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WAR DIARY
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Unit 7/9TH (HRS) BN THE ROYAL SCOTS

Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt-Col JG DAWSON

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BREMEN 722011	1		C Coy sent out to X-rds 725030 as coy standing patrol ☉ 5 PW deserters taken	
WORPSWEDE 7914	2		Orders received for move to relieve 7 SOM LI (43(W) Div) in area WORPSWEDE 7914 ☉ Colour parties left at 0830 hrs and main body at 1200 hrs by MT route ☉ Bn arrived in new area at 1430 hrs ☉ Relief complete by 1515 hrs ☉ Some difficulty experienced with a liberated French PW camp ☉ Recordings of bn pipe band taken by BBC Recording van	
	3		Civs in the village checked, and 1 offr and 8 PW taken, incl several with alleged discharge papers	
	4		Patrol during evening to rly br 757145 by A Coy ☉ Br blown and 45 R mines found in area ☉ Infm received at 2045 hrs from BBC sources of the entire German forces opposing 21 Army Gp, to take effect from 0800 5 May ☉ Later officially confirmed	
	5		Pipe band played Reveille at 0700 hrs ☉ At 0755 buglers sounded "Heads Down" and at 0800 "Cease Fire", followed by the pipes and drums playing the regimental march, "Dumbarton's Drums" ☉ This was repeated in each coy area. Bn parade at 1500 hrs ☉ CO inspected the bn and addressed all ranks, and took the salute at a march past ☉ A number of German civs watched the entire parade ☉	
	6		CO called to Bde O-Gp at 2230 hrs ☉ Orders received for the taking over from 480 German Div and for recce parties into the area.	
	7		CO left the bn to assume comd of all Bde recce parties ☉ MAJ H ROSE, DSO assumed temporary comd of the bn and attended GOC's conference in BREMEN at 1200 hrs ☉ Recce party (comd MAJ RJ NORMAND) with under comd Carrier and Pnr Pls and 1 Armoured Car Tp A Sqn 52 Recce Regt, left at 1200 hrs for general area DORFHAGEN 6327 arriving at 1600 hrs ☉ Bn area reced at BRAMSTEDT 6330 and recce	

			parties joined Bde recce parties in harbour area OSTERHOLZ SCHARMBECK 7015 for the night	
BOKEL 6833	8		"Victory in Europe Day" announced ☉ Bn area changed to BOKEL 6833 ☉ New recces carried out ☉ Main bodies left WORPSWEDE by MT at 0900 arriving in new area at 1200 hrs ☉ CO resumed comd of the bn, and met the comds of 22 and 269 German Regts (OBERSTLT RICKMERS and OBERST RAMOTH respectively) at his HQ at 1400 hrs ☉ Orders for the disposal of wpns, amn and equipt issued ☉ Comd of Regt HEIDENREICH interviewed at 1700	
	9		Work on central dump at STUBBEN STATION 698358 begun ☉ All wpns amn and equipt of the three regts conc in this area ☉ German regt comds arrived at 1200 for orders	
	10		CO visited the three German Regts during the day ☉ Work on dumping continued	
	11		CO inspected Bn MT ☉ Notification received that all enemy arms and equipt in 52(L) Div area would be centralised in the bn dump at STUBBEN ☉ Full CO's O-Gp assembled at 1930 hrs; agenda - dinner ☉ The toasts "The King" "The Colonel-in-Chief" and "The Commanding Officer" were proposed ☉ 21 members were present	
	13		Day of National Thanksgiving ☉ Church Service held at 1115 hrs	
	14		CO held conference for coy comds at 1000 hrs ☉ Bn was infm that, at King HAAKON's request, 52(L) Div was probably to go to NORWAY to disarm the German armed forces there ☉ Bn to be relieved of its present op commitments by a Regt of the US Army by May 17th, and to conc SOUTH of BREMEN ☉ All German tps in the area moved out to conc at STADE 1558 ☉ Carrier Pl provided part of escort party	
	15		Normal adv parties left at 1000 hrs for area VILSEN 8470 ☉	
VILSEN 8470	17		Bn left by MT route for VILSEN at 1230 hrs, having been relieved by a bn of 175 Regt, US Army ☉ Bn arrived in new area at 1600 hrs	
	18-	22	Bn engaged in reorg and normal trg ☉ No op commitments	
	20		Warning received that 52 Div would NOT now move to NORWAY ☉ Adv parties ordered to stand by from first light 21 May for move to new area NORTH of MAGDEBURG ☉ Adv parties later stood down	
	22		CO called to Bde O Gp at 2100 hrs ☉ Orders received for taking over of all installations and camps in the northern half of Kreis GARDELEGEN Y 44	
	23		CO and 2i/c left at 0730 hrs followed by colour parties at 0845 ☉ Colour parties arrived in new area at 1430 hrs and harboured in JAVENITZ 5542 ☉ CO returned to VILSEN	

	25		CO moved to new area with OsC A and D Coys and other elts of the bn ⊙	
	26		Track column left VILSEN, harbouring for the night at HORST HANOVER	
GARDELEGEN 4842	27		Bn moved by MT route at 0545 hrs ⊙ Track coln arrived 1030 and wheels at 1250 hrs With the Div Arty, 102 US Div, occupying the accommodation most convenient for the guarding of the installations and VPs, the bn moved into temporary billets	
	28		Bn took over guards on the majority of installations w.e.f. 0900 hrs ⊙ Band played retreat in GARDELEGEN at 1430 hrs ⊙ The following appointments and transfers took effect: Maj J.D. Charteris (OC C Coy) to be full time Educn Offr Capt K.I.M. Buchanan (2i/c D Coy) to be OC C Coy Capt H.M. Williamson (MTO) to be 2i/c D Coy Capt D.J. Mallagh (2i/c A Coy) to be MTO Lt N.W. Murray (A Coy) to be 2i/c A Coy Capt R Maclean (2i/c C Coy) to be Asst Adj Lt A.E. Bradley (D Coy) to be 2i/c C Coy Capt T. Maloney (reposted to unit) to be comd Mortar Pl Lt J.L. Brown (reposted to unit) to be Signal Offr Lt N.M. Blair (Signal Offr) posted to D Coy Lt E.G.F. Stewart (D Coy) to be Unit Education Instructor Lt C.M. Davidson (B Coy) to A Coy	
	29		CO attended Bde O-Gp at 1600 hrs	
	30		Coy comds conference 1200 hrs	