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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

Unit 194 FIELD AMBULANCE, RAMC

Month and Year MARCH 1945.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TURNHOUT 062064	1		Same location. ADMS conference at 193 Fd Amb. It was decided that large red crosses would be painted on ambulance cars.	
	2		Visited ADOS and got authority to buy paint and reminded him about our two No. 14 shelters which are still outstanding.	
	3		Three jeeps to be converted into ambulance type. Work on this started.	
	4		Orders from Div to send recce party to DIEST area. Recce party left same day.	
	5	1145 1430	Unit left TURNHOUT for DIEST. Unit arrived in new location, M.R. 213683.	
	6		Same location. Stretcher bearers course started, for Regimental Stretcher Bearers - to continue for the next five days.	
	8		Capt. Smith arrived and Capt. Glaister left for 108 Gen. Hosp.	
LUMMEN	9		Visited ADMS office.	
	10		Attended Div conference at 12 Corps H.Q., re Exercise "BUFFALO" and following operation.	
	11		Conference at Div H.Q. re EX "BUFFALO".	
	12	1000 1345 1800	Lieut. Davies arrived. Recced area of EX "BUFFALO". Visited ADMS. Visited CRASC.	
	13		Visit to Brigade re EX "BUFFALO". DDMS phasing table arrived.	
	14	0700	Exercise "BUFFALO" until 1600 hours.	
	15	0900 1300	Conference at Bde re Ex "BUFFALO" until 1200 hours. Conference at ADMS re Ex "BUFFALO" and next operation. Received Div Med Admin Instr No. 1.	
LUMMEN	16	0400 1400	Ex "BUFFALO" until 0800 hours. Conference at Bde after. Visit to ADMS with our unit vehicle phasing table. Asked about stretchers and blankets for operation. No decision yet.	

		1800	Received warning order from Bde to move detachment of unit on 22nd. This refers to the part of 'A' Coy attached to Bde for Operation "TORCHLIGHT".	
	17		Received warning order from Div to move main part of unit on the 20th, and harbour party to move 19th. Received order from Div to collect four weasels from OOSTHAM, for use in Op "TORCHLIGHT".	
	18		Attended demonstration at 11 Lt Fd Amb on loading Buffaloes with casualties. Visited ADMS afterwards.	
LUMMEN	19	0600 1600	2 I/C and party left for new location. Maps were collected from Div. Our 4 Weasels arrived. They are not fitted with stretcher frames but will carry two casualties. Visited Bde and got them to arrange to phase in our Weasels on LVTs.	
	20	0500 1100 1400	C.O. and Major Stewart left for recce of RHINE. Arrived XANTEN and recce completed. C.O. arrived in new location near HAMB - M.R. 080315.	
Nr HAMB (080315)	21	0500 1100 1400	Main party arrived at new location. Received a directive regarding DUKWs. C.O. visited LVT commander regarding loading of weasels on Buffaloes. DDMS conference at 12 Corps H.Q. Op "TORCHLIGHT" discussed. DUKWs arrived at our location for loading. Received Div Med Admin Instr No. 2.	
Nr HAMB	22	1430	DUKWs loaded in morning. 2 I/C visited DADMS. C.O. attended conference at VENRAY where Brig. Glyn-Hughes explained the whole of Op. "TORCHLIGHT".	
	23	1030 1400 1800	Met ADMS and was told that to-day was D-1. Bde conference. Met O.A. 'A' Coy. Reported that 'A' Coy were all ready and waiting with their Battalions. Section of 22 FDS arrived. Personnel and stores for ADS left on DUKWs for VEEN. Posted D.Rs. out.	
VEEN	24	0200 0230 0415 1000	H-hour. Most of 'A' Coy over R RHINE and C.E.Ps. established. O.C. 'A' Coy crossed river and contacted both C.E.Ps. C.O. visited Bde H.Q. and both C.D.Ps. Casualties so far slight and coming back normally. 'A' Coy established a C.C.P. in BISLICH.	

VEEN		1100	C.O. and Sergeant-Major crossed R RHINE and contacted 'A' Coy at C.C.P. C.O. inspected sites of cas evacuation and found it proceeding satisfactorily.	
BISLICH		1300	C.O. reced and found site for an A.D.S. in BISLICH. Site cleaned up and signs put out.	
		1530	DUKWs with H.Q. aboard arrived and were led to A.D.S. (137429)	
		1700	A.D.S. established and first casualties arriving. Evacuation by DUKW proceeded normally and C.C.P. closed down and prepared to move.	
		1800	'A' Coy moved out to establish a C.C.P. at 194483. Large numbers of casualties from 6th Airborne Division arriving.	
		1930	All nine DUKWs loaded and away.	
		2200	A.D.S. now full and no DUKWs yet returned.	
		2300	DUKWs started coming back and evacuation of cas proceeded. Total Cas so far 230.	
BISLICH	25	0300	All cas now away and A.D.S. empty.	
		0830	Cas started arriving in large numbers, mostly airborne. Arrival and evacuation proceeded all day. The DUKWs were very slow in coming back and this led to an accumulation at the A.D.S.	
		1600	Section of 9 FDS and a Coy from 194 Fd Amb arrived to assist.	
		2030	30 M.A.C. cars arrived to assist in evacuation which was now easy.	
		2359	Total cas now 770.	
	26	0900	ADMS called. Casualties arrived all night. Evacuation by ambulance car and DUKWs proceeded very well.	
		1500	Cas now very light, as most are now going to 193 Fd Amb which is now open.	
	27		23 FDS arrived and opened up with us.	
BISLICH	28		Equipment checked and bank searched for stretchers and blankets. C.C.P. now open at M.R. 195505.	
		2359	We are now closed. Total casualties 902.	
	29		Unit resting. Saw ADMS.	
	30		Nil to note.	
	31		Still in same locations.	
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