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**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 399 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf. Bde.)

**~~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
Field	1		Coy crossed Class 40 Bridge over the ELBE at 0840 hours and moved into location at LAUENBURG M.R. 878355. P.P. in Coy location Issued 15480 Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 11. DR
	2.		Coy moved forward to JULIUSBURG M.R. 845390. P.P. in Coy location Issued 16,605 Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 12 DR
	3.		Coy moved forward to BRUNSTORF M.R. 786477. P.P. in Coy location issued 24,529½ Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 13. DR
	4		Coy moved forward to GRONWHOLD M.R. 7764. P.P. Issued 12,631½ Galls M.T. 80.	Appx 14 DR
Field	5.		All hostilities on N.W. GERMANY front ceased at 0800 hrs today. P.P. issued 21384 Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	6.		Blanket lorries attached to Bdes and Motor Cyclists attached to Fd Regts were returned permanently to Coy Control. P.P. in Coy location issued 9428 Galls M.T. 80. 5 x 3 Ton Vehs conveyed personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave. 17 x 3 Ton Vehs collected Pet from 66 F.M.C.	DR
Field	7.		An intensive drive was commenced in order to reveal stocks of enemy P.O.L. SUPS. and equipment etc. P.O.L. depot at ITSEHOSE was examined and reported upon. 5 x 3 ton Vehs were employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp for U.K. leave. 11 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Pet from 66 F.M.C. 25 x 3 ton vehs employed conveying Tps to KIEL. P.P. in Coy location issued 28,208½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	8.		1 Officer, 35 ORs and 16 x 3 tons Vehs were attached to 46(H) Bde at KIEL for the maintenance of that formation. The detachment included Comp personnel & was quite independent except that P.O.L. drawals from 122 D.I.D. 66 F.M.C. were controlled by this H.Q. in order to restrict Bulk Drawings to conform with daily authorisations of P.O.L.	

Field		<p>An intensive maintenance programme including painting of Vehs was inaugurated for this detachment.</p> <p>25 x 3 ton Vehs returned to Coy location from Tp carrying detail (KIEL).</p> <p>5 x 3 ton Vehs employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 6709½ Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR DR
	9.	<p>Work Tickets re-introduced.</p> <p>5 Civilian omnibuses utilized for conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 9000 Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR
	10.	<p>C.C. visited detachment under Capt. Blackwell at KIEL.</p> <p>10 x 3 ton Vehs employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave.</p> <p>P.P. issued 5328 Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR
Field	11.	<p>With the cessation of hostilities in Europe arrangements were made for units &amp; formations to enter their permanent occupying area. However, this Coy is to remain in present location for the time being until the role of 46 Bde in KIEL is completed &amp; this formation moves into its final area.</p> <p>A number of German P.W Camps were brought under command of 15(S) Inf Div and R.A.S.C. were responsible for maintenance of Sups, P.O.L. (in the case of this Coy) etc &amp; Red Cross amenities.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 7195½ Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR  DR
Field	12.	<p>Arranged for 30 PsO.W. to be collected daily from P.W. cage to perform certain manual duties i.e. loading, cleaning of Vehs etc, under supervision. Prisoners subsequently found to work well and willingly.</p> <p>Instructions issued by Higher Authority for all German Vehs to be handed in by 14th.</p> <p>P.O.L. Dump at M.R. 649769 examined and reported upon.</p> <p>Practically all Machine Oil; very little commercial P.O.L. in existence.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 7195½ Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR  DR
	13.	<p>5 x 3 ton Vehs of this Coy together with 59 x 3 ton vehs of Div R.A.S.C. carried out troop lift consisting of 44 Bde Units who were moving into permanent occupation area.</p> <p>Enemy vehs including trailers returned to dump at AHRENSBURG.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 3631½ Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR
Field	14.	<p>Possible P.O.L. stocks at WANKENDORF M.R. 6115 and at ROHHAS M.R. 6910 investigated but none could be found.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 16060½ Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR DR

	15.		<p>It was known that GOEBBELS had instructed all large food stocks to be distributed amongst shops &amp; smallholders. A search party was instructed to commence a drive through our own Coy area searching shop premises, cellars, barns, and lofts etc in order to find large food stocks, w.e.f. 16th. However, practically nothing in excess of individual requirements was found over a period of several days.</p> <p>28 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Potatoes.</p> <p>5 x 3 ton Vehs employed conveying personnel to Transit Camp on U.K. leave.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 10167½ Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR
Field	16.		<p>The Coy area was thoroughly combed for P.Ws, P.W.Xs, and D.Ps. P.Ws were collected and taken to P.W. Camp; such D.Ps as were working on farms etc, were allowed to remain and a register made; other D.Ps were collected. The job was concluded on 18th May.</p> <p>100 sacks of corn were discovered and conveyed to 15(S) Inf Div R.A.S.C. dump at SIEMS.</p> <p>26 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to 131 D.I.D. to offload potatoes.</p> <p>First ten Vehs to offload proceeded to SOLTENDIEK to collect 30 tons potatoes.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 7128 Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR
Field	17.		<p>10 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to WISMAR together with Vehs of other Div R.A.S.C. Coys and conveyed troops of 6 Airborne Div to LAUENBURG.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 6872 Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR DR
	18.		<p>10 x 3 ton Vehs employed delivering Potatoes.</p> <p>10 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Potatoes.</p> <p>10 x 3 ton Vehs still out on Tp lift.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 11610 Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR
	19		<p>No permanent area as yet allotted this Coy. 15(S) Inf Div R.A. allocated KREIS STORMAN, 44 Bde KREIS SEGEBERG, 227 Bde KREIS LUBECK. 15(S) Inf Bde Gp and 106 AA BDE under Div Comd KREIS LAUENBURG.</p> <p>10 x 3 ton Vehs still out on Tp lift.</p> <p>P.P. issued 5481 Galls M.T. 80.</p> <p>10 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting Potatoes.</p> <p>10 x 3 ton Vehs employed delivering Potatoes.</p>	DR
Field	20.		<p>30 x 3 ton Vehs carried out a double lift of P.Ws from Rabbit Camp M.R. 667732 to 6 Gds Bde BORNHOVED M.R. 6311.</p> <p>P.P. Issued 9066 Galls M.T. 80.</p>	DR
	21.		<p>A Programme was commenced whereby 5,000 P.W.X and D.Ps were to be moved daily totalling 25,000 from XVIII U.S. Airborne Corps to 8</p>	

		Corps area and 59,000 from 8 Corps area to XVIII Corps area. One complete Pl from this Coy was engaged daily from 22nd May until 24th May and a check point was established at EINHAUS M.R. 985727. This Coy was also detailed to recce & establish a Harbour area in area LAUENBURG which had to be capable of receiving 5,000 P.W.Xs & D.Ps and up to 200 Vehs. P.P. in Coy location issued 15327 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	22.	A thorough search of own Coy area was inaugurated with the object of un-earthing enemy War material. Search included Barns, lofts, village halls & gardens etc but little was found except oddments of enemy Amn. A dump to receive all enemy equipment was established in TRITTEAU from where back loading was to take place. P.P. in Coy location issued 17,985½ galls M.T. 80.	DR
	23.	Stocks of enemy supplies were investigated at the Mill M.R. 758667. They consisted of Corn, Wheat, Cattle food etc. The Mill was not functioning owing to lack of electric power but this was laid on and the Mill functioned again. P.P. in Coy location issued 13637 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	24.	Enemy stocks of P.O.L. at M.R. 821826 were investigated. They consisted of Tractor Oil & greases etc only suitable for farm implements & machinery & were not removed. P.P. in Coy location issued 6177½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	25.	30 x 3 ton Vehs of this Coy were again employed in the moving of P.W.X and DPs operating under Comd of O.C. 62 Coy RASC. Pl R.V'd at KIEL at 1930 hrs. Detail was completed on 26 May. P.P. issued 12,587½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	26.	P.P. in Coy location issued 13990½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	27.	The shortage of P.O.L. in Germany suitable for commercial use is most noticeable for no large stocks whatsoever have been uncovered in this sector over a wide area. P.P. in Coy location issued 8341 Galls M.T. 80.	DR DR
	28.	P.P. in Coy location issued 16436 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	29.	P.P. in Coy location issued 8849 Galls M.T. 80.	DR
	30.	P.P. in Coy location issued 14,015½ Galls M.T. 80.	DR
Field	31.	Preliminary notification has been received during the past days of the forming of an Ad Hoc Coy for the gathering in of the harvest, the operation to be known as 'Barley Corn'. It was proposed that 62 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde) should provide the ad hoc coy H.Q. with two pls and Sec Wksps and two transport Pls provided by this Coy and 284 Coy R.A.S.C. (Div Tps). To replace the Pl provided by this Coy one Pl on the scale of 30 x 3 ton Vehs plus 10% reserve would be provided by R.A.	DR

		<p>A Re allocation of Veh maintenance responsibility in respect of affiliated units made this Coy responsible for 194 Fd Amb.</p> <p>The H.Q. of the ad hoc Coy moved into new location at EUTEN M.R. 8920. Pl from this day will not be moving prior to 1st June and probably not until 3rd June.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location issued 11174 Galls M.T. 80.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>D.T. Russell Major</p>
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