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WAR DIARY

or

Unit HQ 15 (S) Inf Div.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year Apr 45

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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 up 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 Cl 9 br site at LAUENBURG, causing some cas and damage.</p>	
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