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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
MR 752178 Sheet L2 1/100000	May 1 1945		<p>Recce parties left early in the morning to recce a gun area NE of LEER. When they left for the new area, it had not yet been cleared of mines and enemy, but the enemy were out by the time the recce party arrived. The Regiment with the exception of the 11 Bty moved at 200 hrs as they were too firmly imbedded in the mud to move. Arrived in new area at 856175 via the new Gales Bridge" at 793133 and were in action by 0030 hrs on the 2nd. There was no firing during the day at the old position. The weather was very changeable with some very heavy rain.</p>	
MR 856175 & WESEL 906240	2		<p>The 11 Bty is still in the mud on the other side of the river. They are getting out with the aid of a bulldozer which had to pull every gun and vehicle one mile to get them onto a hard surface road. The Bty arrived in the present position just in time to hear "Prepare to Move". Recce parties were called out at 1600 hrs to recce a position at WESEL about 5 miles up the Div Axis. The Regiment moved at 1930 hrs and was completely in action by 2200 hrs. Corporal HUGHES of E Section Signals was killed and Sjt NIXON badly wounded when the jeep Cpl HUGHES was driving ran over a mine. Cpl ANDERSON of the Auxiliary Service was also in the jeep but only received a shaking up. The weather is still very changeable and we had hail at 1700 hrs.</p>	
MR 900314	3		<p>The Regimental spent a very quiet day. We fired fire plan "BILL" in support of 8 Cdn Inf Vde at 0830 hrs but did not fire again after that. Received the order to move beyond WESEL to the 31 grid line at 1800 hrs. The moved was completed and the Regiment was again in action by 2200 hrs. The weather was fair and for a change we didn't have any rain.</p>	
	4		<p>No firing during the day. Our infantry are advancing on AURICH and are meeting no opposition. We were ordered to have a recce party ready. At 1130 hrs the Comd 8 Bde left to meet the German major at AURICH and did so at 1205 hrs. The major said he wished to surrender the town. At 1400 hrs we heard that AURICH had surrendered and so the move was cancelled. At 2000 hrs we heard the good news about the German surrender and that it would be official at 0800 hrs 5 May. The weather is extremely poor again, lots of rain---lots of mud</p>	

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MR 900314, Sheet L2 1-100000 BAGBAND	5 May 45		At 0235 hrs the 8 Bde Rep ordered us to fire our SOS which we did for the first time since the Battle of the Scheldt. At 0735 hrs Div ordered that guns would not fire before 0800 hrs when the "Cease Fire" was given and that any loaded guns would be unloaded by other means. The Regiment was given permission to go out of action and the 11 and 16 Btys started moving their guns and vehicles onto hard surfaces. The ground is becoming softer as the rain continues and there is no sign of a break in the weather. Major MARTINEAU returned to Army HQ this morning.	
861485	6		The Regiment was ordered to be ready to move at 0800 hrs and the Recce parties left almost immediately. The Regiment started to move at 1300 hrs in Regimental convoy to a new area at MR 861485. When we arrived the Germans were still here and the Commandant turned over the keys to the whole camp. We have very good billets and have showers as well as a movie which helps to keep men happy. The weather has improved 100% and the sun is very warm.	
	7		The "T" Force came in to the camp to check the types and amount of ammunition in the dump. All bunkers and camp warehouses were put out of bounds. The Allied Military Government took over the surrounding camps for the use of the misplaced personnel as a result we had to change billets of the 11 Bty and RHQ. All the Germans told they were leaving by 0900 hrs on the 9th. A skeleton crew are being kept to take out the demolition charges in each of the bunkers. The weather to-day has been excellent.	
	8		<u>VE DAY</u> - The Regiment is busy on the cleaning of guns and vehicles and the maintenance of all our technical equipment. The German Commandant was taken down to AMG HQ and turned over to them and all the officers and men marched to AURICH and were turned over to the German authorities for demobilization. The report on the ammunition was completed by the "T" Force and they are now prepared to move off. There was a Regimental parade at 1420 hrs at which the CO told the men of the forthcoming events which would concern them and the Regiment. After which Churchill's speech was listened to. In the evening there was a Regimental Officers Mess dinner and Brig Clarke was the guest of honour. All the officers and men heard the King make his speech.	