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**WAR DIARY**

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**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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

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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 Adjut 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	