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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders.

Month and Year MAY, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.M. HUNT, D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1 May	1200 1730 2030	Bn moves on foot to harbour area GULZOW 834424 - harbour area. Visit by Div Comd. COs 'O' Group. Preparation for tomorrow's large-scale wood-clearing. 1 prisoner.	
	2 May	0000	Bn moves off in TCVs to FUP at road and track junction 792478. Carriers recce tracks. A & D Coys leading, advance to contact; clear to 780500-780510. C & B Coys pass through, clear to 756505. B & D Coys clear to AUMUHLE 7151. Consolidate there 2030 hrs. 84 prisoners taken. Casualties 14 (3 killed) 46 (H) Inf Bde Operation Order No. 27 received.	Appx E 6 & E 7.
	3 May	1000	Bn moves on foot to TRITTAU 7060. Harbour Area. Maintenance of vehs etc.	
	4 May	1100	Bn moves on foot to MOLLHAGEN 7471. Coys same area. 7 SEAFORTH Mov Order No. 39 issued. Harbour area - maintenance of vehs, eqpt etc. Message received that all German forces facing Second Army surrender at 0800 hrs, May 5th, 1945. Prisoners: 3 Offrs; 29 ORs.	Appx D.3
	5 May	0800 1430	German surrender takes effect. Bn still at MOLLHAGEN. Short thanksgiving service held at Bn HQ. Prisoners: 6.	
	6 May	1100	Bn at MOLLHAGEN. Bn Church Parade - thanksgiving service. Prisoners - 27. COs 'O' Gp for move to KIEL area for occupation duties - KIEL target list recd.	Appx J.11
	7 May	0441 0730 0930	Unconditional surrender of all German forces signed by Supreme Commander. Bn leaves MOLLHAGEN for KIEL. MT Move (in best battledress). Arr KIEL Canal. Advance party crosses canal to recce area. Report armed German sentries in barracks, but all quiet.	



		1600	CO to Bde Conference. Bn Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in KIEL with Bde Massed Pipes.	
	16 May	1900	Bn same area, same tasks. Pipes and Drums beat Retreat at Bn HQ.	
	17 May	1100 1900	Major AM Gilmour, MC, assumes command of Bn during absence of Lt.Col PM Hunt, DSO, on Fd Engineering Course. GOC and Bde Comd visit Bn HQ. Censorship rules relaxed: Unit censorship now suspended. Retreat at 'A' Coy by Pipes and Drums of Bn.	
	18 May	1900 2100	Bn same area, same tasks. Retreat at D Coy by Bn Pipes and Drums. Coy Comds Conference at Bn HQ.	
	19 May	0800 2100	CO leaves to recce new area at MOLLN 9563. Bn Pipes and Drums with Bde Massed Band play Retreat in KIEL. Coy Comds Conference at Bn HQ.	
	20 May	1500	Bn same area, same tasks. 'A' Coy Guards relieved by 63 A Tk Regt RA. Coy Comds recce new area and return. Advance party leaves for new area.	
	21 May		Move to new area cancelled. Advance party returns. Bn same area, same tasks.	
	22 May	0900 1100 1800 1900	Bn same area, same tasks. CO recce new area - LABOE. CRA 8 Corps recce Bn area with view to take-over. B Coy Guard relieved by RAF Regt. C & D Coy Guards by 63 A/Tk Regt RA. "Retreat" by Bn Pipes and Drums at Bn HQ. Movement Order Mov/1/45 issued.	Appx D.4.
	23 May	1000 1800	Bn same location. Advance party leaves for LABOE. Movement Order 2/45 issued. Packing and loading of vehicles, preparation for move. Draft of 30 Reinforcements arrive. Bn Pipes and Drums beat Retreat at 'A' Coys location.	Appx D.5.
	24 May	0930	Bn moves from HOLTENAU (KIEL) to LABOE 6744. MT Column leaves for LABOE via KIEL. Marching tps move by sea in German landing craft. Both groups arrive LABOE 1200 hrs. Locations: Bn HQ,A,B,C,D Coys LABOE. Sp Coy STEIN 7045. General checking of stores, eqpt, MT etc.	
	25 May	0900	Bn same location, same tasks. CO to EUTTIN to meet Bde Comd and recce new area NEUSTADT-MALENTE. Troops see film show in KIEL.	

		1800	Ceremonial Guard Mounting with Pipes and Drums - taken by Adjutant.	
	26 May	1100	Bn same location and tasks. C Coy leaves in MT for HAMBURG - detached for duties of escort to SS prisoners. Sp Coy changes location from STEINE to LABOE. 7 SEAFORTH Adm Order No. 23 "Operation FLYCATCHER" issued.	Appx G.8.
	27 May	1000 1000 1100	Bn same location and tasks. CO, QM and IO on recce of new area. Church Parade, HQ, A & B Coys. " " Sp & D Coys.	
	28 May		Same location and tasks.	
	29 May		Same location and tasks. Motor launch taken on strength for Bn use.	
	30 May	0930	Same location and tasks. CO to Bde Conference at KIEL (by launch). Sp Coy bathing at SCHILKSEE.	
	31 May		Same location and tasks.	