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1 May 45

PAGE NO. 1 FROM 0700B TO PLACE Hodern

NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
	0700			Everything quiet throughout the night.
	0830			Capt. Keirsey, Ex. O. says solemnly that "Thunderbirds" will occupy Munich, after conversing over the telephone with Passport.
	1000			Field order comes down that 45th Div. will occupy Munich Overlays are prepared and movement order is expected.
	1200			Bn. ordered to move in afternoon. Quartering party leaves. Bn. CP to be located in Hodern.
	1420			IP is crossed. Bn. moves to Hodern.
	1430			Bn. CP located in Hodern. Able and Baker in Pasing. Charlie in Planegz, Dog in Hodern. (All suburbs of Munich.
	1500			Bn. to establish a 24 hr. patrol (motor) to revolve around entire area. Two peeps and 1 light tank will be vehicles used for the motor patrol.
	1900			5 PW's rounded up.
				2 May 45
	1610			Charlie has 5 PW's in civilian clothes.
	2145			Baker patrol back, no incidents. AR
	2155			Apartment house of American PW's bothered by Russians at 79.6-56.7, reported by regt. Baker to put plat. on it to guard PW's.
				3 May 45
	0100			Baker is to move to area at 79.6-56.7 where there is a group of apartment houses in* which there are 900 Americans* PW's. They are to relieve elements of 42nd Div. and to be in position by 0730.
	0345			Baker plat. in position. Reported to Regt. AR
	0900			All of Baker in position.
	1130			Bn. alerted to move sometime today.
	2000			Bn. (-B) arrived at Furstenfeld Airfield W of Munich, billeted in buildings of the Air Corps training school. There are about 34,000 PW's here including generals and other high ranking officers. This Bn. is to run PW Camp which will be greatly augmented.
	2300			Baker in.
				4 May 45
	1615			PW Officers divide PW's into Regt. for feeding and administration.
				Typhus shots-B,C,D, Hq.
				5 May 45
				Showers for Bn.
				Able took typhus shots.
				6 May 45
				Plane with 5 enemy landed at our airport and surrendered. Plane left Prague this AM with 5 Air Corps Lieuts.
				Capt. Keirsey makes Major, Day is warm and sunny.
				PW's are being shuttled by truck to Neu-Ulm. Civilians supplement PW's rations.
				Bn. receives 3 repl. Officers.
				7 May 45
				Maj. Keirsey acquires 2 horses from Fürstenfeldbruck Police Stat. for Staff use.
				8 May 45
				VE Day
				9 May 45
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PAGE NO. 2 FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE Furstenfeld Air-Field

NO.	TIME	IN	OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.	
				PW's have been being transported to Neu-Ulm Lager. Few remain here, 13,435. Major. Keirsey transfers to Regt. Hq. as S-3. Lt. Col. Kaine reports to Bn. as CO.	10 May 45
					11 May 45
	AM			Inspection of arms, wphs., veh., by Regt. Insp. Officers.	12 May 45
	AM			Co. CO's and Staff meeting. Officers party. Bn. S-1 goes on quartering party to near Dachau. Maj. Meaders from Regt. S-3 to Bn. Ex. O.	13 May 45
	1900			Maj. Quello leaves Bn. for home. Bn.(-A) shuttles to Dachau and about 2200 Bn.(-A) closes in Dachau.	14 May 45
	1130			Albe leaves Airport and trucks to Dachau.	15 May 45
	1600			Baker puts guard on empty warehouse.	16 May 45
	1155			Baker plat. report all okay.	
	PM			Baker reports all okay.	
	1730			Showers Bicycles will be stored in warehouse across from Brewery	
	1830			AMG called this in. OD notified Bicycles will not be picked up(Maj. Keirsey) ELK Od is notified.	
	1950			No bicycles will be picked up. Regt. S-3.	
					17 May 45
	0900			Trash truck will report daily at 0800 and will report this morning immediately.	
	1445			Serv. Co. truck reported to PW cage with instructions from Regt. and they are to get truck load of blanket material for PW's at SS Barracks-granted.	
	1715			Able patrol reported in. They have picked up a total of 140 prisoners.	
	2015			Col. Cruckshank to Maj. Meaders- continue to carry weapons off duty. The Col. didn't know about pickingup ammo until now. He's going to talk further with the General.	
					18 May 45
	0900			A 2½ ton truck will report daily to Bn from Serv. Co. to be used for excursions.	
	1030			AMG says bicycles will be returned to civilians. Baker notified.	
	1245			Dog will furnish patrols to pick up DP's in Dachau.	
	1400			Regt. 2-pick up 100 PW's at Furstenfeldbruck to be used as buriel detail. Will bury all dead from concentration camp and will have at least 50 graves ahead at all times.	
	1530			Lt. Diacomandea has 2 Cn. Co. trucks to pick up PW's at Furstenfeldbruck.	
	1600			Lt. Alexander, Co. D will be in charge of buriel detail and will have 1 NCO and 12 men from Dog for guard and supervision.	

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NO.	TIME IN	TIME OUT	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.	
	1910		Lt. Boone, Co. D will supervise PW camp but will not relieve OD of present responsibility. 100 new PW's arrive at PW Camp for burial detail.	19 May 45
	0940		Chap. Henley called that we may use bulldozer to prepare athletic fields.	
	1120		Submit name of officer by 1500 to Regt. who is interested in derby. S-4 found 2 of the 3 missing tents at DP camp. Capt. Grow will check on the third.	
	1530		Two more guard posts established at water pumps near road block.	
	1745		DP, OD reports nothing has been done about Mongolians at DP. To be checked with AMG.	20 May 45
	2000		Lt. DiGiacomandea report to Regt. 1 at 211245.	21 May 45
	1730		Mongolians have been sent to Furstenfeldbruck to Okla. PW Cage. 47 undesirable PW's were returned to Okla. PW.	
	2000		47 new German PW's brought to our cage.	
	2100		145 PW's given typhus shots completing all shots.	22 May 45
	1250		Ferm 32's will be in tomorrow definitely, maybe tonight. S-4 to Maj. Meaders.	
	1430		Capt. Scott will report at 1600 to Regt. with a special detail of 2 off. and 12 EM. Nature of duties and duration indefinite.	
	2225		Ans. to Capt. Kerker's call referring to stopping veh.- GI veh. without trip tickets will be sent back where they came from. S-2 section presented Lt. Burke of AMG with a Jerry Jeep. Civilian veh. without authorization impounded and civilian sent on their way. Ditto for civilians in Gov't veh. (as in case of cap veh. which has been turned over to civilian) This notified by Maj. Meaders.	
	2255		Notified Baker of above.	23 May 45
	1100		Baker brings in 2 PW's.	
	2000		Lt. Tannery returns from Paris. S-2 section presented Lt. Burke at AMG with a new fire engine.	24 May 45
	1100		All road-blocks will be discontinued except Dachau Area Command Traffic Control Posts (Maj. Keirsey) Baker notified. S-2 section policed up all known SS men in Dachau (48 men) Disposition of SS men to date: PW Channels 43, Bastille 2, CIC 3.	
				25 May 45
				26 May 45
	0200		PW for S-2. PW with no paper at Post 9. Impounded civilian car at Post 11, to be picked up. S-2 section went out to pick up PW at Post 9. There were five when we got there. Went back with a truck and then there were 7. They multiply like rabbits. Also picked up 6 SS at Bastille.	CONTINUED ON PAGE <u>4</u> and they were taken to Furstenfeldbruck.

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NO.	TIME	MESSAGES, INCIDENTS, ORDERS, ETC.
1018	IN OUT	<p>Lt. Teichmann called in relation to disposition of Co.'s when we were at Munich. Wants one of the officers to call him as soon as possible at Paspert 3 Forward of Rear CP.</p> <p>S-2 section got a message from Regt. 20 plunderers at Niuhimebreich. Plunderers from DP Lager in Karlsfeld No guards on DP. Russians and Poles run around loose. Plunderers killed 2 pigs. The pigs were returned.</p>
		28 May 45
1400		<p>S-2 from Regt and Lt. DiGiacomandea with section went out to Russian DP at Karlsfeld. Approx. 700 men there. Made Russians destroy the truck they used Sunday when plundering and got the pigs. Capt. Whitman will take it up with Div. Will notify us if he gets more information. Capt. Whitman called that Div. would take care of DP at Karlsfeld.</p>
		29 May 45
1145		<p>250 more PW's brought to our cage.</p> <p>Lt. Bias, 3rd Bn. officer will be ever to play ball with our officers at 1800.</p>
1600		<p>Lt. Tannery call Sgt. Hostetler as soon as possible.</p>
1140		<p>Lt. DiGiacomandea and S-2 section investigating and reported on meat theft at meat warehouse. Questioned interpreter (SS man's wife) and got the name of the culprit.</p>
1500		<p>S-2 section turned 2 war criminals over to War Crimes Commission in the concentration camp.</p>
1530		<p>S-2 section caught 1 more SS man. He was put into the Bastile.</p>
2035		<p>Three EM, RTU's and Lt. Pardi at Serv. Co., notified Motor Pool to send truck.</p>
		30 May 45
		<p>S-2 section caught soldier whom we thought was implicated in meat warehouse robbery.</p>
		31 May 45