showing forecast of future ops.	Appx 'A'
HAUCOURT	4		Moved to HAUCOURT, near FORMERIE 6133. Amendment No 1 to Div Op Instr No 22 issued, incl amendments to Appx 'A'	" 'B'
NUNCQ	5		Moved to NUNCQ 120037, SOUTH of S. POLL	
TRIEU- COUSINE	6		Moved to TRIEU-COUSINE 8945.	
KASTEELWIJK	8		Moved to KASTEELWIJK 072580, near OUDENARDE.	
RAMSDONCK	10		Moved to RAMSDONCK 610744.	
BERGUM	12		Moved to BERGUM 0278.	
GHEEL	14		Moved to GHEEL 1084.	
	17		Div Op Instr No 24 issued, giving outline plan for Op "FLOOD".	" 'C'
	19		Div Op Instr No 26 issued, giving outline plan for Ops "TURN" and "BOX", both in connection with Op "GARDEN".	" 'D'
	20		Div Op Instr No 27 issued for carrying out of Op "BOX", with Appx 'A' and Appx 'B' showing codenames for places, routes, etc.	" 'E'
ZEELST	21		Moved to ZEELST 390168.	
	23		Div Op Instr No 28 issued, giving confirmation of verbal orders for ops on 24 Sep. Amended Appx 'B' to Div Op Instr No 27 issued, showing 12 Corps routes. Letter amending the above Appx issued.	" 'F' " 'G' " 'H'
	26		Div Op Instr No 29 issued, being confirmation of verbal orders issued to comds on 26 Sep.	" 'I'
NIJNSEL	27		Moved to NIJNSEL 395227. Letter O 769 issued, giving new 12 Corps routes and cancelling Appx 'B' to Div Op Instr No 27.	" 'J'
	30		Letter 1/10/G(I) issued regarding censorship.	" 'K'



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1	0650  1105 1500	15 (S) Div Op Instr No 30 for relief of 15 (S) Div by 51 (H) Div issued. 46 Bde sent a patrol into NAASTEBEST to see if enemy still in occupation. As soon as they crossed the rly they were fired on and suffered 5 killed and 8 wounded. 227 Bde patrolled in area of woods 3830 but made no contact. Later contact was made with enemy patrol at 374288. Bdy between 15 (S) Div and 53 Div now WILHELMINA Canal incl to 53 Div. One bn 158 Bde, who have remained in their sector, under comd 15 (S) Div, carried out a raid on clog factory 397332, which was successful. 8 PW taken.	Appx "D" 1.
	2		153 Bde of 51 (H) Div relieved 44 Bde during the night, latter moving to area GEMERT 5730. Patrolling by 46 and 227 Bdes continued. 46 Bde reported that enemy still in NAASTEBEST. On 227 Bde front it was reported as a quiet day with no shelling.	
	3		Civ reported that enemy digging on line 328363 - 322361 thence along rd to ESCHE. 227 Bde fwd OPs were fired on by mortars and MMGs; otherwise all was quiet.	
	4		During the night the Div, less 44 Bde and arty, was relieved by 51 (H) Div. Main Div HQ moved to GEMERT 574304. 46 Bde moved to HELMOND 5522, and 227 Bde moved to the area BAKEL 6124. 15 (S) Div Op Instr No 31, giving outline plan for future ops, issued.	Appx "D" 2.
	5		During the night two bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Main HQ, breaking windows; otherwise no damage was done, and the only casualty was one man wounded. Div now resting and all bdes organising trg.	
	6		" " " " " " " " " "	

	7		15 (S) Div Mov Order No 1 for Op "GATWICK" issued, with trace showing conc areas. (This op was cancelled). Letter 1/3/G(I) issued regarding security of civil telephone installations. Div resting.	Appx "D" 3. Appx "J" 4.
	8-12		Div resting and bdes trg; maximum entertainment was organised for the tps.	
	13		15 (S) Div OO No 6 for Op "SIRIUS" issued. 15 (S) Div Mov Order No 1 for Op "SIRIUS" issued with trace showing conc areas.	Appx "D" 5. " "D" 6.
	14		Div resting, bdes trg, etc.	
	15		" " " " "	
	16		15 (S) Div OO No 7 for Op "SIRIUS" issued. Div resting, bdes trg, etc. Letter 1/10/G(I) regarding censorship of mail of Allied Liaison personnel issued.	Appx "D" 7.  " "J" 8.
	17		Letter 89/G(O) regarding policy for mounting guards on crashed a/c issued. Div resting, bdes trg, etc.	" "J" 9.
	18	0100	" " " " " Div came under comd 12 Corps.	
	19		Div took over from 51 (H) Div in BEST 3726 - OEDENRODE 4332 sector. 46 Bde now in area BEST. 44 Bde area 4126 with one bn under comd 7 Armd Div area 4737. 227 Bde area ST OEDENRODE - BEST.	44 & 46 Bde's other bns area GEMERT 5730
	20		Situation at mid-day as follows:- 227 Bde with under comd 15 (S) Recce Regt and 9 CAMERONIANS of 46 Bde hold line 397317 - 385301 - 380294 - 373278 - 374266 - 374257. Otherwise no change. Message O 858 regarding the breaking of wireless silence issued.	Appx "D" 10.
	21		Patrolling showed enemy to be still occupying wood 3830. Increase in enemy mortaring in area BEST. At midnight 6 Gds Tk Bde came under comd 15 (S) Div. At present they are in area DEURNE - ASTEN.	
	22		A much quieter day with little shelling and mortaring. Active patrolling during the night in area 3830 disclosed enemy defs in the area still being held.	
	23		15 (S) Div Op Instr No 33 for 12 Corps Op "PHEASANT", giving div outline plan, issued with list of brs for which the Div is responsible at Appx 'A'. By evening the enemy appear to have withdrawn from area NAASTEBEST.	Appx "D" 11.
	24		During morning recce patrols reported many felled trees, heavily booby-trapped, at 365290. Other recce patrols were unable to enter	

		<p>1200 BOXTEL owing to booby traps, although local civs say that the enemy has withdrawn.</p> <p>Op to clear area of woods 3830 and to NORTH started by 227 Bde and proceeding satisfactorily.</p> <p>Main Div HQ moved to ST OEDENRODE 415315.</p> <p>1950 Class 40 br at BEST completed, 44 Bde having advanced to beyond OIRSCHOT 3125. Situation at midnight : 227 Bde - 2 Gordons 3529. 10 HLI and 2 A &amp; SH astride rd 3629 and 3628. 44 Bde - 6 RSF occupied OIRSCHOT with one coy holding br 286276 which was incompletely blown by the enemy and is still suitable for Cl 9 traffic. 6 KOSB area BEST. 8 RS area 3828. 9 CAMERONIANS of 46 Bde (under comd 44 Bde) area 3626. 46 Bde - 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH 3923. 6 Gds Tk Bde - 4 Tk Gren Gds OIRSCHOT, remainder of Bde conc 4230.</p> <p>Message O 883 giving codewords list for Op "PHEASANT" issued.</p> <p>Message O 888 referring to Op Instr No 33 cancelling Op "BOB" issued.</p>	<p>Appx "D" 12.</p> <p>" "D" 13.</p>
	25	<p>A Cl 40 br at 286275 completed during the night.</p> <p>Main Div HQ moved to OIRSCHOT 313254.</p> <p>Situation at mid-day as follows : 44 Bde - 6 KOSB reached blown br 205276, having cleared NORTH of WILHELMINA Canal. 8 RS at STRATEN 3426. 46 Bde - 2 GLAS H sp by 3 Tk SG reached 230305. 15 (S) Recce Regt patrols on rd BEST - BOXTEL reached 3432.</p> <p>Situation at midnight as follows : 46 Bde - 7 SEAFORTH fwd elements over Cl 9 br at 2334. 9 CAMERONIANS 1831 patrolling to br 178327. 2 GLAS H sp by one sqn 3 Tk SG reached 205307. 44 Bde - 6 KOSB area 2027. One coy 6 RSF at Cl 40 br 287275. 6 RSF less one coy and 8 RS at OIRSCHOT. 227 Bde conc NOTEL 3226.</p>	
	26	<p>By mid-day situation as follows : 46 Bde - 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H attacking OOSTERWIJK 2234 and leading elements reached rly 235345. 9 CAMERONIANS area 1931 and 1832. 44 Bde - 6 KOSB contacted patrols of 4 Armd Bde at br 205275 which is now Cl 40.</p> <p>By midnight situation as follows : 46 Bde completed the clearance of area OOSTERWIJK. 9 CAMERONIANS at 1833 - 1832. 2 GLAS H area 2434 - 2334. 7 SEAFORTH area 2334 - 2234. One sqn 3 Tk SG with each bn. 227 Bde conc MOERGESTEL 2230 with 4 Tk Coldm Gds.</p> <p>44 Bde - area 1924 with 4 Tk Gren Gds. Cl 40 br at 231340 now completed.</p>	
	27	<p>Situation at mid-day : 46 Bde - 9 CAMERONIANS pushing NORTH along EAST side of WILHELMINA Canal. 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H moving to area NE of TILBURG. 44 Bde - advancing from SOUTH towards TILBURG, leading tps (6 RSF) at 1831 - 1730. 6 KOSB just short of BROEKHOVEN 1730.</p> <p>Main Div HQ moved to HILVARENBEK 196238.</p>	

		<p>Situation at midnight : The Western part of TILBURG occupied, posns as follows - 46 Bde NORTH of rly TILBURG in areas 1686 - 1834. 44 Bde - Southern half of city in areas 1928 - 1831 - 1830. 227 Bde - conc area 1826 - 1926 preparatory to passing through 44 Bde to clear the remainder of the city up to the rly.</p>	
	28	<p>During the morning GOC accompanied by GS01 and other staff offrs went into the city of TILBURG and were welcomed and entertained by the Bourgmeister.</p> <p>44 and 46 Bdes completed the occupation of TILBURG.</p> <p>At about mid-day orders were received for the Div to be prepared to move as soon as possible to 8 Corps sector, due to the enemy making a breakthrough on 7 US Armd Div front in the area of MEIJEL E 7106. Main Div HQ moved to WILHELMINA Park 159331 in TILBURG. 227 Bde and 3 Tk SG moved over to 8 Corps area, arriving at first light.</p>	
	29	<p>At first light 44 and 46 Bdes followed 227 Bde to 8 Corps area and the Div came under comd 8 Corps.</p> <p>Main Div HQ moved to HELMOND 5521.</p> <p>By last light posns were as follows : 44 Bde (with under comd 2 GLAS H and less 6 KOSB) took over from 7 US Armd Div Combat Comd "B". 2 GLAS H ASTEN 6113. 8 RS area 6614. 6 RSF area 6514. 4 Tk Gren Gds 6614-6414. 46 Bde (with under comd 6 KOSB and less 2 GLAS H) - 9 CAMERONIANS astride rly SSE of DEURNE. 7 SEAFORTH astride rly SW of DEURNE. 6 KOSB area 6516. 227 Bde - 2 GORDONS area 6510. 10 HLI area 6509. 2 A &amp; SH EAST of ASTEN. 3 Tk SG area ASTEN. LIESEL was reported unoccupied by the enemy.</p>	
	30	<p>Enemy reported having re-occupied LIESEL at first light.</p> <p>Main Div HQ moved to ZOMEREN 5911.</p> <p>Situation at last light : 44 Bde - 6 RSF cleared enemy from houses in NORTH and WEST of LIESEL. At mid-day enemy strongly counter-attacked 2 GLAS H from SLOT and attained some infiltration. With the help of 8 RS the situation was stabilised and the counter attack was finally broken up. 46 Bde - 9 CAMERONIANS reached wood 6716 and patrolled SOUTH to rd 6715. 7 SEAFORTH reached LOON 6615. 227 Bde - elements of 10 HLI reached Easting 66. Enemy counter-attacked about 1800 hrs but this was destroyed by arty fire.</p>	
	31	<p>Situation as at first light : 44 Bde - 8 RS now in area 6513-6514. 46 Bde - 6 KOSB area 6616. 227 Bde - 10 HLI area 6410-6510. 2 A &amp; SH area 6312. Otherwise no change.</p> <p>During the day 46 Bde continued their advance down the DEURNE - MEIJEL rd, having cleared LIESEL.</p> <p>Situation at last light : 6 KOSB in SLOT in contact with enemy. 7 SEAFORTH area just SOUTH of LIESEL. 9 CAMERONIANS area 678148. 44 Bde</p>	

			- 8 RS cleared wood 6612 and are now est on Eastern edge. 6 RSF moving down to right flank of 8 RS. Otherwise no change.	
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Month and Year NOV 44.

Commanding Officer Maj-Gen CM BARBER, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1 Nov	1300 1445 1550 1825	44 Bde preceded by recce screen adv South on HEITRAK 6910 based on LIESEL 6614 against increasing enemy opposition. 8 Corps Comd visited 46 and 227 Bdes and later 44 Bde. Posn of 46 Bde as follows :- one Bn 685124, one Bn 682140 (7 Seaforth) one Bn 695155 one Bn 559144. 44 Bde posned as follows :- one Bn 661125, one Bn 674138, one Bn 681129.	
ZOMEREN	2 Nov	1750	Orders issued for capture of MEIJEL 7106 by 44 Bde Gp on 3 Nov. Progress of 44 Bde continues slowly under increasing shell fire, and extensive minefds finally slowed up progress. Dispositions of 44 Bde as follows :- two Bns area 695095, one Bn 695100.	
	3 Nov	1003	Attack by 44 Bde on MEIJEL postponed 24 hrs to allow counter battery tasks to be undertaken. Enemy reported still occupying SCHANS 7107 and some enemy infiltration in 44 Bde's area, who later withdrew.	
	4 Nov	1126 1215	Counter attack on 6 KOSB of 44 Bde reported from 710092. Counter attack destroyed by arty fire.	
ZOMEREN	5 Nov	0800 1400 2359	Attack on MEIJEL by 44 Bde sp by 4 Tk Gren Gds from North unsuccessful owing to minefds and muddy state of ground. 23 Tks "bogged" or KO'd. Local gains only made, under hy shelling. Div Op Instr No.35 issued giving tasks for the holding of DEURNE canal from bdy between 11 Armd Div (698157) to 10 Northing Grid line. 44 Bde to close Eastwards to DEURNE canal and prevent enemy crossing. Both Bdes to patrol actively Eastwards towards the canal. 7 Seaforth came under comd 44 Bde. 6 RSF come under comd 46 Bde.	Appx "D.1"
	6 Nov		6 RSF relieved 2 GORDONS and came into Div reserve area <del>ASTEN</del> with task of protecting rd ASTEN - MEIJEL. 10 HLI withdrawn to rest in area ASTEN. 46 Bde patrolling East to DEURNE canal. 44 Bde patrolling South to determine posn of enemy in area MEIJEL. All tk crews of	

			'bogged' tks in operation on MEIJEL reported as rescued and salvage of tks continuing.	
	7 Nov		Div Op Instr No.36 issued. 2 A & SH of 227 Bde relieved Combat Gp FULLER of 7 US Armd Div in area 673060 during the night. Patrolling by 44 Bde and 46 Bde continued during the night. 6 RSF reverted to comd 44 Bde.	Appx "D" 2
	8 Nov	0600	Div assumes responsibility for sector formerly held by 7 US Armd Div. The sector extends as follows :- junction of canals 618995 to 673060. 152 (H) Bde of 51 Div with under comd 2 A & SH come under comd 15 Div, and are responsible for above sector.	
	9 Nov		During the night 227 Bde with two Bns relieved 44 Bde. Bns of 44 Bde moved to HELMOND and ASTEN. 7 Seaforth reverted to comd 46 Bde and moved to area DEURNE.	
	10 Nov		Div Op Instr No.37 issued giving outline plan for capture of MEIJEL by 227 Bde assisted by subsidiary operations of 44 Bde. Patrolling continues.	Appx "D.3"
	11 Nov		Patrolling continues, with little to report except additional infm regarding minefields. 44 Bde relieved 227 Bde.	
	12 Nov	0930	Comds Conference on future operations held at Div HQ. All Bde Comds, CRA, CRE, OC 1 MX and OC 15 (S) Recce Regt attended. Patrolling continues. More infm obtained regarding minefields.	
	13 Nov		An offr patrol of 6 KOSB went to MEIJEL in the early morning remaining there all day and found the village to be unoccupied. Some increase in enemy shelling. Patrolling continues.	
	14 Nov		A further patrol from 44 Bde during the morning went to MEIJEL but saw no enemy. Letter 1/G(I) regarding security of future Ops and the policy to be adopted to maintain security issued. O.6 List of place names codewords for use during Op NUTCRACKER issued.	Appx "J" 4 Appx "D" 5
	15 Nov		During early morning 44 Bde advanced towards MEIJEL meeting no resistance except from an enemy fighting patrol at 719080 which caused a temporary halt in the adv. MEIJEL finally occupied during late afternoon.	
	16 Nov		15 Div Op Instr No.39 for Op NUTCRACKER issued. Active patrolling to the DEURNE canal carried out by 44 and 46 Bdes, establishing that the enemy held a number of posts along the canal.	Appx "D" 6
	17 Nov		Active patrolling carried out by all Bdes, during night 44 and 46 Bdes patrolled to DEURNE canal and found the enemy still holding his posts. 44 Bde report an increase in shelling in the MEIJEL area. Addendum No.1 to Div Op Instr No.38 issued.	Appx "D" 7

			15 (S) Div Op Instr No 39 for Op "NUTCRACKER" issued.	Appx "D" 8
	18 Nov		Patrolling again carried out during the night by all Bdes establishing that the enemy still holding his posts on DEURNE canal. Slight decrease in shelling.	
	19 Nov	0830	Enemy appear to have withdrawn during the night. Patrols from 44 and 46 Bdes at first light made no contact. Bridging operations to establish cl 40 brs at 729065 and 708122 across DEURNE canal begun. 46 Bde sent one Coy across canal at 708122 to give close protection to bridging operations.	
	20 Nov	1040  1230 1700	Op NUTCRACKER begins. Div advances on area SEVENUM 8113 on two routes with 227 Bde on right crossing canal at 729065 and 46 Bde (one bn only) on left crossing canal at 708122, both preceded by recce. Main Div HQ moved to barracks at DEURNE 655170 arriving 1030 hrs. 46 Bde report fwd elements at 727117 being heavily mortared and that minesweeping on axis being held up by enemy small arms fire. Northern route very bad owing to mud and mines. Forward tps of 227 Bde reported at 761024. 227 Bde (2 GORDONS) reached rd at 773097 and 774085. Bn of 46 Bde reached HELENAVEEN canal where they were held up by extensive minefds and bad going, and established that the enemy were holding the East side. About 30 PW taken. Message O 63 giving orders for Ops 21 Nov issued.	Appx "D" 9
	21 Nov	1640	227 Bde continue on SKYE route, but the route is reported very bad and at places under water. Considerable number of mines also reported. 46 Bde moving on AYR route which is also in very bad condition, and badly mined and cratered. Considerable trouble experienced with br over HELENAVEEN canal. 227 Bde fwd tps reached and occupied VORST 8212. 47 Bde fwd tps reached area ACHTERSTE HEES 8014 and patrol of 15 Recce Regt patrolled to HORST 8218 which they found clear of enemy. One Bn 44 Bde moved to MEIJEL. 42 PW taken by 2 GORDONS Lt G.M. Paton, Recce Corps, joined this HQ as Liaison Offr.	
	22 Nov	0900 1100 1350  1512	227 Bde fwd elements reported reached ACHTERSTE STEEG 8012. 227 Bde occupied VOORSTE STEEG 8013. 227 Bde occupied SEVENUM and are disposed as follows :- one Bn 823128 - 815127 - 812123 - 818127 - 819123 with one Bn at 809134 and one Bn at 807117. 46 Bde report one Bn at ACHTERSTE HEES, one Bn disposed between ACHTERSTE HEES and SEVENUM and one Bn area 7613. The going has been extremely bad and muddy on both routes rendering traffic control very difficult. Br at 736116 now cl 40 but approaches very bad.	



			Message O 76 giving orders for operations 23 Nov issued.	Appx "D" 10
	23 Nov		By mid-day 227 Bde had two Bns in HORST 8318 with the third Bn moving up. Contact made by recce with 11 Armd Div on our left at 812178. By midnight third Bn of 227 Bde joined the other Bns in HORST. No movement was made by 44 and 46 Bdes during the day. Further mines and demolitions reported on SKYE route and lateral rds between the two routes. Message O 84 giving orders for Ops 24 Nov issued.	Appx "D" 11
	24 Nov		Forward patrolling by 15 Recce Regt towards TIENRAIJ. During the night 23/24 active patrolling was carried out by 46 and 227 Bdes. Letter 7/G(I) regarding photographs of Campaign issued. Message O 97 giving orders for ops 25 Nov issued.	Appx "J" 12 Appx "D" 13
SEVENUM	25 Nov		Main Div HQ moved to SEVENUM 819146. As it was not known whether the wood 8315 was clear of enemy one Recce Sqn formed a screen from 826154 to 829166. 46 Bde remained concentrated in the area HORST. One Bn 227 Bde advanced to SWOLKEN 8722 with little opposition. Message O 100 giving orders for Ops 26 Nov issued.	Appx "D" 14
	26 Nov		One Bn 46 Bde cleared wood 8417 without opposition and also LOVENDAAL 890153, one Bn situated astride rd from 885172 to HOUTHUIZEN 897177 and one Bn in area 895191 to 902195 in contact with enemy. This Bn will attempt to push on into LOTTUM 9018 during the night. 227 Bde one Bn in area 8924 and one Bn in area GUN 8724 and TIENDAIJ 8523 and one Bn in contact with enemy in BLITTERSWIJK 8727 which is not yet cleared. 24 PW taken during the day. Message O 113 giving orders for Ops 27 Nov issued.	Appx "D" 15
	27 Nov	2345	46 Bde reliefs within the Bde took place during the day. 227 Bde one Bn mopping up in West outskirts of BLITTERSWIJK 8727 and area MEGELSUM 8625. Message O 118 issued giving particulars of reliefs of 10 HLI by 9 Bde of 3 Div and 2 GORDONS by 11 Armd Div and of adjustment of bdys. Relief of 2 GORDONS by 9 Bde completed.	Appx "D" 16
	28 Nov		One Bn 46 Bde attacked KASTEEL 903217 this morning but the attack was unsuccessful. The posn was strongly held with MGs dug in and also sited in the embrasures of the KASTEEL. Mines were also encountered. During the afternoon 2 GORDONS under comd 46 Bde cleared the houses at 902221 taking 5 PW. 46 Bde were relieved by 159 Bde and moved one Bn to area 7915 and one Bn to SCHADIJK 8020. 2 GORDONS reverted to comd 227 Bde and moved to ASTEN 6113.	
PANNINGEN	29 Nov	0900 1015	Div came under comd of 12 Corps. Main Div HQ moved to PANNINGEN 776049.	

		<p>46 Bde relieved 146 Bde of 49 Div in area 8708 who with 49 Recce Regt remained under comd of this Div.</p> <p>227 Bde still conc area ASTEN.</p> <p>44 Bde employed on lifting mines and making corduroy rd in 8 Corps sector.</p> <p>Div Op Instr No. 40 for Op GUILDFORD issued.</p>	
	30 Nov	<p>Active patrolling was carried out by 44 Bde to attempt to build up the enemy picture in BLERICK 8809 in preparation for operation GUILDFORD. The results showed that the enemy appeared to be well dug in, and protected by an a tk ditch and extensive minefds.</p> <p>Staff planning for operation GUILDFORD in progress.</p>	

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Unit HQ 15 (S) INF DIV.

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year DEC 44.

Commanding Officer Major General C.M. BARBER, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN	1		Planning for Op "GUILDFORD". Rain and muddy conditions. Line of fwd tps as follows : 46 Bde - 2 GLAS H coys at 881104 887109 884116. 9 CAMERONIANS coys at HAUT BLERICK 882080 875087 BOEKEND 874100. 7 SEAFORTH were relieved by 9 CAMERONIANS.	
	2		Planning for Op "GUILDFORD". Rain and muddy conditions. 46 Bde patrols report wire obstacles NORTH of house 888123 with A tk mines.	
	3	0745	44 Bde op "GUILDFORD" for the taking of BLERICK began. The attack was made from the WEST with two bns, preceded by flails who cleared six lanes through a protecting minefd and AVsRE which bridged the A tk ditch. The flails and AVsRE were covered by tks. Inf were conveyed in armd personnel carriers, who then conveyed the remaining bn, and 7 SEAFORTH (under comd 44 Bde). By 1700 hrs the op was complete with the exception of two pockets of enemy (one near the ferry). 'Mopping up' was NOT completed by last light. 15 (S) Div Op Instr No. 41 for future ops issued.	
	4		Posns of fwd tps at first light as follows : 44 Bde - 6 KOSB coys at 892078 893081 894084. 8 RS coys at 898065 908088 897089. 6 RSF coys at 902092 902096 898024. 7 SEAFORTH (under comd 44 Bde) 896104 891106. Third coy moving to MAASBREE 8207. 6 KOSB mopped-up isolated pockets at 894081. 7 SEAFORTH cleared enemy from 897104. Approx 230 PW taken in Op "GUILDFORD".	
	5		Nothing to report. Weather - wind WSW; showers heavy; visibility 4-8 miles, later 2-4 miles. Div Comd's conference held at this HQ. All Bde Comds attended.	
	6		Nothing to report. Weather - showery, overcast. Message O 212 giving particulars of visit of Comd 8 Corps.	

	7		2 GORDONS and 10 HLI of 227 (H) Inf Bde took over area KESSELEIK 8099 - KESSEL 8200 - HAUT 8402 - BAARLO 8605 from 160 Bde of 53 Div. Relief carried out smoothly without interruption. Weather - some rain, followed by fairly heavy rain. Conditions still very muddy.	
	8		46 (H) Inf Bde moved into conc area ASTEN. Remainder of 227 (H) Inf Bde and HQ moved to area HELDEN 7403. Lt Gen EH BARKER, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, 8 Corps Comd, visited 46 and 227 Bdes. Div Op Instr No. 42 issued.	
	9	0600	Nothing to report. Slight rain during evening. Conditions muddy. Div reverted to comd 8 Corps. Letter 365/G(O) regarding the presentation of medal ribbons with list of offr and ORs to be decorated issued.	
	10		Nothing to report. Conditions still muddy. Maj DH BURNET left this HQ on ceasing to be employed as GSOII.	
	11		44 (L) Bde report considerable mov of the enemy EAST of R MAAS, which indicates that the enemy is carrying out reliefs in area VENLO 9109 and to the NORTH. They fired on suspected enemy OPs and other opportunity targets. 227 (H) Bde nothing to report. 46 (H) Bde nothing to report.	
	12		Enemy mov active at night. Div Op Instr No. 43 issued.	
	13		Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. MONTGOMERY, KCB, DSO, presented medal ribbons to 36 offr (incl 2 Canloan offr) and 40 ORs of the Div. Afterwards he spoke to senior offr of the Div.	
	14		All quiet.	
	15		Nothing to report. Capt ND DAVENPORT, KOSB, arrived to take up appointment of GSOIII(O).	
	16		Nothing to report.	
	17		46 (H) Bde relieved 158 Bde in area NEER 7897 - WANSSUM 7996 - NUNHEM 7795 - BUGGENUM 7794 - ROGGEL 7397. 158 Bde remained under comd until relief was complete. Relief completed without incident by 1730 hrs. Some air activity during the day.	
	18		8 RS relieved 6 RSF in area NORTH of BLERICK. Capt JF MARNAN IG appointed GSOII. Capt S McCALL-SMITH CAMERONIANS appointed GSOIII(O). Capt AL TAMBLYN appointed GSOIII(L).	
	19		Shelling not so hy. Enemy SP guns active in VENLO and noises of hammering metal stakes etc in area 908103, which was fired on by our arty.	

	20		10 HLI relieved 2 A & SH during afternoon. General adjustment of def posns within bdes carried out.	
	21		N T R. Div Op Instr No. 45 issued.	
	22		Adjustment of Div Northern flank carried out during the afternoon and evening. Posns taken up as shown in sitrep for 232359 hrs.	Appx "A" 12.
	23		Slight enemy patrol activity, otherwise N T R. Adjustments of bns of 44 Bde completed.	
	24		Slight enemy patrol activity incl a party of enemy discovered in house at 791971. Otherwise a quiet day.	
	25		Xmas Day. All ranks enjoyed Xmas celebrations. Enemy activity was negligible during the day. Some civilians crossed the river and reported that the Germans in VENLO were drunk. O 364, giving list of code names for present area, issued.	
	26		A quiet day. N T R.	
	27		6 RSF relieved 8 RS in the line. A certain amount of shelling of div area.	
	28		A quiet day. An enemy patrol came over the river at 790950 during the early part of the morning but were driven back. 9 CAMERONIANS relieved 2 GLAS H. Slight increase in enemy shelling.	
	29		Weather conditions misty. About 10 enemy attempted to cross the river at 804977 and were engaged by MG and arty fire. Approx 100 shells were dropped on Div area. 6 Dutch Patriot Coy came under comd and placed under comd 44 Bde situated at BOEKEND 8709.	
	30	1300	Three shells landed in HQ area. One cas at HQ RA. Otherwise a quiet day. 2 GORDONS relieved 2 A & SH. 6 Dutch Patriot Coy moved to 877086.	
	31		Three shells landed in HQ area at 1013 hrs. No cas or damage. Some increase in shelling on our right sector. Some rly shunting was heard in area 8296 and Tac R was requested. Aeroplanes, however, unable to fly due to iced runways. Message O 417, ordering one bn 46 Bde and one MG pl to be placed under comd 11 Armd Div from 0800 hrs 8 Jan for the purpose of relieving units of 159 Bde, issued.	

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Commanding Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year JAN 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		NTR	
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	3	2100	2 GLAS H relieved 7 SEAFORTH in same posn overnight. 2 A & SH relieved 10 HLI in same posn overnight. Small enemy patrol engaged by 2 GLAS H causing enemy to withdraw.	
	4		NTR	
	5		NTR. Weather - Frosty and some mist.	
	6		NTR. Weather - Frosty and some mist.	
	7		Weather - severe snow storms. Enemy patrol strength approx 10 men met fwd post 2 GLAS H at 793971, patrol scattered. 2 wounded PW taken both died. Both belonged to 7 FLIEGER Regt.	
	8		Weather - snow. During night 6 KOSB relieved 6 RSF (completed by 2000 hrs) taking over same posn. Some enemy patrol activity during night. 7 SEAFORTH moved to 11 Armd Div area coming under their comd on arrival. 'C' Sqdn 15 (S) Recce Regt moved to area REGGEL 7397. Letter 12/G/(I) regarding reporting of enemy Tk cas issued.	
	9			Location Statement.
	10		Small enemy patrol reported area 901102 at 0045 hrs, but disappeared. Lt Col JM HAILEY, DSO (CO 131 Fd Regt RA) succeeded Lt Col JND TYLER, MC (RA) as GSO 1, 15 (S) Inf Div.	
	11		Enemy patrol of 7 men seen at 875065 at 2300 hrs.	
	12		Routine reliefs - 44 (L) Inf Bde:- 6 RSF relieved 8 RS in same posns, but HQ 8 RS 829081. 227 (H) Inf Bde:- 2 GORDONS relieved 2 A & SH in same posns. Three enemy suspected at 903091 at 0345 hrs.	Location Statement.
	13		Enemy arty very active - 387 rounds in Div area, mostly North of BLERICK.	
	14		NTR	
	15		NTR	

	16		Boat containing eighteen enemy attempted to cross the river very early this morning at 896136, but were forced back.	
	17		NTR	
	18		NTR	
	19		Enemy patrol of one offr and three ORs swam across the MAAS. One killed, one captured. Further South a party of ten crossed near 793967, strongly supported by mortars from the enemy side of the river. One PW.	
	20		227 (H) Inf Bde relieved by 1 Cdo Bde and 44 (L) Inf Bde relieved by 227 (H) Inf Bde by 2200 hrs. HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde moved to GRAMMONT J2848 (message O 569). 8 RS under comd 1 Cdo Bde (with 6 Cdo and 45 (RM) Cdo), in old location of 2 A & SH, 6 Cdo in place of 10 HLI and 45 (RM) Cdo in place of 2 GORDONS.	
	21		6 RSF and 6 KOSB moved to area GRAMMONT J2848 (message O 569). Inns of Court Regt under comd 15 (S) Inf Div.	Location Statement.
	22		1 Cdo Bde reverted from comd 15 (S) Inf Div and moved out of area. 8 RS under direct Div comd 1100 hrs, took over from 6 Cdo, and Inns of Court Regt took over from 45 (RM) Cdo. 3 Para Bde Gp and 5 Para Bde Gp (6 Airborne Div) entered Div area, the latter taking over from 1 Cdo Bde with 8 RS and Inns of Court in the line. 7 SEAFORTH (res bn area) 46 (H) Inf Bde reverted to under comd 15 (S) Inf Div from 11 Armd Div.	
	23		3 and 5 Para Bde of 6 Airborne Div under comd 15 (S) Inf Div took over comd of Southern and Centre sectors of Div front respectively at 1430 hrs.	
	24		Move of 46 (H) Inf Bde to area centre TILBURG, and HQ 15 (S) Inf Div to area HELVOIRT - HAAREN 2537 - 2840.	
	25		227 (H) Inf Bde moved areas NW of TURNHOUT 9815, 9910 and GOIRLE 1427.	
	26		44 (L) Inf Bde moved from GRAMMONT area to area SE TILBURG.	
	27		15 (S) Inf Div under comd 30 Corps in new area.	
	28		Trg and Planning for Op "VERITABLE".	
	29		Sudden rise in temperature - thaw commenced.	
	30		Trg and Planning for Op "VERITABLE".	
	31		- ditto -	

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Month and Year FEB 45.

Commanding Officer Maj-Gen CM BARBER,  
DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Planning for Op VERITABLE in progress.	
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	4		15 Div OO No 8 issued for Op VERITABLE. During evening 46 (H) Bde Gp moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN.	
	5	2100	During night 227 (H) Bde Gp moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN. Main Div HQ moved to NIJMEGEN. Conditions very muddy due to considerable thaw.	
	6		During night 44 (L) Bde Gp and 15 (S) Recce Regt moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN.	
	8		Barrage for Op VERITABLE began at 0500 hrs. Op, with 46 (H) Bde on Right and 227 (H) Bde on Left, started fwd at 1030 hrs. Very bad going experienced and great difficulty in opening routes fwd. By 1630 hrs 10 HLI were beyond KRANENBURG behind 2 A & SH who were level with FRASSELT. By 1800 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were mopping up in FRASSELT.	
	9		Op SULLIVAN (crossing of A tk ditch and breaching of SIEGFRIED Line by mov light) began at 0400 hrs by 44 (L) Bde with 2 GORDONS under comd. 6 KOSB and 2 GORDONS were across the A tk ditch by 0700 hrs. By 0900 hrs 2 GORDONS reported in the outskirts of NUTTERDEN with 6 KOSB in the wood to SOUTH. At 1430 hrs 6 KOSB (with 8 RS behind) passed through gap 858557. By 1530 hrs leading tps (6 KOSB and 8 RS) were est on high ground overlooking CLEVE from WEST and NW. Throughout the afternoon rd EAST of KRANENBURG packed with traffic due to the passing through of two bdes of 43 Div. During the late afternoon 15 (S) Recce Regt attempted to pass through but were held up by mines, SA fire and darkness and were unable to get fwd.	
	10		During the night one bn of 43 Div entered the outskirts of CLEVE, and by 0800 hrs two bns of 43 Div were firmly est in CLEVE without much opposition. Later, parties of enemy re-appeared, causing confusion to some extent before being finally mopped up.	



		227 (H) Bde, who were to have passed through 43 Div to occupy woods immediately NW of CLEVE, were held up by traffic block in NUTTERDEN. 2 A & SH therefore ordered to take over from 6 KOSB and 8 RS on MATERBORN feature to enable 44 (L) Bde to move into CLEVE. This they were unable to do owing to the congestion caused by 43 Div.	
	11	During the morning Main Div HQ moved to NUTTERDEN 847560. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to take over from 2 A & SH (on high ground WEST of CLEVE). By 0800 hrs 6 KOSB were mopping up to CLEVE where slight opposition was met in the area of the LOOKOUT TOWER, but by 1030 hrs were est in CLEVE with 8 RS. About 1400 hrs 2 GORDONS still mopping up EAST of DONSBRUGGEN and bns of 43 Div were still in area CLEVE.	
	12	Mobile coln of 7 SEAFORTH sp by tks reached rly crossing 913548 in early afternoon; recce elts reached HASSELT 9453 but later withdrew. Relief of 44 (L) Bde by 7 Cdn Bde began.	
	13	7 SEAFORTH reached HASSELT 9453. Recce patrols reached 9552, 9554, 9455.	
	14	Main Div HQ moved to 890557 in CLEVE. Extensive flooding SE of CLEVE held up op of 15 (S) Recce Regt. 2 GLAS H reached 9552, 9451, and 9 CAMERONIANS at 9551, 9451 clearing woods and ridge WEST of MOYLAND against stiff opposition.	
	15	2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS continued their op of clearing the woods and reached 96 Easting at 2340 hrs. 46 (H) Bde commenced op to clear woods 9649 (by 10 HLI under comd).	
	16	46 (H) Bde came under comd 3 Cdn Div. 7 SEAFORTH patrolled into MOYLAND during the night. Op of 46 (H) Bde to clear woods 9649 continued. Counter attack on Right-hand bn of 46 (H) Bde repelled; 68 PW taken.	
	17	Preliminary planning for assault on GOCH.	
	18	44 (L) Bde attacked GOCH at 1330 hrs led by 8 RS. By 2100 hrs 8 RS reported at 9044, 6 KOSB at 9144, and a br over A tk ditch at 916443.	
	19	44 (L) Bde clearing GOCH. 6 KOSB penetrated to centre of GOCH. 8 RS task to clear Westwards up to river. 6 RSF task to clear area round the factory. All these tasks completed by 1740 hrs. 550 PW taken by 44 (L) Bde during the day.	
	20	227 (H) Bde began to clear woods 9343, 9443. By 1145 hrs 2 A & SH in BUCHHOLT with 2 GLAS H to SOUTH of them. By 1400 hrs 2 GORDONS reached SCHLOSS CALBECK 9342. By 1600 hrs all bns reported on their objectives. 2 GLAS H on high ground SOUTH Of BUCHHOLT. 2 A & SH on high ground 1000 metres NORTH of them, and 2 GORDONS at SCHLOSS CALBECK and to SOUTH. 288 PW and 3 deserters taken.	

	21		6 RSF came under comd 227 (H) Bde. Patrolling carried out by Recce and 2 GLAS H to SE. Recce took 30 PW.	
		2030	6 RSF got one coy over rly against considerable opposition. Half-an-hr later all coys over rly en route for high ground SOUTH of it. They met considerable opposition and shelling.	
	22	0705	Counter attack from SE against 6 RSF seen forming up.	
		0810	Right-hand coy of 6 RSF pulled back slightly to form firm brhead. One coy of 2 GORDONS moved fwd to reinforce 6 RSF.	
		1048	Enemy pressure on 6 RSF considerably lightened.	
		1400	During afternoon 6 RSF relieved by 2 GLAS H.	
		1615	9 CAMERONIANS passed through 2 GLAS H and cleared to SOUTH edge of SCHLOSS CALBECK woods.	
			7 SEAFORTH of 46 (H) Bde started to attack through 9 CAMERONIANS Eastwards to clear woods SE of SCHLOSS CALBECK.	
	23		44 (L) Bde passed through 46 (H) Bde and secured high ground 938405 - GEURTSCHOF 9439.	
			Fd Marshal Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY KCB, DSO, visited this HQ.	
	24		227 (H) Bde relieved by bde of 3 Brit Div and moved to TILBURG area. (See Location Statement GO 930).	
	25		During night 44 (L) and 46 (H) Bdes relieved by bdes of 3 Brit Div.	
	26		Main Div HQ moved to BOXTEL 327350. 44 (L) and 46 (H) Bdes moved to rest area TILBURG. (See Location Statement GO 930). Came under comd First Cdn Army.	
	27	)	Div resting.	
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Month and Year March, 1945.

Commanding Officer Maj Gen C.M. BARBER, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1	)		
	2	)	Div resting area TILBURG.	
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	4		Massed Pipes and Drums of Div at TILBURG.	
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	6		Main Div HQ moved to ZONHOVEN 3368. Bdes moved to areas as shown locn statement GO 960 6 Mar. Come under comd 2 Army.	
	7		Come under comd 12 Corps. Planning Ex BUFFALO began. Planning assault crossing of RHINE (Op TORCHLIGHT) began.	
	8		11 AGRE and 5 R Berks come under comd. 33 Armd Bde in sp.	
	9		Opening narrative Ex BUFFALO and First Key Plan Op TORCHLIGHT issued.	
	10		Ex instr Ex BUFFALO issued.	
	11		Instrs for assembly Ex BUFFALO, and outline plan Ex TORCHLIGHT issued. 4 Armd Bde under comd.	
	12		Div Planning Notes No. 1 issued.	
	13		Fd Marshal Sir BL MONTGOMERY, KCB, DSO, visited this HQ.	
	14		Ex BUFFALO - Day Exercise.	
	15/16		Ex BUFFALO - Night Exercise.	
	17		Planning Op TORCHLIGHT.	
	18	)	Planning continued.	
	19	)		
	20		Op TORCHLIGHT. Op Order No.9 issued.	
	21		Main Div HQ moved night 21/22 to area 070387. Bdes moved to conc areas as shown on locn statement GO 128 22 Mar 45.	
	22		Tac HQ moved to area 091428.	
	23		Co-ordinating conference for Op TORCHLIGHT. Op PLUNDER 21 Army Gp operation crossing the RHINE began 2100 hrs. Barrage in sp of Op TORCHLIGHT began 2100 hrs.	

	24		Op TORCHLIGHT with 44 Bde Right, 227 Bde Left started 0200 hrs. 0215 hrs 227 Bde reported 10 HLI and 2 A & SH across RHINE without opposition. Difficulty with mud. 0222 hrs 44 Bde reported 8 RS, 6 RSF across river and moving fwd. 46 Bde in reserve started crossing early morning. 18 US Airborne Corps Op VARSITY began 1000 hrs. At 1400 hrs 44 Bde reported 6 KOSB contacted elements 17 US Airborne Div South of DIERSFORDT. 44 Bde at 1550 that all Bns on objectives. 227 Bde reported at 1715 hrs 2 GORDONS pushing towards HAFFEN 1149.	
	25		0430 hrs 46 Bde reported counter-attack on 7 SEAFORTH from area 135493. 2 GLAS H put in to restore situation. Counter-attack dispersed by 0710 hrs. 44 Bde reported leading tps reached 170501 and pushing on towards objective bridge 203530. Slight enemy opposition. 2015 hrs 46 Bde report 2 GLAS H and 2 A & SH making good progress in clearing wooded area 1449. 2400 hrs 44 Bde reported 6 KOSB 600 - 800 yds short of objective. Meeting opposition. 157 Bde came under comd. Div HQ moved to 091428.	
	26		During early morning 44 Bde reported counter-attacks on 8 RS and 6 KOSB. Situation restored at 1045 hrs. 3/4 CLY up with 6 KOSB. At 1755 hrs 44 Bde reported crossing R ISSEL to WEST of objective, and after fairly stiff opposition reached objective. 157 Bde reported at 2145 hrs tps were in RINGENBERG. Rd RINGENBERG - R ISSEL clear. 227 Bde, 10 HLI area 1250, 1251. 2 GORDONS 1149, 1049.	
	27		6 HLI under comd 46 (H) Bde. 46 Bde reported at 1117 hrs 2 GLAS H pushing fwd from track 178513 - 172510 - 159508. 9 CAMERONIANS area 1451 unable to push on by enemy opposition. 44 Bde reported counter-attack on 6 RSF area br head R ISSEL repulsed by 1830 hrs. 157 Bde left, to go under comd 7 Armd Div.	
	28		Recce Regt took over sector of 227 Bde during night. During early morning 158 Bde of 53 Div passed through bridge head held by 44 Bde. 46 Bde passed 7 SEAFORTH through 2 GLAS H at 0900 hrs objective area 1551. 227 Bde attacked at 1100 hrs securing area 156530 - 149532 to line of rd 140532 by 1330 hrs, with 2 A & SH and 6 HLI. At 1400 hrs 10 HLI and 2 GORDONS attacked through 9 CAMERONIANS and secured area 139525, 135516 without opposition.	
	29		Main Div HQ moved to 182501.	
	30		Holding role.	
	31		Holding role.	

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Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

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Month and Year Apr 45

Commanding Officer Maj Gen CM Barber DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HAMMILKELN	1		Div in Corps res. Regrouping in area HAMMILKELN 2048.	
	2		Div in Corps res. HAMMILKELN.	
	3		Div resting HAMMILKELN.	
TECKLENBURG	4		Main Div HQ moved to TECKLENBURG (0502) and remain in Corps res. 6 Gds Armd Bde comes under comd. 15 (S) Recce Regt is placed under comd 6 Airborne Div. 227 (H) Inf Bde moved to area EMSDETTEN 8597.	
	5		227 Bde cleared area TECKLENBURG 0502 - EMSDETTEN - X rds 1604 - Lotte 1208. 46 (H) Inf Bde still in previous area of HAMMILKELN. 44 (L) Inf Bde moved to area BOGHURST.	
LAVELSLOH	6		Main Div HQ moves to LAVELSLOH. 46 Bde at 829875. 44 Bde moved to RHADEN 595265.	
	7		44 Bde moved to area BONNHORST 7326. 46 Bde moved to area FRIEDEWALD 760183.	
	8		Div fully conc NE of MINDEN. 227 Bde : BONNHORST 7326 - MORLINGE 7925 - HILJE 6916. 44 Bde : RHADEN 595265. 46 Bde : FRIEDEWALD 760183.	
	9		Div remain conc in area as above.	
HAGENBURG	10		Main Div HQ moved to HAGENBURG. Div commences role of continuing the adv on axis PETERSHAGEN - DOHREN 8826 - LOCCUM 9629 - BAD REHRBURG - WUNSTORF 1527 - NEUSTADT 1735 - FRIELINGEN 2231 - OBERENDE 2631 and eventually to secure CELLE 5949 and UELZEN 8989.	
FUHRBERG	11		Main Div HQ moved to FUHRBERG 4345. 15 (S) Recce Regt reverts to 15 (S) Div at first light. 46 Bde Gp recce fwd on route SACHSENHAGEN 0423 - WUNSTORF 1427 - BISSENDORF 3738 - CELLE 5949. 227 Bde Gp on route NEUSTADT 1735 - ABBENSEN 2743 - HELLENDORF 3540 - CELLE 5949.	
		1000	46 Bde reached WUNSTORF.	
		1200	46 Bde reached FUHRBERG 4343.	
		1200	227 Bde cleared NEUSTADT br.	
	2400		Posns of 46 Bde by midnight were :- 557385 550386 545380. 227 Bde : 2 GORDONS crossed the FUHSE Canal just after midnight.	
	12	0530	10 HLI and 2 GORDONS reached CELLE.	
		1110	2 A & SH reached 6248.	

CELLE		1600	46 Bde were held up during day by numerous rd craters covered by fire, making adv only possible by inf on foot. Bde finally conc area 5848 with 2 GLAS H in area 6252. Main Div HQ moved to CELLE.	
ESCEDE	13	1200  2400	Div HQ move to ESCEDE 6962. General progress along main axis during the day was considerably slowed down by large craters in the rd, also delayed action bombs in area of craters. 46 Bde reached areas UNTERLUSS 7374, 8065 which still contained small enemy pockets; LUTTERLOH also in contact, and SCHARNHORST 7161. 227 Bde moving off the main axis up a track HOSSERINGE 8076, 10 HLI leading.	
	14	0645	Two attacks by fmns of Pz Div CLAUSEWITZ were put in against STADENSEN 8979 and NETTELKAMP 9179 shortly after midnight 13/14; 5 half tracks of Inf and 13 SPs attacked STADENSEN held by 2 GLAS H and caused severe damage to tpt. Fierce fighting took place and all 5 half tracks and 12 SPs were knocked out. NETTELKAMP was held by one Sqn of Recce Regt who also had vehs knocked out during fierce fighting which continued till 0630 hrs. 10 HLI reported on outskirts of UELZEN 8989, joined by 2 A & SH. Stiff fighting in Southern part of town against determined tps approx one bn strong, who counter attacked twice during morning. Little change in posns during day, but 400 PW taken by 227 Bde. 46 Bde continued clearing Northwards against varying resistance, taking 500 PW. 44 Bde moving NORTH reported main rd UELZEN - CELLE clear of enemy. Contact one Sqn Recce Regt working down Southwards at 8679. Mov on main axis still delayed by cratering and UXB.	
HOSSERINGEN	15		Main Div HQ moved to HOSSERINGEN 8077. 6 RSF captured NIENDORF 9085 with brs intact and pushed NORTH to HALLIGDORF 9186, HAMBROCK 908 and WRESTEDT 9082. Enemy opposn against all their advs was determined. Area WRESTEDT - NETTELKAMP - STADENSEN taken over by Air Ldg Bde 6 Airborne Div. 9 CAMERONIANS and one Sqn Recce Regt re-occupied NETTELKAMP 9179 against light opposition. 227 Bde with under comd 7 SEAFORTH containing enemy in UELZEN from the SOUTH.	
HAMMERSTON	16	2200 2230	Main Div HQ moved to HAMMERSTON 8383. Very little activity during day. 6 RSF est a coy in MEHRE 9587 during the evening. 9 CAMERONIANS were counter-attacked. Arty DF had broken this attack. Recce Regt deployed for the night to the NW at BODDENSTEDT 8285 and BAHNSEN 8084.	

	17		<p>8 RS took GR LIEDERN 9288 against med opposition and patrolled to OLDENSTADT 9190.</p> <p>46 Bde holding ground to SE of UELZEN had several counter attacks which were broken up successfully. Fighting patrol sent out to HANSEN 8487 during night and set village on fire. Patrols from 44 Bde reached 905889 and also 905891 and 903891.</p> <p>Recce Regt cleared BOHLSSEN 8388 and HANSEN 8487 and contacted 11 Armd Div at BARNSEN 8290, reported woods NW of UELZEN clear of enemy.</p>	
	18		<p>C in C, Fd Marshal Sir Bernard L MONTGOMERY, KCB, DSO, visited this HQ.</p> <p>Recce Regt patrolled NORTH to BEVENSEN 9002, clearing small enemy pockets. ROMSTEDT 9503 and ALMSTORF 9803 also cleared. 46 Bde completed clearing sector WEST of R. ILMENAU in UELZEN.</p>	
BARUM	19		<p>Main Div HQ moved to BARUM 8698. 1 Cdo Bde comes under comd. 15 (S) Recce Regt patrols reached 0401 - 9903 - 9807 - 0114 and report RIMBERGEN 0004 strongly held and possibly tks and SPs in woods NW of the town. Report BLECKEDE 0026 strongly held and enemy using the ferry there. 227 Bde adv to area 8130 - 9031. Foot patrols to close up to the river tonight. 46 Bde conc area BEVENSEN 9002 in Div res. 44 Bde conc area EMMENDORF 9095 - MASENDORF 9494 - MOLZEN 9393.</p>	
SCHARNEBECK	20		<p>Main Div HQ moved to SCHARNEBECK 8525. Patrols from 227 Bde night 19/20 reported ARTLENBURG 8334 and AVENDORF 8035 held by enemy. These villages were attacked by Typhoons at 1300 and 1800 hrs with good results but still held by enemy who are now reported to be withdrawing across river. Apart from these two places area within div bdys now clear of enemy. 388 PW incl 9 offr taken to-day. 46 Bde moved to area three miles WEST of BLECKEDE at 975275 which is still reported held by two coys of enemy who are probably in the course of withdrawing across the river.</p>	
	21		<p>227 Bde put in attacks against ARTLENBURG and AVENDORF against fairly stiff opposition. They captured and cleared both places, taking a total of 200 PW. TESPE 7873 on div bdy was also occupied without opposition.</p>	
	22		<p>15 (S) Div closed the line of R. ELBE between TESPE 7873 incl and BLECKEDE 9727 excl. Patrol activity during night 21/22. 46 Bde sent patrols from each bn and following observed:- small enemy posns at 982278 and 983285; OP at 988279; patrols heard enemy at 986268 - 988274; otherwise quiet except one stonk on GARZE 9727. Other patrols reached BARFORDE 9334 without incident and est OP there.</p>	
	23		<p>Preliminary planning for Op ENTERPRISE.</p>	
	24		<p>Planning for Op ENTERPRISE.</p>	
	25		<p>" " " " Local patrolling during night.</p>	

	26		Planning and preparation for Op ENTERPRISE.	
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	28		Preparation for Op ENTERPRISE.	
	29		Op ENTERPRISE. 15 (S) Div with under comd 1 Cdo Bde made assault crossing of R. ELBE in area ARTLENBURG at 0200 hrs. A hy arty bombardment preceded the crossing, but air sp previously planned was prevented until midday by inclement weather. 0224 At 0224 hrs 6 RSF were ashore and reached 845346 against very light opposition. 8 RS also ashore. 0235 6 Cdo ashore; opposition slight. 0450 8 RS were at 835363. 0640 7 SEAFORTH (under comd 1 Cdo Bde) reached Pt 60 877364. 0645 1 Cdo Bde reported br 898350 captured intact. 0750 6 KOSB cleared and hold SCHNAKENBEK 8435. 0750 227 Bde commenced crossing into the brhead. 1130 2 GLAS H entering KRUTZEN. 1210 10 HLI on line 840377 - 830375 - 821375. 1400 1 Cdo Bde report having had three enemy air attacks; only one effective. 1500 9 CAMERONIANS in area 882382. 1622 9 CAMERONIANS reached 883383 after overcoming 50 enemy. 2 GLAS H cleared 858384. 2030 9 CAMERONIANS in BASEDOW and 887394. 2 GLAS H in 858384, HUNGER B and 863393. 2250 2 A & SH reached 798387 with no opposition. Patrolling carried out during night 29/30.	
	30		0540 227 Bde patrolling to WIERSHOP 8041. 0710 2 GLAS H moving to LUTAU, having been relieved by 7 SEAFORTH. 0844 15 (S) Recce Regt report village 8144 requires searching. 0947 Enemy PW swimmer taken by 2 GORDONS stated to be carrying out a recce of the brs at LAUENBURG and ARTLENBURG. 1015 Recce Regt reported having made contact at 8248 and shot up an enemy staff car. 1102 Recce Regt report German commander at 8248 appears willing to surrender 1,800 Germans. Negotiations starting. 1115 46 Bde report situation on right flank becoming difficult. German opposition there strong and determined. 1147 46 Bde report one coy of 2 GLAS H 150 yds short of LUTAU. Progress slow against SA fire. 1158 HAMWARDE reported by 227 Bde to be held by enemy. 1255 Recce Regt report enemy hold village 7847 in some str and have caused them to withdraw to 805460.	



		<p>1335 2 GLAS H est in LUTAU with tks. Report woods HUNGER B and 863393 clear.</p> <p>1458 Recce Regt report village 7843 is clear.</p> <p>1625 6 RSF have reached SCHWARZENBEK.</p> <p>1845 Recce Regt patrols report 50 enemy going towards village in 7547.</p> <p>1922 8 RS in SCHWARZENBEK.</p> <p>1955 2 GORDONS in HAMWARDE 7843.</p> <p>By midnight the brhead had been extended to area 864393 - 860373 - 809391 - 793378 - 790390 with 1 Cdo Bde occupying LAUENBURG 8834. 1,300 PW taken during the day. Luftwaffe made several attacks on the C1 9 br site at LAUENBURG, causing some cas and damage.</p>	
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Month and Year MAY 1945.

Commanding Officer Maj-Gen C.M. Barber, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
SCHARNEBECK 8525	1		(Op "ENTERPRISE" continued). Main Div HQ crossed R. ELBE and moved to JULIUSBURG 8439.	
JULIUSBURG	2		Div commenced to clear the SACHSEN WALD and est itself on the line AUMUHLE 7151 - BORSEN 6945. Main Div HQ moved to BRUNSTORF 7948.  German C of S, Army Group NORTH, came through lines of 2 A & SH to negotiate surrender his fmn. Negotiations took place at HQ 8 Corps and on higher level.	
BRUNSTORF	3		Main Div HQ moved to GRANDE 7557.	
GRANDE	4		German Command surrendered unconditionally all forces in HOLLAND, NW GERMANY, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN and DENMARK to 21 Army Group wef 0800 hrs BDST 5 May.  Main Div HQ moved to HAMMOOR 7171.	
HAMMOOR	5	0800	All hostilities ceased on SECOND ARMY front at 0800 hrs.	
	7		All German land, sea and air forces surrendered unconditionally to Allied Expeditionary Forces and the Soviet High Command to be effective 0001 BDST 9 May.  8 Corps Op Instrs Nos 34 and 35 received, and Op Instr No 64 issued.	
	8		VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY.	
HAMMOOR	9	0001	All hostilities in EUROPE ceased. 8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 2 received.	
	11		46 (H) Inf Bde Gp (less 190 Fd Regt) moved to KIEL to carry out garrison duties in that port. 8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 3 received.	
	12		HQ 227 (H) Bde moved to 689889.	
	13		Div HQ (Main and Rear) moved to AHRENSBURG 6567.	
AHRENSBURG	14		HQ 44 (L) Bde moved to 733031.	

		"ECLIPSE" op to clear all PW from Div area to OLDENBURG peninsula commences. 8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 4 received, and 15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 1 issued.	
	15	15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 2 issued.	
	19	HQ 227 (H) Bde moved to LUBECK. 15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 3 issued.	
	20	All German PW cleared out of Div area less 8 Para Div.	
	22	15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 4 issued.	
	26	8 Corps "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 5 received.	
	27	15 (S) Div "ECLIPSE" Op Instr No 5 issued.	
	29	15 (S) Div Location Statement No 1 issued.	
	30	Amendment to 15 (S) Div Location Statement No 1 issued.	

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AHRENSBURG	1		GOC visited and lunched with Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, KCB, DSO; in the afternoon he addressed 9 CAMERONIANS, HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde and 7 SEAFORTH.	
	2-7		GOC on leave in UK.	
	4		15 (S) Inf Div Location Statement No.2	359/1/G(O) dated 4 Jun 45
	7		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Op Instr No.6	
	9		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Op Instr No.7 GOC visited Gds Armd Div 'Farewell to Tks' Parade at Rotenburg S 1203	
SCHWERIN	11		Div HQ moved to Schwerin and took over from HQ 5 Div.	
	12		GOC visited Russian contact Pts 15 (S) Inf Div Location Statement No.3	(359/1/G(O) dated 12 Jun 45 & Amdt 359/1/G(O) dated 25 Jun)
	14		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Op Instr No.8 GOC visited HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde and took the salute at the King's Birthday Parade attended by all three Services.	
	15		15 (S) Inf Div "Eclipse" Planning Instr No.1 GOC and GSO 1 visited Crivitz T 5960 and met Maj Gen Lashenko, Russian Div Comd.	
SCHWERIN	16		Gen Sir Miles Dempsey, KCB, DSO, MC visited Div	280/G dated 12 Jun 45
	18		Lt Gen Sir Evelyn Barker, CB, CBE, DSO, MC comd 8 Corps met GOC and visited HQ 106 AA Bde.	
	20		Russian Generals and staff incl Maj Gen Lashenko and Lt Gen Polynoff lunched at 'A' Mess.	
	22		GOC inspected all units of 106 AA Bde. Details of frontier posts issued.	371/G/(O)/1 dated 22 Jun
	24		Remembrance Service conducted by Rev Sawyer, MC in Schwerin Cathedral	
	25		Comd 8 Corps and Russian Corps Comd lunched at 'A' Mess	
	27		GOC's birthday	

	28		15 (S) Inf Div "Comma" Op Instr No.1 (details of hand-over to Russians)	
	30		Croix de Guerre presented by Col Troulliers at parade at Div HQ. Russian Army Comd and 8 Corps Comd at Conference at Div HQ.	