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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 1st Bn The Middlesex Regt.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year May 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt Col ANW Kidston.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1		Bn HQ and HQ Coy is est at SCHWARZENBEK 834394. A Coy 774604 - B Coy 825489 - C Coy 796377 - D Coy 817407 2 batmen of C Coy capture 2 PW from a house in TESPERHUDE. 9 pl with 10 HLI occupy WORTH 7744. 11 pl move with 2 A&SH via GEESTHACHT to 774420. 44 Bde is relieved during the night and concs in area NE of CULZOW. 14 and 15 pls D Coy are in sp of this Bde. At 2000 hrs orders are received to place one pl under comd of 15 Recce Regt. 15 pl was accordingly ordered to stand by.	
	2		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to WORTH 779449. 227 Bde Gp advances in a westerly direction, 9 pl C Coy with 10 HLI who take HOHENHORN 7545 and KROPPELSHAGEN FAHRENDORF 7146 against some opposition. Bde HQ follow on this axis and 9 and 10 pls harbour near X rds 715469. C Coy HQ is est at HOHENHORN. 2 A&SH advance on the left hand route. 1 Coy of A&SH on the high ground on the right of the axis. When south of FAHRENDORF, a sec of 9 pl who is with this Coy, comes under heavy mortar fire and opposition from 2 20 mm flak guns about 400 yds from 733447. Vigorous action from this sec silenced the flak guns and attention is turned to the buildings in FAHRENDORF, which are held by the enemy. In spite of supporting fire from 2 tanks falling unpleasantly close, they are able to get into and clear the buildings. The sec then carry on and enter BORNSEN 693458. 8 PW are taken.	
	3		Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to KUDDEWORDE 772581. 46 Bde are engaged in clearing ops in area SACHEN WALD and A Coy provides flank protection. 4 pl in action S of BRUNSTORF at 786472 giving right flank protection from main rd SCHWARZENBEK - DUSSENDORF. 5 pl in action S of DUSSENDORF at 752467 giving left flank protection S of rd up to Forest. 3 pl in action at 768473. At 1200 hrs Coy is relieved by Royal Welch and conc in area of TRITTAU 774604. B Coy HQ move to 721583.	E 23.

		227 Bde relieved by a Bde of 53 Div and C Coy conc at 778560. 12, 13 and 14 pls D Coy move with Bde Gps to conc areas N of SACHEN WALD.	
	4	Bn HQ and HQ Coy move to HAMMOOR 707721. A Coy less 3 pl are resting at MOLLHAGEN. 3 pl is guarding a train at 868858, containing American Red Cross supplies. B Coy are conc at FISHBECK. C Coy are in billets in AHRENSBURG area. 12 pl D Coy after reporting to the Provost Staff 11 Armd Div, take over some 4,000 German PW at LUBECK and with the help of 15 Pl escort them along the Autobahn to a PW collecting point at Factory 665683. This was accomplished with the aid of carriers. "CEASE FIRE" received at 2050 hrs - to take effect from 0800 hrs on 5 May 1945.	
	5	Bn comes under comd CO and is given the gargantuan task of guarding and administrating numerous PW camps in the Div area.	
	6	D Coy HQ move to 658676 and carry out general administration 12 pl D Coy move to 660680 and take control of large buildings housing many hundreds of PW. 13 and 14 pls, assisted by 15 pl continue with administration of the factory PW cage.	
	7	4 pl A Coy establish a PW camp at BARGTEHEIDE with approx 2,000 PW	
	8	B Coy move to BARGTEHEIDE and take over camp from A Coy. 11 pl C Coy is relieved by 5 pl A Coy from RED BARN CAMP and return to their billets in AHRENSBURG.	
	9	CO holds admin conference at Bn HQ. 11 pl C Coy takes over STELLMORE CAMP from a pl of B Coy. This camp consists of some 947 German and Hungarian PW. 9 pl C Coy hand over REFORM CAMP to 131 Field Regt. 4 pl A Coy start another camp at a Glass Factory between DELLINGSDORF and AHRENSBURG. 1,000 PW sent to A Coy and a further 800 admitted to D Coy's camp.	
	10	9 pl C Coy placed under comd D Coy to assist at Factory Camp. B Coy move to VOLKSDORF. D Coy dispose of 900 PW.	
	11	A Coy hand over commitments to 2 Gordons and conc at MOLLHAGEN. C Coy hand over to 2 Gordons STELLMORE CAGE.	
	14	Bn concs in VOLKSDORF. Excellent billets. Coys move independently with Bn HQ and HQ Coy bringing up the rear, arriving at midday. Locations :- Bn HQ and HQ 614639 - A 614640 - B 615644 - C 613629 - D 612639.	D4 J39 D 5-6-7.
	15	All arrangements made to celebrate ALBUHERA DAY tomorrow. News comes at midday that Bn may have to move at short notice.	

		At 1500 the move is confirmed and we leave tomorrow for TRAVEMUNDE to land and escort PW (from BALTIC) to OLDENBURG PENINSULAR. Recce parties go off at 1800 hrs. CO leaves for area and holds O Gp at 2315 hrs after a recce.	D 8-9.
	16	Albuhera Day. Bn (less B Coy) moves to Baltic coast at 0700 hrs, arriving about 0930 hrs. Locations :- HQ 036026 A 055038 B 615644 C 064007 D 051017 Prisoners start to land at 1300 hrs. C Coy arrange disembarkation in conjunction with elts of Royal Navy. About 6,000 are disembarked during the day and taken off to transit camp est by D Coy. M.O. and staff are kept busy with anti louse powder and guns.	
	17	Another boat in and disembarkation by C Coy is started at about 0830 hrs. A Coy collect the PW in D Coy's cage and march them off to WINTERSHAGEN where they are handed over to reps of a WEHRMACHT Corps. Demonstrations by civilians who cheer and attempt to give food etc., to PW cause some difficulties. Arrogance on the part of PW is ruthlessly dealt with also slackness. 3 ton lorries follow the column but only stragglers picked up are men whose feet are bleeding badly or who have lost consciousness. Bayonets and sticks have to be used on many occasions. B Coy who have arrived during the day join A Coy and share the marching problems. Our own troops had to march with the PW as control could not be maintained from the carriers. Approx 6,000 more PW are passed through the cage and on to the German Corps during the day.	
	18	During the next few days there is not much on and the time is mainly spent on odd drill parades, a little firing out at sea, bathing and sun-bathing on the sands. D Coy move nearer to A and B Coys (058041).	
	19	Entertainment in LUBECK starts and various cinema and ENSA shows are seen each day. 20 PW arrive and are passed straight through to WINTERSHAGEN. 120 PW are again passed straight through to WINTERSHAGEN.	
	22	Bn moves back from TRAVEMUNDE area in "penny packets". A good convoy spread over about 30 miles of autobahn. CO's conference at 1400 hrs to discuss new commitments - mainly guarding camps, dumps and cages at present guarded by RA. Court of Inquiry at 1500 hrs on death of Pte David of D Coy. Coy Comds contact Bty and Fd Regts from which they are taking over. Lieut LC Chamberlain leaves for England as Instructor at PTC.	D 10 D 11-12-13-14
	23	CO's conference at 0900 hrs to tie up take over from RA. D and C Coys to move out tomorrow. Remainder stay in Volksdorf.	

24		D Coy move to 631786. C Coy to 672515. 5 pl A Coy take over guard duties, supplying of rations and supervision of hygiene of PW at REDBARN SS PW Cage BARGTEHEIDE. 7 and 8 pls B Coy guard Div PW Cage at AHRENSBURG and 1 sec of 6 pl guard SS Hospital in the town. 1 sec of 9 pl C Coy are at BISMARCK Fm 692576 and 1 sec at Amn Dump 683544. 1 sec of 10 pl are at Factory 645525 and the other sec at DP Camp 652515. 11 pl C Coy are on patrol duties around SCHONNINGSTEDT 675514.	
25		4 pl A Coy join 5 pl to assist in duties at REDBARN Camp.	
26		Notification given to all Burgermeisters that French, Belgian, Dutch, Swiss and Danes will be collected tomorrow.	D 15-20.
27		All French, Belgian, Dutch, Swiss and Danes in KREIS STORMARN are collected for onward transmission to LUBECK and thence to their respective countries and homes.	
29		Check on all PWX and DPs starts. KREIS STORMARN divided up into Coy sectors. Every town and village to be visited.	J 40
30		4 and 5 pls A Coy provide escort for the transferring of PW from RED BARN Camp to SS PW Cage at NEUEN - GAMME. At 1630 hrs both pls return to Coy location.	
31		Bn locations as follows :- Bn HQ and HQ Coy VOLKSDORF 614639 A Coy " 614646 B Coy " 615644 C Coy SCHONNINGSTEDT 672515 D Coy NIENWOHL 631786.	