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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 OCTOBER 1944.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NE BEST	1.		Coy in support 227 Inf Bde acting as immed defence for Bde HQ. No Engineer tasks.	JG
	2	1630	Coy less 2 pl moved to rest harbour at NUNEN N.E. of EINDHOVEN.	JG
NUNEN	3	1800	Coy employed cleaning tasks, vehicles, personnel. Recreational training, etc baths etc. 2 pl joined company in harbour.	
	4+5		Cleaning vehicles, fitting trucks, etc. 3 pl maintaining road GEMERT - VOLKEL. Relaid culvert and replaced road surface at place damaged by tanks.	JG
	6	1645	Same programme. Repairs on road completed. Maintenance continues. All Officers of Div addressed by Div Cmdr at HELMOND.	JG
NUNEN	7.		2 pl training on close support raft and storm boat. 1 pl training inf in Kapok assault bridges. Reinforcements being trained on Bailey bridging with 624 Fd Pk Coy. 3 pl maintaining road GEMERT - VOLKEL.	JG JG
	11+12 +13		1 pl maintaining road GEMERT VOLKEL. Coy employed cleaning tasks, checking stores, fitting racks, bins etc to coy vehicles in rest area.	
NUNEN	20.		1200 hrs 3 pl took over maintenance of BEST Bridges (2 Bailey bridges) from Fd Coy of 51 Div and maintenance of road incl bridges to excl ST OEDENRODE	JG
NUNEN	21+22 +23		3 pl same. 1 pl maintaining earth track road from NIJNSEL to DEULEUT wef 1400 hrs.	
"	24	1200 1230 1600	Bridges & road & track maintenance handed over to 279 Fd Coy Coy HQ, with pls ½ hr earlier left NUNEN for 227 Bde concentration area 2 miles NE of BEST. 3 pl cleared road block on BEST - BOXTEL rd, consisting of 6 large trees across road booby-trapped. afternoon - 2 pl with Sqn Recce Regt checked road BEST - OIRSCHOT for mines and measured gap over stream at site of demolished bridge 285275.	JG JG JG

BEST	25.	0630 1245	3 pl commenced clearing BEST-BOXTEL Rd, prepared and blew up concrete OP at 365290 (covering rd block). 2 pl cleared road obstruction from BEST - OIRSCHOT Rd. 1 Sec 1 pl proved new area for Div HQ clear of mines and 3 Sects proved road BOXTEL OIRSCHOT (227 Bde conc area) clear of mines. Coy HQ & 2 pl + 1 pl which joined on route and balance of 3 pl moved to new harbour N of OIRSCHOT. 1 Sec of 3 pl joined coy after completing demolition of conc O.P.	JG JG JG
OIRSCHOT	26	1115	Coy moved with 227 Bde to MOERGESTEL.	
MOERGESTEL HILVARENBEEK	27	0630 1300	3 pl 2300 to 0130 hrs (27) unloaded assault bridges for AVRE 2 pl 0630 - 1230 construct 3 bridges for AVRE to fit on their assault bridge-layer tanks for 16 Assault Sqdn RE onwards - 3 pl maintained roads incl bridges OIRSCHOT - MOERGESTEL, BIEST - HILVARENBEEK Coy less 3 pl who stayed behind for rd maintenance moved to new conc area for 227 Bde at HILVARENBEEK.	JG JG JG JG
	28	to 1200 1200 0700 2100	2 pl Rd maintenance HILVARENBEEK to BIEST improvised bridge (incl). 1 & 2 pls maintaining roads and bridges from incl OIRSCHOT-MOERGESTEL incl OISTERWIJK and rd & Bdges MOERGESTEL to excl HILVARENBEEK Coy moved to inside TILBURG. 1 pl suffered 3 casualties when lifting a very densely laid SCHU-minefield near MOERGESTEL.	JG JG JG
TILBURG	29.	1405	Coy (less 1 & 2 pl which joined column at HILVARENBEEK) moved to new Div area at ZOMEREN, 6 miles SE of HELMOND	JG
ZOMEREN	30.	2000 to 0200	3 pl proved roads clear of mines E of ASTEN (227 Bde) area. 1 and 2 pls began preparing existing bridge abutments at DISK for Bailey bridges. 70 ft and 30 ft respectively. /31	JG JG
	31.	0700 1300	Construction began on bridges. Completed by 1300 hrs. Wearing Surface laid and bridges opened at 1430 hrs. 1 Sec 3 pl opened track for jeeps for maintenance of Bn of GORDONS in fwd positions. Strength of Company on 31 October 1944. 7. Officers. 250. ORs. (includes 3 Corporals held surplus).	JG JG JG