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**WAR DIARY**

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~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating  
Def Pl and LAD

Month and Year MAY 1945.

Commanding Officer Brigadier RM VILLIERS, DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
840422	1	1600  1830	Ref Maps 1/100,000 Sheets L/4, L/5, K/4, K/5, J/4, J/5. 46 (H) Inf Bde moved to a new conc area. Bde HQ being est 840422 with 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH conc in same area. 2 GLAS H remained in LUTAU 8741. Orders had been received from Div HQ for the clearing of the SACHSENWALD next day and Bde Comd ordered an 'O' Gp for 1830 hrs. 'O' Gp assembled and Bde Comd issued orders for the clearing of the SACHSENWALD area SOUTH of the rly running from SCHWARZENBEK 8248 to AUMUHLE 7151. 'H' hr was to be 0800 hrs next day. Moves to FAA in area BRUNTSTORF 7847 would be carried out in accordance with Mov Order No: 33.	See Appx D-1
724507	2	0800 1430	Clearing ops started as planned and continued throughout the day. Bde HQ moved to DASSENDORF 7547. Except for one party of enemy about 50 strong which was holding out in BILLENKAMP 7050 there was little opposition. The final dispositions for the night eventually being :- 9 CAMERONIANS area 699499, 2 GLAS H area 715508, 7 SEAFORTH area 714515. Bde HQ was est at 724507. During the night orders were received that 9 CAMERONIANS would take over responsibilities of present Bde area by 0900 hrs and that Bde Gp less 9 CAMERONIANS would move to TRITTAU 7660. Sqn of 15 (S) Recce Regt would move ahead to ensure the route was clear. Issue of Op Order No: 27.	See Appx D-2
769608	3	1205	46 (H) Inf Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS moved to area TRITTAU according to Op Order No: 27. Bde HQ est at 769608. Meanwhile 9 CAMERONIANS had been relieved by 158 Bde and by 1435 hrs were est in new area 770607. Orders were then received that the Bde Gp would move to area SPRENGE 7569 and Harbour Parties were ordered to move off at 0930 hrs. Issue of Move Order No: 34.	See Appx D-3

	4		46 (H) Inf Bde Gp moved to new area according to Move Order No: 34. 1225 Bde HQ est at 758696. 1720 Bde Comd informed that no forecast of any further move could be given. 2030 Infm was received that all German armed forces in NW Germany, Holland and Denmark has surrendered to 21 Army Gp with effect from 0500 hrs 5 MAY.	
758696	5	1130	Bde Comd left Bde HQ to attend Div Comd's conference.	
	6	1000	Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp conference. 46 (H) Inf Bde were to move to KIEL and take over the Port. The move was to be partially tactical in case of any emergency arising. 2100 Instructions were received to the effect that 46 (H) Inf Bde would now move to KIEL next day less 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H. Issue of Op Order No: 28.	See Appx D-4
KIEL	7	0730	Bde Comd left for KIEL where he was to meet the British FOIC Rear Admiral H T BAILLIE-GROHAM, CB, DSO, OBE at 1000 hrs. 1000 Bde Comd met FOIC and discussed the take-over of KIEL. At the same time the Bde Comd assumed Comd of KIEL Area. During afternoon the Bde Comd attended the surrender ceremony when the German Naval Commander-in-Chief Admiral KOMMETZ surrendered the German Baltic Fleet to the British FOIC. Meantime Bde HQ arrived in KIEL and was est at 609399. 1800 Bde Comd held a conference which was attended by NOIC KIEL and all senior Military Commanders. The German Stadtskommandant Kapitain - zur - See KAHLER was ordered to attend and to supply all possible information concerning number of German troops in KIEL area and all guards provided for barracks, foodstores, ammunition stores, equipment stores etc in order that these might be taken over by British troops as soon as possible. Bde Comd then ordered that a conference would be held at 1800 hrs each day at Bde HQ at which all heads of departments would report progress and receive further orders.	
KIEL				
	8	1500	BBC announced VE day. 9 CAMERONIANS and 2 GLAS H moved to area KIEL in accordance with Op Order No: 28.	See Appx D-4
	9 (		During this period main task of 46 (H) Inf Bde was completing the	
	10 (		take-over of all essential guards in KIEL area.	
	11 (		Issue of Location Statement No.: 1.	See Appx D-5
	12	1800	CCRA 8 Corps relieved Bde Comd 46 (H) Inf Bde and assumed comd of KIEL Bde Area with 46 (H) Inf Bde under comd.	

	13 to 21	( ( incl(	During this period Bns of 46 (H) Inf Bde were gradually relieved of all guard commitments in KIEL Area. Recces were made of final occupational areas. Plans however were repeatedly changed and it was not known where the Bde's final conc area would be.	
	22		Bde HQ moved to new location - the Marineshule, WIK, on relief by 117 Marine Bde HQ.	
	23 to 30	1200  incl	46 (H) Inf Bde less 9 CAMERONIANS reverted to under comd 15 (S) Div. On relief by incoming RM Bns 117 Marine Bde, 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H were moved to LABOE 672444 and NIENDORF 034042 respectively, there being no accn available in KIEL.	
	31		Bde Comd and BM visited HQ 5 Brit Div and HQ 13 Brit Bde in WISMAR 4594 to look at billets and discuss take-over of that area in the near future.	