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WAR DIARY or

Unit 119th Light Anti Aircraft Regiment R.A.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col JF Young RA

Army Form C.2118

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LAUENBURG area	1	0445	G tp, released from bridge protection task at LAUENBURG, moved	
			to JULIUSBURG to continue with I tp in AA protection of Div HQ	
			area	
		1000		
			29 Apr 45] was reduced to normal manning	
		1050	Enemy fighter, engaged by A, F, G & I tps, shot down over Div HQ	
			and accredited to I tp	
		2115	- 2130, C, G & I tps engaged enemy fighter-bombers which had	
			dropped bombs to the south of div area, probably in vicinity of	
	0	0500	river bridges	
	2	0500	391 Bty HQ, B ech & wksp crossed R ELBE to join regt HQ; and C &	
			E tps crossed with them to go in sp 44 (L) and 227 (H) Bdes respectively	
		1100		
		1100	engaged 2 strongpoints in edge of wood \odot Fires were started and	
			subsequently infantry, who had previously been held up by the	
			strongpoints, were able to march in	
		1600	Regt HQ, bty HQs, B ech & wksp moved with div HQ to BRUNSTORF,	
		1000	guns of G & I tps being dispersed along the length of the div	
			column on the move	
		1710	FW 190 engaged by A and C tps)	
			Ju 88 engaged by G and I tps)	
			Me 109 engaged by I tp) no claims	
		2145	Ju 88 engaged by A and C tps)	
		2150	FW 190 engaged by G tp)	
	3	_	Information received of award of D.S.O. to Commanding Officer	
		1600	Regt HQ, bty HQs, B ech and Wksp moved with div HQ to GRANDE,	
			with guns of G & I tp moving dispersed in div column	
KREIS STORMARN	4	1500		
			guns of G & I tps moving dispersed in div column	
		1630	C tp engaged single Me 109 - no claims	

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	2050	News received via BBC of enemy's agreement to cease hostilities	
		on all Second Army fronts w.e.f. 0800 hrs 5 May 45	
5	0325	Official notification, by phone from RA, of cessation of	
		hostilities at 0800 hrs on all Second Army fronts	
	_	Notification received from RA 8 Corps of official confirmation	
		of this regt's claims of one FW 190 destroyed on 19 Apr 45, one	
		FW 190 destroyed on 20 Apr 45, and one Me 109 damaged (Category	
		II) on 22 Apr 45	
6	0945	CO gave orders for each tp to harbour its guns under a double	
		sentry at one tp location	
	1400	CO attended CRA's O Group on further activities of the div and	
		the div arty	
7	1400	CO held conference of bty & tp comds, bty capts, QM, Padre, MO &	
		EME, to give details of future moves of div and div arty in the	
		coming 3 weeks approx, and to discuss programme for succeeding	
		period of static occupation, during which the regt would be	
		responsible for policing, enforcing mil govt, etc, in part of	
		HAMBURG • Training, education & recreation discussed, and	
		committees appointed for the various activities projected	
	1500	During the above conference, infm was received via BBC that all	
		German forces in NW Europe had surrendered unconditionally	
8	_	Day celebrated as VE day. Padre held Thanksgiving Services at	
		RHQ and troop locations. Recreation during the afternoon. All	
		listened to Prime Minister's speech at 1500 hrs and HM the King	
		at 2100 hrs	
9	1730	CO attended address by GOC at Div HQ, receiving fresh details of	
	2755	future tasks	
10	p.m.	Bty HQ subalterns, hitherto retained at Regt HQ as LOs returned	
_ ~	1	to their respective bty HQs	
11	1050	C tp, hitherto conc in 2 islands, concentrated at new tp HQ	
	p.m.	Orders received to conc regt in HAMMOOR, probably 14 May; move	
	F	to final location not likely for further 30 days	
12	0930	CO attended conference at HQRA on implementing of Army Education	
12	0,50	Scheme within the div arty	
13		Thanksgiving Sunday, for cessation of hostilities in Europe	
13		Btys and tps carried out recce in village of HAMMOOR into which	
	_	regt was under orders to conc on 14 May	
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1 /		B ech moved into fresh accn in HAMMOOR	
14	a.m.	The regt, less C and F tps, moved into conc in HAMMOOR expecting	
	1 4 2 2	to remain for approx 30 days	
	1430	RA and HQ of 15 (S) Div having left HAMMOOR, CO 119 LAA Regt	
		became local comd of village and area	

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1.5		CO held conference on details of future trg, incl education	
15	a.m.	C and F tps moved into conc in HAMMOOR	
	_	Day spent in interior economy in newly taken-over accn, and	
		beginning to set up semi-permanent installations [guard room, PW	
		cage, etc.]	
16	0940	Fresh orders received from RA to take over new area,	
		approximately a triangle incl LASBECK DORF (S 7374) - incl FORST	
		HAHNHEIDE (S 7862-8161) - excl BERGEDORF (S 6546)	
	1100	CO held conference, dividing area into three parts, allotting	
		northern sector to 392 bty, central sector to 391 bty and	
		southern sector to 390 bty. CO explained details of duties, incl	
		rounding up of German PW, and of itinerant Russians, listing of	
		static Russian PW, PWX & DPs to enable future collection to be	
		carried out at 24 hrs notice, collection of arms and amn,	
		location of dumps of foodstuffs, maintenance of order, and	
		enforcement of regulations by means of frequent and irregular	
		mobile and static patrols	
	p.m.	Subunit comds carried out recces of new area	
17		- 1500, all btys and tps moved from HAMMOOR to new areas. B ech	
		moved into fresh accn in HAMMOOR	
18	-	Occupation duties commenced. Static and mobile patrols organized	
		to carry out duties as laid down	
19	_	Duties as above, and in addition all available load-carrying tpt	
		given over for the day to assist in moving 227 (H) Bde	
20	_	Occupation duties. Load-carrying tpt used for moving PW.	
-	2100		
		probably 24 May	
21	_	Part of unit tpt utilised to convey German PW northwards	
	1400	2 IC carried out preliminary recce of new area	
22	0830	2IC and subunit comds carried out detailed recce of area to be	
2 2		occupied, approx as follows:- inclusive RATZEBURG (T 0071) -	
		excl FORST RHENE (T 1273) - incl BERNSTORFF (T 1365) - incl	
		TECHIN (T 1358) - excl GUDOW (T 0155) - excl MOLLN (S 9563); N	
		and NE sector to 392 bty, West and Central sector to 390 bty,	
		South and Eastern sector to 391 bty.	
	1730	Orders from RA to provide one subaltern, 2 bdrs on MCs, 4 dvr-	
	1/30	-	
		mechs & 14 dvrs 1C to go to NIJMEGEN, leaving 23 May with	
		parties from other regts of div arty; pick up in NIJMEGEN a	
		total of 59 3-tonners, and return to work as sup and tpt	
		platoons under HQRASC 15 (S) Div, while RASC coy vehicles and	
		personnel are away transporting large numbers of German PW being	
		released for harvesting.	

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	23	p.m.	Adv parties despatched to take over accn in new area, and guards	
			to relieve existing guards [of 15 Inf Bde] on VPs in area. 2IC	
			also went to new area to take over duties of Town Major at	
			RATZEBURG.	
RATZEBURG area	24	1100	- 1430, regt moved to RATZEBURG area, taking over area from 15	
			Bde of 5 Brit Div. Tasks included establishing of check posts to	
			prevent westward movement of unauthorized personnel [especially	
			displaced persons], and control of camp containing 1300-1400	
			German PW, in addition to routine occupation duties	
	25	1800	Duty tp (F tp) mounted guard at CRA's mess, KOGEL, 040647, from	
			1200 hrs 26 May; this guard to be one of the normal commitments	
			of the duty tp. F tp guard complimented by CRA.	
		_	E tp moved during the day to the peninsula of STINTENBURG in the	
			SCHAAL SEE, and tp areas of responsibility were adjusted	
			accordingly	
	26	0915	CO held conference of BCs to discuss local welfare amenities,	
			including running of regimental canteen and rest rooms, to open	
			tonight at 1900 and succeeding evenings at 1800 hrs	
		1100	CO attended conference at HQRA on government org of the Kreis,	
			operational role and probable increased future area of	
			responsibility for each reqt.	
		1700	CO held conference of bty and tp comds with agenda as for CRA's	
			conference at 1100 hrs.	
	27	2245	LT (QM) T BAKER (260551) accidentally wounded in the head by	
			revolver bullet, and evacuated through 34 CCS	
	28	-	Occupation duties continued. Nothing to report	
	29	0930	C.O. attended CRA's bi-weekly Mil Gov conference	
	30	-) Occupation duties continued. Nothing to report	
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