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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN	1.		Maintenance bridges. DISK and roads in 227 Bde area (ASTEN)	JG
"	2.	PM.	do. 6 SD(1) bombs destroyed in 227 Area (E 567140) 3 pl improvised bridge constructed to take AUSTER aircraft across ditch (E 563118)	JG
	3.	0001 1000 1200 All day - 0800 1200	1 pl filled crater at 667096 on axis of 227 to Bn. 10 mines (teller) lifted at E 684084. 2 pl disposed of 11 SC10 bombs and 1 SD1 at 567140. 3 pl maintaining roads in ASTEN area. 1 pl lifted 14 tellermines, cleared road and verges to HLI fwd position 097597 LT. J.J. COCKLE RE wounded in right shoulder and left buttock when carrying out recce of crater fwd of Inf positions with Sqn Recce Regt.	JG JG JG JG JG
ZOMEREN	4.	0900 1200 to 2100	3 pl built small bridge to enable an Auster aircraft to cross a ditch to its landing strip near HELMOND. Bridge then dismantled. 3 pl continued maintenance of ASTEN Rds (227 Bde area). 2 pl started dismantling Northernmost of the two Bailey Bdgs at ZOMEREN crossing. Replaced bridge by 30 ft SS Bailey.	JG JG JG
	5 + 6		3 pl continued maintenance roads 227 Bde area.	
ZOMEREN	7.	day 1000	3 pl Road maintenance OSPEL area. 3 pl moved at 1400 hrs to support A&SH. 2 pl disposed of 15 UXB, SC10s 12K A/P bombs in ASTEN area and 2 U.X. Parachute flares at HQ 227 Bde. 1 pl cleared fallen trees off road N of ZOMEREN	JG JG JG
ZOMEREN	8	1000 1400	1 pl at 1000 hrs took over maintenance of 3 bailey bridges and canal S of ZOMEREN from US Engineers. 1 pl handed over same bridge maintenance to 275 Fd Coy (51 Div) but continued to maintain rds E of canal in neighbourhood of NIEUWINNERSTRAAT.	JG
	9.		1 and 3 pls continued work.	JG

		day	2 pl felled trees, hauled and dumped at Coy location 150 - 12ft larch poles for corduroy road.	JG
"	10.	Night 9/10 1200	1 sapper killed and 1 L/Cpl badly wounded when stepping on SCHU mines during a night patrol with Inf (A&SH Bn). 1 pl handed over maintenance of road at NIEUWINNERSTRAAT to 51 Div.	JG JG
ZOMEREN	11.	day	2 pl cut and dumped 250 more 12' Larch spars at Coy loc.	JG
			3 pl in sup A&SH. 1 pl road maintenance ASTEN area. 2 pl cut and dumped 300 12ft poles.	JG
	12.	day 1000	2 pl cut 100 12ft poles and dumped in Coy area. 1 pl Road maintenance ASTEN area. 2 pl relieved 3 pl in support A&SH. Gordons to relieve A&SH next day.	JG
	13.		1 pl 200 12ft poles. 2 pl in support A&SH. 3 pl resting.	JG
ZOMEREN	14	day	1 pl 150 12ft larch poles. 2 pl road maintenance in support Gordons 3 pl Offloaded bailey stores for assault bailey bridge for 222 Asslt Sqdn.	JG JG
	14/15	2030 to 0100	1 pl filled crater on ASTEN-MEIJEL road (proposed) axis of advance of 227 Bde.	JG
ZOMEREN	15	day	2 pl 1 Sec attached Gordons. 3 Secs clearing mines ASTEN - MEIJEL Road (to crater). Suffered casualties when sapper last seen handling mines dumped by section. 1 Cpl & 2 sappers killed & 1 sapper wounded. 3 pl clearing road ASTEN - MEIJEL East of crater.	JG JG
ZOMEREN	16.		1 & 3 pls clearing roads of mines in MEIJEL area. Many Teller mines, SCHU mines & 'S' mines found. 1 Sec 2 pl in support Gordons	JG
	17.		Same as 16 - mine clearing.	JG
"	18.		Road maintenance ASTEN - MEIJEL Road. Clearing mines MEIJEL area.	JG
ZOMEREN	19.		Cleared road of mines MEIJEL to BERINGEN (via MEIJEL E bridge). Swept area for 131 Fd Regt gun area. 1400 Coy HQ & pls moved to harbour SE of ASTEN.	JG JG
	20.	1400	1 pl in support Gordons & A&SH for advance towards SEVENUM. Coy HQ moved to W of MEIJEL.	JG
MEIJEL	21.	all day 1100	2 and 3 pls laid 1000 yds of Sommerfeld track for single way traffic E of BERINGEN in direction of SEVENUM (Bde objective). 1 pl filled in crater and made diversion on track after tank bridge laid. Coy HQ moved to NE of BERINGEN.	JG JG

BERINGEN	22.	all day	3 pls with assistance of pioneers from 2 Bns 44 Bde and in afternoon 2 pl of 279 Coy laid a further 2,100 yds of track (single) on Bde axis. Work very difficult under heavy rain.	JG
BERINGEN	23.	day	Coy laid a further 1000 yds of Sommerfeld track and open up road as single way to MR. 781105. Rain very heavy all day. Vehicles returning alongside track after becoming "mud bound".	JG
"	24		Coy employed maintaining SKYE route tipping rubble into deep ruts formed in track. Pl Officer LT CAMPBELL proceeded on three weeks course at SME RIPON on "Bailey Special uses" commencing 28 Nov.	JG
	25		Coy moved to METERIK. Handed over maintenance road to 279 Coy. 1 Sec 1 Pl attached 227 for supporting leading Bn. Suffered 2 casualties from splinters when 'pulling' teller mines.	JG
	26.		1 Sec with HLI building causeway at 869258 (3 pl). 1 Sec with 2 GORDONS for mine clearance (3 pl). 1 Sec cleared mines R & Schu in 190 Fd Regt gun area. One sapper had leg blown off on Schu mine.	JG
METERIK	26/27	night	1 pl built 60 S/S Bailey class 24 over GROOTE MOLENBEEK at 857247 and cleared demolished church steeple (dropped by enemy) off road in MEERLO.	JG
	27.	night	1 Sec of 3 pl detached to GORDONS 2 pl started building 90 S/S class 9 Bailey over GROOTE MOLENBEEK at 851259. Bridging party shelled and 25% casualties suffered of working party strength. LT Thomas MC and 9 O.Rs. Construction abandoned when ¾ complete by order of GOC.	JG
METERIK	28.	1100	1 Sec with GORDONS. Coy moved to ASTEN for rest and clean up with 227 Bde.	JG
ASTEN	29	day	Coy employed cleaning vehicles, bathing etc.	
"	30.	"	ditto Strength Officers 5 (one on course SME RIPON). on 30 Nov 44. ORs 229	JG