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FALKENBERG Ref: KIRCHHATTEN SHEET 1:25,000	1 MAY 45		<p>Early in the morning a Patrol from B Coy reached MR375075 when it was fired on by the enemy. One enemy was wounded but all escaped. The day was a clear, bright one and patrols went out at intervals to try to establish enemy locations. A civilian report to out Scout Platoon indicated they had pulled out at 2000 hrs last night. An O Group at Bde was followed by one at Bn HQ. The chief delay in the Bde advance has been poor roads and obstacles on those that are passable. An attack was laid on for B Coy but it was called off because of the failure of the RHLI to get along through the obstacles on the main BREMEN-OLDENBURG road. C Coy moved a few hundred yards west along the Railway tracks but otherwise there was no change in the Battalion position. In the afternoon Capt. Cardy held a service for Capt. Grandjean and for one OR who was killed in Lieut Smith's vehicle the day before. DF tasks for the Arty and contact patrols went on through the night.</p>	BWM
Ly: FALKENBURG Ref: KIRCHHATTEN SHEET 1:25,000 Arr: OSTENBURG E. Ref: OLDENBURG SHEET 1:25,000	2 MAY 45		<p>It Schummah and one OR of 2 Pl 3 Coy 22 Regt were brought in at 0820 hrs for questioning and the officer's opinion was that Oldenburg would be defended. B Coy did the attack which had been planned for yesterday afternoon at 1030 hrs and had no difficulty in moving in. A visit from the B.M. resulted in Orders to move the remaining Coys one at a time along our general axis. C Coy moved at 1250 hrs and arrived on its objective and added another 1000 yards for good measure. A and D Coy's completed their gains successfully and B Coy made another move so that the Bn eventually faced up to the Canal which runs East from Oldenburg. TAC HQ moved up into a Nazi Schoolmaster's home and as arrangements were made to settle down for the night word came from Bde to try to move a Coy across the canal by means of any AVAILABLE EXPEDIENTS. About this time, a report was received from C Coy that a large body of enemy wished to surrender in the area of a hospital to the Northeast. A visit by the CO to Bde brought information that the RHLI were negotiating with the Burgomaster for the surrender of Oldenburg who guaranteed all troops were out of the city. The rest of the night was spent in dealing with 9 Officers and 351 Hungarian PWS who surrendered to Major S B Macdonald who went out under a flag of truce to accept their surrender. With this good nights work, it appeared that all resistance south of the canal had ceased. The only fighting of the day was done by B Coy. They shot up some enemy dugouts with 30 rounds of 6 pounder AP from a distance of 1100 yds just at sundown.</p>	BWM

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Lv: OOSTENBURG E. Arr: OLDENBURG Ref: OLDENBURG SHEET 1:25,000	3 MAY 45		<p>On a day of fine weather, the Bn moved on foot into Oldenburg. Information obtained from Bde at 0930 hrs was passed to the Bn O Group at 1100 hrs. The entry into Oldenburg was made over a damaged railway bridge which was passable to foot traffic only. The move was uneventful and an area in the NE outskirts of the city was occupied without any contact having been made with the enemy. Engineers repaired a civilian bridge during the day and by the evening all the Bn vehicles (except B Echelon) had arrived up in the Bn area. Our chief task was control of the roads, checking on civilian traffic and containing the occupants of a Displaced Personnel Camp. TAC HQ obtained very comfortable accommodation in a hotel.</p>	RWM
Lv: OLDENBURG Arr: Near RASTEDE Ref: RASTEDE SHEET 1:25,000	4 MAY 45		<p>The day was a miserable, wet one and our hopes of a day's rest were cut short by a visit from an IO with orders to move near Rastede to occupy some high wooded ground. Recce parties left at 1230 hrs and the move for Coys started on foot at 1300 hrs. Whether or not the enemy was in our new area was not known but a search on arrival found no trace of him and the chief operational task was to find reasonable accommodation for the troops. One platoon of B Coy under Lieut RICHARDSON was left behind to guard the DP Camp. The chief and most exciting news of the day was from the 2100 hr BBC broadcast "General Capitulation of all Enemy forces on the 21 Army Group front." For many the news was hard to realize but official confirmation came from a Bde O Group at 2130 hrs. The company commanders met in the CO's office at 2315 to hear the terms of the surrender and drink a toast to the end of hostilities for the Regiment. It was a proud moment and the work of the many who were not present to share this hour was not forgotten.</p>	RWM
Near RASTEDE Ref: RASTEDE SHEET 1:25,000	5 MAY 45		<p>The surrender of the enemy became official at 0800 hrs at which time all of our own weapons were unloaded. During the day a few stragglers and deserters wandered into our lines but the main force of the enemy was out of contact with our Division. The chief work to be done was to gather instructions on behavior and probable roles now that the fighting had stopped and there was much speculation on the future of the Unit and how soon each man would get home. At 1000 hrs the CO returned from hospital to take over the command again. It was regretful that he missed the final hours of the struggle but the acting CO, Major KW MAC INTYRE, one of the original officers of the Unit and the only one now present was a most</p>	RWM

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Near RASTEDE Ref: RASTEDE SHEET 1:25,000	6 MAY 45		<p>fitting Commander to bring the Battalion through its last operational duties and issue the orders to "Cease Fire"</p> <p>The weather was cloudy with occasional rain and the formal Church Parade for 1000 hrs was held in modified form in the Barn of the Estate TAC HQ was occupying. Captain Cardy expressed in prayer the thoughts that were uppermost in each man's mind. Recce parties left to look at the general area south of Oldenburg but definite orders for the move were not available. The pipe band re-instituted the Regimental custom of playing retreat at 1730 hrs when the guard was mounted and there was no need to urge the Guard to perform so as to impress the German civilians.</p>	Room
Near RASTEDE Ref: RASTEDE SHEET 1:25,000	7 MAY 45		<p>It was a beautiful sunny morning and the CO personally inspected a parade of BHQ personnel. Recce parties went out again, under the 2 i/c this time, to an area around Huntlosen. In the evening timings for the move were received and an O Group at 2015 hrs heard the news that 8 May 45 was announced as Victory in Europe Day and got instructions for the move the following morning. The move was to be done with rpt from 4th Field Regt. B Coys Platoon returned to the Battalion from its tour of duty on the Dis P Camp and, if possible, spirits were higher because of the news that the German Reich was Kaput on all fronts.</p>	Room
Lv: RASTEDE Arr: HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	8 MAY 45		<p>The move to the Battalion's first policing area was done on a fine sunny day. An advance recce party with the CO and 2 i/c left at 0845 hrs and the Battalion column led by BHQ crossed its Start Point at 0950 hrs. The move through Oldenburg to Huntlosen was in the nature of a Victory Parade -- without, of course, any of the cheering crowds that normally go with such affairs. On arrival in Huntlosen, arrangements were completed for a Battalion Ceremonial Parade. By 1600 the whole Battalion was formed up in mass in a grassy meadow and turned over by the 2 i/c to the CO. A short ceremony including the reading by the CO of messages from the Army, Corps, and Div Commanders and a prayer by the Padre followed. The pipe band played the Battalion past a saluting base for review by the CO and the turn out of all ranks was very impressive. The process of cleaning up equipment and weapons had been done very quickly and although most of the faces were new ones, the Regiment was a solid group of veterans who knew what they had accomplished in the past months and</p>	Room

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At:HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	9 MAY 45		<p>were proud of their record. In the afternoon, B Echelon joined the main body of the Battalion for the first time since Bonheiden, Belgium (November 44) and the whole Battalion family was complete. TAC HQ was established in Hans Schmidt's Guest House and for the first time on the Continent a Bn. Officers Mess was set up. The Sergeants found a building suitable for a similar purpose for themselves and the whole Bn generally got down to the business of smartening up and enjoying life again.</p> <p>The 9th was another warm bright day. The Pioneers set out on the job of clearing known mined areas and checking roads in the vicinity. The rest of the Bn went to work to prepare for a tour of duty as Duty Bn in Oldenburg. At this time the extent of the task was not known. Our chief troubles were numerous petty civilian complaints which as occupiers of the area we had fallen heir to. In the afternoon a Guard Duties Programme was obtained by Capt. D J HUNDEN (detailed to be in charge of the Oldenburg Guard), and it was evident that most of the Rifle Coy strength would be involved on the task. At 1430 the Brigadier visited the area and was quite pleased at the efforts which had been made for the men's comfort and recreation. The sports committee laid plans for an active program and the YMCA produced a movie.</p>	RWM
At:HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	10 MAY 45		<p>All Battalion officers went into Oldenburg for a conference with the GOC. The weather was fine and the opportunity of talking to friends from other Units was taken advantage of. The general policy of demobilization and reallocation was referred to and feelings became optimistic about the return of personnel to Canada with hopes that the Unit might return as a body. The CO left on Privilege Leave for Paris and the Bn was again under the Command of Major KW MAC INTYRE. Administration and maintenance of vehicles obtained a high priority. During the night orders were received to increase our Guard Responsibilities by sending a Platoon to the Submarine Training School at Brake on the Weser Estuary. D Coy was detailed to perform the job.</p>	RWM
At:HUNTLOSEN Ref:	11 MAY		<p>The weather continued fine and the Bn Guard moved into Oldenburg to guard bridges, important buildings and other installations and to mount a guard at</p>	RWM

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Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000			<p>Divisional HQ. Lt BERTHIAUME's Platoon from D Coy was released from the Brake Guard on the arrival of Military Government authorities. The pioneers found many mines and a warning was issued to all ranks to stay on known, cleared routes. With the greater part of the Bn involved in Guard duties there was very little Regimental activity and SP Coy spent the day rehearsing a guard for a ceremonial Guard change in the town square in Oldenburg. This was performed for the GOC at 1900 hours with the Pipe Band adding much to the splendour of the occasion. The Pipe Band moved into Oldenburg and played concerts during the day and played Retreat at Div HQ in addition to playing for the changing of the Guard.</p>	RWM
At: HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	12 MAY 45		<p>Another warm, lazy, uneventful day. A Change in plans for the Brigade was reflected in orders to us to extend our duties until 15 May. An additional guard for an ammunition dump was ordered and Lieut D G MAC MILLAN was sent in to Oldenburg in the evening to make the necessary arrangements and receive instructions from Military Gov't. Local policing duties are in the hands of the R.P. who make tours of the Bn area at irregular times and of SP Coy who send carrier patrols throughout the area of responsibility allotted to the Unit. The Acting CO and the Adjt attended the Guard Changing ceremony in Oldenburg.</p>	RWM
At: HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	13 MAY 45		<p>The weather was cool but still clear. Work began under the supervision of the A/ 21/c Major D W MC INTYRE to construct small arms ranges in the Bn area. The Mortar platoon did some live firing training -- the first we had heard since the war ended. More reports were received on mines from the Pioneers and civilians were used to guide them to mined areas. Incidents of offences by Displaced Personnel against civilians were referred to Brigade HQ and the unit was authorized to deal with them. Patrols from SP Coy with the I Sgt attempted to find the perpetrators but no information was readily obtainable. Further changes in guard duties were advised to the effect that some other unit would relieve us at 1900 hrs 14 May but that we would be required to supply one officer for the balance of the Brigade tour of duty.</p>	RWM

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At: HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	14 MAY 45		<p>The 14th was a sunny cool day; work continued in the Bn area on the ranges and on the painting of vehicles. A further change in guard duties was advised to the effect that the Royals would relieve us at 1900 hrs 15 May 45 but that 2 platoons would be required for duties now being performed by the Royals. An investigation was made by Lt. MC GULLOUGH of the control in force at the DP camp in our area and after reference to Bde., SF Coy was instructed to place a guard on the camp to ensure that the curfew restrictions are observed and that no unauthorized persons enter or leave the camp. Allegations are still being received from civilians to the effect that armed parties leave the camp at night and raid farms in the surrounding district. No weapons were found in the DP camp area, however.</p>	RWM
At: HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	15 MAY 45		<p>The weather continued fine. The paper war continued with surveys of all personnel in the Bn by Military Districts with a supplementary survey to indicate preference as to which MD is desired for demobilization. Forms were received for the completion of a questionnaire for the reallocation of troops to a) Canadian Far East Force b) Occupational Force c) Demobilization. The guard continued on in Oldenburg with final instructions to the effect that the relief would be completed by 4 Div by 1800 hrs 16 May. The CO returned, recalled from his leave, with the information that he was accepting an appointment as Colonel (GS) MB 6 and would leave the unit on the 17th. Major KW MAC INTYRE attended a conference at Bde at which the occupational role of 4 Bde was detailed and a move order laid on for the Unit to proceed to the Essens sector on 17 May.</p>	RWM
At: HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000	16 MAY		<p>The weather was bright, clear and cool. An O Group assembled at 0900 hrs with "A" Recce parties standing by to move immediately afterwards. The move to Strackhalt was laid on by Major KW MAC INTYRE and the Recce parties set out to find accommodation for the Unit which was momentarily committed to a reserve role south of the Bms Jade Canal. The relief of the Bn Guard by the Lincoln & Welland Regt was completed on schedule and a Guard Mounting Ceremony was laid on in the Bn area for the benefit of the CO and the guests of the Bn officers at their mess dinner. The performance of the same well drilled Oldenburg Guard took place at the main intersection in Huntlosen and was witnessed by Brigadier GABELDU, Lt-Col PW BENNETT and all the Essex Scot Officers at Corps, Div and Bde.</p>	RWM

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<p>Ly: HUNTLOSEN Ref: GROSSENKNETEN SHEET 1:25,000 At: STRACKHOLT Ref: WESEL SHEET 1:25,000</p>	<p>17 MAY 45</p>		<p>The ceremony and dinner were a fine tribute to an outstanding Commanding Officer who had fought the Battalion from Antwerp to the approaches to Oldenburg and who in spite of previous Regimental affiliations had become the proud head of a fine fighting unit.</p> <p>The weather was cloudy and cool and during the afternoon a thunderstorm cleared the area and settled the dust that had blown over everything from the sandy farm lands. At 0830 hrs the CO left the unit on his way to an Investiture Ceremony at which he is to receive the award of the DSO from the hands of His Majesty the King, before returning to his new appointment in Canada. Two pipers played him out of the Battalion lines and in every heart there was pride mixed with regret.</p> <p>The pipe band left shortly afterwards for a tour with the massed Bands of the 1st Canadian Army of the Hague, Amsterdam and Rotterdam. At 0900 hrs the Battalion column crossed its Start Point for Strackholt and arrived in the new area at 1400 hrs. The task in the area is one of general police duty with orders to keep all German troops North of the Ems-Jade Canal where they will be concentrated. The battalion is stretched out about seven miles with the great problem one of communications. Sgt "Jack" VOSSENAAR, who was wounded when Capt GRANDJEAN was killed returned from hospital -- welcome in more ways than one in view of the many dealings the Unit now has with German civilians. Orders were received to place a guard on an improvised bridge to C Coys front on the morning of the 18th.</p>	<p>Room</p>
<p>At: STRACKHOLT Ref: WIESEDE SHEET 1:25,000</p>	<p>18 MAY 45</p>		<p>Although to-day was very clear and sunny, it was rather cool. The morning was spent chiefly in getting settled in our new position. To-day also saw the break up once more of the Scout platoon. It had been reformed on our return to Germany after leaving Groningen, Holland. It had proved of great use while we were in action, but with our present role, it was used only for guards, so was broken up, and the men returned to their previous companies. Mr. NIXON, the platoon commander, and two of his NCO's have gone to Bde to form a Bde Sports Staff</p> <p>The CO and IO visited the company localities to-day, and found everything in tip-top shape. 'C' Coy are under canvas in the flower gardens of a huge farm. They have an ideal set-up for the company.</p>	<p>Room</p>

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At: STRACKHOLT Ref: WIESEDE SHEET 1:25,000	MAY 45		<p>At 1630 hrs the CO and IO attended the Brigadier's O Group. An O Group was held here at TAC to plan the sweeping of our area of responsibility in the Esens Sector. We are to sweep the area from the road junction of Ogenbergen to Wittmuad, north to the North Sea in a search for mines, amm and weapon dumps, DP, factories, airfields etc. The area was divided into 5 sections each to be searched by a section of carriers and 20 riflemen.</p> <p>Again to-day the weather was very fine -- sunny and clear, but a little cool. The sweeping parties got away to an early start in searching our area. The CO and 2 i/c also went to the area and covered most of it. It did not appear to contain much in the way of ammunition or weapon stores. During the afternoon several German PW's were picked up in our area. It appears that they came south across the Jade-Ems Canal, in the vicinity of Aurich. They were questioned and returned to their own side of the canal. The sweeping parties returned around 1700 hrs. They reported that the area had already been swept by our own tps. They did find, however, weapons, amm, and bombs in small quantities.</p>	Room
At: STRACKHOLT Ref: WIESEDE SHEET 1:25,000	20 MAY 45		<p>Today the weather is once again fine but cool. The sweeping parties left at 0900 hrs to cover the remainder of the area. RC church parade was held at 0930 hrs and Protestant church parade at 1100 hrs. At 1130 hrs the CO was called to meet Brig CABELDU at Neuenberg. The 2 i/c and Sgt VOSSENAAR went and found that the Brigadier had called them to look over the area for accommodation in the event of a possible move. Later this afternoon the 2 i/c and Capt COHEN, the QM, returned to Neuenberg to make a more thorough search.</p> <p>The sweeping parties again return around 1700 hrs. They reported having cleared to the sea. To-day they again found arms and amm in small quantities, but one group encountered the Gerrieke Regt commanded by Col GERRICKE.</p>	Room
At: STRACKHOLT Ref: WIESEDE SHEET 1:25,000	21 MAY 45		<p>To-day has been a rainy miserable day, so it is time for the Essex Scottish to move again. During the night we were ordered to put out guards in the area of the village of Neuenberg. So C Coy left their beautiful surroundings and departed early this morning to establish the guards.</p> <p>At 0900 hrs the CO and Coy reps left to pick out accommodations for the</p>	Room

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At: NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET 1:25,000	23 MAY 45		<p>To-day we thought we were in for an all day rain, but the weather changed and it turned out to be very fine. Early this morning Capt MOFFATT found some German explosives and detonators in the basement of the Officers' Mess. At first it was thought that there might be a werewolf in the district, but on investigation found that the house had been occupied by a German Army Pioneer Officer and that he left some of his stores behind. The CO and Adjt went to Oldenburg this afternoon and report that there is an excellent officers Club in existence there. All the officers are now anxious to take messages, etc. to Oldenburg.</p> <p>To-night marked the opening of the Y with the showing of "And Now Tomorrow" We expect to have movies every evening from now on.</p>	
At: NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET	24 MAY 45		<p>To-day was another dreary wet day with only an occasional bit of sun. We can only hope that we soon get another stretch of good weather like the one we had at Huntlosen.</p> <p>To-day Brig GABRIDU visited the regiment informally. Major K W MAC INTYRE returned and an O Group was held. Dress, Sports, Parades and saluting were the chief topics discussed. At the same time we heard that Gen CRERAR would be visiting us on the 25th.</p> <p>Most of our time is being spent just now on guards, sports, and basic training. On the whole the men of this unit are responding well to the improvement in appearance and smartness on parade required of them since the "Cease-Fire." Everyone however is anxiously awaiting the day when we leave Germany and especially our return to Canada.</p>	Room
At: NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET 1:25,000	25 MAY 45		<p>Although to-day's weather did not look very promising early this morning, it did not rain much and we had a reasonable amount of sunshine. The first of the daily battalion parades that we are to have was held to-day in support Coy parade ground. We are to be inspected by Bde inspecting team on Jan 2nd, so we will have to get accustomed to daily parades, if the Essex Scottish are to make as fine a show on the parade ground as they did on the battle-field.</p> <p>As was expected, General CRERAR visited the unit this morning, and chatted informally with the CO, 2 i/c and Adjt for about an hour.</p>	Room

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At: NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET 1:25,000	26 MAY 45		<p>Once again the day dawned cool and cloudy. The day's work started with a Bn parade on SP Coy parade ground, and a parade through town where the CO took the salute. The companies are continuing training particularly on drill and smartening with a very fair proportion of sports.</p> <p>In the evening we were told by Bde to go to Zetel to pick up some Russian POW who were out of their camp and wandering around Zetel. We went first of all to check up with the OC of the Mil Govt Det and found that the POW are not restricted to any area, so we realized we could not very well pick them up. When we informed Bde of the circumstances the whole thing was forgotten.</p> <p>We have also been informed by Bde that 2 Div Arty is taking over the guard on several of our guard posts. This will mean a lot less trouble for the Coy supplying the guard, since it was a thirty-five mile trip to go to all the posts.</p> <p>At about 2300 hrs a warning order came in that the Corps Commander will be inspecting the Bde on the afternoon of 29th May.</p>	
At: NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET 1:25,000	27 May 45		<p>The weather has not warmed up yet, but to-day it is very clear, and so that may be an indication. We were pleased to start the day with the news that two more of our guards were to be taken off, so that now we have only seven posts to guard.</p> <p>Church parades were held this morning. The Padre of the RRC took the Protestant Church Parade in the absence of Capt GARDY who is away on duty. The RC Parade was taken by the Padre from Bde.</p> <p>Lt-Col McCORKILL, CO of the 2nd Bn., Essex Scottish Regt., who is in Europe for the purpose of getting the soldiers' votes in the coming election, paid this unit a visit on Sunday. All his old friends were happy to see him.</p> <p>At 2100 hrs a CO's conference was held at Bde. The chief topic was the Corps Commander's inspection. Other points discussed were our responsibilities in the area North of the Jade-Ems Canal, and the plan for the break up of the German Army.</p>	RWM
At: NEUENBERG Ref:	28 MAY		<p>Yesterday's promise of better weather did not hold true, because this morning it was raining cats and dogs. Even the daily Bn Parade was called off.</p>	RWM

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NEUENBERG SHEET			A meeting of Coy Commanders was held to discuss the methods to be used on the Corps Commander's inspection. A parade was called for 1430 hrs as a practice for the unit. We think that we can put approximately 700 men out for the parade. Some of the men of this unit went to Aurick to see a show called "Take Notice" held at 2 Div Garrison Theatre.	Rmm
1:25,000				
At:NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET	29 MAY 45		The weather to-day was just about perfect for the Corps Commander's inspection. The battalion formed up here shortly after eight o'clock, and arrived at the air port where the parade was to be held at about ten o'clock. We rehearsed the movements to take place in the afternoon until twelve-thirty. The final parade was formed up at two o'clock. At that point it was very hot and since we had to stand at attention or at ease for a long time, it was not very pleasant for us. The Corps Commander however seemed well pleased with everything.	Rmm
1:25,000			Neutral observers informed us that the Essex Scottish showed up very well in the march-past so we were pleased too.	
NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET	30 MAY 45		Apparently the weatherman is working with the Higher Command in allotting good weather for days when we have an inspection, because to-day has been cool and cloudy with occasional showers. Bn parade was held as usual on Support Coy parade ground. The CO inspected a couple of companies. Support Coy sent out their carriers on a show of force in the Esens Sector North of the Jade-Ems canal. They covered the area and saw nothing out of the ordinary.	
1:25,000			Arrangements were made for taking over the guards of the RHLI on the 31st for twenty-four hours so that they have all their men in for the Brigadier's inspection which takes place on the 1st.	Rmm
At:NEUENBERG Ref: NEUENBERG SHEET	31 MAY 45		Another cool, cloudy, rainy day when nothing of any interest occurred. There was the usual Bn parade and inspection at 0845 hrs and a muster parade at 1100 hrs. A Coy sent guards out to relieve the RHLI and later we found that they had not warned us of one guard so in the evening we sent out another section for the	Rmm
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1:25,000			<p>last guard post. Our Padre, Capt JOE GARDY, is leaving for England. He said good-bye to the unit at morning parade and presented the flag, which had been used at the burial of our fallen comrades, to the CO. A very sincere "Three Cheers" was given by the men and officers who are sorry to see the very popular padre leave us.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>K. Mac Intyre</i> (KW MAC INTYRE) Lt-Col Commanding Officer THE ESSEX SCOTTISH REGT </p>	<p><i>Room.</i></p>