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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 1st Bn K.O.S.B.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. W.F.R. Turner

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field.	1		Nothing to report. A quiet day.	
	2		Nothing to report.	
	3		Major G.E. BARKER as acting second in command went to IBBENBUREN to recce the future Bn area.	
	4		A quiet day. Major G.E. BARKER returned from IBBENBUREN during the afternoon.	
	5		Harbour parties consisting of second in command of Coys set out under Major G.E. BARKER for the IBBENBUREN area at 0745. During the afternoon Major A.J. RENNIE came back to us after a stay of several months at Divisional HQ and elsewhere.	
	6		Capt J.B. MARSHALL (QM) arrived in the morning to take over Quartermaster. Otherwise nothing to report.	
	7		The Bn moved to IBBENBUREN leaving DELMENHORST at 0715 and arriving at 1430. The tracked column arrived three hours later and the Bn was settled in by 1800 hrs with positions as follows:- Bn HQ 988091; "A" Coy 991095; "B" Coy 997101; "C" Coy 988088; "D" Coy 990083; "S" Coy 038072. The Bn was comfortably established in billets and settled down to cleaning up and smartening up after eleven months and two days of fighting on the Continent. In the evening it was announced that the next day would be celebrated as "Victory in Europe" day as all GERMAN armed forces in Europe had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies.	Appx "A"
Field	8		"Victory in Europe" day. A Thanksgiving Service was held in IBBENBUREN Protestant Church at 0930 conducted by the Rev W.I.G. WILSON. The rest of the day was spent quietly as a holiday.	
	9		Quarter Guards have now commenced. A guard is also provided at the Hospital, IBBENBUREN, which contains German wounded PW.	
	10		The Commanding Officer inspected Coys on the Bn Car Park at the following times:- 'A' Coy 1415 hrs; 'B' Coy 1445 hrs; 'C' Coy 1515 hrs; 'D' Coy 1545 hrs and 'HQ' 1615 hrs.	
	11		Nothing to report.	

	12		Major A.J. RENNIE took over command of 'A' Coy. Major G.A. DUNCAN reverted to Capt and took over Bn Welfare and Administration Officer.	
	13		National Day of Prayer. A combined Church of Scotland and Church of England Voluntary Service was held in the Protestant Church, IBBENBUREN. In the afternoon the first match of the Inter-Coy Football League was played.	
	14		Nothing to report.	
	15		Nothing to report.	
	16		The Commanding Officer inspected 'A' and 'B' Coy billets and Coy areas at 1000 hrs and 1130 hrs respectively. At 1800 hrs the Pipe Band played Retreat on the main street.	
Field	17		The Commanding Officer held his billet inspection of 'C' and 'D' Coys at 1000 and 1130 hrs respectively.	
	18		The Commanding Officer held his billet inspection of 'S' Coy at 1100 hrs.	
	19		The RSM held a drill parade for 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' Coys at 0930 hrs on the football field. The Commanding Officer inspected 'HQ' Coy billets including PRI, QM and Sjts' Mess during the morning.	
	20		Voluntary Church Service for Church of Scotland Church of England in the Protestant Church, IBBENBUREN. In the evening the Bn football team played 299 Coy, RASC, winning 3 - 2.	
	21		The evening saw the opening of a cinema which was named the 'CALEY'. Two shows were given nightly except Thursday when there was an ENSA show.	
	22		RSM's drill parade on the football field for all Coys. This is the first of a series of RSM's and Adjts' parades culminating in a Commanding Officer's parade on the 30th.	
	23		RSM's drill parade on the football field. All Coys attended. ENSA Concert in the evening - "Male Call".	
	24		A recce party was warned to stand by to move within the next few days to an area in the North of the RUHR.	
	25		Adjts' drill parade at 1000 hrs on the football field, all Coys attended. In the evening the Pipe Band beat Retreat - the Div Commander Major General L.G. WHISTLER, CB, DSO attended. After Retreat an "At Home" was held in the Officers' Mess and was attended by many Officers who have served in the Bn in the past.	
	26		Nothing to report.	
	27		The second in command Major H.S. GILLIES and representatives from each Coy left for the new Bn area near DORTMUND, where the Bn is to take over from the Americans on the 30th. In the evening a football match	

		between the Bn and HQ 9th Brit Infantry Brigade ended in a win for the Bn 7 - 1.	
	28	Adj't's parade in the morning for all Coys. Major F. HOLDEN, MC rejoined the Bn after being in hospital wounded.	
	29	Bn busy packing up in readiness for the move. The Pipe Band left for the new area to play to the Americans before their departure.	
	30	The Bn moved by MT to the new area. The move was completed by 1700 hrs approx and Coys were located as follows:- 'A' Coy 634328; 'B' Coy 564414; 'C' Coy 673382; 'D' Coy 774362; 'S' Coy 616355 and Bn HQ 778363. The Americans were still occupying the area but were expected to move in a day or two.	Appx 'B'
	31	Bn busy settling and taking over from the Americans. Casualties:- Killed - NIL and NIL. Wounded - NIL and NIL.	