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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 6 KOSB

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year MAY 45

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GULZOW 8342 WORTH 7744 BRUNSTORF 7847	1	0830 0845 0900 1030 1200 1340 1430 1530 1915 2000 2300	May be moving under comd 227 Inf Bde. CO proceeded to 227 Bde HQ at 795377 to discuss move. Coys put at 15 mins notice to move. Bn not now moving under 227 Bde. Will now move to harbour area at Kollow. Bn moved to KOLLOW. General int. Bn is now harboured in KOLLOW 8144 with a view to moving west and securing BRUNSTORF 7847. CO gave out orders for Coy Comds. Tac HQ moved to WORTH sq 7744. B & C Coys moved straight to BRUNSTORF from the direction of WORTH. D Coy advanced northwards to approach BRUNSTORF from NE. The village completely secured and coys est in this area. CO attended Bde 'O' Gp. Bn to be at 30 mins notice from 0900 hrs. Weather - good.	AJMB CWPR
BRUNSTORF 7847 FRIEDRICHSRUH 7251	2	0800 0950 1005 1446 1520 1545 1800	CO held Bn 'O' Gp and gave out orders for wood clearing operation. General Int. Bn to clear area of wood North of rly round FRIEDRICHSRUH. Bn moved to conc area prior to commencing op. Bde ordered Bn to place a guard on SCHLOSS to safeguard NAZI records as it is believed to have been an HQ of HIMMLER. Coys proceeding well, little opposition. 'C' Coy have found a place with members of SWISS legation. Prince & Princess BISMARCK found in FRIEDRICHSRUH. Coys completed the wood clearing and took up billet posns around FRIEDRICHSRUH. Coys to mount strong guards and have stand to posns recced. Weather - good.	AJMB CWPR

FRIEDRICHSRUH 7251 KRONHORST 6957	3	1025 1200 1300 1400 1800	Bn to move at 1400 hrs to KRONSHORST 6957. Bn recce pty moved to KRONSHORST. Bde passed message all enemy in HAMBURG and dist have surrendered and there will be no firing in this area wef 1300 hrs. Bn moved to KRONHORST. Warning Order recd Bde Gp moving to a conc area at BARGTEHEIDE 6673, details to be issued at 1930 hrs. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
DELINGSDORF 664713	4	0950 2100	Bn moved to DELINGSDORF and Bn HQ was est at 664713. Coys proceeded by march route and arrived in billet area by 1630 hrs. On the BBC it was announced that all org resistance had ceased in Holland, Denmark & NW Germany.	
DELINGSDORF 664713	5	0900 0900 1530 1800	Official message was recd from Bde as follows:- Germans surrendered unconditionally at 1840 hrs 4 May 45. Hostilities on all 2nd Army fronts will cease at 0800 hrs 5th May 45. No advance beyond our present locn without orders from Bde HQ. A party of 1 NCO & 2 men per coy proceeded under Capt GER CAREY MC and IO to visit BELSEN Camp. CO went to Bde to get details for the future. The day was generally spent in cleaning of weapons & tidying up. CO, 2IC, Adjt and Coy Comds went to a Bde dinner. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
do	6	1030 1145 1215 1500 1700	Church Service was held for RCs by the Bde RC Padre. The Commanding Officer addressed all Coys and outlined to the troops how the Bn would be employed in the future. Church Service was held for all Pres & CE by the Senior Chaplain. The Commanding Officer held a conf for all Coy Comds. He outlined briefly what his policy would be with regard to trg, recreation etc during the occupation. The Comd Offr spoke to all the WOs and Sgts in the Bn. Weather - good	AJB CWPR
do	7	0900	Coys organised trg and discussion within coys. The afternoon was spent in preparation for the GOCs parade on the 8th May. Weather - good	AJB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	8	1000 1115 1400	The Bn formed up in a hollow sq and the Div and Bde Comds inspected and addressed the Bn. They thanked the Commanding Officer and Offrs, WOs, Sgts and ORs for the great part played by them in securing the peace. The Bn marched past the Div Comd. The remainder of the day was spent in organising and baths. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

DELINGSDORF	9	1730	<p>During the day coys carried out marches, having an hours swimming at the midday halt.</p> <p>The remainder of the day was spent in discussion & baths.</p> <p>In the morning the 2IC and a party proceeded to recce our new area.</p> <p>CO proceeded to conf at Div HQ.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	10	1530 1600 2100	<p>During the morning coys organised trg in coy areas and in the afternoon recreation.</p> <p>CO addressed all Coy Comds and gave further details about the occupation.</p> <p>CO addressed all subalterns.</p> <p>CO attended a conf at Bde to receive instructions about our move to final occupational area.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	11	0900 1400 1730 1900	<p>Coys carried out trg in coy areas. Trg included PPT, discussions, drill under RSM, range firing. The RSM instructed CSMS on coy drill.</p> <p>During the afternoon recreation & games.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer, having visited our new area, gave Coy Comds full details concerning coy locns etc.</p> <p>In the evening two cinema shows were given for the Bn.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AJMB CWPR
	12	0900 0910	<p>Coy Comds proceeded to recce new areas, as follows: A - ALVESLOHE 4379; B - KALTENKIRCHEN 4685; C - ULZBURG 4879; D - HENSTEDT 4979; Sp - LEEZEN 6588; Bn HQ & HQ Coy - ORSDORF 4885.</p> <p>Coys carried out interior economy. The afternoon was observed as a holiday.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
DELINGSDORF	13	1030 1300 1400	<p>Bn paraded to Bargteheide to attend a Bde Drumhead Church Service.</p> <p>Advance parties proceeded to new areas.</p> <p>Coys ferried troops to lake for bathing.</p> <p>Weather - good</p>	AB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	14	1000 1230	<p>Bn moved to new area.</p> <p>Bn arrived in final occupational area. Bn area was divided and each coy given an area for which they are responsible. The Coy Comd being the military comd of his own area. Coys were located as follows:- Bn HQ:- 485853 ; A Coy - ALVESLOHE 442793; B Coy - KALTENKIRCHEN 470851; C Coy - ULZBURG 483804; D Coy - HENSTEDT 500797; Sp Coy - LEEZEN 659889.</p> <p>The general intention is that the Bn will settle down to occupy and govern this area. First priority, coys are to search & clear their areas. All PW and PWX to be centralised and controlled.</p>	

			Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	15	0900	Coys having settled in to new billets began their tasks of securing and searching areas. Each Coy Comd interviewed the burgomaster of his own province and gave out his orders with regard to the civilian population. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
do	16	0800	B Coy provided a Ceremonial Quarter Guard for 15(S) Inf Div HQ at AHRENSBURG.	
ORSDORF 485853		0915	All personnel who had received decorations during the North West Europe campaign proceeded under the 2IC to LUBECK to have their photos taken.	
		0930	CO attended a conf at the Mil Govt. HQ at BAD SEGEBURG 690968.	
		1000	Pipes & Drums of the Bde carried out a rehearsal for parade at LUNEBURG on the 18th.	
		1430	CO held a conf for Coy Comds and gave out his policy for the government of areas.	
		1500	Carrier Pl proceeded to HONSTENDORF 881081 to assist in moving PW out of Div area.	
ORSDORF 485853		1700	CO interviewed the COLONEL of Unit of 5 FLAK Div who has a stragglers post in Bn area. General - Coys continued the searching of areas and the locating of PWX and displaced persons. The RSM continued his WOs cadre. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
ORSDORF 485853	17	0900	B Coy provided a ceremonial guard for Div HQ.	
		0915	Drum Major Lyall proceeded to 2nd Army HQ LUNEBURG to make arrangements for a programme by the Bde massed bands.	
		1100	Bn Sports Officer, Lt ALLARD attended a sports meeting at Bde. Capt LAMB proceeded to the SCHLOSS at BORSTEL 6283 to prepare a camp for DISPLACED PERSONS. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	18	1045	CO interviewed all Burgomasters in the Bn area and laid down what was expected from them.	
		1000	All Coys carried out a ten mile route march. The pipe band proceeded to 2nd Army HQ at LUNEBURG. Coys carried out recreation in the afternoon.	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	19	0900	Coys carried out admin & interior economy.	
		1000	The CO inspected C Coy followed by D Coy.	
		1600	The Brig visited Bn. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR

do	20	1000 1400	Church Services were held by the padre at B, C and Sp Coys, followed by holy communion. 2IC held a messing meeting. Reps from all coys attended. Coys continued searching areas & taking a census of PW & displaced persons. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	21	0900 0945 1000	CO attended conf at 625 Det Mil Gov at BAD SEGEBURG. Coys held one parade in the morning, the remainder of the day being observed as a holiday. The Band of the 8RS visited the Bn and played programmes at KALTENKIRCHEN and ULZBURG. The WTO marked out a 400 yds range and commenced work on butts & targets. 'C' Coy provided a ceremonial quarter guard for Div HQ. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
OERSDORF	22	0900 1000 1830 1900	All coys carried out a ten mile route march. RSM continued with Senior NCOs drill cadre. CO attended a dinner at A Mess at Div HQ. The massed pipes and drums under Drum Maj LYALL played retreat at Div HQ. Weather - good	AJMB CWPR
OERSDORF	23	0900	During the morning Coys carried out trg as follows:- A Coy - Drill, PPT and 30 yds range. B Coy - Drill, Highland Dancing & ABCA. C Coy - Drill & discussion. D Coy - Drill, range & house searching. In the afternoon Coys carried out recreation. The RSM continued his Drill Cadre for Senior NCOs. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	24	0900	Coys carried out a complete check of coy areas for DPs & PWX. Trg continued in the morning with recreation in the afternoon.	AB CWPR
do	25	0900 1000 1400	All French PWX and DPs in the Bn area were sent to LUBECK to be transported to France. Coys continued training in coy areas. CO visited the Displaced Persons camp at BORSTEL. In the afternoon and evening an ENSA concert party gave performances at A & D Coys. Weather - good	AB CWPR

do	26	0900 1000 1400 1530	The morning was devoted to admin. CO carried out an adm inspection of 'B' Coy and at 1100 inspected A Coy. The Second in Command inspected HQ Coy. Bn football trial to select Bn team. Ensa concert party gave performance at B Coy and at Sp Coy in the evening. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	27	0830 0930 1030 1100 1400	Padre held Holy Communion at A Coy. Church Service at D Coy. Church Service at HQ Coy. Messing meeting for Bn held by 2IC. Pipe Band played retreat at the Displaced Persons camp at BORSTEL. General - All Dutch, Swiss & Danish PW & Displaced Persons were evac to LUBECK. Baths operated in D Coy area during the day. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	28	0900 1400 1400 2000	Coys carried out trg as follows:- A Coy - Drill, house clearing & driving instr. B Coy - Drill, Lect. Hyg., ABCA & PPT. C Coy - Drill, ABCA & Miniature Range. D Coy - Duty Coy for week. HQ Coy - Drill & PPT. Sp Coy - Veh main & ABCA. Padre took Padre's hour at B Coy. CO held AMGOT Conf for Coy Comds. Bn concert party gave opening performance at D Coy. Weather - good	AB CWPR
do	29	0900	During the morning coys carried out route marches. In the evening the Bn concert party gave its second performance. This was attended by the Brigadier and personnel from Bde. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	30	1000 1800	All Coys estd check points and civs & mil personnel were ordered to produce identity cards and passes. Coys continued trg during the morning. Pipe Band played retreat at Sp Coy. Weather - good	AB CWPR
OERSDORF	31	0900 1400	Trg - recreation carried out by Coys. Dance band played a programme at the Displaced Persons camp at Borstel. Weather - good	AB

