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Month and Year MAY, 1945.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders.

Commanding Officer Lt Col P.M. HUNT, D.S.O.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | References to Appendices |
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| | 1 May | 1200 | Bn moves on foot to harbour area GULZOW 834424 - harbour area. | |
| | | 1730 | Visit by Div Comd. | |
| | | 2030 | COs 'O' Group. Preparation for tomorrow's large-scale wood- | |
| | | | clearing. 1 prisoner. | |
| | 2 May | 0000 | Bn moves off in TCVs to FUP at road and track junction 792478. | |
| | | | Carriers recce tracks. A & D Coys leading, advance to contact; | |
| | | | clear to 780500-780510. C & B Coys pass through, clear to | |
| | | | 756505. B & D Coys clear to AUMUHLE 7151. Consolidate there 2030 | |
| | | | hrs. 84 prisoners taken. Casualties 14 (3 killed) | |
| | | | 46 (H) Inf Bde Operation Order No. 27 received. | Appx E 6 & E 7. |
| | 3 May | 1000 | Bn moves on foot to TRITTAU 7060. Harbour Area. Maintenance of | |
| | | | vehs etc. | |
| | 4 May | 1100 | Bn moves on foot to MOLLHAGEN 7471. Coys same area. 7 SEAFORTH | |
| | | | Mov Order No. 39 issued. | Appx D.3 |
| | | | Harbour area - maintenance of vehs, eqpt etc. | |
| | | | Message received that all German forces facing Second Army | |
| | | | surrender at 0800 hrs, May 5th, 1945. Prisoners: 3 Offrs; 29 | |
| | | | ORs. | |
| | 5 May | 0800 | German surrender takes effect. Bn still at MOLLHAGEN. | |
| | | 1430 | 2 | |
| | б Мау | | Bn at MOLLHAGEN. | |
| | | 1100 | Bn Church Parade - thanksgiving service. Prisoners - 27. | |
| | | | COs 'O' Gp for move to KIEL area for occupation duties - KIEL | |
| | | | target list recd. | Appx J.11 |
| | 7 May | 0441 | Unconditional surrender of all German forces signed by Supreme | |
| | | | Commander. | |
| | | 0730 | | |
| | | 0930 | Arr KIEL Canal. Advance party crosses canal to recce area. | |
| | | | Report armed German sentries in barracks, but all quiet. | |
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| | 1530 | Dr. margar and and bases Grames | T |
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| | 1530 | Bn crosses canal, relieves German sentries, clear area of | |
| | | locations, begin occupation tasks - searching buildings, | |
| | | collecting POW in specified areas etc, guarding VPs. | |
| | | Locations: Bn HQ 622417; A Coy 6144; B Coy 6241 (Airfield) C Coy | |
| | | 6443 (Bks) D Coy 6343 (Bks) Support Coy 6242; Carriers on Bridge | |
| | | 571419. | |
| 8 May | | Bn in same location. Duties continue: disarming all enemy; | |
| | | collecting and destroying enemy weapons and ammunition. KIEL | |
| | | Canal established as control line for Displaced persons: bridge | |
| | | at 600412 guarded by 'A' Coy and bridge at 571419 by carriers. A | |
| | | Coy guard lock gates. | |
| | | Coys also responsible for Displaced persons in area - Sp Coy | |
| | | runs camps for Belgians, Finns, Dutch. 'C' Coy for Russians and | |
| | | Poles; 'D' Coy for Dutch, Czecks, etc. | |
| | | Personal message from C-in-C received. Special Order of the Day | |
| | | by Maj Gen CM Barber, DSO, Comd 15 Scottish Division, received. | J. 13. J. 14. |
| | 1800 | | |
| 9 May | | Bn same area. Occupation duties continue. | |
| 2 1101 | 0001 | European surrender of German forces takes effect. | |
| | 1800 | | |
| | 1900 | | |
| | 1500 | Special Order of the day by Div Comd received. | |
| 10 May | | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| 10 May | 1430 | | |
| | 1800 | CO to Bde Conference. | |
| | 1000 | QM and IO check up billets occupied by Bn. | |
| | | Sorting of POW continue. Luftwaffe now under RAF Regt. Wehrmacht | |
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| | | under B Coy in Barracks 623413. Marines at D Coys barracks | |
| 11 24 | | 641433. Navy at Friedrichsort barracks 646435 under C Coy. | |
| 11 May | | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| | 1700 | All MT pooled under MTO. | |
| | | Pipe Band play Retreat in KIEL with Bde Massed Pipes. | |
| 10 | 1800 | | |
| 12 May | | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| 13 May | | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| 14 May | | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| | | Ceremonial take-over by C Coy of FRIEDRICHSORT Barracks from the | |
| | | German Navy. | |
| | 1200 | ************************************** | Аррх J.12. |
| | 1900 | Bn Pipe Band play Retreat at Friedrichsort Barracks. | |
| 15 May | | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| | 1400 | Coy Comds conference at Bn HQ. | |
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| | 1600 | CO to Bde Conference. | |
| 16.35 | | Bn Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in KIEL with Bde Massed Pipes. | |
| 16 Ma | - | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| | | Pipes and Drums beat Retreat at Bn HQ. | |
| 17 Ma | ay | Major AM Gilmour, MC, assumes command of Bn during absence of | |
| | | Lt.Col PM Hunt, DSO, on Fd Engineering Course. | |
| | 1100 | GOC and Bde Comd visit Bn HQ. | |
| | | Censorship rules relaxed: Unit censorship now suspended. | |
| | | Retreat at 'A' Coy by Pipes and Drums of Bn. | |
| 18 Ma | - | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| | | Retreat at D Coy by Bn Pipes and Drums. | |
| | | Coy Comds Conference at Bn HQ. | |
| 19 Ma | ay 0800 | CO leaves to recce new area at MOLLN 9563. | |
| | | Bn Pipes and Drums with Bde Massed Band play Retreat in KIEL. | |
| | 2100 | Coy Comds Conference at Bn HQ. | |
| 20 Ma | ay | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| | 1500 | 'A' Coy Guards relieved by 63 A Tk Regt RA. | |
| | | Coy Comds recce new area and return. | |
| | | Advance party leaves for new area. | |
| 21 Ma | ay | Move to new area cancelled. Advance party returns. | |
| | | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| 22 Ma | ay | Bn same area, same tasks. | |
| | 0900 | CO recces new area - LABOE. | |
| | 1100 | CRA 8 Corps recces Bn area with view to take-over. | |
| | 1800 | B Coy Guard relieved by RAF Regt. C & D Coy Guards by 63 A/Tk | |
| | | Regt RA. | |
| | 1900 | "Retreat" by Bn Pipes and Drums at Bn HQ. | |
| | | Movement Order Mov/1/45 issued. | Appx D.4. |
| 23 Ma | ay | Bn same location. | |
| | 1000 | Advance party leaves for LABOE. Movement Order 2/45 issued. | Appx D.5. |
| | | Packing and loading of vehicles, preparation for move. | |
| | | Draft of 30 Reinforcements arrive. | |
| | 1800 | Bn Pipes and Drums beat Retreat at 'A' Coys location. | |
| 24 Ma | ay | Bn moves from HOLTENAU (KIEL) to LABOE 6744. | |
| | 0930 | MT Column leaves for LABOE via KIEL. Marching tps move by sea in | |
| | | German landing craft. Both groups arrive LABOE 1200 hrs. | |
| | | Locations: Bn HQ,A,B,C,D Coys LABOE. Sp Coy STEIN 7045. | |
| | | General checking of stores, eqpt, MT etc. | |
| 25 Ma | ay | Bn same location, same tasks. | |
| | 0900 | CO to EUTTIN to meet Bde Comd and recce new area NEUSTADT- | |
| | | MALENTE. | |
| | | Troops see film show in KIEL. | |

| | 1800 | Ceremonial Guard Mounting with Pipes and Drums - taken by | |
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| | | Adjutant. | |
| 26 May | | Bn same location and tasks. | |
| | 1100 | C Coy leaves in MT for HAMBURG - detached for duties of escort | |
| | | to SS prisoners. Sp Coy changes location from STEINE to LABOE. | |
| | | 7 SEAFORTH Adm Order No. 23 "Operation FLYCATCHER" issued. | Appx G.8. |
| 27 May | | Bn same location and tasks. | |
| | 1000 | CO, QM and IO on recce of new area. | |
| | 1000 | Church Parade, HQ,A & B Coys. | |
| | 1100 | " " Sp & D Coys. | |
| 28 May | | Same location and tasks. | |
| 29 May | | Same location and tasks. Motor launch taken on strength for Bn | |
| | | use. | |
| 30 May | | Same location and tasks. | |
| | 0930 | CO to Bde Conference at KIEL (by launch). | |
| | | Sp Coy bathing at SCHILKSEE. | |
| 31 May | | Same location and tasks. | |