WAR DIARY

Unit 624 FIELD PARK COY RE

or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year OCTOBER 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
EINDHOVEN	OCT 1		All attached Br Equip and ME reverted to Corps Fd Pk Coy RE	
			OC on recce for new area	
GERWEN	OCT 2		Coy moved to GERWEN. All ranks under cover in schools, barns	
			etc. 5 Tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	
			Division now under 8 Corps.	
	OCT		Period of overhaul of equipt. Cleaning up of men, vehs &	
	4-8		equipment. All water supply stores called in	
			Attached RASC vehs returned to RASC	
	9-13		Buying & preparing stores for 2 RSJ & timber bridges erected by	
			278 & 279 Fd Coys. This greatly assisted by DUTCH interpreter	
			acquired on 6 Oct - a Mr EYKELESTAM from EINDHOVEN. Permanently	
			attached to unit & lives with officers.	
	14-16		Preparing br equipt & stores & ME for new operation in WEERT	
			area.	
GERWEN	17		Operation at WEERT cancelled. Under command 12 Corps	
			All attached stores & equipt returned to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	
	18-21		Coy continued on normal works overhauling of equipt etc + fair	
			number of entertainments etc	
	22-23		Preparing for next operation ① collecting stores etc completing	
			work in hand. 2 armd D7's & 12 Div RASC lorries attached.	
	24	0900		
		2100		
			r.v. with 279 Fd Coy	
EINDHOVEN	25	0730		
			to reload. Remainder to 278 Fd Coy. Following came under command	
			½ FBE pl + part assault pl, 1 Pontoon Pl. Workshops pl to	
			EINDHOVEN to load BAILEY PL which reached us 1800 hrs.	
BEST		1630	Coy moved to BEST. Lt LODGE + a Divisional RASC pl to BOURG	
			LEOPOLD to load another BAILEY PL. Lt Meredith joined as OC Br	
			Pl.	

	26	Lt Lodge + Bailey pl arrived 0400 hrs. Unloaded & dumped. Other	
		Bailey pl - ½ to 278 ½ to 279. Autopatrol arrived. Empty BAILEY	
		PL reloaded from dumped equipt.	
	27	Recced & built Cl 9 130 ft D.S. Bailey Br at OIRSCHOT	
		Recce pty arrived 0830, Adv & Main Pty 1000 hrs, Br Equip 1100	
		hrs. Br completed & opened 2100 hrs. OC injured	
	28	Wearing surface put on br & approaches improved. OC out of	
DIESSEN		hospital. Coy moved 1400 hrs to DIESSEN. OC recced TILBURG for	
		RSJs & wearing surface. Warning order to move back HELMOND area	
		received late at night	
STIPHOUT	29	Coy moved to STIPHOUT having got rid of attached ME, Bailey Pl	
		and odd BAILEY stores	
	30	Resting. Coy bathed.	
	31	26 Br Pl used on Bridge across canal E of HELMOND and refilled	
		from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy RE at MILL.	
		Weather very poor. Present location down long track which is	
		rapidly breaking up. Trying to move Coy to HELMOND.	
		M.D. Wilkinson Major RE	
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