

### April 1945

On 1 Apr the Battalion crossed the Dortmund-Ems canal and approached the high wooded ridge of the Teutoburge. The battalion had a sharp engagement against determined enemy which proved to be men from a German NCO school which had been deployed to the area from Hanover.

On 5 Apr the Battalion established a bridgehead over the River Weser, but were later withdrawn, eventually crossing at Petershagen on the 5<sup>th</sup> and crossing the River Leine at Neustadt on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> a German delegation negotiated a 'neutral area' which proved to be about Belsen concentration camp with the threat of a Typhus outbreak.

The advance continued and on 30<sup>th</sup> crossed the River Elbe.

The Weser crossing at Petershagen





Soldiers examine a captured 'Panzerfaust'.



The Herefords move forward on the rear of a Fife & Forfar Yeomanry Comet tank.





Cpl HT Royster receives his Military Medal from FM Montgomery

#### **Citation - Military Medal - Cpl Royster**

At Rottorf (map ref At Rottorf on 20 April 1945, Cpl Royster was riding on a tank which was bazooked. His P1 Comd and two other men on the tank became casualties. Although severely shaken, Cpl Royster took control over the remainder of the men who he organised for the necessary wood clearing immediately. Owing to the nature of the country the tanks were unable to deploy. In this operation his platoon came under sniping fire, and the platoon sergeant was wounded. Cpl Royster took command of the remainder of the platoon which now numbered 15, and led them on to the located enemy posts.

He personally destroyed one Spandau post and killed the crew of four. On reaching the objective his platoon came under heavy fire from another enemy position, but he reorganised his platoon, and beat off one enemy counter-attack before being reinforced by another platoon.

By his determined leadership and disregard for personal safety Cpl Royster ensured the success of an operation, which might otherwise have proved expensive in tanks and men.

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Commanding Officer... Lt.-Col. G. R. Turner Cain  
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HALTEN and LEER	1	1240	Bn. with 2F and F Yeo u/c moved with the intention of passing through 4 KSLI at BIRGHE Bridge V9406 across the Dortmund Ems Canal. Route Leer, Bursteinfurt, Emsdetten V8097, Mesum V8404, Elte 8005, Riesenbeck 9307, Birghe 9400. The enemy had been located by 4 KSLI on the wooded high ground at 972060, and A and D Coys. (left and right respectively) were deployed to attack this position, the close country making tank support impossible. "A" Coy reached high ground at 972060, but were counter attacked three times and were finally surrounded. On orders from Bn. HQ, they managed to make their way to the Southern edge of the wood. "D" Coy on the right also had difficulty and later were ordered to withdraw. Both Coys suffered casualties, the total for the operation being :- Offrs. Killed 2 (Lieut. Spittal and Lieut. Hopkinson) Wounded 2 (Lieut. Mannering and Lieut. Mason. ORIs killed 3 Wounded 36 and missing 13:	WAR DIARIES SECTION No. - 4 JUN 1945 G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon

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BIRGHTE	1	(cont)	.... The Bn. eventually consolidated on the reverse slope with "A" at 963051, "B" at 967053, "C" at 964055, "D" at 967049 B.H.A. at same area. The enemy were first class troops being a composite unit formed from the NCO Inf. Trg. School at Hanover. Birghte Bridge and the Bn. positions were attacked twice by enemy aircraft, during the afternoon and evening without causing casualties. Awards for this action "A" Coy. Major Tapper awarded Military Cross. C.S.M. Hartnett and Sergt. Bevan awarded the Military Medal.	
"	2		Bn. remained in the same locality whilst 5 MONS. endeavoured to seize the feature 972060. They were also driven back by a counter attack and later took up positions on the left of the 2330 Bn. Patrols from "B" Coy found south edge of WOODS 968056 to 973056 strongly held. Sharp bombing attack in the evening but no damage or casualties caused.	

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BIRGHTIE	3		3 MONS. again heavily counter-attacked in the morning causing severe casualties. Position later restored by 2 DEVONS (7th. Armd.Div.) passing through 3 MONS. and taking 200 POW.	
		1900	En.releived by 4KOSB (part of Bde.of 52(L)Div.u/c 7.Armd.Div) and coys moved to rest locality south of original area preparatory to a furth <sup>er</sup> advance in the morning.	
"	4	0645	Bn.moved.The Hfd.Gp.following up the 29th.Armd.Bde. by bounds Route Brochterbeck W0103, Tecklenberg 0503, Lette 1209, (halt 151086 with Bn.in area 0909 for 1½ hours ) Rd.Junc <del>151086</del> 151086, Eversheds 1812, Lecktingen 2014, Icker 2616, Osterkappeln 3317, arriving approx 1500 hrs.	
		1700	Bn ordered to area Butterbohn, route Osterkappeln, Bohnte 3919, Battenbohne, where on arrival it was found that the enemy had already been mopped up by the 15/19th Hussars.	
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BUTTENBOHNE 4	1900		Bn. settled in the location preparatory to marrying up with 2 P&F <sup>YEO</sup> <del>doe</del> advancing the next morning. B.H. at 488203	
"	5	0700	Bn moved to seize a bridge over the R. WESER. Route Rd. Junc. 572221, Rahden 6026, Laversloh 6825, (Hfd. Gp. passed thro' KSLI Gp. here) Bonhorst 7326, Rd. Junc 759291, Harriestedt rd junc 814280, One sqn 2P&F were sent to Glissen 837267, turned north and first opposition of the day met at 836273 One tank KO'd. "DE" Coy was sent to deal with the enemy and the position was mopped up. 9 POW were taken. At the same time "B" Coy on tanks were sent NE to Diers 8403, Muslingeren 8733, and reached the R. WESER at Schlusselburg 917323, (finding no bridge across but ferry stages) without opposition. "C" Coys on tanks and "A" Coy on TCV's followed up to Musseringen where a temporary BnHQ was located.	

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	5 cont.		THE Commanding Officer made a recon and decided to send "B" Coy across in one boat found on the river bank. This was achieved without opposition and later "C" Coy were sent across on Mk.11 assault boats with "A" Coy on the west bank providing ferry services. Two Wireless Jeeps for the use of Fd. and med arty FOO's (other comm was by 18 set and later line was laid across the river) and 2xA/Tak. Guns (6 pr) were sent across on a Cl lll raft. Ferrying was a slow operation as the current was very fast. Two sec MMG were sent across and one pl 4.2" Mortar (2 Ind.MG Coy) came u/o. "B" and "C" Coys in a tight bridgehead around small village 9132 "D" Coy in Mussleringen. "A" and BnHQ in eastern half of Schlusselfurg.	
SCHLUSSELFURG (6			"B" and "C" Coys remain on the east side of the river.	



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SCHLUSSELBURG 6			cont..... Enemy seen infiltrating into the area from the NE and SE and our own patrols encountered enemy. 20mm sprayed area of bridgehead otherwise SA fire only. Only enemy interference to the ferry service was from the air, which was ineffective. <sup>for the day</sup> Cas 2 OR's killed and 5 OR's wounded. Higher plan to go through Petershagen 8420 bridgehead formed by 6 AB Div. to continue advance. "B" and "C" Coys therefore withdrew to west bank of the river together with all guns vehicles and equipment. This operation completed without incident by 2115 hrs. "A" and "C" Coys moved to eastern half of Schlusselfburg with BnHQ and "B" and "D" and majority of Supt. Coy in Mussleringen.	
	7		Hfd. Gp. ordered to continue route advance via Petershagen Bridgehead.	
		1100	Bn moved and cleared route Windheim, Dohren, Loeum where	

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SCHLUSSELBURG 7	(cont)		<p>.... first enemy were met in strength. "B" on left and "D" on right attacked through the village with "A" Coy firm base in western end of it. "D" Coy passed through "B" and "C" Coys and finally cleared the opposition. This operation was highly successful yielding 150 POW from LAD (Labour Corps) and Battle GP Volkas at little cost to ourselves: Cas. 10 OR's wounded. Also WMG Pl. had three killed and 2 P&amp;F Yeo. lost a sgn. commdr. Enemy equipment destroyed 6x88mm guns, 3x20mm guns, 2 Halftracks, 1xarmd Car. and 5xlorries. En. consolidated in Loccum with BnHQ at 971301.</p>	
LOCCUM	8		<p>15/19 Hussars and 1st. Cheshire Gp. passed through and reached line of railway NE of Eilvasel 340 meeting slight enemy opposition via Mardorf 0633 and Schnseren 0838, Herefords Gp. stepping up behind in bounds and at 1630 hrs. ordered to pass through Cheshire Gp. Route was clear through to Hagen 1443,</p>	



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LOCCUM	8	cont.	Dudensen 1646 and Laderholz 1849. A rd block was encountered 400 x north of Laderholz covered by enemy infantry with SA and pzfausts. "B" Coy with one sqn sent to deal with this whilst "C" Coy and "C" sqn diverted south east to Mandelsloh <sup>2446</sup> <i>thence North to NEIDERSTOKEN</i> <sub>2451</sub> without opposition, although 70 POW were taken in the latter village, the majority of these were from the Hitler Jugend. Opposition continued strongly north of Laderholz and darkness fell before Neiderstoken was cleared. Bn. therefore consolidated with "C" coy in Neiderstoken and "A" "B" and "D" Coys and BnHQ in Laderholz 186492. Cas. 1 OR killed and 9 OR's wounded.	
LADERHOLZ	9	0645	Attacks by "A" "B" and "D" Coys to clear Neiderstoken met no opposition. "A" Coy and sqn passed through "C" then south to sit in Mandelsloh. "B" and "D" Coys with BnHQ at 197506 consolidated in Rodewald, and awaited completion of bridge	



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LADERHOLZ	9		(cont).....by RE's at Helsdorf 2545.	
RODEWALD	10		Higher plan was changed and Hfd Gp. were ordered to pass over 6 AB Div; bridge at Neustadt 1736 and clear villages to the North of Esperke 2650. Route was Laderholz 1849, Hagen 1543 Neustadt 1735 then road running north on the e-astern bank of the Linne River. First opposition was encountered at Grindau 2753 when the leading tank with "D" Coy was knocked <i>And also D Coy's wireless car.</i> out by a pzfaust with the resulting fatal casualties to the wireless operators. The village was cleared by "A" and "D" Coys and "B" and "C" passed through to clear the next village of Schwarmstedt 2755. This was completed by 1700 hrs. Opposition was extremely determined, units indentified were from 2 Marine Div; approx 60 POW's were taken during the day Own cas; Officers killed one, Wounded one. OR's Killed; 5: <i>(Lt. HANCOX)</i> Wounded ten.	

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RODEWALD	10	(cont)	..... In the evening "B" and "C" Coys were relieved by 1 cdo Bde and withdrew to the Bn rest area at Esperke. "A" and "D" Coys remained in positions north and south of Grindau, respectively, together with MMG Pl and 3" Mor Pl;	
ESPERKE	11		Bn remained in rest area at Esperke, whilst the 1 cdo Bde and Cheshire Gp obtained bridgeheads over the R. Aller. These were successfully accomplished at Essel 3057 ( cdo ) and north of Bucholz 3157 ( Cheshire. ) During the night work was commenced on building a bridge.	
ESPERKE	12		Bn remains in rest area at ESPERKE and GRINDAU whilst a bridge was constructed over the River Aller at ESSEL 2956. A delay was also caused by a deputation of German and Hungarian Officers who came over to request a " non fighting area " north of the ALLER owing to an epidemic of Typhus. Discussions went on all day but the plan was finally rejected.	

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ESPERKE	12	(cont)	....by the Commdr. of 1 Para. Army. 1 Cheshire and four Gdo Gps in the meanwhile were sitting tight in their two bridgeheads at BUCHOLZ and ESSEL respectively, and the KSLI Gp concentrated in SCHWARMSTEDT 2755.	
"	13	0900	Hereford Gp to cross the R. ALLER at ESSEL 2956 at the rear of 29 Armd Bde. 159 Inf. Bde. route Essel - Winsten 4756 - Walthousen 5257 - Hassel 5262 - silze 5566 - Beckdorf 5671 - Mude 6078.	
		1600	Hereford Gp left Esperke to cross the ALLER and concentrated in the area 400557 whilst the Cheshire Gp attempted to break through to Winsten. This operation was not successful, the Cheshire Gp being held in area 440570 by strong A/tk and Pafaut fire.	
Est of WINSTEN	14		Bn remained in area whilst the Cheshire Gp attempted again to break through to Winsten. but this was again unsuccessful	



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East of WINSËN	14	(cont)	....and at 1230 hrs the Hereford Gp was ordered to attack WINSËN from the NW via Tck. June 438570 - 438575 - 444572 - 448573 - 451573 - 454574 - 458573. Coys to 'leapfrog' forward onto the following objectives:- (1) "A" to 438575; (2) "D" to 444572; (3) "C" to 448573; (4) "B" to 451573; (5) "A" to 454574; (6) "D" to 458573; (7) thence on to the main road running south to WinsËn where "D" and "C" Coys move astride the rd to 460571; (8) "A" and "B" Coys to 463568; (9) "B" and "C" to final objectives at 472563 and 469550.	
		1600	Operation commenced. The only vehicles used were tcks and Jeeps owing to the poor state of the tracks. No opposition was encountered all the way to 464565, at 1830 hrs "B" and "C" went in on to the final objective after the preliminary 'stmk. Approx 20 to 30 POW's were taken identified as Battle Gp. Totzeck from the Werfer School at Celle.	

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East of WINSTEN	14		(cont).... Casualties Killed OR's 2 : Wounded OR's 10. Enemy equipment captured intact 1x7.5 cm A/tk gun, and one half tck (armd)	
WINSTEN.	15	0700	Remainder of the wheeled tpt joined the Bn. 0815 hrs Hereford Gp moved. First opposition encountered at a road block near Walthousen 5157. Several POW's were taken in the area including a Major, Comd. of the Btl Allschwager, one of the Bns. of the Battle Gp Totzeck. Advance continued on to silze 5566. Beekdorf 5671, Hermansberg 5873, junc 580748, to Muden. The leading tanks passed over the bridge at Muden 604783 which was blown whilst they were over on the other side of the River. As a result of this two rifle coys were sent over the River to form a tight bridgehead around the bridge to enable the RE to build a bridge and for the protection of the tanks Cnd. Post and the remainder of the Bn. <sup>were</sup> <del>were</del> located approx 300x	



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WINSTEN	15	(cont)	....short of the bridge. During the day approx 200 POW's were taken, the majority of them from Luftwaffe units drawn from the aerodrome at 6583. 3x5cm Atk guns were captured and several vehicles destroyed. Cas.Officers.wounded 1 (Major Northey MC O.C. "C" Coy) OR's Killed 2, wounded 7. 30 OR's posted to Bn as reinforcements.	
MUDEN	16		The bridge was completed at 1030 hrs; and the remainder of the F & F Yeo.passed over followed by the Bn.Hfd.Gp.concentrated at Polzen to allow 29 Armd Bde to pass through, on the northern route to Ebstorf.	
		1500	Hfd.Gp.moved on route Aerodrome 6482 - junc 679834 - <del>Brambostel</del> <sup>BRAMBOSTEL</sup> 690880 - Einke 7388. The aerodrome was only lightly held, some opposition coming from the woods on the east and NE side. Difficulty was experienced at 685859 in passing vehicles over the bogged ground and the complete column did not get through until the next morning.Approx 500 POW's taken during the day.	



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MUDEN	16	(cont)	.....Own Cas: OR's wounded 1;  The Commanding Officer Lieut.-Colonel G.R. Turner Gain DSO left the Bn. to take up duties as AAG HQ 1 Br Corps Basic Control Increment. The 2i/c, Major R.C. Fripp DSO assumed command of the Bn. and was promoted Lieut.-Colonel; Major W.A.P. Croft MC. rejoined the Bn. and appo'd. 2i/c.	
ELMKE	17		Orders were passed to Hereford Gp. to move to Ebstorf 7502 to take up a defensive position in order to cut off escape and rdief routes to Uelzen 9089 which was being attacked by the 15 (S) Division the following day. This move was completed by the afternoon, Coys taking up the following def. pos.:- "A" 803965. "C" 804961. "D" 804957. "B" in reserve at 795962. Bn HQ 800962. Coys proceeded to clear the woods forward of their positions and "D" Coy came under heavy Spandau fire resulting in 10 casualties.	

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Eimke	17	.....	No other incidents were reported apart from movement in buildings forward of 'C' Coy. position at 806961; Approx. 30 P.O.W's, mainly deserters, were rounded up in the woods. Unit remained in the same position, coys being allotted further areas to patrol and clear with instructions not to get committed should heavy opposition be encountered. Ammd. patrols also cleared Wittenwater 9092, and Melzingen 8293. Own casualties for the day nil.	
Ebstorf	19	1200	Hereford Gp. relieved by 6 AB Division. Higher orders were changed owing to the rapid advance of the 15(S.) Division on our right towards Uelzen. 159 Bde. Gp. to advance via Luneberg to the river Elbe. Route Ebstorf, Wriedal 7296, Orzen 7313, Kirchgellersen 7118, Reppensten 7420, Luneberg, Bardowick 7725, Rottorf 7130, Winsen 6534. No opposition was encountered until Luneberg was passed. One coy. cleared	



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EBSTORF	19	1200	..... the village of Handorf 7432 and approx. 60 to 70 P.O.W's were taken. The advance was finally stopped at Bridge 7330 which was blown after our leading tanks had passed over. The Bn. concentrated for the night in the area of the bridge and work was commenced in putting another one across. Own casualties were:- OR's killed 1 wounded 6.	
East of Rottorf 728300	20		Advance continued against slight opposition and Winsen was reached and cleared by the late afternoon. Hfd. Gp. concentrated in the town coys. located as follows:- 'A' 651326, 'B' 650330, 'C' 646328, 'D' 648319 Cmd. Post 648325.	
WINSEN	21		Bn. remains in WINSEN. Higher plan was to wait on the Elbe until the flanks reached the river. Owing to the possibility of the unit remaining in the same location for five to six days, certain adjustments to the Bn. layout were made. 'D' were moved to the area of road junction 673342, and the A.T.	



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Unit.....**1st. The Herefordshire Regiment.**

Commanding Officer.....**Lt. Col. R. C. Fripp, DSO.**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WINSSEN	21	(cont)	....and 3" Mor Pls took over the area at the south end of the town vacated by "D" coy. One Coy of the 1 Cheshire came u/c and located at Uhlenbusch 680378. A 24 hours standing patrol consisting of one pl, one tp of tanks was located at road junc 630358 provided in turn by "C" "B" and "A" Coys. At midnight two enemy were shot along rd 627358. One was killed and one wounded. They were carrying pzfausts and revolvers. The area was searched but no further incidents were reported. At midday the Batt. area was very heavily shelled by S.P. guns firing possibly from the N.W. on the other side of the river. "C" Coy received 3 casualties, one killed 2 wounded.	
WINSSEN	22		Bn. still in same location. During the day 13 POW's were evacuated to Bie. No other incidents to report. On their return from the forward standing patrol position; "C" Coy cleared the village of STOCKTE 6455. Nothing to report.	

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WINSEN	22	(cont)	....The Cheshire Coy under command captured a complete patrol of 5 men who crossed the river at 708405 and worked down our side of the river until they were captured at 685389. They provided useful information of dispositions on the North side of the Elbe. 48 OR's posted to Bn as reinforcements.	
WINSEN	23	1415	The previous nights patrols had nothing to report. The Cheshire Coy area was heavily shelled with one direct hit on their Coy HQ. Two tanks went to an area near the river 660360 and fired on the area immediately opposite on the N. Bank. This was an attempt to mislead the enemy on to the location of our defences and to draw his fire on to an un-occupied area. 11 POWS were taken during the day, all deserters picked up in the forward areas.	
WINSEN	24	0500	A large enemy patrol clashed with "B" Coy in the forward standing patrol area. They were successfully repelled and cas.	



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WINSSEN	24	0500	(cont)...inflicted on them were 5 dead.	
WINSSEN.	25.		No incidents to report.	
WINSSEN.	26 .		A recce. party from the 8 R.B. arrived in the afternoon preparatory to relieving the Bn. tomorrow.	
WINSSEN.	27.	1130	Area handed over to the 8 R.B. without incident. Bn. moved to a reserve area at Rottorf 7130.	
WINSSEN.	27/29		Nothing to report.	
WINSSEN.	30		After a re-organisation of Bie. groups, Bn. in future to work with 3rd. R.T.R. in place of 2F & F. Yeo. Pl. M.M.G. and 1 tp. R.E. came under command. Hereford Gp ordered to cross the river ELBE, and to pass through the bridgehead formed by the 15 (S) Div. 11 Armd. Div. to reach concentration area W. of Lubeck as quickly as possible.	
	1930		* Bn. moves but owing to great congestion on the road it was long delayed in its journey. Route Luneburg 7820, .....	

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ROTHOMF.	30	(1930)	.....(cont)....Artlenburg 8334, Guszow 8342, Kollow 8144.	
		0500	En. reached Kollow and concentrated for a short period of time.	
		0630	Hfd. Gp. moves off on route Schwarzenbeck 8248, Basthorst 8156	
			Mines knocked out 3 tanks and one carrier killing 3 O.R's	
			and wounding one officer (Capt. R. Curtiss 2 i/c "A" Coy.)	
			The mines were laid from cross roads 808500 to Haverhorst 8152.	
		1230	En. halted at Basthorst to allow clearing of mines and time bombs <del>were</del> laid along the route. Large number of prisoners were taken chiefly from 245 Eng. Bn. 245 Div.	
		1430	Hfd. Gp. continued on route Hamfelde 8059, Trittau 7788,	
			(entered after preliminary stonk and short battle) and cont. to Gronwold 7764, which was entered after a light opposition.	
			One 88 mm. gun was K.O'd. During the day 300 POW'S were	



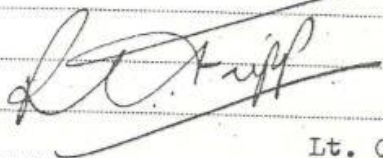
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ROTTORF	30	(cont)	.... taken. Own casualties - Killed, ORs 3. wounded ORs 8. One Ofir wounded.	
			 Lt. Col. Cmd. 1st Bn The Herefordshire Regt:	

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