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**WAR DIARY**  
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**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**  
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Unit 15th Scottish Reconnaissance Regt.  
and L.A.D. att

Month and Year March, 1945.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		Ref Maps 1/100,000, Sheets P.1., Q.1. Regt concentrated and accommodated in TILBURG, HOLLAND. Maintenance and re-organisation.	
	2-4.		Maintenance and re-organisation.	
	5		Regt Harbour rep sent to BOURG LEOPOLD.	
	6		Regt & LAD arrived in BOURG LEOPOLD, and were accommodated in barracks. T.P.M. received to say that change over from HUMBER to DAIMLER Armd Cars was to take place forthwith.	
	7-10.		Re-organising. DAIMLER Armd Cars collected from Second Army Vehicle Park and HUMBERS handed in.	
B.L.A.	11		In view of the change over from HUMBER to DAIMLER Armd Cars, Regt D & M and Gunnery Cadres were arranged. Attached as Appx 'A' is programme and layout of gunnery & D & M courses, also a statement of the instructors lent to the Regiment by other Units. No arrangements for any training were made by Higher Authority, but all had to be made by mutual arrangement with Units concerned, which entailed motoring some 500 miles.	
	12-20.		Maintenance, re-organisation and Cadres (D & M and Gunnery).	
	21		Regt left BOURG LEOPOLD at 2300 hrs for concentration area for Operation "TORCHLIGHT" (the RHINE crossing), arriving at WINNEKDONK, GERMANY, (MR ) in the early hours of the morning 22 Mar 45.	
	22		Regt concentrated at WINNEKDONK and briefed for Operation "TORCHLIGHT". In the initial stages of the crossing each Sqn to supply six half-tracks for the towing of storm-boats and bridging materials. In addition six carriers were to be supplied to tpt Mil Government personnel over the RHINE. Two carriers to be supplied to RASC to act as wireless link to RASC Dump on EAST bank of RHINE. 'C' Sqn were to supply five officer patrols to recce the immediate vicinities of the bridge-head, to be passed over the RHINE as and when the situation warranted.	

B.L.A.	23		The Assault Crossing of the RHINE started at 2130 hrs by Commandos, followed by the 51st (Highland) Division and our own Division at 0200 hrs on 24 Mar 45.	
	24		'C' Sqn patrols called forward to marshalling area at 1500 hrs to cross the RHINE, but remained in the area until the early hours of 25 Mar 45, except for one carrier patrol which crossed the river at approximately 1500 hrs and proceeded to patrol to contact the Airborne Division.	
	25		Officer patrols of 'C' Sqn moved over the RHINE and began to reconnoitre in front of 44 Bde. RHQ, 'A' & 'B' Sqns moved to Marshalling area STAR ready to move across the RHINE when called forward, leaving WINNEKDONK at 2300 hrs.	
B.L.A.	26.		Regt began to move across Cl 9 br at 0600 hrs, RHQ crossing at 0700 hrs, and concentrated in the area 103472. 'A' and 'B' Sqns concentrated. 'C' Sqn under comd 44 Bde. In the late afternoon 'B' Sqn in support of 227 Bde to secure the left flank and link with 51 (H) Division at REES.	
	27		RHQ and 'A' Echelon same area. 'C' Sqn under comd 44 (L) Bde reconnoitring the approaches to BOCHOLT. During the afternoon 'A' Sqn were sent out to hold a gap between 44 and 46 Bdes, 'B' Sqn remained in support of 227 Bde on the left flank. RHQ moved in the evening to the village of HABERN.	
	28		'C' Sqn remained under comd of 44 Bde, and the Regiment, less one Sqn, were made responsible for the whole of the left flank as from 1800 hrs, as 227 Bde were withdrawn to take part in the operation to clear HALDERN tomorrow. 'A' Sqn were moved back from the gap between 44 and 46 Bdes to assist in flank protection.	
B.L.A.	29		'C' Sqn still under comd 44 Bde. 'A' & 'B' Sqns on the left flank. 'B' Sqn were ordered to carry out a shoot to assist 227 Bde to get on to their objective. It was obvious to us from observation that the enemy had withdrawn from the general area, and during the advance of 227 Bde towards their first objective, other British tps were observed advancing from the WEST towards HALDERN (227 Bdes final objective). This was checked up and it was found that HALDERN was already in possession of troops of 3rd Br Division. This information was immediately passed back to Divisional HQ and a disaster averted as the 15 (S) Inf Div had been ordered to capture HALDERN at all costs and they had no knowledge of 3rd Div being in possession.	
	30		The Regt was ordered to concentrate and moved up to 150486, except for 'C' Sqn who remained in the area of HAMMENKELN.	
	31		Regt located as under. RHQ, 'A' Echelon, LAD - 150486.	

			'A' & 'B' Sqns - 150486. 'C' Sqn & 'B' Echelon - HAMMENKELN.	
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