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Unit 399 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde)

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Month & Year Feby 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	0600 0900 1130	Strength 9 Offrs 261 O.Rs. 12 x 3 ton Vehs collected Petrol from 248 P. Depot P.P. in Coy location - Issues 10432 Gals.	AF W 3008/9  DR
	2		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 10,845 Gals. 15 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 248 Pet Depot 30 x 3 ton Vehs transported Tank Tracks for 6 Gds Tk Bde. 12 x 3 ton Vehs collected and transported Tank Tracks. 4 x 3 ton Vehs collected DERV from 134 Pet Depot.	  DR
Field	3	0600	Strength 9 Offrs and 262 ORs. P.P. in Coy location - Issues 11349 Gals. 2 x 3 ton Vehs collected DERV from 134 Pet Depot. 19 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 248 Pet Depot. 1 x 3 ton Veh reported to Bns for carrying Blankets 2 I.C. proceeded on Recce of new area for Coy M.R. 5342 UDEN.	AF W. 3008/9.  DR DR
	4.		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 15867 Gals. 21 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 2 x 3 ton Vehs collected Rfts from 205 C.R.C. Wireless silence ordered w.e.f. 0001 hrs until further orders.	  DR
	5.		P.P. in Coy location - Issues 8000 Gals. 6 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C.	 DR
Field	6.		Coy moved to new location M.R. 5342 (UDEN) P.P. in Coy's new location - Issues 23,928 Gals. PP opened at ADM.P. (GOIRLE) Issues 819 Gals. 3 Motor Cyclists detached to 190 Fd Regt R.A. 12 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C. 15 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 132 Pet Depot. 6 x 3 ton Vehs attached to this Unit from 1561 Arty Pl.	  DR  DR
	7.	0200	Coy Comd's Conference at C.R.A.S.C. location. P.P. in Coy location - Issues 4635 Gals. PP at ADMP. - Issues 1372 Gals. 19 x 3 ton Vehs collected 25 Pdr from 166 F.M.C.	

Field			<p>Lt Corlett of this Unit proceeded with 20 x 3 ton Vehs supplied by Corps Tpt and collected 2400 rds 17 Pdr H.E.  1 x 3 ton Veh collected 250 Beehives from 11 Cdn A.R.H. and delivered to A.P.  4 x 3 ton Vehs reported to 283 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde).  2 x 3 ton Vehs collected Loud Hailers &amp; 4½ gal W/Jerricans from 11 Cdn A.R.H. for delivering to 15(S) Div.</p>	DR
	8.		<p>P.P. in Coy location - Issues 7118 Gals.  Fwd P.P. opened - Issues 4468 Gals.  Adm P.P. - Issues 1615 Gals.  3 x 3 ton Vehs loaded Oils proceeded to GOIRLE.  32 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. and F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C.  8 x 3 ton vehs collected Coal from D.I.D. 166 F.M.C. and delivered to ADM. Area GOIRLE.  4 x 3 ton Vehs loaded P.O.L. proceeded to NIJMEGEN to go fwd with RECCE.</p>	DR
Field	9.	2100	<p>P.P. in Coy location - Issues 16830 Gals.  Fwd P.P. - Issues 12,458 Gals.  Adm P.P. - Issues 1233 Gals.  22 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C.  10 x 3 ton Vehs collected 25 Pdr and delivered to 284 Coy R.A.S.C.  2 x 3 ton Vehs collected F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C.  15 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to fwd P.P.  This Unit Vehs working with 20 Fd Coy R.E. under 624 Fd Pk Coy R.E. were first RASC vehs to enter GERMANY.  Coy Comds conference at C.R.A.S.C. location.</p>	DR
Field	10.	0600 2045 2359	<p>Strength 9 Offrs and 263 O.Rs.  2 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to GOIRLE with P.O.L.  3 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to Fwd PP with P.O.L.  3 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C.  20 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting P.O.W.s.  P.P. in Coy location - Issues 2295 Gals.  Fwd P.P. Issues - 5973 Gals.  ADM. P.P. Issues - 1206 Gals.  Coy Comdrs Conference at C.R.A.S.C. location.  Coy Comdrs Conference at C.R.A.S.C. location.</p>	A.F.W. 3008/9  DR
	11.		<p>P.P. in Coy location - Issues 2340 Gals.  Fwd P.P. Issues 12938 Gals  ADM. P. Issues 765 Gals.  10 x 3 ton Vehs collected supplies from 166 F.M.C. (GEMERT) 5730.</p>	DR

Field		<p>15 x 3 ton Vehs carried P.O.L. fwd for Urgent Maintenance of 44, 46, &amp; 227 Bdes. Roads in terrible muddy condition and floods encountered NR KRANENBURG.</p> <p>1 x 3 ton Veh loaded P.O.L. proceeded to Fwd P.P.</p> <p>2 x 3 ton Vehs loaded P.O.L. proceeded to ADM PP. GOIRLE.</p> <p>5 x 3 ton Vehs delivered E/Jerricans to SCHYUNDEL STATION.</p> <p>1 x 3 ton veh collected F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C.</p> <p>1 x 3 ton Veh collected Oils from 166 F.M.C.</p> <p>11 x 3 ton Vehs collected Coal and Coke.</p> <p>T/280153 Cpl. Clapham A. of this Unit awarded M.M. Announced in London Gazette 1 Feb 45 for Gallantry in the Bridgehead.</p>	DR
Field	12.	<p>Pet. P. in Coy location Issued 2223 Gals.</p> <p>Fwd Pet P. Issued 13744 Gals.</p> <p>Adm Pet P. Issued 1107 Gals.</p> <p>14 x 3 ton Vehs carried P.O.L. forward for maintenance of Bdes. One party proceeded to KRANENBURG and one party to NUTTENDEN. Muddy &amp; flooded roads made movement extremely difficult.</p> <p>4 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to Fwd P.P.</p> <p>2 x 3 ton Vehs delivered P.O.L. to GOIRLE.</p> <p>3 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C.</p> <p>14 x 3 ton Vehs proceeded to fwd P.P.</p> <p>8 x 3 ton Vehs returned from fwd P.P.</p>	DR
	13.	<p>No maintenance fwd of NIJMEGEN possible owing to flooded conditions of roads.</p> <p>5 x 3 ton Vehs carried P.O.L. to fwd P.P.</p> <p>8 x 3 ton Vehs unable to return from Fwd Area owing to floods and therefore were engaged in working new area from 167 F.M.C.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location Issued 2250 Gals.</p> <p>Fwd Pet P. issued 3402 Gals.</p> <p>Adm Pet P. issued 639 Gals.</p>	DR
Field	14.	<p>Still no maintenance fwd of NIJMEGEN possible owing to flooded conditions of Roads.</p> <p>3 x 3 ton Vehs carried Oils to Fwd P.P.</p> <p>1 x 3 ton Veh carried Oils to Adm P.P.</p> <p>4 x 3 ton Vehs collected P.O.L. from 166 F.M.C.</p> <p>1 x 3 ton Veh collected F.T.F. from 166 F.M.C.</p> <p>8 x 3 ton Vehs still marooned in Fwd Area.</p> <p>Capt Cronshaw of this Unit evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>P.P. in Coy location Issued 1755 Gals.</p> <p>Fwd P.P. issued 2526 Gals.</p> <p>Adm P.P. issued 2143 Gals.</p>	DR
	15.	<p>P.P. in Coy location issued 2745 Gals.</p>	

Field			Fwd P.P. issued 2755 Gals. Adm P.P. issued 1012 Gals. 15 x 3 ton Vehs carried 25 Pdr forward through Reichswald Forest Maintenance of Fwd Area impossible for Wheeled Vehs. Maintenance now being carried out by DUKWs.	DR
	16.		15 x 3 ton Vehs collected 25 Pdr and delivered to fwd A.P. through the Reichswald Forest. Maintenance of Fwd Area still being carried out by DUKWs. Pet P. in Coy location issued 2300 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 1318 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 1496 Gals.	DR
Field	17.	0600          1645	Strength 8 Offrs and 263 O.Rs. Pet P. in Coy location issued 2520 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 666 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 319 Gals. Capt M.H. Brooks (255250) admitted to No 10 C.C.S. 24 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting 25 Pdr and delivered to A.P. 3 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting 40 mm Amn from 166 F.M.C. and delivered to 62 Coy R.A.S.C. (Inf Bde). Coy Comds attended conference at 6 R.A.S.C. location.	A.F.W. 3008/9.    DR  DR
	18.		Adm Pet P. issued 1413 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 4666 Gals. Coy moved to new location at M.R. 5746 (ZEELAND). It was proposed to form a Pet. P. in area M.R. 8355 (NUTTENDEN). Lt C.K.Q. Corlett together with Comp. Pl. personnel were sent fwd on the night of 18/19 to open this. This Pet P. will be stocked from 167 F.M.C.  Wireless truck attached this Unit sent fwd and attached 283 Coy R.A.S.C.	DR
Field	19.		Pet. P. in Coy location issued 1260 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 180 Gals. Fwd Pet P. issued 8590 Gals. The Adm Pet P. at GOIRLE had now to issue rations in addition to P.O.L. A butcher and 2 Issuers from 283 Coy R.A.S.C. were sent down to assist in accordance with instruction in Appx. Owing to the Canadians taking over CLEVE and surrounding area it was necessary to form a New Pet P. at BEDBURG M.R. 9252. This was manned by personnel from the NUTTENDEN P.P. and was stocked by 12 x 3 ton Vehs which had been attached to the Point. These Vehs had to draw M.T. 80 from HAPS station and Oils were drawn from NIJMEGEN. The Pet P. at NUTTENDEN is being turned into a cushion and will be	A.Q.M.G. letter.         DR

Field		ultimately stocked with 25,000 Gals M.T. 80 and this will be filled by DUKWs going fwd from NIJMEGEN and also any Vehs that can be spared on the nightly 60 Veh Div R.A.S.C. Convoy. Communication with H.Q. R.A.S.C. who were with Rear Div at NUTTENDEN was found to be almost negligible due to heavy use on the Corps-Div telephone lines and the only means of getting orders from H.Q. R.A.S.C. was by the returning DUKWs to 283 Coy R.A.S.C. and motor cyclists from there to Coy location. With only 'A' and 'B' Sections of the Comp Pl it was found impossible to run 5 Pet Ps covering an area of approx 90 mls with Comp. Pl personnel only. These therefore had to be subsidised from R.D.I. personnel and together with the fact that approx 20 Vehs were being used every night to carry Amn fwd necessitating a change of drivers made the personnel question extremely serious. At this period the Company was being run by the O.C. and 2 IC, the Wksps Offr being left behind at the old location, H.Q. Sub covering fwd PP. & 2 Tpt Subs, the remainder being in Hospital (2) and on leave to U.K. (1). BEDBURG Pet P. issued 4797 Gals.	DR  DR
	20.	Coy location Pet P. issued 1260 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 1192 Gals. NIJMEGEN Pet P. issued 4747 Gals. BEDBURG Pet P. issued 5886 Gals.	DR
Field	21.	Coy location PP issued 540 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 1210 Gals. NIJMEGEN Pet P. issued 16704 Gals. BEDBURG Pet P. issued 7920 Gals. 14 x 3 ton Vehs were employed Tp carrying 10 H.L.I. & 7th Seaforths from MOTTERBURN.	DR
Field	22.	BEDBURG Pet P. issued 12047 Gals. Coy location Pet P. issued 360 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 977 Gals. NIJMEGEN Pet P. issued 2349 Gals. 20 x 3 ton Vehs employed collecting 25 Pdr from 166 FMC GEMERT and carrying fwd to 284 Coy R.A.S.C. (Div RASC 25 Pdr Coy) at fwd Amn P. It was decided that relief drivers should be substituted as vehs checked in at Coy location, in view of the fact that the Dvrs were engaged on previous night without a break. However, 8 Vehs were retained by 284 Coy R.A.S.C. and used for stocking the fwd Am P. at GEMERT and all Drivers were subsequently relieved for a period of 36 hrs. An Officer was sent to the Amn P. at GEMERT where he established a Cookhouse with the object of feeding personnel of Div	DR

			R.A.S.C. Another feeding point was open at 284 Coy RASC location. The siting of the 284 Coy Cookhouse was not satisfactory as Dvrs had to travel from the A.P. to the Guns and then return to 284 Coy location before getting food. There was therefore often a break of 15 hrs between getting food at Amn Depot GEMERT and 284 Coy location. 2nd Cookhouse should be at A.P.	DR
Field	23		P.P. in Coy location issued 450 Gals. NIJMEGEN P.P. issued 3168 Gals. Adm Pet P. Issued 1381½ Gals. BEDBURG Pet P. issued 10,143 Gals. 22 Vehs employed on Tp carrying detail.	DR
	24.		P.P. in Coy location issued 360 Gals. NIJMEGEN P.P. issued 135 Gals. Adm P.P. issued 1764 Gals. BEDBURG P.P. issued 9315 Gals. This Coy was engaged in running P.O.L. stocks from NUTTENDEN to BEDBURG also 32 x 3 ton Vehs had to be provided for collecting 25 Pdr and delivering to Amn. P. at GEMERT.	DR
Field	25.		P.P. in Coy location issued 1672 Gals. NIJMEGEN P.P. issued 7398 Gals. Adm Pet P. issued 603 Gals. BEDBURG Pet P. issued 10453 Gals. 5 x 3 ton Vehs were damaged by enemy action, damage being inflicted to radiators and Petrol Tanks. Repairs were effected by a section of this Units Wksps detached to 193 Fd Amb and it was unnecessary to evacuate the Vehs from the fwd area. The 2 IC proceeded to BAARLE NASSAU to recce for Coy accommodation as instrs were received that the Division was being withdrawn from the line for a rest period. A subaltern and 9 ORs were sent to BAARLE NASSAU for the purpose of opening a P.P. in the Area. This was opened all day on 26 & 27 Feb. The party was equipped with 16 x 3 ton Vehs which stocked the P.P. daily from 132 Pet Depot. The fwd P.P. was closed and the operating staff together with 10,000 Gals Pet was sent to BAARLE NASSAU in order to run the P.P. in the new area. On this day commitments were so heavy that domestic vehs were brought into 'Task' use and altogether a total of 72 Task Vehs were on the road. The strain on drivers was unusually heavy and a system of relief drivers was almost impossible to apply. In addition the work for Wksps was being built up at a terrific rate.	DR
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	26.		Capt M.H. Brooks discharged from Hospital returned to Unit. BAARLE NASSAU Pet. P. issued 3551 Gals.	

Field		Adm P. issued 873 Gals. 15(S) Inf Div pulled out of line and commenced to concentrate in Area BAARLE NASSAU, s'HERTOGENBOSCH, TILBURG for rest period.	DR
	27.	30 x 3 ton Vehs were ordered to stand by in order to supply 25 Pdr to Div when required. BAARLE NASSAU Pet P. issued 14175 Gals.	DR
	28.	This Unit moved to New location at BAARLE NASSAU M.R. 049199 and was established by 1230 hrs. The Pl left behind at old location was notified by 30 Corps late in the day that the Vehs would not be required for maintenance of Div R.A. The Pl joined the Coy at 1330 hrs 1 Mar 45. Div R.A.S.C. was congratulated on its excellent work by Div Comd. Pet P. in Coy location issued 13950 Gals.	DR