

W A R D I A R Y O R I N T E L L I G E N C E S U M M A R Y

DATE MAY 1945.

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PLACE	DATE	TIME	INFORMATION	REMARKS
	1.		Regt still in action at GULZOW 8 RS and 6 RSF in area of SCHWARZENBEK, 11 Armd Div pushed through. KOSB move to KOLLOW and then attack BRUNSTORF and take it. Opposition slight. Tac HQ move up with Bde HQ to SCHWARZENBEK. Plans made for clearing of SACHSEN WALD. One Sqn Coldstreams to support operation.	
	2.	0800 hrs	44 Bde start wood clearing. 177 moved to BRUNSTORF. An area at DASSENDORF reced but not occupied - Regt moved into action in evening at HAVEKOST. Little or no opposition in wood which was quickly cleared in a N. Westerly direction. Regt moved to area of HAVEKOST to support final part of operation. Tac HQ moved with Bde HQ to KASSEBURG. Rumours of surrender parleys very strong.	
	3.		160 Bde 53 Div take over from 46 Bde who occupy area TRITTAU taken by 11 Armd, who broke through to LUBECK. 44(L) Bde move NW to take high ground NE of HAMBURG. Regt moved to area of KASSEBURG and later, when infantry had found no opposition in villages, to area of RAUSDORF, HAMBURG and surrounding area surrendered, and at 1225 no firing order received. RS at PAPENDORF, RSF at STELLAU and LANGELOH, KOSB at KRONSHORST.	
	4.		Bde moved to concentration area around BARGTEHEIDE. Regt in area of VORBURG with 178 in action. Announcement of surrender received.	
	5.		Regt in concentration area. 178 out of action.	
	6-19.		Regt remained concentrated in area of BARGTEHEIDE. Numerous PW rounded up but no definite occupation role allotted. During excellent weather a considerable amount of sport was fitted int.	
	20-24.		Allotted occupational role in Northern part of KREIS STORMARN. Task included rounding up of all German P.W. Maintenance of order among the civil population. Management of several DP camps and control of movement of all D.Ps, especially Russians in order to facilitate removal to Russia at short notice. This latter task proved the most difficult as the displaced Russian prefers to remain mobile and a very large number had no desire to return to their homeland. There were however few incidents.	
	25-31.		Area of KREIS LAUENBURG taken over from 5 Div. Tasks similar to those previous area but knowledge that station was likely to be of	

			considerable length enabled a more satisfactory long term policy to be adopted. Numerous German PW continued to be rounded up.	
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