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WAR DIARY

or

Unit 624 Field Park Coy RE

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year Sep 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HEUDEBOUVILLE	1		12 RASC Br vehs returned to RASC. Collected assault boats from R SEINE and decking from demolished German br transported to BAILEY PONTOON site.	
LORLEAN	2		Coy moved afternoon across BAILEY PONTOON br at LES ANDELYS to LORLEAN. Now leading unit in div by about 20 miles with no other tps near. 6 RASC stores vehs sent to RASC to transport 4 tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk RE. Strong armistice rumours due to message received on NO account to open fire on enemy aircraft to-morrow. Enemy vehs acquired by coy during last 4 days stood journey successfully.	
	3		Days work got in on General's caravan. OC obtained permission to move ahead of Div following day instead of short move	
LE QUESNOY SUR AIRAINES	4		Coy moved at 0600 hrs being in harbour by 1130 hrs. Work continued by workshops - remainder having rest.	
FREVENT	5		Coy moved to FREVENT arriving mid-day.	
NECHIN (BELGIUM)	Sept 6		Coy moved off 1230 hrs and travelled all day finally harbouring NECHIN just over frontier. Tremendous cheering crowds all way impeded progress. Distance approx 80 miles, no breakdowns	
	7		Composite pl under Lt Lodge under command 278 Fd Coy to guard bridge over canal at BOSSUYT in case of enemy break through	
AUDENARDE	8		Pl returned. Coy moved to AUDENARDE area	
	9		Remained AUDENARDE, bathed coy, work continued on General's caravan	
BREENDONCK	10		Moved to S of BREENDONCK	
	11		Remained BREENDONCK. Div Concert Party for Div RE, party allowed into BRUSSELS in liberty truck. Pay & NAAFI rations for first time for long period	
WOLFSDONCK	12	1400	Coy moved to WOLFSDONCK. On arrival proved to be totally unsuitable and inadequate area.	

WESTERLOO		1800	Coy moved to WESTERLOO along verges of main rd running E from WESTERLOO. Told by CRE likely to remain several days. One FBE pl under command 2100 hrs.	
	13	0900 2000	One Bailey pl, one Assault pl under command. Baths erected, workshops LAD & stores all at proper work 2 secs FBE issued 20, 2 secs FBE 1 close support raft, 3 loads assault boats 279, 2 loads assault boats 227 Bde, 1 46 Bde, 1 44 Bde	
	14		1 Bailey sec less 1 Panel lorry to 279 Fd Coy. 2 Armd D7's under command & issued to 279, 20 Fd Coy 2 D4's to 263 Fd Coy (Corps Tps). Some FBE dumped at new site Albert Canal. Coles crane damaged, 1 Assault Boat lorry damaged & dvr killed.	
GHEEL	15		Coy moved 3 miles SE GHEEL across ALBERT CANAL. One Pontoon Pl, one FBE pl came under command.	
GHEEL	16		Issue of Br equipment, collection of spares from old sites in order to overcome shortage. Three separate columns prepared & despatched up to 0300 hrs 17. Far the busiest day so far for all concerned since we landed.	
	17		Collecting & sorting out br & re-issuing incl One Bailey Pl, One FBE pl & ½ Assault pl to 53 DIV. Refilling assault boats. Repair of assault boats & Cl 5 rafts & re-issue. One extra FBE pl under command. Watched airborne tps passing overhead for 1½ hrs at lunch time on way to Rhine. Attached tps in morning brought numbers up to over 500. However exodus of br equip in afternoon reduced this to about 320. Fd Pk Coy working under these conditions definitely requires better communications, telephones or wireless to br col essential. All captured enemy vehs less trailers returned under protest to 2 Army.	
GHEEL	18 - 19		Issue of br equip & stores continued. Collection of assault boats & repair. Repair to Cl 5 rafts. Refilling br equipment from salvaged parts	
	20		General's caravan finished & delivered. Issue of br equipment continued. Night 20/21 recovery of all possible FBE & assault boats from GHEEL bridgehead. Pontoon Pl to Corps Fd Pk.	
EINDHOVEN	21	0300 1100 2300	All odd loads FBE, all damaged assault boats, 4 loads stores to Corps Fd Pk ready for move. Coy moved to EINDHOVEN area with following equipt. 2 secs FBE, 1 pl Bailey, ½ Assault Pl. Further equipment arrived in new location 1 Pl Bailey, ½ pl FBE	
	22 - 27		Coy issued br equipment to 53 Div, 7 Armd Div & own Div + 12 Corps tps. On 25th Major Christie RASC arrived to assist in	

		controlling br equipt. On this only br under our control is 26 Br Pl plus 2 secs Bailey Pl and one sec FBE pl. Workshops employed on maintenance work on equipt & assault boats plus work on G3(I)'s office truck. All members of coy to either cinema shows or ENSA concerts in EINDHOVEN. Coy living mainly on German rations. Amount of work eased night 25th on being relieved of control of br equipt. Up to then all ranks working all day & most of night for 5 days on end.	
	27-30	Workshops continued on notice boards, caravans & repair of equipt stores on issue of stores. All coy attended cinema or ENSA shows in EINDHOVEN. M.D. Wilkinson Major RE	