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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required).

Unit 23 Field Dressing Station

Month and Year July 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WORTHING	1		Routine Trg & Recreation IBRR	
	2	0915	Church Parades. Rain. IBRR	
	3.		Unit at 6 hrs notice to move. IBRR	
	4.		Unit March party now abolished. All personnel to travel in Unit Tpt. Weather fine IBRR	
	5.		Recreation & Training IBRR	
	6	0715 1400	Unit left Worthing for Marshalling Area, Tilbury. Arrived at Gallows Corner after uneventful journey through London. Moved into Marshalling Camp S 8. Tpt remained on Southend Rd ready to move to Embarkation Area. IBRR	
	Tilbury	7	Weather fine. Tpt embarked. IBRR	
	8	1600 2000	Unit left camp in TCV's for TILBURY Docks All Vehs & personnel embarked on "OCEAN VOLGA". Complete Unit travelling as vehicle party - the march party of 46 having previously been cancelled. IBRR	
	9	0900	Sailed from Tilbury Docks. Weather fine. Majority of personnel on board consisted of 15 (S) Inf Div Residues. IBRR	
	10		At Sea. Weather moderate IBRR	
	NORMANDY	11	Arrived off Coast of Normandy in the morning. Sea too rough for disembarkation. Very little sickness during voyage. No incidents. IBRR	
	12	1000 1600 1700 2200 2210	First vehicles unloaded onto LCT's. Remained on LCTs until 1515 hrs. Landed on "MIKE" Beach with only about 1 foot wade. All vehs arrived at "Goldsmith" Assembly Area - St Croix-Sur-Mer. Moved up to Divisional Area at Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse and moved into same location as 153 F.A. at midnight. IBRR O.C. contacted ADMS.	
	13		Cleaned up & completed de-waterproofing of loads & vehicles. Weather fine IBRR	
	14		Resting IBRR	

NORMANDY	15	1800	Opened in same location to receive Minor Sick and Exhaustion cases during the Divisional attack beyond the R. Odon. Weather good. IBRR	
	16		Exhaustion cases & minor sick admitted. Extra tentage borrowed.	
	17		Admissions continued. IBRR	
	18		Weather good. Total of 205 cases admitted so far. IBRR	
	19		Holding 150 cases. Exhaustion cases being sedated for 24 hrs & then spending next day cleaning & resting. On the third day after admission cases were either Returned to Units the next day or evacuated to 12 Corps Exhaustion Centre. IBRR	
	20	1200	Divisional Commander visited Exhaustion Centre. IBRR First large consignment of mail received IBRR	
	21		Torrential Rain IBRR	
	22	1510	75 Cases remaining. Admissions less. Visit by DDMS Second Army. IBRR	
NORMANDY	23		Division moved into 30 Corps; unit remained behind to clear cases. Total Cases admitted 334. 215 Exhaustion and 119 Minor Sick. Out of 186 Divisional Exhaustion Cases, 85 were R.T.U. and 101 evacuated. IBRR	
	24		Closed. Cleaning & repairing. IBRR	
	25	1000 1500	Moved from Bretteville to BAUGY, 2 miles S. of Balleroy. Some enemy shelling one mile South of location. 1600 hrs opened as FDS in forward Medical Area, adjacent to ADS of 194 & 153 Field Ambs. Layout of Dressing Station in three departments - each capable of dealing with ten transfusions at a time. No cases received IBRR	
	26	1100	Visit of DDMS 30 Corps. No Cases received. Weather cloudy & some rain IBRR	
	27.	1130	Two cases received. IBRR	
	28		Showers. 1200 hrs visit by ADMS. No casualties admitted IBRR	
	29		Same location IBRR	
NORMANDY	30.	0500	One Department moved forward to join ADS of 193 Field Ambulance at La Martiniere - 2 miles N of Caumont. Remainder of unit joined up at 1300 hrs, leaving one section behind with the ADS at Baugy. Group I Casualties received direct from ADS - Twenty Cases being admitted during the afternoon & night. Remaining section joined unit at 1700 hrs. IBRR	
	31.	1200	One section joined ADS of 194 Field Ambulance at La Redantiere - 2½ miles S of Caumont. Remainder of Unit moved down at 1700 hrs leaving one dept behind. Only three cases received during the day.	IBRR