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WAR DIARY

or

Unit 5th Bn The K.O.S.B.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year May 1945

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BREMEN	1 May		Quiet day in bn area - usual patrols	
	2 May	1800	"C" coy with under command 1 sec carriers relieve "D" coy in right hand forward coy location.	
	3 May	1830	Quiet day - slight shelling by 105 mm.	
	4 May		ALL GERMAN ARMIES IN NW GERMANY, HOLLAND, DENMARK, surrender UNCONDITIONALLY to 21 ARMY GROUP. (BBC announcement).	
	5 May	1800	1. 70 prisoners come in during day. 2. Patrol consisting of 1 offr and 10 men + 22 set go out to take over PW camp near VEGESACK - 60 British PWs (Arnhem captives) in camp provided with food, etc. 3. Short thanksgiving service at each coy in morning. "C" coy relieved by "D" coy in fwd area.	
	6 May	1330	Sunday. Normal Church Services. Patrol return bringing the 60 ex PW with them. 154 German PW taken.	
BREMEN	7 May		Orders to carry out Phase I of operation 'ECLIPSE'. Elimination of Corps 'EMS' by 52 (L) Div. Total PW taken by Bn on Op. 'BREMEN' 6 and 709. Total since RHINE crossing 16 offr and 1461 ORs.	
	8 May	0800	Bn move to area between BREMEN and BREMERHAVEN to disarm German Tps (mainly DIVISIONS GILBERT & 408). Bn disposed in following areas:- Bn HQ WUHLSBUTTEL "A" & *D" coys UTTLEDE "B" coy HEINE "C" coy NEUNHAUSEN "S" coy GARLSTEDT	See Appx E Folios 1 & 2 (Original War Diary only) and Appx D No.1
WUHLSBUTTEL	9 May		Carrier patrol search area HAGEN and SANDSTEDT. Arms dump formed at Bn HQ with recording staff consisting of IO and Pioneer Sjt.	
	10 May		"C" coy move to HAGEN and take over large GERMAN ARMS DUMP.	
	11 May		Stocktaking at HAGEN dump of amn and further clearing up in Bn area of all arms, DPs, etc., continues.	
	12 May		Removal of Bn dumps from WUHLSBUTTEL and HAGEN begins with German labour.	
WUHLSBUTTEL	13 May	1000	Church Services. Removal of amn dumps continues.	
	14 May		Removal of amn dumps continues.	
	15 May		Removal of amn completed.	

WUHLSBUTTEL	16 May		Bn vehicle inspections completed.	
	17 May	1630	Americans move into area and Bn move to concentration area BASSUM by MT, crossing R. WESER in BREMEN.	See Appx E Folio 3 (Original War Diary only)
BASSUM	18 May		Coys as follows in new location:- Bn HQ and "HQ" coy - BASSUM "A" coy - ESCHENHAUSEN "B", "C", and "D" coys - ALBRINGHAUSEN "S" coy BASSUM	
	19 May to		Bn parades - RSM's and Adj't's. Recreation. Leave commences for members of Bn who came over in October. Cinema shows. ENSA concerts. Baths. VE holiday. Boating on R. WESER. Bn Concert Party.	See Appx E Folio 4 (Original War Diary only)
	25 May	1000	Tracked vehicles leave BASSUM.	
	26 May	0800	Bn leave BASSUM by MT to move to new area near R. ELBE, via NIENBURG, NEUSTADT, and the REICHAUTOBAHN from HANOVER to MAGDEBURG, thence North through STENDAL to area OSTERBURG preparatory to take over from AMERICAN 407 Regt.	See Appx E Folio 5 & 6 (Original War Diary only) & Appx D No.2
OSTERBURG	27 May	1430 1800	Bn disposed in 'OP ECLIPSE' area as follows:- Bn HQ and "HQ" coy - OSTERBURG "S" coy - OSTERBURG "A" coy - ROSSAU "B" coy - HINDENBURG "C" coy - OSTERBURG "D" coy - WERBEN. Church parade for "HQ", "S", and "C" coys in OSTERBURG. Commitments taken over from Americans.	
	28 & 29 May		Americans move out. Bn HQ and "HQ" coy move to SCHLOSS at KRUMKE.	
OSTERBURG OSTERBURG (KRUMKE)	30 & 31 May		Commitments in area:- "A" coy - Guarding PW cage at ROSSAU (5,600 German PW). "B" coy - Guarding ferry crossings of R. ELBE to see no one crosses International Boundary between Russian and British zone of occupation in HINDENBURG AREA. "C" coy - Local guards in OSTERBURG and swimming pool. "D" coy - Guarding ferry crossings of R. ELBE in WERBEN area, also barges on river containing arms, coal, and rye. and 'GEORGE' (automatic pilot) "S" coy - (1) Guards on two hospitals and a canning factory in OSTERBURG. (2) Guard on Telephone Booster at KLEINAU (supplied by Carrier P1)	
	31 May		Guard Mounting Competition:- 1st "D" coy, 2nd "B" coy, 3rd "C" coy. GGM Batchelor Lt. Col. Comd 5th Bn The K.O.S.B.	