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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 March 1945

Commanding Officer H.N. PERKINS LIEUT-COLONEL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Holland	1		Field Ambulance complete located in Tilburg. Admin block in school buildings. R.A.S.C. and HQ staff personnel in school, rest of Unit billeted out in private billets. Period of rest began. Approx 15 personnel to Brussels on 48 hours leave. Entertainment cinema, theatre and dancing allocated to Unit. Courses for Bn S.Bs proceeding. Approx 25 in each class.	JM
	2		As above. Allocation given for party to proceed on 48 hours to Brussels daily. A.D.M.S. conference. All M.Os of Div at HQ 193 Field Ambulance location. A.D.M.S. proceeded on UK leave. Lieut-Colonel F.W.A. Warren acting A.D.M.S.	JM
	3	12.45	As above. Major General C.M. Barber D.S.O., Commander 15 (S) Inf Division, inspected Unit Parade and addressed troops.	JM
	4		One Officer and 12 Other Ranks represented Field Ambulance in Divisional Church Parade held in ENSA Cinema, Tilburg.	JM
	5		Warning Order received to be prepared to move on following day. Vehicles except administrative packed in readiness. Bn S.Bs courses ended.	JM
	6		Field Ambulance ready for move to new location. Left Tilburg in Unit convoy 16.30 hrs. Arrived Heusden, Belgium 21.45 hrs. Personnel billeted in Monastery building.	JM
Belgium	7		Field Ambulance complete located as above. M.I. Room opened adjoining civilian aid post at Zolden Colliery. Training and checking of equipment commenced. Recreational Training in afternoons, football etc. Memo received informing Unit now part of 12 Corps. Daily parties of approx 15 still proceeding to Brussels on 48 hrs leave.	JM
	8		As above.	JM
	9		As above.	JM
	10		As above.	JM
	11		As above. Allocation for Brussels leave cancelled.	JM

	12		Field Ambulance complete located as above. Brussels 48 hrs leave re-commenced.	JM
	13		As above.	JM
	14		As above. Brussels allocation again cancelled. A.D.M.S. returned from UK leave. Lieut Colonel F.W.A. Warren returned to Unit.	JM
	15		As above. Commanding Officer and Majors attended conference at A.D.M.S. Brussels leave cancelled until further notice.	JM
	16		As above. ENSA Concert Party in evening.	JM
	17		As above. DMS 21 Army Group visited Unit. Mobile Cinema visited Unit all day.	JM
Belgium	18		As for 17th. Church Services in morning.	JM
	19		As above. Advance party left for new location. Major Clark attached as liaison Officer between Airborne Troops, Commandos and 15 (S) Division for purpose of Medical arrangements Operation 'Torchlight'.	JM
Germany	20		Loading of lorries in preparation for move. Tam O'Shanter gave concert immediately prior to move. Field Ambulance less 'A' Coy moved to harbour area in Germany leaving at 20.00 hrs and arriving at 05.00 hrs at Map ref 083315. Field Ambulance less 'A' Coy in woods under canvas. 'A' Coy left location in Belgium Map ref 280786 at 2000 hrs arriving at Brigade marshalling area Map ref 021398 at 06.00 hrs. 'A' Company strength all Ranks 46 (2 sections) vehicles 4 jeeps two 15 cwts, 2 Ambulances and 2 three tonners.	JM
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	22		Field Ambulance located as above.	JM
	23		As above. Captain Dobson R.A.M.C. attached to 15 Div Recce Regt as RMO in absence on leave of RMO.	JM
Germany	24		Operation 'Torchlight' commenced 02.00 hrs. Field Ambulance in above locations. 3 American Officers attached for liaison purposes. Heavy artillery barrage heard. Many allied 'planes overhead, Dakotas and Gliders. Commanding Officer briefed Unit on 'Operation Torchlight' at 11.00 hrs. Major Wadsworth 193 Fld Amb, as liaison Officer between 15 (S) Div Medical and Airborne Troops crossed Rhine with Major Clark at 15.00 hrs and contacted 234 Par. Field Ambulance at 1700 hrs, making arrangements for evacuation of Airborne casualties. 3 American Officers left Unit. 'A' Company left map ref 021398 at 1400 hrs and proceeded to Bde marshalling area to await crossing of Rhine. At 1800 hrs crossed Rhine in area 1145 and established CCP in Bde area 157470.	JM

	25		HQ received warning order to be prepared to move at 1 hours notice after 1200 hrs. C.O. again spoke to personnel. Loading of lorries began in preparation for move. Left location at 082215 at 1800 hrs and proceeded to Class 9 bridge over Rhine at area 1145. All vehicles including vehicles of 'B' Company crossed safely. Harboured night at Map ref 138453. Much enemy air activity over bridgehead. 'B' Company personnel without vehicles crossed Rhine on foot over bridge in area 1145 at 1800 hrs to reinforce 194 Field Ambulance at BISLICH. Major Wadsworth contacted 225 Para and 195 A.L. Field Ambulances and made arrangements for evacuation of casualties, then acting as liaison Officer until return to Unit on 26 March.	JM
	26		ADS opened at above location, 1045 hrs. 'B' Company personnel returned from 194 Fld Amb at 1300 hrs. Casualties admitted to ADS Allied Forces Officers 8 Other Ranks 192 PoW 89. Very heavy rain and lightning. Difficulty in getting casualties evacuated due to lack of MAC Cars. Enemy aircraft overhead at frequent intervals during night, machine-gunning heard but no casualties sustained.	JM
Germany	27		Brigadier Tomory, D.D.M.S., 12 Corps visited Unit and ADS. ADS open and receiving casualties. Extra MAC Ambulance Cars arrived to clear evacuation. 9 FDS reported at 1500 hrs and left at 1505 hrs to proceed to old 'A' Company location. Casualties admitted Allied Officers 11 Other Ranks 136 PoW 26. 'A' Company opened CCP at map ref 148494.	JM
	28		ADS open and receiving casualties. Casualties admitted Allied Officers 2 Other Ranks 105 PoW 26. Lieut Colonel H.N. Perkins (66484) R.A.M.C. arrived from 12 FDS and assumed command of 193 (Br) Field Ambulance vice Lieut Colonel F.W.A. Warren (42373) R.A.M.C., posted as A.D.M.S., HQ 17 L of C Sub area. Handing over certificates prepared and completed.	JM
	29		Locations as above. Casualties admitted Allied Officers 1 Other Ranks 22 PoW 5.	JM
	30		Lieut Colonel F.W.A. Warren R.A.M.C. left Unit to assume new appointment. Lieut S.V. Livingstone (305685) R.A.M.C. posted as RMO to 181 Field Regt RA. Captain E.O.W. Jones (254302) R.A.M.C. taken on strength from A.D.M.S., Captain E.O.W. Jones proceeded on detachment to A.D.M.S., Lieut G.J. Rankin still in hospital, notified Unit he would not be able to accept leave vacancy. Vacancy filled by Captain P.F.G. Denton R.A.M.C. Casualties admitted Other Ranks 10 PoW 1.	JM

	31		ADS closed. Skin and kit inspections of Unit carried out. Locations as above. H.N. Perkins (H.N. PERKINS) Lieut-Col R.A.M.C. Comdg 193 Fd Amb.	JM JP Mackey Major RAMC
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