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

Unit 23 Field Dressing Station

Month and Year September 1944.

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | References to Appendices |
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| LOUVIERS | 1 | 1630 | Crossed R. Seine to Div Conc Area. Harboured at MUIDS (308892) Weather fine IBRR | |
| MUIDS | 2 | | Closed. Cleaning equipment. IBRR | |
| | 3. | 1230 1530 | Moved up in Divisional column to LA FEUILLE. Received orders to join 12 Corps as an Advanced Surgical Centre. | |
| ARBRES | 4. | 0200 0700 | Arrived at ARBRES (5 miles N of DOULLENS). 23 CCS & 4 FDS closed in same field. Open as ASC, working with 27 FSU & 13 F.T.U. No evacuation possible until 81 General Hospital opens at AMIENS. | |
| | 5. | 0700 2100 | 23 CCS moved out - also 4 FDS. 12 FSU arrived. 160 Cases admitted in all. Two Nursing Sisters were attached from C.C.S. to nurse post-operational cases. IBRR | |
| | 6. | 0800 | Evacuation to 81 General Hospital - only 6 cases remained 13 FTU joined 4 FDS & 27 FSU also moved forward to Noeux-les-Mines. Five 'post-op' cases (abdominals) remain. IBRR | |
| ARBRES | 7. | 1200 1400 | Closed. Wet & strong wind. Section of 9 F.D.S. arrived to take over 5 'post-op' cases (2 British, 1 French, 2 German) Large store tent forming ward blew down. Cases stood the shock well & were moved into local village Hall. IBRR | |
| | 8. | 0830 1500 2100 | Moved to join Division at AUDENADE. Route: St Pol - Lens - Carvin - Seclin - Avelghem -. Crossed frontier into Belgium. Arrived at PETERGEN, 4 miles S.W. of AUDENADE. Wet night. Closed. | IBRR |
| PETERGEN | 9 | | Closed. IBRR | |
| | 10 | 0830 | Moved to Div Conc Area N. of BRUSSELS & opened for minor sick at NEERPORTEN (588687). IBRR | |
| | 11. | | Seven cases received in all. IBRR | |
| | 12. | | Location same. Division moved up to cross Albert Canal. IBRR | |
| WESTERLOO | 13. | 1000 | Moved up to 027786 (1 mile S. of WESTERLOO). Closed. Weather fine | IBRR |
| WESTERLOO | 14 | 1400 | Moved up over Albert Canal to GHEEL (0787) to open as FDS alongside 194 F.A. in Sanatorium buildings that had been used as | |

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| | | | German barracks. On arrival met DDMS 12 Corps & plan changed - 9 FDS moved in to form ASC and unit harboured at 124843 one mile West of MEERHOUT. Weather fine - closed & on wheels. IBRR | |
| | 15 | | Closed. Repairing canvas & making extra tents for personnel. IBRR | |
| | 16. | | Enemy gun limber found and converted into trailer for 4 Kwt Generating Set. Weather fine. Full Kit inspection carried out. Clocks put back one hour. IBRR | |
| | 17 | 1200 | Large number of Dakotas and Gliders seen proceeding N.E. Closed. Weather fine - some rain at night IBRR | |
| | 18 | | Same location. Closed. IBRR | |
| | 19. | 1200 | Church Service. Closed IBRR | |
| | 20. | | Closed. Football in afternoon IBRR | |
| EINDHOVEN | 21 | 1100 | Moved up in Divisional column across Dutch Border to EINDHOVEN area. Arrived 1900 hrs and established ASC at two schools & convent in MEERVELDHOVEN (386156). No 13 & 42 FSU & FTU working with unit. All types of casualties being received. IBRR | |
| | 22 | | Working as ASC. IBRR | |
| | 23 | | Working as ASC. Eight Nursing Sisters temporarily with unit from 10 C.C.S. IBRR | |
| | 24. | | Working as ASC. Two nursing sisters obtained from 23 CCS for post-operation nursing. Sixteen 'post-op' cases now held - including twelve abdomens. IBRR | |
| | 25. | 1500 1700 2000 | Visit by DDMS 12 Corps Visit by Lt Col Debenham RAMC. 23 CCS opened at ZEELST and FDS stopped admitting cases except for minor sick and exhaustion IBRR | |
| MEERVELDHOVEN | 26 | 1200 2300 | Rain. Opened for Minor Sick & Exhaustion only. Casualties evacuated by air from Eindhoven Airstrip. Previously only evacuation had been by Road to Brussels. 22 stretcher cases & 11 walking despatched. Handley Page "Sparrows". Overflow of Group III casualties received from CCS. IBRR | |
| | 27 | 1200 | More cases evacuated by air IBRR While open in this location a total of 602 cases were admitted | IBRR |
| | 28 | 1400 | Handed over buildings & patients to 4 FDS. Eighteen 'post-op' cases and 95 minor sick & exhaustion. Unit moved into adjacent school IBRR | |
| | 29 | | Resting. ENSA & Cinema shows in Eindhoven during afternoon IBRR | |
| | 30. | | Resting. Some Rain. IBRR | |