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Unit 4th Bn K.O.S.B.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year APR 1945

Commanding Officer LT COL C.L. MELVILLE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GRAF BURLO 351682	1	0430 0745 1230 1800	Bn moves from BELLINGHOVEN via route DINGDEN - BOCHOLT - RHEDE - GR. BURLO. Bn in position at GRAF BURLO in more tactical role. LT. COL. CARTER G.1 of 52(L) DIV calls for C.O. C.O. to dine with G.O.C. 52(L) DIV.	
AHLE 529901 AHLE 529901	2	1000 1500 1945 2110 2100 2300 2330	"O" Group held by C.O. for orders on move to new area with 304 L.A.A. Bty & (1) tp S.P. guns 54 A/T Regt under command. Bn moves off from Graf Burlo. Bn in new location at 529901 AHLE. Capt Jones with movement warning orders for Bn - Brig. MacLaren will hold "O" Group at this H.Q. at 2200 hrs. Large searchlight battery (German) in T.A.C. H.Q. area. Generators & all equip in operating order. (20) French P.W. at location as forced labour. Brig MacLaren & Capt Erskine & Capt Jones with orders for move to area 818944 where Bn comes under Command 7th ARM DIV. C.O. holds "O" group & issues orders for proposed move at 0600 hrs to R.V. at via route where they will take defensive positions & wait for further orders by C.O. who will go to H.Q. (7) DIV at 0800 hrs to receive same.	
AHLE 529901 IBBENBUREN 962050	3 •	0530 0600 0720 0900 0910 0935 1500 1800	Bn move postponed 1 hr. Bn will not move until 160 Bde 53 (W) DIV pass through. Bn will move at 0800 hrs if road is clear. 1 pln Manchesters report & are under command. Maj W. Ross reports - 317 Bty of 80 Fd Regt under command. Bde L.O. with orders & change of plan. Bn will now concentrate in area squ. 9605. Bn will move immediately via same route & then to C.O. "O" group for Coy Commanders then a recce of coy positions. Bn takes over from (1) Bn Hereford Regt. A - B - C coy. "D" coy to guard bridge at 953054. TAC H.Q. at 962050. "A" coy 964055. "B" coy	

		1900 967054. "C" coy 967048. Coy's report in position ☉ "D" coy report 6 casualties from 88 MM air burst. 1920 4 sqn's tanks INNISKILLING Dg GUARDS under Maj Leavis report & come under command. (2) sqns to "A" coy & (2) sqns in support "B" coy. 2030 C.O. - to Bde "O" group. 2345 "C" coy to send recce patrol to recce rd to 973056 for rd blocks.	
IBBENBUREN 962050	4	0545 "C" coy patrol report in. Encounter NO enemy. 1 rifle shot from area 9806 - 1 carrier with body in it at 974076 - no road blocks. 0615 "A" coy standing & listening patrols in N.T.R. 0600 7/9 R.S. attack wood & high ground at squ. 9507 ☉ 6 H.L.I. high ground & wood sq. 9706. 1030 Press Correspondents at TAC for information & tea - mainly ☉ 1400 Capt Erskine for information of rd blocks. 1410 "C" coy to provide covering party of (2) pln for R.E. Recce party to road works at 973055 & 973557. 1500 Brig MacLaren with warning order of battle. 1540 C.O. - "O" group for the taking of the bridges at 982079 & 988079 IBBENBUREN. Bn to move off at 1800 hrs.	
IBBENBUREN 962050		1540 Plan & orders :- "A" coy & "D" coy will be the forward coys ☉ "B" coy to pass through "A" coy & "C" through "D" coy on to objective. "A" to proceed up track 968056 to "X" rds 979075 & secure while "B" coy passes on to objective bridge at 982079. "A" coy obj will be code sign "PEN" "B" coy obj " " " " "PENCIL" "D" coy will go up main rd 972050 to rd junc 985073 to secure & hold while "C" coy pass through to secure objective bridge at 988079. "D" coy objective will be code sign "INK" "C" coy " " " " " " " " "CHALK" In support (2) Fd Regts & (1) MED REGT. Bridge heads to be secured & held ☉ 1540 Carrier pln will be under Command "D" coy. 1800 Bn moves over start line & into battle. 1900 Maj H. Rae comes back to TAC H.Q. to report his company is pinned down with heavy S.A.A. fire & SPANDAU fire, heavy casualties in lead pln. TAC HQ at 980061 ☉ Coy held up at 985072. Lieut T.J. Gardiner fatally wounded. 1915 "A" coy pinned down & held up by heavy S.A.A. fire - enemy in numbers in trenches & houses. Request Tanks if possible or flame throwers. 1920 "A" coy request more ammo. 2000 C.O. - orders "A" coy & "B" coy to close up "B" to "A" & consolidate	
IBBENBUREN			

TAC H.Q. at 981062			position, which is at 987070. "C" coy to move up to "D" coy & consolidate position at 985072 ☉ TAC H.Q. at 981062 with mortars. Carriers to remain with "D" coy.	
		2005	Stretcher bearers needed by "D" coy.	
		2008	Carriers have gone around road block at 982064 & joining "D" coy.	
		2010	Stretcher bearers for (7) casualties at "A Coy. LIEUT F. THURGER wounded.	
		2015	"A" & "B" coys call for company carriers to come forward to their positions.	
IBBENBUREN TAC H.Q. AT 981062		2040	"A" & "B" coys want to know carrier route & their stretchers. A route was later found & Recce'd by Pte F. Brown "B" coy - was highly commended by C.O.	
		2040	Coys consolidated & cleared wounded. Maj Ross put down harassing fire on various D.F. tasks but enemy quiet & N.T.R.	
		2400		
	5	0430	C.O. orders trp of SP guns to engage UPMEYER at 981069 & clear of enemy.	
		0505	Offr i/c S.P. guns wants D.F. on UPMEYER & Reference - this could not be given as our own troops in locality.	
		0630	S.P. guns report on target & about to fire.	
		0640	Request for (1) pln for covering protection by S.P. GUNS as enemy sighted.	
IBBENBUREN TAC H.Q. AT 981062		0652	"A" coy being fired on by our S.P. guns who have taken the wrong target & are firing at houses 981067.	
		0654	"B" coy positions being fired on by our own S.P. guns. Casualties reported at houses 981067.	
		0655	C.O. orders S.P. guns cease fire & return this H.Q.	
		0650	"B" coy report (5) casualties from our SP guns	
		0850	"D" coy send (1) P.W. to TAC H.Q. for questioning - identified as N.C.O. from HANNOVER O.C.T.U. who were sent to defend & hold IBBENBUREN, claims they withdrew over river at 0330 hrs. 4 Apr. -	
IBBENBUREN TAC H.Q. AT 981062		0920	"A" coy to send patrol to code sign "PEN" - "D" coy to send patrol to code sign "INK" & report any enemy action immediately ☉	
		0930	"A" coy report area being shelled by 88 MM & MORTAR.	
		0931	"D" coy report shelling of their area by 88 mm.	
		1012	"A" coy report white flags being raised in houses in IBBENBUREN.	
		1040	"A" coy patrol reports "PEN" clear of enemy.	
		1054	"D" coy reports "INK" clear - patrol was fired on from right & encountered some shelling.	
		1120	2i/c comes up from "B" Ech.	
IBBENBUREN TAC H.Q. AT		1230	Sgt Scott & (1) man to Recce road & bridge from "PEN" 979075 to "PENCIL" 982079 & report on condition.	
		1400	C.O. "O" group coys prepare to move at 1445 - "A" to area 982078 -	

981062 IBBENBUREN TAC H.Q. AT 981062		1700 1750 1900 1912 1950 1953 2003	"B" to area 979069 - "C" to area 988075. "D" coy remain in present position & TAC H.Q. I.O. to 4 R.W.F. for information & to turn over maps of area. Capt Erskine with information of attack on IBBENBUREN at 2100 hrs by 4 Bn R.W.F., 1 Bn H.L.I. & OX & BUCKS. Carrier pln to supply covering party for R.E. along road 979075 - 985073. Carriers report all road blocks clear. Bn is to halt & clear roads of all civilians who leave IBBENBUREN & place in cage established at TAC H.Q. Col P. Percival 6 H.L.I. calls on C.O. 4 R.W.F. & 1st H.L.I. pass through Bn area for attack on Ibbenburen which was launched at 2100 hrs with light opposition & by day break the Bde were firmly holding & clearing IBBENBUREN.	
IBBENBUREN	6	0015 0030 0400 0500 0530 0900	Patrol of 6 H.L.I. sent out to contact "D" coy has not returned - thought to have met opposition - checked with "D" coy but no report or sound of enemy or patrol in area. Warning order for Bn move on 6 Apr but not before 0700 hrs. Bn placed at (1) hours notice as of 2400 hrs. Bde "O" group at 0430 hrs attended by 2i/c. C.O. & Recce party move off for new area at 415439 DIEPHOLZ. "O" group held by 2i/c for move to new area. Bn move off for DIEPHOLZ & is held up by 53(W) DIV convoys at 972046 for two hrs, after which the convoy moved slowly until 3.40 AM where it stopped on the outskirts of DIEPHOLZ for the night. The Bn sleeping in the vehicles.	
DIEPHOLZ 415439 DIEPHOLZ 415439	7	0900 1400 1410 1500 1530 1535 1830 1905	Bn in position at DIEPHOLZ. TAC H.Q at 415439 ☉ Take over completed from K.R.R.C. Bn of Rifle Bde. Bn to supply one pln as covering party for R.E. Recce patrol to bridges at . "C" coy 14 pln under Lt J. Ross to be covering party. C.O. orders 1 sec of carriers & (2) S.P. guns for patrol of RE & "C" coy. "C" coy report woods in area clear. Recce party moves off. Brig MacLaren calls with Capt Jones & Capt D Erskine for information & progress of Recce & decide to use T.A.C. H.Q. for H.Q. of Bde attack on by 7/9 R.S. & 6 H.L.I. - 4 K.O.S.B. reserve. Recce party returns to make report. Party fired on by Spandau, SAA & S.P. guns. (1) T.C.V. hit but no casualties. Bridge at blown but bridge at is O.K. 2i/c of Russian P.W. camp is captured by Russians & beaten before	

		1930	being turned over to Adjut & placed in Bn P.W. cage. Russian P.W. did much looting & the Bn were kept busy guarding stores & shops. Bn area strafed & (2) bombs dropped by enemy aircraft. No casualties.	
DIEPHOLZ 415439	8	0900 2000 2015 2130 2245 2330	N.T.R. day spent on admin & rest. Bn area strafed by enemy aircraft. Warning order of Bn move. C.O. to "O" group at 2230 hrs. Recce party of 2 Bn Royal Ulster Rifles arrives Diepholz. 3 DIV. Lt Col Turner 1st K.O.S.B. calls at Bn H.Q.	
DIEPHOLZ 415439 EINSTE sq. 9281 EINSTE sq. 9281	9	0200 0600 0845 0800 0900 1330 1400 1430 1500 1530 1600 1630 1700 2145	Bn "O" group called by C.O. Bn Recce party ordered to leave for new area. Handover to 2 Royal Ulster Rifles completed - less 1 pln Manchesters who follow at later timing. Manchesters will report at new area. Bn move from Diepholz to Einste via Rehden - Wehrbleck - Sulingen - left to Schwalforden - Weseloher - Vilsen - Martfeld - Holtum & in area squ. 9281 - 9482. TAC H.Q. 925815 - "A" coy 935813, "B" coy 914798, "C" coy 938819, "D" coy 925816. Bn takes over from Durham Light Inf of 7 Armd Div & under Command of 7 Armd Div. C.O. to Bde conference. "C" coy ambushed by enemy patrol while getting into position - enemy infiltrate into area. (5) casualties. (2) carrier sections sent to assist (1) Royal Tank Regt in recovering tank. Recce party cut off by enemy. Lt Col C.L. Melville appointed G.I. of 52 (L) DIV to take over immediately. Maj Davidson to take over Bn with Maj Rae acting as 2i/c. Recce harbour party to report to Bde. 4 Bn K.O.S.B. come under direct Command of 7 ARMD DIV. Bn move cancelled, recce parties to return. (1) squadron 11th Hussars under command "A" squadron. "O" group for Coy Commanders & detach commander (1) trp A sqdn 11th Hussars to patrol at first light in area of Blender - Varste.	
EINSTE sq. 9281	10	0300 0402 0440 0700 1120	One sub-unit engage enemy at 945825 - enemy retire. Heavy explosion area of bridge 969821 " " " " " " Patrol of 11 Hussars delayed because of tank breakdown. New party to patrol. (2) P.W. Marine Regt state bridge at 969821 blown & that their trps have withdrawn across river at 0300.	

		1445	Orste reported clear by - 2 trps & 1 sec of carriers stay in Orste.	
		1830	C.O. to Bde "O" group at 2030 hrs.	
		2145	"C" report spandau & air burst 88 mm over area from Amedorf.	
SUDWEYHE 758884	11	0600	Recce & Harbour parties move for new location under Maj G.H. Rae.	
		0800	Bn moves for new location - no handover to Regt or group.	
		1200	Bn in position with T.A.C. H.Q. at 758884 "A" coy 754893 "B" coy 762892 "C" coy 745881 "D" coy 769888.	
		1210	"B" coy T.C.V. hit by air-burst 88mm - 1 killed 3 wounded.	
		1500	Bn takes over coy for coy from 1/5 Queens Regt 7 DIV.	
		1540	"B" & "D" coy areas were heavily shelled.	
		1630	(1) trp tanks VIII Hussars under command - Bn very light on ground compared to previous Regt & attachments.	
SUDWEYHE 758884		1745	Recce parties from 2 Bn K.S.L.I. (3) DIV arrive.	
		1730	Bn under command of 180 Bde (3) DIV.	
		1740	Heavy shelling of Bn area by S.P. & 88mm guns - no casualties.	
		1930	Heavy shelling of area by 105 & 88m.m. guns - some casualties.	
		2000	VIII Hussars return to their Regt.	
		2030	Bde order Carrier pln patrol at first light of DREYE sq. 9277 - enemy believed to occupy this village at night.	
758884		2255	All coys will send out contact & scout patrols through-out night & report to Bde via duty officer.	
		2255	Civilians state Rhede is occupied by enemy at night. Inform 185 Bde who order carrier patrol to continue.	
		2258	"A" coy report enemy air-craft strafing area & also aiming at gun area.	
		2341	Patrols report to coys - NO contact with enemy N.T.R.	
	12	0030	T.C.V.s will be moved at least 3000 yds from village under cover of darkness & morning mist to prevent observation by enemy.	
SUD. 758884		0100	Patrols from "A" & "C" coy return - no contact N.T.R.	
		0205	"A" coy standing patrol report sound of enemy transport moving north in LEESTE area.	
		0300	Section patrols move to investigate enemy movement in LEESTE area & if unoccupied will remain in area.	
		0415	Patrols return no contact with enemy N.T.R.	
		0615	"A" coy report small enemy patrol approaching ☉ Patrol shot up with two enemy killed & one (1) P.W. identified as S.S. Panzer Grenadier Regt.	
SUD 758884		0800	Advance party & Recce parties leave for NIENBERG.	
		1000	Shelling of Bn area by 88mm & 105mm guns - counter Battery being laid on by MED & FD Arty.	
		1200	Morning very quiet - no sign of ground troops.	
		1300	Advance party of (2) Bn K.S.L.I. report	

SUD 758884		1500 1700 1800 1902 2000 2359	(2) Bn K.S.L.I. take over from Bn coy for coy at 1500 hrs. Bn order to proceed to Einste area sq. 9281 as enemy have counter- attacked. Take same area as before with T.A.C. H.Q. at 925815, coy positions to be the same. Bn move via T.C.V.s for Einste to take up position. Bn column is strafed by enemy aircraft - two (2) bombs dropped but no damage or casualties. Bn in position with coys at "A" Bn on stand-to from 2000 hrs till 0800 hrs & alert. No sign of enemy or counter attack. Area was shelled by 88mm airburst at intervals but no casualties. Enemy activity on the opposite side of river in Verden area.	
EINSTE 925815 EINSTE 925815	13	0200 TO 0630 0815 0900 1030 1100 1230 1330 1400 1630	No sign of enemy counter attack & patrols N.T.R. All enemy seem to have withdrawn to their side of river. Shelling continues but no damage or casualties. Bn will be relieved by "B" Sqdn of 52 Recce Regt Maj Haines O.C. Advance party of Recce Regt arrive. Recce Regt take over from Bn under Maj Haines. Advance party of 7 Cameronians 52 DIV to take over from Bn instead of Recce Regt. Main Body of 7 Cameronians arrive & take over coy from coy under Col W. Forbes. Handover completed & Bn embussed for move to NIENBERG. Bn moves off for new area. Bn in new area at NIENBERG. All coy in city & under cover with orders for 48 hrs rest.	
NIENBERG	14	1000 1100 2210	M. General Lyons O.B.E. G.O.C. (7 ARMD DIV) calls at T.A.C. H.Q. to see C.O. Bn at (1) hours notice from 1700 hrs. C.O. & I.O. to attend Recce & "O" group at 0630 hrs at 135685 "Xrds" - 155 Bde under command of (7) ARMD DIV.	
GR. EILSDORF sq. 1570	15	0630 0700 1500 1700 1715 1718 1906 1910	C.O. & I.O. to Bde "O" group. Bn put at 1 hours notice to move to Greater Eilsdorf squ. 1570. Bn move from NIENBERG to new location via T.C.V.s. Bn in position at Gr Eilsdorf A - B & C coys & T.A.C. H.Q. in village, Baker coy at area 148710 (1) coy to patrol woods in area 148710. "B" coy to patrol woods. "B" coy meet enemy opposition at 149720, some casualties & company withdraws. "B" coy to attack & clear woods at first light.	
GR.	16	0715	"B" coy on S.P. for clearing of woods supported by one trp of 13-18	

EILSDORF sq. 1570		0730 0745 1030 1100 1600 1730 1730 1830 1900 1910	Hussars & 1 bty of 80 FD REGT. "B" coy progressing NO opposition "B" " on objective & woods cleared, no enemy left, small battle group of 9 enemy met, (2) killed six wounded, (1) P.W., no casualties to "B" coy. (1) offr & 12 O.R. surrender to "C" coy Bn at (1) hrs notice to move. Bn to move to WALSRÖDE at sq. 2575. Bn takes over fr (2) Bn DEVONS coy for coy at WALSRÖDE. Bn in posn & in support have 1 Bty of R.H.A. & (2) sect. 4.2 mtrs. Large wine cellar found in "C" coy area. Guards placed on (2) large German Mil Hospitals. "B" coy to go to FALLINGBOSTAL for guard on STALAG #11.	
WALSRÖDE sq. 2575	17	0845 1045 1100 1105 1110 1240 1400 1600 1900 2000	C.O. to Bde "O" group. "O" group for all coy O.C. at TAC H.Q. MAJ INNES requests (1) coy for reinforcement at P.W. camp at FALLINGBOSTALL - P.W.s looting & bothering civilian women. Large dump of enemy ammo found in school house at 248756. "A" coy move to FALLINGBOSTAL sq. 3276 to assist "B" coy in guarding STALAG 11. Bn will move to new location less "B" & "A" coy. Bn moves by coys to new conc area. Bn in conc area at MITTELSTENDORF sq. 3885 Recce & advance parties to move at first light to sq. 3704 SCHNEVERDINGEN 7/9 R SCOTS report attack on SOLTAU going well - stiff enemy opposition along railway embankment.	
SCHNEVER- DINGEN sq. 3904	18	0900 1130 1200 1400 1700 1700 2130	Bn moves to SCHNEVERDINGEN via SOLTAU "X" rds sq. 4200 to area. Bn takes over coy from coy of 1/5 Queens & is under command of 131 Bde (7) ARMD DIV. Carrier pln to occupy INSEL sq. 3507 - will be relieved by (1) pln of "B" coy. All coys in position. "C" coy have 1 pln at 344042 to guard large ammo dump. (1) pln carriers at 362006 to guard rd junctions (5) POWs taken in area. 52 P.O.W.s taken in area mostly in civilian clothes & surrendered on warning issue in morning. Recce & harbour parties to leave immediately for VERDEN area.	
	19	0700 1000 1100	Bn moves via T.C.V. for VERDEN under command of 52 (L) DIV. Coys to search all houses in area for soldiers. P.W. in civilian clothes warned to report to I.O. in uniform by 1700	

		1800	hrs - or all not reporting will be shot. After considerable trouble Bn in position at VERDEN with coys at:- TAC H.Q. - 005841 - "A" coy 004849 - "C" coy 008845 - "B" coy 002831 "D" coy 001852.	
VERDEN	20	0900 1800 1930	Day spent in admin & reorganising. Brig MacLaren & Capt Jones with orders for attack on UPHUSEN sq. 8282	
	21	0900 1100 2100	Bn moves to conc area at ETELSEN sq. 9389. C.O. holds "O" group for attack on UPHUSEN. Slight change in plan - "O" group & movement orders.	
UPHUSEN	22	0100 0400 0415 0530 0545 0630 0900 0950 1000 1030 1135 1155 1156 1205 1210 1300 1400 1400	Bn in conc area at BIERDEN sq. 8585. Battle plan to be "A" coy will secure high ground at 849921 - "C" coy will move to wooded area & wood at 845926, "B" coy pass thru "A" to railway marshalling yds at 829937. "D" coy follow "B" coy & swing left to secure area 826935 - support by 1 trp tanks, 1 trp crocodiles & arty. "A" coy over start line. "C" coy cross start line. Heavy Arty barrage by (1) bty MEDs (1) Regt (80 FD) for 15 mins 0400-0415 "A" coy nearing obj - opposition from snipers & well dug in positions at dummy A/A site. "C" coy meet heavy S.A. opposition. "B" coy move thru "A" coy supported by (1) trp tanks Royal Scots Greys & 1 trp of crocodiles R Armd CORPS & "D" coy to follow. "C" coy report they are surrounded & cut off. Heavy Arty barrage for 10 mins on ACK ACK site by med & fld Arty. "B" coy & supporting Armd attack thru "A" coy. "B" coy report high ground cleared & are proceeding on to objective. "B" coy reported on objective & consolidating - no casualties. "D" coy nearing objective. "C" coy report on objective & consolidating. "D" coy report on objective & consolidating. "B" & "D" coy being shelled by 88MM. UPHUSEN secured & consolidated. TAC H.Q. moves to UPHUSEN at 828935. - 1600 Bn area shelled heavily by 88M.M. & 155 guns from Bremen area - these were very heavy shells.	
	23	0900- 1900 2200	N.T.R. - Bn resting & reorganising. Bn area being shelled by 88 M.M.	

	24	1400 1700 2330	Carrier pln plus 1 pln of "A" coy to search & clear BOLLEN 813912. Capt Alexander & carrier pln report Bollen clear of enemy. 5 P.O.W.s C.O. holds "O" group for attack on Bremen. Bn Area being shelled by heavy arty - 155 MM, no casualties.	
UPHUSEN	25	0330 0430 0900 0905 1400 1500 1600 1600 1700 1910	Bde I.O. phones with references & information of enemy installations in BREMEN. Bde order that Bn will not move before 0800 hrs - will be ALERT at that time. C.O. holds "O" group 1 sqdn tanks R.S. Greys report 1 trp of Crocodiles report R.A.C. Brig MacLaren & Capt Jones with change of plan for Bremen attack. Bn moves to take over from 7/9 R.S. & to conc area at sq. 7796. Bn leaves conc for S.P. on foot passing thru 6 H.L.I. area. Bn leaves S.P. for attack on Bremen area "N" C.O. holds "O" group at TAC H.Q. situated at 73999858. "O" group for coy commanders & supporting arms report & final orders. Plan of battle was - "A" to secure area 723988. "B" to " " 718993 "C" coy to pass thru & secure the area of 715995 - "D" coy to secure area 715992. At first light "D" coy to clear from park to River & "A" coy to clear the area park to river of old Bremen.	See "Bremen Town plan map.
BREMEN		2000 2030 2145 2210 2220 2240 2315 2350	"B" & "D" coy start operation supported by (1) trp Crocodiles & 1 sect of RE per coy. "A" & "C" coy leave F.U.P. for S.P. Brig MacLaren & Capt Jones call at C.P. for battle particulars. "B" coy send 62 P.W. to Tac H.Q. taken in Post Office Area. "B" coy report on objective & consol. Light opposition. "D" coy report on #1 obj. "C" coy " " object & consol. "A" coy " " " " "	
BREMEN	26	0140 0230 0700 0720 0800 1100	TAC H.Q. moves forward to post office German officer on Recce captured by "C" coy. States that they have been taken by surprise. 150 Bremen police (Admin & Traffic) surrender & are unarmed & made prisoners. Fire dept surrender & are permitted to stand by at posts. Prisoners from coys start arriving at Tac H.Q. in large numbers. C.O. sends police Major of force which surrendered to tell the police force of the city to surrender by 1400 hrs.	

BREMEN		1130	More prisoners of war from C & D coy. Total number taken to date 692 - of various regts & services - mostly marines.	
		1245	Police General of Bremen & 350 police surrender. They marched from the central police station in threes under a white flag. Were met by an officer who guided them to Tac H.Q. & informed the C.O. that they wished to surrender the force. The C.O. met the General who surrendered his force & the sword to the C.O. - The General was then ordered to disarm the force & to proceed under guard to the police station & remain there under guard.	
BREMEN		1255	Railway police & workers surrender arms & ammo & the railway force.	
		1400	Snipers are active from house on far side of railway not yet cleared.	
		1430	Support Coy report finding large wine cellar.	
		1445	"B" coy report finding large wine cellar.	
		1520	Carrier pln report telephone exchange found complete & guard placed on building.	
BREMEN		1600	Civilians & D.P.s looting station & parcels - 1 pln "A" coy placed as guard.	
		1630	"A" coy & "C" coy will send out contact patrols along R.R. tracks to 6 H.L.I.	
		1700	157 Bde pass thru to attack & take area "M" of Bremen.	
		1730	Brig MacLaren & Capt D. Jones call with patrol programme.	
		1800	All coys to have local protective patrols.	
		1900	The night was very quiet & other than local patrols no incident was reported. The total number of prisoners taken by the Bn for the Bremen battle number 1267 & 600 police fully armed surrendered to the Bn.	
Bremen	27	0900	Bde ordered that all air-raid shelters be checked for P.W.s & soldiers in civilian clothes.	
		1100	Shelters checked & (4) P.W.s found plus many D.P.s.	
		1200	Bn spent the afternoon consolidating posns & in administration. "D" coy move to police station for guard purposes. All "T" force targets under guard & some relieved by "T" force. 157 Bde reported on objective.	
		1800	43 DIV attack area "F" & Bremen Garrison General surrenders. Pte J. Reid, a prisoner, released by Durham Light Inf & returns to Bn.	
Bremen	28	0700	Bn H.Q. & "C" coy move to new location at TAC H.Q. - 72839945 - "C" coy at 72949951.	
		0930	G.O.C. Maj Gen Hakewell-Smith addresses Bn & congratulates them on the excellent spirit & work they have shown & done through-out the	

		1400 1600 2400	N.W.E. campaign. TAC H.Q. & "C" coy in new posns. Patrols by "C" & "A" coy, see patrols N.T.R.	App. "B"
	29	1000 1800 2400	"D" coy moves to new location at 72709953 & report in posn. Bn on administration Patrols by "C" & "D" coy.	App. "B"
BREMEN	30	1600 1800 2400	Bn at 3 hrs notice to move to new area. Patrols. "C" & "D" coy. Maj G.H. Davidson promoted to Lt Col Davidson C.O. 4th K.O.S.B. D.J. Urquhart Lieut for C.O. 4th Bn K.O.S.B.	App. "B"