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WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit THE 2nd BN THE GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS
THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY

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Month and Year APRIL 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
167526	1		Bn in harbour area after Rhine crossing and the battles which followed it. Church services held in COY areas.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 P1
- " -	2		The Commanding Officer spoke to the BN by Companies.	
- " -	3		Harbour party left at 1215 hrs. BN followed at 1700 hrs arriving at new area 2000 hrs.	
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824915	4		Bn again moved forward following the 6th Airborne Div which had passed through.	
- " -	5		Bn remained in this harbour area. B COY detached to clear a nearby wood capturing 4 officers & 4 OR's.	
- " -	6		Carrier Ptn moved under orders 46(H) Inf Bde for mopping up operations. Remainder of Bn moved overnight 6/7 to harbour at FRIEDWALD.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 N3
FRIEDWALD 758178	7			
FRIEDWALD	8		Church service held in local church in morning. BN moved at 1700 hrs to 761181 area.	
NE of FRIEDWALD	9		Bn in wood clearing operation. Area 7223.	
WIEDENSTAHL	10		Moved to WIEDENSTAHL 944220. Harbour area.	
WETTMAR 4863	11		T.C.V. move to WETTMAR. Advance to contact role.	
CELLE GARPEN	12		Bn moved off 0630 hrs. Advance to Contact - entered CELLE 5849 at 1510 hrs - moved on at 2145 hrs across river to GARPEN 6354 and occupied semi-tactical position.	
Area 8062	13		Advance to contact A COY leading on tanks of the 4th COLDSTREAM GDS. Enemy contacted at 1430 hrs & A COY cleared woods & hamlets as far as RADERLOH. 12 POW. B COY occupied hamlet 8062 and BN took up position there.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 N5
STADENSEN 8979	14		Bn moved forward in advance to contact role and occupied Stadensen. This village was turned into a defensive position with 1 Sqdn of 6th GDS Tank Bde, the Guns of 190 Fd Regt and two tps of A/T Guns - one S.P M10's - all within the village.	

- " -	14/15		At 0100 hrs MG fire was directed at a nearby village occupied by 15(S) Recce. At 0355 a heavy attack came into the BN and enemy infantry on half tracks supported by many SP guns broke into the defence. A hand to hand battle ensued which lasted until dawn. Infantry fighting infantry, tackling SP guns & half tracks with PIATs - artillery firing over open sights - tanks seeking out enemy SP guns and our own SP A/TK Guns fighting magnificently in the breaking light. The C.O. Lt Col HC Baker-Baker decided to stand fast and fight it out in the now blazing ruins of a village. BN HQ had been burned to the ground. An enemy SP gun blew away the signal office at point blank range. By 0910 hrs B COY was established on the right and C Coy on the left, tank patrols and SP A/TK guns of our own were beginning to take a heavy toll of the enemy. It appeared that he had commenced to withdraw soon after first light but the open ground was proving very costly. New defensive positions were occupied by 1000 hrs and the enemy completely withdrawn. Altogether eight enemy half tracks and 12 S.P Guns were completely destroyed. Our own casualties were mainly in the soft vehicles burned out by the fire. Capt Scott and Lieut Renwick were killed - Capt Gordon wounded. OR casualties were Killed 5 wounded 28. The Bde Cmdr visited the BN at 1530 hrs. Div Cmdr visited BN at 1710 hrs. The enemy was identified as a battle group of Panzer Division CLAUSEWITZ.	
STADENSEN	14/15			
S of UELZEN	16	0130	Bn moved to 8885 - S of UELZEN into harbour.	
	17		Bn in reserve.	
UELZEN	18		Bn moved into attack and cleared Northwards into UELZEN. 70 POW taken. Bn on objectives, after street fighting, by 1800 hrs. Parts of the city blazed all night and COYs took up defensive positions away from the fires.	
BEVENSEN	19		Bn moved to Bevensen 9002 and harboured there.	
Area 9425	20		Advance to contact. Bn cleared Breetze and woods in area. Harboured at 9425.	1:100,000 GSGS 4416 L5
KARZE	21		Bn moved to KARZE 9628. C Coy - def position at Brackede, D Coy - def position at Radegast, both on the banks of the Elbe. OP's manned overlooking the river.	
- " -	22-25		BN in same def position. Bde Comdr visited BN on 23rd. B Coy relieved D Coy at Radegast on 25th.	
- " -	26		Enemy patrol crossed Elbe engaged by MMG & mortar fire. 2 POW.	
- " -	27		Forward positions relieved by Sqdn of 15(S) Div Recce Regt. Bn concentrate in KARZE for Elbe crossing.	

ELBE RIVER KRUZEN	28		BN moved to HOHNSTORF 8633 and crossed Elbe in storm boats. Concentrated W of Lauenburg. BN advanced to acquire the high ground S of Lutau. Bn HQ 860378. Supported by amphibious tanks of Staffordshire Yeomanry.	
LUTAU	29		D Coy passed through to forward COYS on high ground to capture X Rds 866404. Sniping by enemy slowed up B & C Coys when they came to close on LUTAU and a platoon of enemy were dealt with by C Coy. LUTAU occupied by 1500 hrs.	
LUTAU	30		Bn in harbour at LUTAU.	