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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 MARCH 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		BN in Training. Rehearsal for Div Commander's inspection.	Appendix A
175324	2		BN training in wood clearing.	Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch
- " -	3		Bn inspected by Maj General CM Barber DSO. March past afterwards.	1:100,000
- " -	4		Bn joined the 2nd BN A & S.H in a church parade at 1000 hrs. Major R. Stanton took BN representatives to a DIV Church Parade at 1500 hrs. Service conducted by SCF 15(S) Div and was followed by the divisional massed pipe bands playing retreat.	
- " -	5		Recce party left for COURSEL. Bn in training.	
- " -	6	1430	BN moved from Tilburg in TCVs.	Sheet 4 Maseyck 1:100,000
COURSEL		2030	Arrived at COURSEL (Belgium)	
273762	7		COYs on individual training.	
- " -	8		Preparations being made for training in River Crossing.	
COURSEL	9-10		BN engaged in preparation for Assault River Crossing. R.E's assisted by building Class 9 bridge (on land) for training of Support COY.	
- " -	11		Church parade at 1100 hrs held by padre Rev D. McKean.	
- " -	12		Bn engaged in Tng with Buffaloes - mounting & dismounting.	
- " -	13		Demonstration of Buffalo loads under Bde supervision.	
- " -	14-16		I Sec taking part in exercise on the MAAS. 44 Bde & 227 Bde practising assault crossing. Lt Col Baker, the C.O. and other officers acted as umpires.	
- " -	17-20		Preparations continue for assault crossing.	
- " -	21	1930	BN moved in TCVs for Germany.	Q1 Essen 1:100,000
WOODS 0341	22	0530	Bn arrived in Concentration area between MAAS and RHINE at WOODS in HOCHWALD.	
HOCHWALD	23		Bn concentrate in HOCHWALD area.	
RHINE 1050	24		BN marched to S.B.W.A. Vehicles moved to V.W.A. At 1645 hrs the BN crossed the Rhine between XANTEN and Emmerich. Storm boats were used and the river crossed with the loss of only one	

			vehicle which was crossing on a Cl IX raft. On the other side the BN moved into an FAA in area 1050.	
AREA 1240	24	2300	Bn moved to defensive position area 1249.	
HOODMANHOF	25	0430 0745	Stand to from 0430-0630 during which time an attack was made, C Coy being involved. A smoke screen enabled C Coy to withdraw & join remainder of BN which moved at 1100 hrs to area 1547. COYs advanced to clear woods at 1448 - B Coy leading. At 1515 hrs B Coy commanded by Major R Stobbs cleared Hoodmanhof 1548. Carrier pty took this commitment over at 1630 hrs. B & C COYs advanced west to lake in area 1348. D Coy advanced N. and at 1830 hrs the BN was occupying a defensive position on its objectives - area 1448. D Coy was counter attacked at 2300 hrs and this was beaten off. Total POW for the day was 70.	
WOODS 1448	26		BN occupying same defensive position area WOOD 1448. At 2000 hrs BN moved to 175493.	
Area 1750	27	0500	Bn took positions from 2 KRRC preparatory to a further clearing operation. Bn advanced against minor opposition and took 10 POW. Finally established an objective in area 171650.	
Area 1651 Area 1652	28	1000 1430	D & A COYs advanced to positions at D - 161527, A - Wood 1652, C & B COYs remaining in position of previous night. Two Carrier patrols recce'd forward to Autobahn & found road cratered & impassable at 161540. 20 POW taken during the day. During the day B Coy captured 1 8mm, 2 x 20mm, 1 Quadruple 20mm guns.	P1 Bocholt 1:100,000
Area 1652	29		BN remained in same position & front was quiet.	
- " -	30		Bn remained in same area & position became semi-tactical.	
- " -	31		DIV Cmder visited BN in above position at 1145 hrs.	