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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 153 Fd Amb

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col CBR POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1800	ADS open at 802280 One Section B Coy at WIERSHOP 8042 Two " " " " 806381 Admitted B.C. 10 Sick 2 PW 2 Evacuated 17 Held 1 Died 3	DMcC
	2	0400 0600 1800	HQ & A Coy on wheels waiting to cross R. ELBE at ARTLENBURG. One Section A Coy established at ARTLENBURG to relieve C.C.P. of 14 L.F.A. HQ & 2 Sects A Coy at 808418 - CCP open. B Coy moving to HOHENHORN 754456 in sp 227 Bde Admitted BC 1 Sick 3 Evac 4 R.T.U. 1	DMcC
	3	0930	HQ & A Coy move to TRITTAU & establish ADS at 768619 B Coy in sp of 227 Bde at 757558	DMcC
Field	4	1800	No changes of location Adm. BC 6 Sick 10 Evac 16	DMcC
	5		No change. Adm. BC 3 Sick 13 Evac 16	DMcC
	6		PWX - mostly emaciated & suffering from varying degrees of dysentery & diarrhoea passing through all day. All dusted with AL63, great majority cleaned & fed & sent back in transport to collecting point. Remainder evacuated through medical channels. Admitted Sick 53 Evac 53	DMcC
	7		As for 6th. Admitted Sick 29 BC 1 Evac 30	DMcC
TRITTAU	8	1800	V.E. DAY Admitted BC 1 Sick 15 Evac 16 Thanksgiving Services conducted by Rev D. Cairns.	DMcC DMcC
	9		A Coy CCP open at 668662	DMcC
	10		No change in location. Major D. McCallum with staff of a clerk, batman & driver proceeds to BAD OLDESLOE 7383 to take over duties of S.M.O. from Major Quinn of 5 Div.	DMcC
	11		No change	
	12		A Coy move complete to Bad Oldesloe 7383. HQ remains TRITTAU	DMcC

			Sect B Coy at WESENBERG 849848	
Field	13	0900	CO & Orderly Room Staff move to Bad Oldesloe 7383 HQ & 2 Sections B Coy at WESENBERG 849830 1 Sect B Coy at TRITTAU A Coy at Bad Oldesloe open CCP	DMcC
	14		No change	DMcC
	15		Conference of SMOs in 8 Corps held at Medical Branch 8 Corps where policy regarding control & organisation of medical aspect of Operation Eclipse was discussed.	DMcC
	16		No change	DMcC
	17		No change	DMcC
LUBECK	18		HQ complete (with OC & 2i/c) move into Lubeck OC takes over duties of SMO LUBECK from OC 141 Fd Amb. Major HG PERCY (B Coy) now S.M.O. TRAVEMUNDE Capt J. SENIOR (A Coy) " " " " BAD OLDESLOE Duties of S.M.O. include general supervision and disciplining of German Services (& in some cases civilian) medical establishments & personnel, control of supplies - both rations & medical - and the rendition to Division & Corps of returns required by them of medical staffs, No. of patients, daily & weekly bed stats, particulars of S.S. personnel and control of medical dumps found within the SMO's area. The number of available beds - most of which are occupied - in the three areas is as follows: 1) LUBECK 12,700 2) TRAVEMUNDE 4,500 3) BAD OLDESLOE 2,750	DMcC
LUBECK			Conditions having changed from wartime to peacetime footing, much of the work done will be of a routine nature, including daily conferences with German Services Administrative Medical Officer in each area, inspections of Hospitals, consolidation of ration & medical indents, arranging for transfer of fit cases to PW cage etc.	DMcC
	19		Normal Routine	DMcC
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	21		" "	DMcC
	22	1800	Address by Lord Moran on the future of the Medical Officers in the Army, it is improbable that MOs will be demobilised in their Age/Service Group.	DMcC
LUBECK	23	1600	Amb train with 580 German wounded aboard arrived at LUBECK Stn to be cleared in shortest possible time, and approx 400 Russian	

		2000	wounded & sick PWX & displaced persons boarded to be moved Eastwards to WISMAR 4595 which will eventually be occupied by Russian troops. Loading & revictualling of train complete	DMcC
	24		Routine duties	DMcC
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	26		" "	DMcC
	27		" "	DMcC
	28		" "	DMcC
	29		" "	DMcC
	30		Lt Poulter from B Coy to Div H.Q. to stand in for DADMS who is proceeding on U.K. leave.	DMcC DMcC
	31		Routine duties. The change from war to peace time organisation, the rounding up of the defeated enemy, of P.W.X. and displaced persons, the return to France Belgium & Holland of those people who were released during the advance and the provision of adequate & reasonable accommodation for Russians & Poles, have given rise to many queries both administrative & medical which could scarcely have been envisaged before the collapse. The work of the Hygiene Section attached to us in the past ten days has been necessary & invaluable. In each area at the time of taking over, the hygiene situation was bad & in the case of Bad Oldesloe when the water main had been shattered in several places during a recent Allied raid it was particularly bad. By & large the German authorities have cooperated well in reorganising their Services, but the D.Ps have been difficult to control. Of the many problems still to be solved one of the most pressing medically is the disposal by medical board of thousands of P.Ws who though not requiring a hospital bed are not fit to be sent to P.W. Cage (e.g. amputated thigh, disseminated sclerosis). The policy laid down by Army of reducing issues of medical & ordnance equipment to Hospitals to a minimum has been carried out. D. McCallum Major	DMcC