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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit HQ 15th (Scottish) Division.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Commanding Officer Maj-Gen CM BARBER,
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Month and Year FEB 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Planning for Op VERITABLE in progress.	
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	4		15 Div OO No 8 issued for Op VERITABLE. During evening 46 (H) Bde Gp moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN.	
	5	2100	During night 227 (H) Bde Gp moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN. Main Div HQ moved to NIJMEGEN. Conditions very muddy due to considerable thaw.	
	6		During night 44 (L) Bde Gp and 15 (S) Recce Regt moved to assembly area near NIJMEGEN.	
	8		Barrage for Op VERITABLE began at 0500 hrs. Op, with 46 (H) Bde on Right and 227 (H) Bde on Left, started fwd at 1030 hrs. Very bad going experienced and great difficulty in opening routes fwd. By 1630 hrs 10 HLI were beyond KRANENBURG behind 2 A & SH who were level with FRASSELT. By 1800 hrs 9 CAMERONIANS were mopping up in FRASSELT.	
	9		Op SULLIVAN (crossing of A tk ditch and breaching of SIEGFRIED Line by mov light) began at 0400 hrs by 44 (L) Bde with 2 GORDONS under comd. 6 KOSB and 2 GORDONS were across the A tk ditch by 0700 hrs. By 0900 hrs 2 GORDONS reported in the outskirts of NUTTERDEN with 6 KOSB in the wood to SOUTH. At 1430 hrs 6 KOSB (with 8 RS behind) passed through gap 858557. By 1530 hrs leading tps (6 KOSB and 8 RS) were est on high ground overlooking CLEVE from WEST and NW. Throughout the afternoon rd EAST of KRANENBURG packed with traffic due to the passing through of two bdes of 43 Div. During the late afternoon 15 (S) Recce Regt attempted to pass through but were held up by mines, SA fire and darkness and were unable to get fwd.	
	10		During the night one bn of 43 Div entered the outskirts of CLEVE, and by 0800 hrs two bns of 43 Div were firmly est in CLEVE without much opposition. Later, parties of enemy re-appeared, causing confusion to some extent before being finally mopped up.	

		227 (H) Bde, who were to have passed through 43 Div to occupy woods immediately NW of CLEVE, were held up by traffic block in NUTTERDEN. 2 A & SH therefore ordered to take over from 6 KOSB and 8 RS on MATERBORN feature to enable 44 (L) Bde to move into CLEVE. This they were unable to do owing to the congestion caused by 43 Div.	
	11	During the morning Main Div HQ moved to NUTTERDEN 847560. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to take over from 2 A & SH (on high ground WEST of CLEVE). By 0800 hrs 6 KOSB were mopping up to CLEVE where slight opposition was met in the area of the LOOKOUT TOWER, but by 1030 hrs were est in CLEVE with 8 RS. About 1400 hrs 2 GORDONS still mopping up EAST of DONSBRUGGEN and bns of 43 Div were still in area CLEVE.	
	12	Mobile coln of 7 SEAFORTH sp by tks reached rly crossing 913548 in early afternoon; recce elts reached HASSELT 9453 but later withdrew. Relief of 44 (L) Bde by 7 Cdn Bde began.	
	13	7 SEAFORTH reached HASSELT 9453. Recce patrols reached 9552, 9554, 9455.	
	14	Main Div HQ moved to 890557 in CLEVE. Extensive flooding SE of CLEVE held up op of 15 (S) Recce Regt. 2 GLAS H reached 9552, 9451, and 9 CAMERONIANS at 9551, 9451 clearing woods and ridge WEST of MOYLAND against stiff opposition.	
	15	2 GLAS H and 9 CAMERONIANS continued their op of clearing the woods and reached 96 Easting at 2340 hrs. 46 (H) Bde commenced op to clear woods 9649 (by 10 HLI under comd).	
	16	46 (H) Bde came under comd 3 Cdn Div. 7 SEAFORTH patrolled into MOYLAND during the night. Op of 46 (H) Bde to clear woods 9649 continued. Counter attack on Right-hand bn of 46 (H) Bde repelled; 68 PW taken.	
	17	Preliminary planning for assault on GOCH.	
	18	44 (L) Bde attacked GOCH at 1330 hrs led by 8 RS. By 2100 hrs 8 RS reported at 9044, 6 KOSB at 9144, and a br over A tk ditch at 916443.	
	19	44 (L) Bde clearing GOCH. 6 KOSB penetrated to centre of GOCH. 8 RS task to clear Westwards up to river. 6 RSF task to clear area round the factory. All these tasks completed by 1740 hrs. 550 PW taken by 44 (L) Bde during the day.	
	20	227 (H) Bde began to clear woods 9343, 9443. By 1145 hrs 2 A & SH in BUCHHOLT with 2 GLAS H to SOUTH of them. By 1400 hrs 2 GORDONS reached SCHLOSS CALBECK 9342. By 1600 hrs all bns reported on their objectives. 2 GLAS H on high ground SOUTH Of BUCHHOLT. 2 A & SH on high ground 1000 metres NORTH of them, and 2 GORDONS at SCHLOSS CALBECK and to SOUTH. 288 PW and 3 deserters taken.	

	21		6 RSF came under comd 227 (H) Bde. Patrolling carried out by Recce and 2 GLAS H to SE. Recce took 30 PW.	
		2030	6 RSF got one coy over rly against considerable opposition. Half-an-hr later all coys over rly en route for high ground SOUTH of it. They met considerable opposition and shelling.	
	22	0705	Counter attack from SE against 6 RSF seen forming up.	
		0810	Right-hand coy of 6 RSF pulled back slightly to form firm brhead. One coy of 2 GORDONS moved fwd to reinforce 6 RSF.	
		1048	Enemy pressure on 6 RSF considerably lightened.	
		1400	During afternoon 6 RSF relieved by 2 GLAS H.	
		1615	9 CAMERONIANS passed through 2 GLAS H and cleared to SOUTH edge of SCHLOSS CALBECK woods.	
			7 SEAFORTH of 46 (H) Bde started to attack through 9 CAMERONIANS Eastwards to clear woods SE of SCHLOSS CALBECK.	
	23		44 (L) Bde passed through 46 (H) Bde and secured high ground 938405 - GEURTSCHOF 9439.	
			Fd Marshal Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY KCB, DSO, visited this HQ.	
	24		227 (H) Bde relieved by bde of 3 Brit Div and moved to TILBURG area. (See Location Statement GO 930).	
	25		During night 44 (L) and 46 (H) Bdes relieved by bdes of 3 Brit Div.	
	26		Main Div HQ moved to BOXTEL 327350. 44 (L) and 46 (H) Bdes moved to rest area TILBURG. (See Location Statement GO 930). Came under comd First Cdn Army.	
	27)	Div resting.	
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