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Army Form C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 4th Bn K.O.S.B.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year MAY 1945

Commanding Officer LT COL G.H. DAVIDSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BREMEN	2	0711	Warning order - Recce parties will leave at 0830 hrs for new area 7915. Will be met by guides.	
		0810	Bn will move to new area, pass S.P. LEKE at 1200 hrs. Will have under command (1) trp 17 pds - 1 pln M.G. Manchesters - 80 Fd Regt.	
		1600	Bn in position in new area having taken over from 1st Bn Worcestershire Regt 214 Bde of 43 DIV. Coy locations at A - 817177 ⊙ B - 821163 - C 827170 D 845177 - H.Q. - 832167	
		1930	"A" coy report local protection patrols have N.T.R.	
		2400	N.T.R.	
832167	3	1240	Brigade report rds cratered at 789195 - Bridge blown at 789193.	
		1400	R.E. Recce party report to recce rds at 816188 816077 as soon as possible & will have covering party supplied by 4 K.O.S.B. - "A" coy to supply party.	
		1600	Brig & BM with order for Recce patrol to find condition of hedges and rds, also to search area North & an ISLAND for enemy.	
			"A" coy will supply first patrol.	
			"B" coy " " second party for island.	
		2145	"A" coy patrol returns N.T.R.	
			"D" " " " N.T.R.	
832167	4	0120	R.E. Recce & "A" coy recce return & report directly to Bde - Road found to be heavily cratered.	
		0230	Reported shelling of "A" coy area from 270° - no casualties.	
		0940	R.A. will reply to any shelling in area.	
		1015	"B" coy return from searching island & report no enemy at - 805200 - 850210 or 810230 or 850230.	
		2400	N.T.R.	
	5	A.M.	A.M. N.T.R.	
		P.M.	"D" coy to patrol as coy to stop all D.P. personnel from entering area. N.T.R.	
832167	6	A.M.	N.T.R.	
		P.M.	RUMOUR of peace & at 1900 hrs THE NEWS	
	7	1000	Church service held at TAC H.Q. with Bn present & a service for the	

		2300	fallen of the 4th Bn K.O.S.B. - this was a very impressive service & one of thanksgiving & prayer by & for all of the 4th Bn. SEE AT "O" group for C.O. at Bde.	APPEN. "C"
832167	8	0930 1000 1200 1400 TO 1600 1700 1700 1800 1830	"O" group at TAC H.Q. for coy Commands. Advance Recce party for Osterholz - O.P. of 80 Fd Regt will move with Regt. C.O. will attend DIV Conference at Bremen for area & occupational role of Bn. Prisoners & enemy begin to surrender in numbers to coy H.Q.'s & TAC H.Q., are told to report back to German Army. C.O.'s orders on occupational duties. Bn in new location at Osterholz - Scharnbeck after move via Bremen. P.M.'s speech broadcast to troops Bn Pipe band plays retreat in town square Osterholz - Scharnbeck.	
OSTERHOLZ-SCHARNBECK	9	0930 1330 1500 1810 2400	Coy Commands conference for patrols of area & location of enemy dumps & rd conditions in area. B.M. orders 1 pln & carriers to investigate report of S.S. trps at RITTENHUDE - who have about (9) Russians. RITTENHUDE clear of all enemy troops. Report of Russians being killed FALSE. 12 pln left to search village. Sgt Cowie 12 pln reports no S.S. in Rittenhude area, village clear. N.T.R.	
	10	0900 1000 2400	Reports of all enemy dumps & supplies in area sent to Bde. 1 pln "A" coy to report to LESUM for traffic control duties. (6) P.W. taken for day.	
	11	0900 1100 1800	"C" coy to relieve 80 Fd REGT at German D.P. Camp. 30 P.W. taken to hospital at Bremen. Various complaints of looting by Russians.	
OSTERHOLZ-SCHARNBECK	12	0930 1800	"O" group for O.C. coys. 12 P.W.s in civil clothing taken.	
	13	0900 0930 2300	2 P.W.s beaten by Russians. Bn church parade. "A" coy have smoker - C.O. 2i/c attend.	
	14	0900 1400 1800	C.O. to "C" coy for lecture & information to men - on NORWAY. Bn patrols to check civilian passes. H.Q. coy have smoker. C.O. - 2i/c attend.	
	15	0900 1200	C.O. Bde "O" group re orders on new location at Martfeld 8976. Advance Recce parties leave for MARTFELD 8976.	
	16		Normal Bn routine N.T.R.	
	17		" " " N.T.R.	

MARTFELD 8976	18	0900 1200 1530	Bn prepare to move to new area. " move to new area via BREMEN. " in new area. Locations - A B C D H.Q. at	
	19 TO 23		Bn on admin & reorganisation & coy sports & recreational training.	
	24	0900	Recce parties leave for new area at LETZLINGEN 549349.	
	25		Bn prepare to move to new area.	
	25	0900 1500	Bn move to new area. Bn arrive new area. H.Q. at 559345 A - 312212 B 312211 - C - 265185 D 495295 Sp at 420281	
LETZLINGEN 553345	27	1400	Ceremonial take over from the 379 Fd Regt U.S. Arty 102 DIV Lt Col DAMON at Oebisfelde by "A" coy & "B" coy. One bty of U.S. soldiers & 1 coy of 4th K.O.S.B. paraded to the town square led by the pipe band. Col Davidson & Col Damon led the parade. Maj G.H. Rae M.C. was O.C. K.O.S.B. coy & Maj P. Roach O.C. Arty Bty. The coy presented arms to respective C.O.s & the command of Oebisfelde to Lt Col G.H. Davidson after which the coy & Bty marched off the squ & back to the Barracks.	
LETZLINGEN GERMANY	28	2400	Bn officers to act as Military Govt in respective towns & areas. Maj A.R. Stewart M.C. to be Mil Govt for Oebisfelde with Capt F. Coutts as chief of police.	
LETZLINGEN GERMANY	29		Ceremonial take over from 380 Fd Regt U.S. ARTY of 102 DIV. MAJ SWEENEY C.O. - at LETZLINGEN. (1) Bty of U.S. ARTY parade at the town square & (1) coy K.O.S.B. & the pipe band. The Stars & Stripes was lowered & the Union Jack raised while each coy Presented Arms. The respective C.O.s then took the salute from his opposite coy. Both coys were led by the pipe Band of the Bn. 1830 Pipe band plays retreat at LETZLINGEN. A large number of U.S. troops were present. 2100 Offrs of the Bn entertain the C.O. & offrs of the 380 Fd Arty U.S. at dinner & social evening.	
	30	1400	Take over from Americans completed in Bn area.	
	31		Maj G.H. Rae awarded M.C. Maj A.E. Stewart awarded M.C. Pte G. FINLAYSON "B" coy awarded M.M. Cpl T. KIRKHOPE "D" coy " M.M. Cpl E. WILSON "B" coy " M.M.	