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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 193 (Br) Field Ambulance.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer H.N. PERKINS Lt.Col RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Germany	1	05.30	A Coy and R.A.S.C., with Unit transport crossed River Elbe on Class 9 bridge and joined unit at Lauenburg MR 884343. A.D.S. open with section of 23 FDS, 33 FSU and 21 FTU attached. Casualties admitted Officers 2 ORs 29 PWX 52 PoW 53. A Company moved at 1200 hrs to Lauenburg MR 881346 and opened to hold Div minor sick. Section 1 of B Company with CCP open located with HQ 46 (H) Bde at Gulzow MR 8342, Section 2 B Company with CCP open located at Luthau MR 8741. C.E.P. still open for river crossing casualties at Lauenburg MR 876344. No shelling today, enemy a/c overhead at 21.30 hrs. A.A. opened up, no bombs heard to drop. DUKW evacuation ceased at 23.59 hrs but recommenced later. PWX arrived in large numbers and six MAC cars attached for their evacuation to Luneburg. HNP	
Germany	2		B1 and 3 sections moved to Brunstorf MR 788475 and opened CCP. A.D.S. still open. Casualties admitted Officers 1 ORs 46 PWX 10 PoW 41. DUKW point still being operated by unit. 4627130 Pte. Wing F.R. RAMC wounded SW left arm (Sl). B Company CCP in support 46(H) Inf Bde in area 7547. A.D.S. very busy with casualties from early in the evening through the night till the morning. These casualties were all German wounded from various Lazarets overrun by Allied Forces, many of these casualties were amputations. All came unescorted, in their own vehicles, the parties often consisting of women, nurses, and medical personnel including Doctors. Serious cases were seen and evacuated, fit personnel were sent to PoW Cage, other sick and minor wounded were accommodated for the night. German Lazarett ordered to install a temporary hospital in a factory adjoining the A.D.S. and this was opened at 15.00 hrs. A.D.S. open - patients evacuated ORs 7 PWX 49 PoW 113. One section of A Company moved back across river to Echem MR 858305. B Company attached to 46 (H) Inf Bde. Major J.P. Mackey attached to 1 Commando Bde as SMO with 1 NCO, 1 clerk, and 1 Nursing Orderly, 1 x	

			15 cwt and driver. No shelling or enemy a/c activity. Many PoW and DP passing through the town. HNP	
Germany	4		A.D.S. closed but still attending to evacuation of wounded and sick PWX and odd casualties. German Military Hospital in factory admitting all German wounded. B Company moved to Sprengel MR 755695. HNP	
	5		Locations as above. O.C. attended DDMS 'Eclipse' conference. Message received from 8 Corps to effect that German had accepted unconditional surrender w.e.f. 08.00 hrs. Major J.P. Mackey returned from attachment as SMO 1 Commando Bde leaving party still attached under Capt. R. Dobson. DUKW evacuation point closed. One section A Company organising PoW CRS at Basedow MR 895395. HNP	
	6		Locations as above. DUKW section left unit at 10.00 hrs. Section of relieving party (Fd Amb) 5 Div arrived 11.20 hrs. Lorries being loaded preparatory to move on 7th. HNP	
	7		HQ and A Company moved at 09.00 hrs and proceeded to Sprengel MR 755695 arriving at 11.50 hrs. Personnel employed cleaning up vehicles. B Company was already at this location and Unit now complete. Harboured night. HNP	
Germany	8		VE Day. Unit prepared to move and left location at 07.30 hrs, proceeding in convoy to Kiel. Located in Naval Engineering School, Kiel WIK MR 605405. CRS opened to hold sick of Kiel area. A Company left convoy at Neumunster and opened CRS at MR 4711 for sick of 8 AGRA. O.C. contacted German Naval Medical Services and obtained reports of Naval Hospitals in Kiel. Arrangements made for continuing treatment to wounded and sick personnel. 30 MAC ambulances arrived at 23.00 hrs to assist in evacuation of wounded and sick from ships expected to arrive at Kiel. HNP	
	9		Unit located as above with CRSs open. Germany accepted unconditional surrender and signed agreement which came into effect at 00.01 hrs. O.C. organising German Naval Hospitals in Kiel. HNP	
Germany	10		Unit located as above. Reports being received of all hospitals in Kiel and district with nominal roll of staff and other workers - numbers of patients - stocks of medical equipment - food, and a complete comprehensive report of entire organisation. M.Os inspecting hospitals. O.C. interviewing all German chief doctors. Booster dose of Typhus given to all ranks. Notification received in Appdx C to 21 Army Group Routine Order No.85 dated 4th May 45, of the award of MM to 2731757 W/S/Sgt. Godson A. RAMC, for the period 1st November 1944 to 31st January 1945. HNP	
	11		German ships arriving at Kiel being met by a party including MO, and all seriously wounded and sick being removed by MAC ambulances	

			to German Hospitals. Infectious cases being segregated. O.C. as SMO Kiel liaising with Naval Medical Services. A Company still at Neumunster with CRS open. CRS at Kiel open for sick and wounded including Navy and Marine personnel. HNP	
	12		Sick and wounded still being disembarked from ships in harbour. Fit personnel being marched to PoW Camps. German medical units being directed to camps and locations ready for use in running German wounded and sick camps. Reserve of Nurses being built up in German Naval Hospitals for any emergency. The ship Quetta unloaded and 189 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals in Kiel. HNP	
Germany	13		Unit located as above. Hospital ships being arranged for infectious cases and temporary relief for casualties still being disembarked. Ship Weserburg unloaded and 112 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals. HNP	
	14		Wounded and sick in-patients at present in Kiel Hassee German Naval Hospital removed by Hospital Train to Echernforde German Naval Hospital to relieve bed situation in Kiel area. One section of unit under Capt. E.O.W. Jones proceeded to Heiligenhafen MR North Grid 1534 to supervise disembarkation of PoW from ships not entering Kiel. Ship Capri unloaded 18 wounded and sick PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals in Kiel. HNP	
	15		Ships still being unloaded. O.C. attended D.D.M.S., 'Eclipse' conference at 14.30 hrs. Unit still located as above. Ship Johann unloaded 99 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals. HNP	
Germany	16		CRS at Kiel and CRS at A Company still open at same locations. Patients fit for discharge to PoW Camps and others considered unfit for further service in the German Forces concentrated at one hospital in Kiel to free beds in the other two hospitals. Arrangements made to remove PoW who are fit for PoW Cage to be removed daily. Hospital Train received 477 cases from Kiel Naval Hospitals and transferred them to Echenforde. Ships still being unloaded but position slackening. Ship Nautick unloaded 99 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals. HNP	
	17		Locations as above. Ships being unloaded and wounded taken by MAC ambulances to German Naval Hospitals. Ship Eberhart unloaded 67 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital Kiel. HNP	
	18		Locations as above. CRSs still open. Section under Capt E.O.W. Jones returned from Heiligenhafen. Ship Jundternsand unloaded 11 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital in Kiel. HNP	

	19		Advance Parties left to recce new areas but returned later, as move postponed. Ship Olgatrabe unloaded 2 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital in Kiel. HNP	
Germany	20		Unit still located as above. CRSs at Kiel and Neumunster still open and receiving casualties. Small craft unloaded, 4 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals Kiel. HNP	
	21		Reports on German Hospitals completed and forwarded. Daily returns being rendered by all German Hospitals. Ship Ubena unloaded 69 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospital Kiel. HNP	
	22		As above. Ship Rudolf Albrecht unloaded 24 sick and wounded PoW evacuated to German Naval Hospitals Kiel.	
	23		As above. A Company moved to new location at Schwarzenbek MR 823487 and opened CRS at "Hotel Stadt Hamburg". HNP	
	24		Unit located as above. HNP	
	25		Unit located as above with CRSs still open. Casualties still being taken off ships in harbour at Kiel. HNP	
	26		As above. HNP	
	27		As above. No.1 German Med. Coy despatched to area F fully equipped with a complement of 11 Officers and 170 men. HNP	
	28		As above. Mobile Dental Unit left Unit. HNP	
Germany	29		As above. Major A.M. Wadsworth left to recce new area. Party returned from attachment to 1 Commando Brigade, leaving Capt. R. Dobson. 193 German Field Hospital unloaded from ship. Personnel 3 Officers, 11 Sisters, and 170 Other Ranks dispersed as required in area F. HNP	
	30		As above. 5 tons of medical equipment unloaded from ship Ubena at Tirpitz Harbour. Stores brought to Unit for listing. HNP	
	31		As above. Rehearsal held for King's Birthday Parade. 39 PoW wounded conveyed from Monkieburg wharf to German Naval Hospital. HNP HN Perkins Lt-Col RAMC	