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Unit 153 Field Amb

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer LT.Col. D. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Findon	1	1800	Routine Training - Short refresher course for S.B's of 2 A&S.H's - All officers to A.D.M.S. Conference 1430 hrs. DC	
"	2	1800	Routine Training. DC	
"	3	1800	Routine Training. DC	
"	4	1800	Routine Training - Church Service DC	
"	5	1800	Routine Training - C.O. on visit to Bn Comds & R.M.Os with A.D.M.S. DC	DC
"	6	1800	Routine Training - CO to ADMS. DC	
"	7	1430	Routine Training - C.O. to ADMS DMcC	
"	8	1800	Routine Training - Officer to ADMS office 1000 hrs & 1800 hrs for reports. DC	
"	9	1800	Routine Training - Complete loading & weighing of vehicles completed	
" Findon	10	1800	Routine Training - Capt R.H. Gaman reported for duty from 5 L of C Sub Area H.Q. and LT. R.S. Sunderland reported for duty from 53 RHU.	DC
"	11	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	12	1800	Routine Training. LT. Callander returned from Hospital. Capt Gaman attached to 193 Fd Amb. Two NOs III reported for duty and Five Dvrs R.A.S.C. DC	
"	13	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	14	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	15	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	16	1800	Routine Training DC	
"	17	1800	Routine Work - Officer to H.Q. Sus dis 1400 hrs for movement orders. Road & Rail party to Marshalling Area	
"	18	1800	Road party left 0550 hrs. Rail party 0935 hrs for Marshalling Area. Arrived Marshalling area 1330 hrs - Normal admin of Marshalling Area carried out.	
Marshalling Area C.	19		C.O. briefed & issued with Unit Ship Sheet. C.O. made O.C. Craft. Vehicles & Marching party going in same ship. At ½ hrs notice to move.	

	20)		
	21)	Unit remained in Marshalling Area. Stay prolonged as a result of	
	22)	weather conditions being unfavourable for landing ops in beachhead.	
	23)	Physical training continued; fatigues etc reduced to a minimum by	
	24)	static staff. DMcC	
	25)		
	26)		
Ship	27	0525	Vehicle party ordered to parade for breakfast at 0530 & move off 0600. Marching party breakfast 0600 & move off 0700 by T.C.V. 0800 Unit reassembled at Southampton Docks. 1700 Embarkation commenced on to Serial 118 LST(Br)2 2045 Embarkation completed. DMcC	
	28	0100	Ship moved out of dock. 1600 " lying off Jig beach in area 877867 (Sheet 7/E/5) 1900 " beached at high tide 2200 Disembarkation commenced 2315 " completed. Vehicle & marching parties moved directly after disembarkation	
	29	0100	to area 863852 & bivouacked there. 0400 Vehicle Party moved to area 933790 (Pierrepont) 0900 Moved to 883780 (Brecy) & joined marching party there. C.O. visited ADMS (8879). Unit prepared to move forward into ODON salient at very short notice. Equipment dewaterproofed	DMcC DMcC
	30	1500	Under verbal instructions of ADMS 15 (S) Div complete Unit moved forward to area 918678 & proceeded to take over from 194 FD Amb. 1800 'B' Coy took over from Coy of 194 F.A. at Colville (MR 923648). A Coy remained with HQ. 2000 Take over from 194 Fd Amb complete Very heavy artillery barrage in progress & great weight of bombs dropped by Allied planes on Villers Bocage.	DMcC

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BWEF ODON SALIENT	1	0030 0200 0500 2359	Enemy shells arrive in vicinity of Unit leaguer. Own gunners firing very heavy barrage on enemy concentrations to South & East of the Salient; shells passing over Unit throughout night. Reception tent hit by enemy shell. Four Other Ranks killed and two wounded. Casualties from Odon salient commence to arrive; Proportion of seriously wounded cases (eg. compound fractures, abdominals, chests, head cases & severe lacerations) appears to be unduly high. Enemy mortar fire causing heavy casualties in certain areas. Two hundred casualties admitted treated & discharged since morning. Allied artillery barrage has continued with few intermissions throughout the day.	DMcC
BWEF	2	0900 1100 1200 1500	HQ & 'B' Coy being relieved by 202 Fd Amb. 15 (S) Div moving out of line. Complete Unit remains closed at 917725 (Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse) Check of eqpt, preparation of deficiency lists etc Bathing of personnel; cleaning of eqpt Weather dull early; wet later	DMcC
	3		Cleaning continued & normal duties carried out. Re equipping of personnel & material commenced.	DMcC
	4		C.C.P. opened to receive casualties & minor sick from 227 Bde.	DMcC
	5	1045	G.O.C. 15 (S) Division addressed all ranks, complimenting them on their part in recent operations. No RAMC or RASC reinforcements yet arrived.	DMcC
	6		Routine training carried out.	DMcC
	7	2130	Very heavy attack by Lancasters on enemy positions to N. of Caen	DMcC
BWEF	8		Attack from North by 3 (Br) Div on CAEN perimeter preceded by heavy artillery barrage.	DMcC
	9	1800	CAEN taken by British & Canadian troops. Visit by ADMS. Unit to hold & treat minor Divisional sick while in present location.	DMcC
	10		Nil of note	DC

	11		" " "	DC
	12		BAYEUX no longer 'out of bounds' to troops; visited by 30 ORs. Magnificent Norman Cathedral; little to purchase except cheese butter & cream - at excessive prices.	DC
	13		As for 12th.	DC
Field	14	0800 1600 1500	O.C. attended Conference at HQ 227 Bde where plan for Operation "Greenline" was discussed. Thereafter, O.C. visited ADMS, who outlined the Medical plan for the operation. Conference at Unit H.Q. of R.M.Os of 10 HLI, 2 Gordons, 2 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 2 Glasgow Highlanders, 107 R.A.C. and 147 R.A.C. where Medical plan of evacuation was discussed. Bren gun carriers of 15 (S) Div Recce Regt allotted as under:- two to each battalion and one at C.C.P. 'A' Coy under command of Capt Franks moved forward to Bde Conc Area M.R. 946648 (Sheet 7F/1) Two Sections 'B' Coy move to area 930684 and commenced digging for the protection of the penthouses & shelters of ADS. H.Q. on wheels at Bretteville. 227 Bde Op Order arrived.	DC DC
Field	15	0800 1800 1700 2359	ADS moves in to location and sets up. To be prepared to accept casualties at 1800 hrs. Third Section of 'B' Coy closes C.C.P at Bretteville and rejoins two other sections at above location. Div Medical Op. Order No1 and 227 Bde Mov. Order No2 received. Open to receive casualties. 'A' Coy moves to M.R. 965650 (7F/1) (S. of Verson) 26 Casualties admitted and Eight exhaustion cases.	 DC
Field	16	1700 2359	ADS remains open throughout the day 'A' Coy move two sections to M.R. 947646 (Quarrie) to keep in line with the attack on EVRECY No. of cases admitted were 180 (one hundred & eighty) during previous twenty four hours. As 53 Div has taken over from the 15th (S) Div the Unit was ordered to close & remain on wheels.	 DC
	17	0700 0900 1600 2200	Unit moved back to Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse. Visited by DDMS 12 Corps & ADMS 15 (S) Division 'B' Coy takes over from 'A' Coy at the Quarrie. Two Sections of 'B' Coy move to Cheux to be in Medical charge of 10 HLI and 2 A&SH who have been withdrawn from the line. Third Section remains in original position at Quarrie to support 2 Gordons now under command 53 Div.	

Field			Of the 214 cases that the ADS put through during 30 hours, three died, twenty were classified as dangerous, forty four as serious and one hundred & forty seven as slight, indicating that the severity of the individual casualty is much greater than is generally accepted as normal. Of all these cases sixteen were exhaustion cases from 227 Bde - a small proportion considering the initial action the Bde had been in two weeks previously & the intensity of enemy mortar fire in the forward areas.	DC
	18		Unit HQ + A Coy re equipping, cleaning etc.	DC
	19		'B' Coy rejoined Unit.	DC
	20)	
	21) Routine training & inspections. Remainder of time spent in	
Field	22	2130) recreational activities O.C. to ADMS conference re move to new location. 2 i/c to Bde Conference at 227 Bde HQ. 'B' Coy to move with Bde at 0800 hours to area CAUMONT (M.R. 6F/4 6070). OC B Coy to recce area N of CAUMONT commencing 0700 hrs 23/7/44 for site of CCP.	DC
	23	0715 1515 1745	'B' Coy move off to Bde HQ. HQ & 'A' Coy leave location to cross S.P. at 890739 at 1545 hours. Arrive area 694675 & set up ADS 194 Fd Amb set up in same area Casualties & sick to be admitted to each ADS on a 24 hr basis commencing 2200 hours when this Unit receives 'B' Coy established 704620. Visited by OC	DC
	24	2200	20 Battle Casualties & 9 sick admitted 194 Fd Amb now open to receive	DC
	25		OC visited B Coy, 30 Corps, 3 CCS & 15(S) Div.	DC
Field	26	1100 2359	Unit visited by Brig Walker DDMS 30 Corps Twenty eight sick & wounded passed through during previous 24 hours.	DC
	27		Nil of note	DC
	28		R.M.Os of 2 Gordons & 10 HLI relieved by Lts Bush & Sunderland while they have three days at 8 Corps Rest Camp at St Aubin sur Mer.	DC
	29	0900 1000	Bde & Div Conference re forthcoming ops attended by Capt Franks & CO respectively. ADS to be prepared to work to capacity C.C.P. formed by A Coy remains 704620.	DC
	30	0700 0800	Attack from Caumont commences Immense air effort on objectives	

Field		<p>1300 60 Casualties attended to & evacuated. Great majority are slightly injured. 193 Fd Amb now open 705621 15 (S) Div now under 8 CORPS once again, the Corps including 11th Armd Div & Gds Armd Div. 43 Div are attacking simultaneously on our left & 11th Armd protecting the right flank.</p> <p>1500 Both these formations held up by minefields, 44 Bde being in reserve sends 6 RSF to cover left flank. 227 Bde reaches its objectives supported by 6 Gds Tank Bde. 46 Bde advancing on final objective. Fd Amb remains fully open to receive casualties in event of 193 Fd Amb being saturated. 194 Fd Amb on wheels.</p> <p>2359 15 (S) Div reaches objectives & elements of 44 Bde & Div Recce exploiting the break through.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>(vid copy of 227 Bde Op. Orders)</p> <p>DC</p>
Field	31	<p>0600 Eighty casualties & sick admitted during past 24 hrs. None remaining. Majority transferred to 34 CCS. Div sick to 22 FDS. Group 1 cases to 23 FDS in adjoining location. 194 Fd Amb move forward to area 688599. The Unit remains partially open & at one hour's notice to move. Gds Armd Div moving along to support breakthrough B Coy opens 701560 (Sheet 6F/4) <u>General</u> Since 30th June until 31st July 812 casualties have been treated in the A.D.S. The Division has been in action on three occasions, twice on the R. ODON front where large enemy forces were concentrated against it and once in the CAUMONT sector where it broke through the enemy line in a 24 hr battle.</p>	<p>DC</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1400	HQ & A Coy moved forward to location 705621 (Sheet 6F/2) & remain closed beside 193 Fd Amb. B Coy moved in support of 227 Bde to AUBIGNY 698564 (Sheet 6F/4) & established C.C.P.	
	2	1630 1500	HQ & A Coy move forward with 193 Fd Amb on tank track bypassing CAUMONT & SEPT VENTS to 694549 (Sheet 6F/4) & remain closed. B Coy ordered to stand to as a result of enemy infiltration.	
Field	3	1100	B Coy move to area 6850 with 227 Bde to deal with possible flank attack. HQ & A Coy + Sect of 23 FDS move forward to locn 673483 (6F/4) & open in readiness for casualties from advance by 44 Bde & Gds Armd Div in direction of Le TOURNEUR 6845 (6F/4) & high ground to South & East. B Coy evacuated casualties to ADS.	
	4	2359	35 Battle Casualties admitted ADS 193 FD Amb now open at 699449 (6F/4) as advance continues.	
	5	1900	ADS 194 Fd Amb opens at 731433 (6F/4) in Montcharivel area B Coy moves to location 751428 (6F/4) 227 Bde concentrates for attack on ESTRY	
	6	0900 1100	'B' Coy opens at le Hamel M.R. 771421 (7F/3) to receive casualties evacuated from ESTRY along the main road to la CAVERIE rd junction 769403 (7F/3) & thence to le Hamel ⊙ 43 Div on the left are by-passing several enemy strong points eg GOURNEY 8040 (7/F/3) thus leaving the road exposed to shell & mortar fire from ESTRY. Casualties are evacuated to Recce Regt RAP South of la CAVERIE by carriers, half tracks & jeeps & thence to C.C.P. by jeeps & amb cars. Between three hundred & four hundred casualties from Div units pass through the C.C.P. in seven hours. C.O. admitted to 10 Cdn Gen Hosp with severely sprained ankle.	

Field		2200	On advice of ADMS CCP was withdrawn to MONTCHARIVEL area & one section opens up. Casualties passing through 'B' Coy CCP were distributed between the three ADS of 193, 194 & 153 to avoid any delay in adequate treatment.	
	7	0900 0800 0800	ADS prepares to close down. Two Sections of A Coy move forward to MONTCHARIVEL to relieve B Coy which returns to ADS. Section A ₁ and A ₂ move forward to le HAMEL. Maj Slater still in control of forward area. Cpl Ward & L/Cpl HINCHCLIFFE wounded slightly while i/c SB parties at RAP 2 Gordons at ESTRY.	
	8	0500 1000 2359	Section A ₃ moves forward to join other two sections in preparation for second ESTRY offensive. Section A ₃ receives direct hit by enemy shell; one man killed & nine wounded. ESTRY still in enemy hands.	
	9	1000 1100 1500	A Coy rejoins HQ at 673483 (6F/4) & whole Unit now on wheels & ready to move at short notice. OC rejoins Unit from 10 Cdn Gen Hosp. Section B ₂ establishes a C.C.P. at 718401 (6F/4) West of MONTCHAMPS.	
	10	1000	Sections B ₁ & B ₃ join B ₂ at 718401. HQ & A Coy remain in situ.	
Field	11	1000	HQ & A Coy move forward to 708411 to take over from ADS of 11 LT FD Amb; now in direct line of evacn from ESTRY. 23 FDS open in adjoining field to receive Group 1 cases. GDS ARMD Div put in an attack on right of ESTRY. 'B' Coy changes location with Coy of 194 Fd Amb at 738407 (E of Montchamps).	
	12		Few casualties admitted to ADS. Div role now to maintain contact with enemy in event of withdrawal toward FALAISE where a pincer movement is developing by the CANADIANS & POLES moving South from CAEN & the AMERICANS coming North from ALENCON to ARGENTAN, so threatening to cut off large enemy force to West.	
	13		HQ, A & B Coys move back to 695452 (6F/4) in readiness for further move of Division.	
Field	14	1130	Moved to 772599 (VIEUX) (7F/3) & remained at short notice for further move.	
	15		Deficiencies in eqpt made good. Men bathed & equipment cleaned.	
	16		Americans believed to have reached CHARTRES in strength. Sixty dead horses & cows burned and buried in attempt to cope with fly menace.	

Field	17	1000	Court Martial held at B Echelon of 227 Bde on Ptes DAVIDSON & STOTT who did not proceed forward to ESTRY to the RAP of 2nd Gordons when ordered to do so by RMO 2nd Gordons on 7th August 44. Americans 30 miles from Paris & reported to have reached the Seine at MANTES between ROUEN & PARIS.	
	18	0900 1900 2100	Moved forward across R ORNE to Div Conc Area 022482 (7/F/3) (via Bridge at CLINCHAMPS). Complete Unit remains closed. 14 RAMC reinforcements arrive. B.B.C. announces that the Battle of Normandy has been won by the Allies. The retreating enemy is being heavily punished by RAF & a large proportion of the German 7th Army is trapped W of the Falaise Gap.	
	19	1700 2100	Lt HORSBURGH reported for duty as SBO vice Lt. BROWNE posted to 47 FDS. Warning order to be ready to move with 227 Bde via FALAISE TRUN & VIMOUTIERS in an approach to contact engagement with the retreating enemy. The FALAISE gap is now closed.	
	20	0900 1500	227 Bde Op Order for advance received. One Sect of B Coy to be attached to 10 HLI, the leading Bn in this action & two to 2nd Gordons following, with HQ & A Coy travelling ahead of Bde HQ in the line of march. Verbal instruction from Bde that the operation has been postponed 48 hours. Ptes DAVIDSON & STOTT attached to B Echelon of 10 HLI pending result of court martial proceedings.	
Field	21	0030 0915 2000	Enemy air raid in vicinity. C.O. left to attend A.Q. Conference at Rear Div. Informed that 2 A&SH had suffered casualties in air raid at 0030 hrs 7 killed 16 wounded. Cases treated by 23 F.D.S. Continuous rain all day.	
	22	2100	C.O. attends ADMS Conference at Main Div HQ where ADMS is now located. Major McCallum & Maj Slater recce site East of Falaise in Brigade area.	
	23	0800	Complete Unit move to location 199847 in Falaise C.C.P. established there; B Coy attach one Section to 10 HLI and two to 2 Gordons.	
Field	24	1800	Bde Group moves complete to East of TRUN to area 4055 & 4056. Advance delayed by blockage of roads with shot up German transport and Canadian columns overlapping 2 Army area.	
	25	0600 1900	Bde Group moves in Westerly direction to area EMANVILLE with ADS & A Coy at 002727.	

		2200	Enormous amount of enemy transport & dead litter the roads C.C.P. established overnight. All casualties now evacuated to 22 FDS West of BROGLIE a distance of over 25 miles. 'O' Group at Bde. Bde Group moves forward to LOUVIERS area tomorrow.	
	26	0830 1500	HQ & A Coy & 2 Sections of 'B' Coy move forward to 026827. One Section moves with 10 HLI to LOUVIERS 2289. HQ & A Coy with 2 Sections of 'B' Coy move to 208874. Sec with HLI LOUVIERS 2289. Major SLATER injured in M/C accident & evacuated to 22 FDS (with # metacarpal of rt hand, # of left hand & facial abrasions & shock).	
Field	27	0830 1200 1500 1830 2130 2300	O.C. to Bde - 227 Bde to cross R. SEINE at 1800 hrs. Crossing to be made by assault craft at 267906 by 10 HLI and at 269891 by 2 GORDONS. Sections of "B" Coy out to Bns for evac of casualties from Bns during river crossing. HQ & A Coy moved to 235899. ADS established. River crossing started - 2 Gordons received casualties from machine gun fire. Sec in support of R.A.P. estab C.C.P. 264881. H.L.I. crossing going well - very few casualties. C.C.P. in support at 265910 - Gordons crossing abandoned & Bn reformed to cross at same point as H.L.I. All Sections of 'B' Coy established at 265910 - one section controlling River Crossing at 269906 - Ferry service started.	
Field	28	0700 0830 1430 1030	C.O. visited C.C.P. All going smoothly. R.M.Os had jeeps over river - evac of casualties by Jeeps to sec on River bank thence assault craft to C.C.P. Bde 'O' Group. Plan Class 40 Bridge to be put over starting at 1200 hrs & Bns to advance. H.L.I. to CONNELLES 3093 - 2 G to Le THUIT 3592 - 2 Argyles to area 3292. Med Evac still by Jeeps to section on River bank thence by ferry service to C.C.P. C.O. to Bde - Movement of vehicles over bridge when open. Med Plan - Two Sections to form C.C.P. at 275905. One Section at 265910. Bridge opened. 'A' Coy across & proceed to establish CCP at 275905.	
	29	0900 1100	10 HLI in area 3093; 2 A&SH at 322922; 2 Gordons 353924. One section of 'A' Coy remains at 275905, other two move to 342933 (FRETTEVILLE) to evacuate casualties from 2 A&SH & 2 G. 10 HLI evacuate to CCP of 194 Fd Amb established at 303933.	

			ADS of 194 Fd Amb open at 285913 ☉ ADS of this unit remains open to take casualties occurring on West Bank of SEINE.	
	30	1100	Third Section of A Coy moves up to 342933. Few sick admitted. ADS quiet.	
	31	1000 1400	<p>2 Gordons move to area 3692.</p> <p>HQ moves forward across bridge at Les ANDELYS to join A Coy at 342933.</p> <p>Weather has been very wet for three to four days.</p> <p>Despite this, news has come through of striking advances by armoured columns who have passed through AMIENS & hold all but one bridge over SOMME there.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D Campbell LT COL</p>	

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Field	1	1800	HQ & 'B' Coy moved to FRETTEVILLE 342928 (Sheet 9F/1 France) and joined up with 'A' Coy. Bns of 227 Bde mopping up enemy stragglers in woods - One section open for casualties.	
"	2	1000 1800	Location same. Two casualties received during night. C.O. to Bde HQ. Fd Amb under 227 Bde for movement.	
"	3	1000 1600	Fd Amb on move to area LE TRONQUAY 470114 (Sheet 9F/6 France). Fd Amb at new location 470114 - 1 sec 'B' Coy attached to 2 A&S.H. for special operation.	
"	4	1000 1400 1800	Fd Amb on move under 227 Bde. Fd Amb less 1 section attached to 2 A&S.H. arrived at CRIQUERS 648368 Sheet 9E/4. Order from 227 Bde that move likely to-morrow.	
Field	5	0900 1200 2000	C.O. to conf at Bde - Move today to area BOUBERS - Recce parties to meet S/Capt. Bns have difficulty in getting T.C.V's. 2 Gordons to remain - 1 Sec of Fd Amb to stay with them - 3 Cases of Bn sick evacuated. Fd Amb less 2 sections on move. Fd Amb less 2 secs arrived BOUBERS 089025 Sheet 7. One sec open to receive Cases.	
"	6	1800 2000	No change - Few minor sick treated. Conf at 227 Bde - Long move to-morrow towards BELGIUM.	
"	7	1200 2200	Fd Amb less 2 secs on move - Advance party left 0730 hrs. Fd Amb still on move - crossed border into BELGIUM. Civilians giving men great reception.	
Field	8	0100 0800 1200	Fd Amb arrived 916450 Nr HELCHIN (Sheet No7) - Parked on roadside for night - expecting early move in morning. C.O. to Bde to move with Bde 'O' Group in advance to contact battle towards NAZARETH 089705 Sheet No7. 2 A&S.H. & 2 Gordons again attached to 227 Bde - Sec "A"2 of 153 Fd Amb attached 2 Gordons reported lorry ditched at BOUBERS 089025. Fd Amb had 1 section open to deal with Casualties.	

		1400 1915 2000	Secs of "B" Coy Fd Amb in support of Bns. Fd Amb instructed by me to pack up & move forward. Fd Amb arrived NAZARETH 089705. C.O. to Bde conf. Bns employed in mopping up stray enemy in woods. Sec of Fd Amb opened to deal with any casualties.	
"	9	1800	Fd Amb (less "B" Coy out with Bns) still at NAZARETH. 13 cases evacuated during past 24 hours mostly sick.	
Field	10	1800	No change - C.O. to Bde HQ. Bde moving to area HUMBECK 635696 Sheet 44 - Advance parties to meet S/Capt 0830 to-morrow - Move to be considered as peace time move. Section withdrawn from Bns leaving 1 amb car with each R.M.O. 10 Cases evacuated mostly sick.	
"	11	1430 2330	Fd Amb on move. Arrived HUMBECK 635696 Sheet 44 - Difficulty in parking vehicles in small fields.	
"	12	1000 1230	No change - Personnel allowed to go into BRUSSELS for 3 hours. C.O. to Bde for conf. 2 A&S.H. being sent off under 44 Bde. Sec "B"2 attached to them. Remainder of Bde moving to-morrow to area VEERLE 0879. 15(S) Div is to move & take over Bridge head over ALBERT CANAL - A.D.S. 193 Fd Amb open at WESTERLOO 0381.	
Field	13	0900 1300 1645 2030 2200	Fd Amb on move in support 227 Bde to concentrate area VEERLE 0879 "O" Gp held by Bde Comdr at Class 9 Bridge over Albert Canal at 0786 - 227 Bde is to push on, take MOLL & if possible to try & get across canal at DONCK 1795. Sections attached to 10 H.L.I. & 2 Gordons - permission given for Fd Amb to move up behind 2 Gordons & establish A.D.S. in area MEERHOUT 1585. Fd Amb on move from area WESTERLOO 0381. Crossed by class 9 Bridge. Fd Amb arrived MEERHOUT 1585 - A.D.S. opened on small scale. Coy C.C.P. "B" Coy in support of Bns in area 1689 SW of MOLL. Sec "B"2 in support of 2 Gordons area MEERHOUT. Six casualties admitted all slight & being held until AM.	
Field	14	1800	No change in locations. 14 Casualties in past 24 hours.	
"	15	1015 1800	Cpl Pearce attended parade at 15 (S) Div HQ and presented with Military Medal by Field Marshall Montgomery No change in location A.D.S. 10 casualties treated in past 24 hours	
"	16	1800	A.D.S. still at MEERHOUT. 5 casualties in past 24 hours "B" Coy moved to MOLL.	
" Field	17	1400 1930	A.D.M.S. conference at A.D.S. 194 Fd Amb at GHEEL 0787 - Received instructions to take over from 194 Fd Amb During period of change over casualties to be admitted by 22 F.D.S. A.D.S. took over from 194 & ready to receive - Plan is that Fd Amb will admit all cases from 12 Corps & leave Group 1 & 2 cases to 9	

			F.D.S. acting as Adv Surgical Centre. Sick & exhaustion cases of 15(S) Div to be passed to 22 F.D.S. No evacuation of casualties to Gen Hosp at BRUSSELS to take place at night except in extreme urgency. 227 Bde to take over GHEEL Bridgehead from 44 Bde by 1600 hrs 18 Sept - This to be done in easy stages. 2 A&S.H. starting to-night & to be under 44 Bde. Casualties started to come in.	
"	18	1200	A.D.S. location same - Casualties coming in from Bridgehead 26 admitted up to midnight 17th C.O. on visit to Bde HQ. Coy C.C.P. to take over from 194 Fd Amb. "B" Coy to set up C.C.P. at 077899 with 1 Sec at 074926 at Canal bank to help with ferry of Casualties over canal. Bn R.A.P.s in factory on N side of Canal.	
Field	19	1800	Locations same. 146 Casualties in past 24 hours - many in from 53 Div advancing to Holland border	
"	20	1800	Locations same. 155 Casualties in past 24 hours - mostly from 53 Div	
"	21	0800 1400 1700	227 Bde comes under command 7 Armd Div. Coy of 131 Fd Amb took over A.D.S. HQ & A Coy remain in area GHEEL. 158 Casualties admitted up to date. C.O. to Bde. 227 Bde moving to-morrow to area VELDHOVEN 3815 to join remainder of 15 (S) Div which is taking over from 53 Div.	
"	22	1800 1900	H.Q. & Coys arrived MEERVELDHOVEN 388154 (Sheet 3 Holland & Belgium). C.O. to Bde - Bde moving to-morrow - Approach to contact.	
"	23	1030 1600 1800	Fd Amb on move to area EINDHOVEN 4120 Fd Amb arrived EINDHOVEN 416206 - Take over 2 schools as billets - A.D.S. opened by 193 Fd Amb at 415206. Sections from "A" Coy attached to 10 H.L.I. 2 Gordons 2 A&S.H.	
"	24	1000 1630	No change. C.O. to conf Bde H.Q. 227 Bde to attack & capture BEST & NASTEN BEST. Secs in support & when over Canal to form Coy C.C.P.	
"	25	1000	Attack starts - Coy C.C.P. established at 386252. Casualties evacuated to 193 F.A. A.D.S. at 415206.	
"	26	1800	No change in locations.	
"	27	1000 1130	227 Bde moving to clear woods in area 3820 & 3930. Secs in support of Bns. Coy C.C.P. formed at 386284 - Shelling of area takes place	
Field	28	1000	C.O. on visit to C.C.P. Very few casualties received. No other change in locations.	

"	29	1000	C.O. visited C.C.P. Very few casualties. 2 Gordons out on special job. Sec from Coy attached & finally set up at 390286. 24 C.C.S. & two F.S.U's arrived in area but will remain closed until Fd Amb moves out.	
"	30	1000 1800	C.O. on visit to C.C.P. - As casualties from Bns very slight considered 1 sec & extra amb can cope with the situation - Bde Major informed of this & in agreement. Sec A ₂ remains at 386284. Secs A ₁ & A ₃ withdrawn to H.Q. No change in locations. Bns in Bde area doing patrolling of woods.	D Campbell LT Col. RAMC

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Unit 153 Field Amb

Month and Year Oct 1944

Commanding Officer LT.Col. D Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1800	No change in HQ & Coy situations. 1 Sec of A Coy in support of 227 Bde. Op Instruct received from 227 Bde re move to new concentration area - Bde going into rest area. 2 i/c given instruction to meet S/Capt re recce of new area.	227 Bde OP Instr No 8 att.
"	2	1800	10 HLI relieved by 1 Gordons of 51 (H) Div. Recce party from 174 Fd Amb 51 (H) Div to take over my site. 227 Bde have given instructions that Fd Amb will move to-morrow independently to new area BAKEL 6125.	
"	3	0900 0930 1200	Adv party from 174 Fd Amb 51 (H) Div arrived. 153 Fd Amb (less 1 sec) moved in convoy to new area. Fd Amb arrived in new area. Sec in support of Bns of 227 Bde to move to-morrow.	
Field	4	1200	Sec A ₂ reported in from 227 Bde. C.O. to Bde H.Q. Instructions that Bde not likely to be used for at least 5 days - re-equipping & training to be carried on.	
"	5	1800	No change	
"	6	1800	" "	
"	7	1800	" "	
"	9	1800	" "	
"	10	1800	Operation order from Bde. Div likely to be used to clear area E of Nijmegen.	
"	11	"	No change	
"	12	1800	Last operation order from Bde called in as operation cancelled.	
"	13	1800	No change	
"	14	1800 2200	No change in positions - C.O. to report to A.D.M.S. A.D.M.S. held conference of Fd Amb Commanders. Outline of future plans - Not likely to be any move from area for 3-4 days.	DMcC
"	15	1800	No change - Baths & recreation for men	DMcC
"	16	1800	No change	DMcC
"	17		No change	DMcC

"	18	1000	Conference at 227 Bde H.Q. re taking over forward positions from 51 (H) Div in area BEST 3726 - St OEDENRODE 4231 ⊙ 9 CAMERONIANS under comd Bde for this operation to hold enemy in area BEST, RECCE hold line from BEST X Rds 379268 - 395288; 10 HLI from 395288 - 392299 and 2 Gordons from 392299 - 403311 ⊙ 2 A&SH in area 4028 and Bde HQ at 403289. Casualties from 2 Gordons & 10 HLI to be evacuated to C.C.P. of 175 FD AMB established at ST OEDENRODE 427321 and 2 A&SH, Recce Regt & 9 Cameronians to C.C.P. of this Unit in area 3825.	DMcC DMcC
	19	0900 1200 1400	LT COL D CAMPBELL evacuated to 79 GEN HOSP suffering from anginal pains of ? cardiac origin. Major DI McCallum in temporary command. "B" Coy leave BAKEL 616248 & proceed to 386255 in support of 227 Bde. On advice of ADMS 15 (S) Div new location is reced in area between EINDHOVEN and BEST Bridge 389251. New site selected in ACHT 395227.	DMcC
	20	0900	HQ & A Coy filter through to ACHT ⊙ Joined there by two sections of "B" Coy from 386255, drawn back because of the small number of casualties incurred and because of sporadic shelling in their vicinity, directed at the road on either side of the BEST BRIDGE.	DMcC
	21		Very few casualties evacuated through C.C.P. HQ & "A" Coy remain closed at ACHT.	
	22	0900 1700	Arrangements made with 175 FD AMB to take over their location in school at EINDHOVEN 416206 when they move out. HQ & 1 SECT of A COY move into school and open ADS. Two sections of A Coy & of B Coy remain at ACHT 386255. One Section of B Coy still at 386255.	DMcC
	23	1000	Maj McCallum to 'O' Group at 227 Bde HQ. Plan for clearing enemy out of wooded area to North & West of road from BEST to ST OEDENRODE. BDE GROUP to consist of normal three battalions & 6 RSFs, 6 KOSB, 9 CAMERONIANS and 6 GDS TANK BDE. Medical layout to remain unchanged in initial phase.	DMcC
	24	1100 1200 1700 2200	Maj McCallum visited ADMS. 10 HLI, 2 Gordons and 2 A&SH move forward and clear woods indicated above & clear the ground up to the railway running N.N.W. from BEST. Casualties light, most of those being caused by mines. Operation was advanced at least 24hrs in view of withdrawal of enemy from this area. Lt Col W.A.M. SCOTT arrives to assume command of unit. Two sections of "B" Coy moved forward from ACHT to join third section at 386255. C.O. & 2 i/c attend 'O' Group at ADMS Office.	DMcC
	25	1400 1900	'B' Coy move in rear of 227 Bde to area OIRSHOT 3125. HQ close at 416206 and move with A Coy to 328258. Remain closed.	

		2200	Conference at ADMS Office ☉ HQ & A Coy to move at first light to MOERGESTEL 2230 to open ADS to receive casualties from 44 and 46 Bdes operating to the S.W. and N.W. respectively.	DMcC DMcC
	26	0700 0830 1400	HQ & A Coy move to 225308 and take over school from Coy of 193 FD AMB & open ADS. C.O. attends O Group at 227 BDE HQ where plan for attack on TILBURG from S.W. is detailed. B Coy to move in rear of Bde Gp and evacuate to 194 FD AMB at HILVARENBEK 194238. Fd Ambulance complete at MOERGESTEL.	DMcC
	27	1100 1300 1600	193 FD AMB move forward from OIRSCHOT to take over ADS at MOERGESTEL. HQ & A Coy move forward to HILVARENBEK 198241 and remain closed. B Coy moves in support of 227 Bde towards TILBURG. Advance checked as bridge at 173300 has subsided under the weight of the armour that has passed over. 44 BDE now in the city & believed to be meeting little or no resistance. 4th LT ARMD BDE also believed to be in city.	DMcC
Field	28	0800 1000 1300 1900 2200	HQ & A Coy move forward into TILBURG which is now free ☉ Div concentrating in city preparatory to moving on to BREDA ☉ ADS set up at 152318. A & B Coy with HQ. Recce parties move with 227 Bde Recce party to area HEEZE 4911. Div now moving in this direction to stabilise the position in the ASTEN area where an enemy formation has broken into the positions of 7th American Armd Div. At HEEZE instructed to move forward & recce action positions as troops were going to move into the line that night. Fd Amb complete moves into ASTEN 617134 where a Coy C.C.P. is established. Some enemy air activity in this sector, causing casualties in the village amongst army & civilian personnel.	DMcC DMcC
	29	1300 1500 2359	In view of general situation HQ & A Coy move back to MIERLOO & B Coy establishes CCP at LIEROP 572153. ADS open at MIERLOO. Very few casualties admitted. 44 Bde & 46 Bde now also in the line & the enemy counter attack appears to be under control.	DMcC
Field	30	2359	To conform with new disposition ADS moves to ZOMEREN 590114 & C.C.P. remains in ASTEN 616133 Admitted to ADS:- Battle Casualties 37 Sick 19	DMcC
	31	2359	No change in position of ADS & CCP Admitted to ADS:- Battle Casualties 85 Sick 34	

		<p>Enemy attacks lessening in intensity & Div now going over from defensive to the offensive.</p> <p>During the month the weather has been cold but mainly dry. Despite the cold, the number of sick in the Bde has remained very small and the rest period in BAKEL area allowed the Battalion to be brought up to strength, to be trained, re equipped where necessary & to have recreational facilities in HELMOND. Morale is high.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D.I. McCallum Major</p>	<p>DMcC</p> <p>WAM Scott Lieut Colonel RAMC</p>
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Unit 153 (British) Field Amb

Month and Year November 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col W.A.M. Scott

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	2359	Coy C.C.P. remains at ASTEN 616133 & ADS + 1 Coy at SOMEREN 590114. Battle Casualties admitted 54 Sick 32. Evacuation is to 33 C.C.S. at GELDROP	DMcC
	2	2359	No change in locations B.C. admitted 39 Sick 16. Enemy withdraws along the Div front. General news indicates that SCHELDT estuary is now practically clear & that the port of ANTWERP will soon be available as forward Base.	DMcC
	3		B.C. admitted 34 Sick 23. No change in locations.	DMcC
Field	4	1800	No change in location of ADS or Coys Admitted B.C. 21 Sick 15 Evacuated 34	DMcC
	5	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 2 Evac 4.	DMcC
	6	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 2 Evac 2.	DMcC
	7.	1500 1700 1800	2 A&SH moving from area ASTEN 6113 to area 6604 on the OSPEL - MEIJEL axis. Battalion to come under comd of 51 Div. In view of absence of medical establishment in area one Section of A Coy move forward into school at OSPEL 640018 & take casualties from 152 Bde & 2 A&SH overnight. A.D.S. admitted B.C. 1 Sick 1 Evac 2.	DMcC
Field	8	1630 1800	Section of A Coy relieved by Sect of 175 Fd Amb Section returns to SOMEREN 590114 ADS admitted BC 6 Sick 8 Evacuated 10.	
	9		ADS & A Coy (closed) at SOMEREN B Coy at ASTEN ADS admitted B.C. 2 Sick 1 Evacuated 6	
	10		Location unchanged. ADS admitted B.C. 19 Sick 17 Evacuated 35 R.T.U. 1 A.D.S. 193 Fd Amb open at ASTEN. 'B' Coy closed.	

Field	11	1100 1800 2200	A ₃ Section moved to OSPEL 640018 as it was considered that C.C.P. of 51 (H) Division was unduly far back from 2 A&SH in area 6105. 2 A&SH now under command 15 (S) Division. Other locations unchanged ADS - Admitted B.C. 7 Sick 20 Evacuated 26 C.C.P. at OSPEL shelled - no casualties	
	12	1800	ADS - B.C. 2 Sick 16 Evacuated 16	
	13		No change in locations. One Section of 22 FDS joins ADS to form resuscitation team in view of arrangement that casualties from the initial phase of 51 (H) Division's attack will be evacuated through this A.D.S. This attack is to be launched from the NEDERWEERT (6100) - OSPEL 6461 area in a S.E. direction across the canal running E.N.E. from NEDERWEERT. 2 A&SH relieved in area 6504 by 2 Gordons who continue holding role & patrolling in that sector. ADS B.C. 9 Sick 20 Evacuated 29	
	14		No change B.C. 7 Sick 11 Evacuated 18	
	15	1500 1800	No change in locations Capt J.P. SENIOR posted to Unit from 131 Fd Regt Lt R.A. BUSH " from " to 131 Fd Regt ADS Admitted BC 4 Sick 5 P.W. 2 Evacuated 11	
	16	1100 1400	A ₁ Section joins A ₂ at OSPEL 640018 and Section A ₂ moves forward to MEIJEL which was liberated last evening by 10 HLI. Little enemy resistance encountered but numerous mines and booby traps in approaches to & in the village of MEIJEL (710069). Evacuation from this area is to 193 Fd Amb at ASTEN 616133 thence to 33 CCS at GELDROP 4816. Advance by 51 (H) Div on right going well against light opposition but hampered somewhat by mines, bad weather & difficult country. 'B' Coy joins ADS at SOMEREN Admitted B.C. 5 Sick 4 Evacuated 3.	
	17	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 3 Evacuated 10.	
	18	1800	No change. Admitted BC etc Nil	
	19	1000	Sections A ₁ & A ₃ move from OSPEL to M.R. 717067 - East of MEIJEL to support 227 Bde in their crossing of Canal de DEURNE between MEIJEL and BERINGEN 750060. ADS and B Coy remain in SOMEREN.	
	20	0800	227 Bde with 10 HLI leading cross canal with little opposition as 51 (H) Div operating on right have taken BERINGEN. Sections A ₁ & A ₂ move to BERINGEN 749060. ADS closes at SOMEREN.	
Field	21	1300	H.Q. and B Coy move to MOOSTDIJK 697076 One Section of 'A' Coy at MEIJEL Two Sections " " " " 749060	

			227 Bde now advancing along track running N.E. from BERINGEN to ACHTERSTE and SEVENUM 8114 Weather conditions appalling but good progress made by Bde & Battalion of Scots Guards (armoured) attached	
	22	1700	ADS and B Coy - no change Two Sections of A Coy at 749060 One " " " " at 763083 Weather still shocking : cold and very wet Track from Beringen to Achterste now quagmire. Sappers laying wire tracking for wheeled vehicles. Detachment of one Section conveyed by Weasels, loaned by Div Recce Regiment establishes C.C.P. at SEVENUM 817139	
	23	2000	H.Q. & B Coy routed by A/Q Div to SEVENUM via MAASBREE 8208, but Maasbree - Sevenum stretch of road blocked by mines & demolitions. Return to area 6909. 'A' Coy ploughs its way and, over one particularly bad stretch, is dragged by recovery vehicles through deep mud. Coy C.C.P. established at SEVENUM. Evacuation by Humber amb cars via Beringen to 193 Fd Amb at ASTEN.	
Field	24	1200 1000 1800	Fd Ambulance complete at SEVENUM. H.Q. & B Coy proceeded via DEURNE 6520, AMERIKA 7716 and HORST 8218. ADS established. Section of A Coy moved to HORST 833183. Admitted ADS B.C. 2 Sick 1.	
	25	0800 0900 1100 1800 1900	As SEVENUM is now in 49 Div area ADS moves to re-open at HORST 828187, to take casualties from advance of 227 and 46 Brigades towards River Maas, 227 Bde on right with TIENRAIJ 8523 as initial objective. Car post established 833203 and later as 2 A&SH advanced on TIENRAIJ, C.C.P. was established at 843214 Admitted ADS B.C. 4 Sick 10 TIENRAIJ taken and at Bde 'O' Group plan for final advance on R. MAAS laid down. 2 A&SH remain in area TIENRAIJ while 2 Gordons advance through to SWOLGEN 8722 and BROEKHUIZERVERST 9022 while 10 HLI on the left advance on BLITTERSWIJK 8727	
	26	0900 1700 1800	Recce Regt reports that enemy is withdrawing from BLITTERSWIJK 8727 towards R MAAS Battalions approaching objectives and 2 Section C.C.P. established in TIENRAIJ 859233. One Section remains 843214 ADS Admitted B.C. 14 Sick 16	
	27	1800	Mopping up continues on West side of MAAS; no change in locations. Admitted B.C. 21 Sick 8	
	28		227 Bde being relieved by Bde of 11 Armd Div.	

		1500	10 HLI and 2 A&SH move to area ASTEN 6113 with two sections of 'A' Coy. One section remains with 2 Gordons who move back at night. ADS & B Coy remain in HORST.	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 36 (inc 1 POW) Sick 12	
	29	1000	One Coy of 179 Fd Amb takes over from ADS; HQ & B Coy remain in HORST	
		1500	Third section of A Coy moves from TIENRAIJ to ASTEN. HQ & B Coy to move to MEIJEL 7106 when 194 Fd Amb move to MAASBREE 8208	
	30		H.Q. & B Coy remain at HORST 'A' Coy at ASTEN Nil to note.	

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Commanding Officer Lt Col W.A.M. Scott

Month and Year November 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field			<p>At the beginning of the month the Division succeeded in countering the enemy break through in the LEISEL - MEIJEL area & held positions covering ASTEN - DEURNE while 51 (H) Div and 49 Div moved up on the right. By the 15th, an offensive was launched on the right & the Division advanced to MEIJEL and up to the DEURNE canal to conform with advances by the 51 Div. Thereafter a series of advances to contact actions were fought over the bleakest of country, under appalling weather conditions along tracks that would soon have become quite impassable but for the magnificent work of the Sappers. The enemy withdrew skilfully covering his line of withdrawal with mines & booby traps, sporadic shelling and mortar fire. Few casualties were sustained and four prisoners taken. At the end of the month the Div was brought out of the line to re-equip & rest.</p> <p>A high proportion of casualties was due to SCHU mines causing traumatic amputations of one or both feet. Resuscitation was of primary importance & ambulance cars were attached to RAPs throughout the operation to avoid undue exposure of casualties in jeeps.</p> <p>As the C.C.S. did not move forward the distance between ADS & C.C.S. was eventually forty miles.</p>	<p>WAM Scott Lieut Colonel R.A.M.C.</p>

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Unit 153 (Br) Fd Amb

Month and Year December 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col W.A.M. Scott

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1400	H.Q. take over accommodation at MEIJEL 713067 (Monastery) from 194 Fd Amb. A Coy & B Coy now together at ASTEN 614138 less one Section of B Coy which is open in PANNINGEN 765054 to look after casualties from Div. H.Q. & surrounding troops in event of shelling or bombing of that area. Modified ADS opened in monastery which has been very badly knocked about in the heavy fighting that took place in this area last month.	DMcC
	2	1100 1800	CO attends ADMS conference at 194 FD AMB (MAASBREE 8207) No change in locations A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 3 Sick 5 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	3	1800	No change in locations A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 1 Evacuated 2	DMcC
Field	4	0900 1800	Lt Col Scott reports to D.M.S. HQ 21 Army Group for temporary duty. Major D.I. McCallum assumes temporary command. A.D.S. B.C. 5 Sick 3 POW 1 Evacuated 9	DMcC
	5	1800	Locations unchanged ADS Admitted B.C. 1 (died in ADS) Sick 4 Evac 4	DMcC
	6	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evac 7	DMcC
	7	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 4 Evac 5	DMcC
	8		227 Bde move into the line to hold the line of the River MAAS from Easting 98 northwards to Easting 10 with two Battalions up, 2 Gordons on right 10 HLI on left and 2 A&SH in reserve - area HELDEN 7903. R.A.Ps situated as follows: 10 HLI BONG 846054 2 GORDONS 813023 2 A&SH PANNINGEN 7604. TWO Sections of B Coy established C.C.P. at HELDEN 792039 to deal with casualties from 2 Gordons in HELDEN area 10 HLI evacuate to ADS 194 at MAASBREE 2 A&SH to C.C.P. established at PANNINGEN 765054	

			Two Sections of A Coy join HQ at MEIJEL, one section remains in ASTEN to attend to any cases until such time as C.C.P. of 193 FD AMB establishes C.C.P. in this area now taken over by 46 BDE.	DMcC
	9		ADS Admitted BC Nil Sick 5 Evacuated 5	DMcC
	10	1500 1800	One Section of A Coy relieved by C.C.P. of 193 FD AMB at ASTEN. H.Q. & A Coy complete at MEIJEL. B Coy unchanged. ADS Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	11		In view of general policy regarding billeting of personnel under the best possible conditions over the coming weeks one Cpl and five REs have been attached to the Unit temporarily to make the monastery waterproof, and to provide windows and blackout material. ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	12		No change in locations A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	13	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 4 Evacuated 6 111798 CAPT C.M.F. WALTERS posted for duty from 31 FDS	DMcC
FIELD	14	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 4 Sick 3 Evacuated 7	DMcC
	15	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 7 Evacuated 9	DMcC
	16	1000 1100 1800	Capt WALKER posted to 119 L.A.A. REGT. for duty as R.M.O. Capt FRANKS " " 44 TPT COLUMN RASC for duty ADS Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	17	1800	No change in locations B.C. 2 Sick 6 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	18	1800	B.C. 2 Sick 12 Evacuated 14	DMcC
	19	1800	B.C. 3 Sick 9 Evacuated 12	DMcC
	20	1800	B.C. 2 Sick 8 Evacuated 10	DMcC
Field	21	1400 1800	Lt Col C.B.R. POLLOCK takes command of Unit B.C. 1 Sick 19 Evacuated 20	DMcC
	22	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 11 Evacuated 12	DMcC
	23	1800	B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	24	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 19 Evacuated 20 Christmas carol Service in Recreation Room	DMcC
	25	0745 0830 1130 1300 1630 1930 2100	Men served with tea in bed by Officers & Sgts Breakfast Football Match - England 2 Scotland 1 Xmas dinner Tea Unit Xmas concert greatly appreciated by all ranks - onwards Buffet supper. Battle Casualties 2 Sick 2 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	26	1000	Medical Boards held on one Officer & 4 O.Rs	

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Unit 153 FIELD AMB

Month and Year January 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col B. POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FIELD	1st		Battle Casualties 6. Sick 10. Transferred 15. Much German air activity. Main road outside H.Q. shot-up. 1 soldier died of wounds, 1 wounded. Parade for presentation of C-in-C's certificate to Pte Morris.	
	2nd		B.C. 2 Sick 7 Transf 9	
	3		B.C. 1 Sick 10 Transf 11 Thaw precautions in force. G.O.C. XV Div, visited ADS. Band of X Royal Hussars gave two performances for the visit.	
	4		B.C. 0 Sick 14. Transf 14 Five NOIII's dispatched to Nol Depot, Crookham under scheme SPARK. First leave party of 10 O.R.s left for BOURG LEOPOLD en route for U.K. on P.Ls.	
	5		B.C. 2. sick 13 transf 15	
FIELD	6		B.C. 2 sick 12 transf 14 Frost pre-cautions in force	
	7.		B.C. 2 sick 13 transf 14. 3 O.R.s left on P.L. C of S service held.	
	8		B.C. 2 sick 9 transf 11	
	9		B.C. 0 sick 10 " 8	
	10		B.C. 0 sick 14 " 16 Lieut Poulter RAMC S.B.O. + 8 ORs on P.L.	
	11		B.C. 0 sick 9 transfd 9 Pte Caley sentenced 28 detention in 227 Bde Guard Room (Obscene language to a N.C.O.). Temp 22 Fahrenheit.	
	12		Capt Jones E.J. R.A.M.C. arrived Posted to H.Q. B.C. 2 sick 7 transf 9.	
	13		B.C. 1. sick 10 transf 11.	
FIELD	14		B.C. 1 sick 7 transf 8. Capt Meara + 4 O.R.'s on P.L. to U.K. C of S service.	
	15		B.C. 0. sick 6 trans 6.	

		7 O.R.'s returned from U.K. leave. Reported arrangements good.	
	16	B.C. 1 sick 7. transf 8.	
	17	B.C. 1 sick 9 Evacs 10.	
	18	B.C. 0 sick 8 " 8. A Coy relieved B Coy at HELDEN & PANNINGEN.	
	19	B.C. 0 sick 7 evac 5	
	20	B.C. 0 sick 10. " 10 Major McCallum to ADMS office to act as DADMS	
	21	B.C. 0 sick 8 evac 9. Brig Powell 6 PARA DIV with 4 officers & 30 O.R.s., 2 offrs 224 PARA Fd Amb spent night.	
	22	B.C. 2 sick 14 Evac 14. Capt Callander returned from U.K. leave.	
	23	B.C. 0 sick 15 evac 15. 224 Para Field Amb arrived & shared quarters. Major McCallum rejoined	
	24	No casualties or sick. Unit moved to WEELDE BELGIUM Sheet No3 1/250,000.	
	25	B.C. & sick nil. C.O.'s leave cancelled.	
	26	B.C. nil sick 5. evac 5. DDMS met O'sC. Fd Amb at 22 FDS, TILBURG. Major McCallum again on temporary duty as DADMS.	
	27	B.C. 0 Sick 3 Evac 3 Sick of A&SH & of 131 Fd Regt are being first cleared to 22 FDS TILBURG. LT (Q.M.) MARNHAM on leave to U.K.	
	28.	B.C. 0 Sick 2 Evac 2 A/COL F.M. Richardson D.S.O. appointed ADMS 15 (S) Div. Col Kerr visited unit.	
	29.	B.C. 0 Sick 8 Evac 8. Lt K Poulter returns from 14 days U.K. leave Capt Walters M. attached to Div RASC as leave relief. Conference at 8 Corps of C.O.'s of Bde & attd units re future operations. ADMS conference at Main Divn	
	30.	B.C. 1. Sick 2 Evac 3 Thaw at night	
	31.	B.C. 0 Sick 10. Evac 10. Bde Cdrs O Group.	
			B Pollock Lt Col R.A.M.C.

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Unit 153 (Br) Fd Amb

Month and Year February 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col C.B.R. POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1100 1400 1800	C.O. given outline plan of Operation VERITABLE by Bde Comnd 227 Bde and by ADMS 15 (S) Div. No change of location. B.C. Nil Adm Sick 8 Evac 8	Vide Appx I Vide Appx II DMcC
Field	2	1400	227 Bde Comd (Brig E. COLVILLE) briefs Bde Coy (& equivalent) Commanders on sand table model at Div HQ. General. 30 Corps under command of Canadian Army is undertaking a breakthrough into Germany from NIJMEGEN area in a S.E. direction with the intention of clearing the enemy from territory between Rs Rhine & Maas. <u>Method</u> 30 Corps attacks on a 5 Divl front as follows: RT a) 51 Div : To seize features 7852 and 7751 & clear Western extension of REICHSWALD (7451). b) 53 Div : Seize feature 8053 & clear edge of REICHSWALD Eastwards as far as STOPPEL BERG 8553. Centre c) 15 (S) Div to force defended obstacle zone WEST and East of KRANENBURG 8156 & assault the SIEGFRIED defences in area NUTTERDEN 8455 & to seize the high ground W. of CLEEVE & support general line UDEM 9842 - CALCAR 0049 - EMMERICK 9760. Left d) 2 Cdn Div to capture WYLER 7852 - DENHEUVEL 7756 - HOCKSTRASSE 7856. e) 3 Cdn Div to clear area N. of road WYLER - CLEEVE as far as SPOY canal. Very heavy artillery (1000 guns) and air support to be available for the operation.	
Field		1800	Preliminary medical Adm Instruction issued by ADMS 15 (S) Div. No change of location. Adm B.C. Nil Sick Adm 7 Evac 7	Vid App III DMcC
	3	0800	Major G. Percy proceeds with advance party to NIJMEGEN. Bde Operation Order for Op Veritable received Medical plan for 227 Bde Group issued by O.C.	Vid Appx IV Vid App V Vid App VI

		1800	Major D. McCallum returns from temp duty as DADMS on return of Major Royds from leave. No change of locn. B.C. Nil Sick Adm 6 Evac 5 RTU 1	DMcC
	4	1030 1800 1830	Conference of all available Div Officers in TILBURG; Commander of 30 Corps (LT GEN HORROCKS) outlines his plan for the offensive which is due to start on 8th Feb. No change in locn. Adm B.C. Nil Sick 3 Evac 3 Bde Movement Order for move to NIJMEGEN area received	Vid App VII DMcC
Field	5	0800 1400 1645	Final preparations made for movement of entire Unit. Two ORs dispatched to 79 GEN HOSP for training as NO1 All personnel due for leave up to Feby 12th sent to 22 FDS which is remaining in TILBURG area. Corps reserve of stretchers & blankets collected from DIEST 1368 (K) Unit moves in rear of 2 Gordons convoy (vid Movement Order)	
Field	6	0430 1000 1200 1600 1800	Unit arrives at Disp. Pt. after circuitous journey over bad roads. Met by Major Percy who has arranged accommodation in NIJMEGEN 713622. Recce by O.C. & Capt Senior (Coy Comd of 'A' Coy) of GROSBEEK area 7456 with a view to establishing a CCP in that area on the night of 7 FEB prior to infantry attack on 8th. Div Med Op Order received " " Adm " " M.I. Room established. B.C. Nil Admitted Sick 10 Evac 10	Vid App VIII do IX DMcC
	7	1600 1800 1900 2200	A Coy move forward to location 748561 & prepare C.C.P. for battle on 8th. Remainder of Unit remain in NIJMEGEN. Admitted Sick 7 Evac 7 Capt EJ JONES & Capt CMF WALTERS report back from temp duty with 2 Gordons & Div RASC respectively. Lt Col Pollock joins C.C.P. to be in vicinity of Bde H.Q. (227) in initial phase of battle. Heavy air raid on CLEEVE & EMMERICH (9661)	DMcC
Field	8	0500 1000 1200 1000	Artillery barrage commences Infantry lined up on F.U.P. Only slight enemy C.B. fire Casualties arriving at C.C.P. - mainly from mines. Heavy tracked vehicles becoming bogged in soft ground. Infantry have reached initial objectives at KRANENBURG (8056) & FRASSELT (8153) but transport incl. carriers falling behind in marshy ground between GROOSBEEK 7655 and KRANENBURG. Consequently 44 Bde with 2 Gordons under command fall behind schedule in mounting attack on SIEGFRIED defences at NUTTERDEN 8455.	DMcC

			Casualties from initial phase had to be evacuated by F.W.D. vehicles, light tracked vehicles & eventually by hand carriage as the state of the routes deteriorated as far as the C.C.P. 2 Cdn Div on left advanced in a SE direction towards WYLER 7858 & were still in the process of mopping up this pocket at last light. During the day casualties from the Bde Gp numbered about fifty - remarkably light for the scale of the attack.	DMcC
Field	9	0800 1015 1300 1500 1800 1900 2000	Major McCallum does a recce of NIJMEGEN - KRANENBURG road, & on finding it open reports to ADMS for movement instructions. H.Q. & B Coy (less staff cars & trailers) move forward into KRANENBURG 808560 & ADS opened in what remains of Kindergarten school. Tarpaulins & windowlite used to make ADS weather & wind proof. A Coy joins HQ & B Coy after very heavy going over dreadful tracks from GROOSBEEK to KRANENBURG. Admitted to ADS B.C. 25 Sick 2 P.W. 4; Evac to 3 CCS - 30 QM & five ORs, returning from leave, join Unit via 23 FDS at NIJMEGEN. 15 (S) Div have breached SIEGFRIED LINE at NUTTERDEN 8455 & have gained control of high ground to the West & S.W. of CLEEVE. Rain continues to fall throughout the day.	DMcC
Field	10	1100 1400 1600	Unit visited by Brig Cameron DDMS 30 Corps & by ADMS 15(S) Div. Section of 11 LT FD AMB attached to Unit to look after the Bn of Armd Scots Guards operating with the 227 Bde in event of an armoured breakthrough. Battle Casualties 73 Sick 12 P.O.W. 20 Evacuated 110 Rain continues throughout the day.	DMcC
	11	1600 1800	B Coy move forward in support of 227 Bde for the attack on CLEEVE and establish a Coy C.C.P. at DONSRUGGEN 8557. Admitted 46 B.C.; 20 Sick 13 P.W. Transferred 16 B.C. 3 Sick Evacuated 102 R.T.U. 2 Awaiting Evac 5	DMcC
	12	1200 1630 2050 1800	Evacuation difficulties as NIJMEGEN - KRANENBURG is under water for a stretch of 2 - 3 miles to a depth of twelve to eighteen inches. Convoy of eight amb cars evacuates casualties, but flooding so bad that they are unable to return to the Unit. A DUKW Point for the transference of casualties from amb cars to DUKWs established by Section A3 at 831553. Section of 11 L.F.A. moves forward towards CLEEVE with armoured column. Admitted B.C. 29 Sick 14 P.W. 3 Evacuated 40	DMcC
	13		Evacuation by DUKWs proceeding smoothly.	

		1500	ADMS visits ADS.	
		1800	Admitted BC 31 Sick 30 PW 1 Evacuated 73	
FIELD	14	0900	ADS 193 FD AMB opens at CLEEVE	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 20 Sick 17 P.W. 3 Evacuated 40	DMcC
	15	0700	Advance party moves into CLEEVE to hold accommodation for Unit.	
		1300	ADS closes & Section of A Coy opens at KRANENBURG B Coy still at DONSRUGGEN	
			Fd Marshal MONTGOMERY at 227 Bde H.Q.	
		1800	Admitted BC 2. Sick 6 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	16		No change of location. HQ re-equips. Long range shells narrowly miss Unit location.	
			Admitted BC 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	17		No change in location. HQ & A Coy closed.	
	18	0700	HQ & A Coy move from KRANENBURG to MOOK 921518 (South of BEDBURG) & remain closed.	
			B Coy open at DONSRUGGEN.	
	19	0900	B Coy move forward with 227 Bde & establish C.C.P. at 917471. HQ & A Coy unchanged.	
	20		HQ & A Coy remain at 921518	
			B Coy open at 927468 with car post in support of 44 Bde at 911469.	
			Street fighting still in progress in GOCH.	
		1000	Lt Col CBR POLLOCK proceeded on U.K. leave.	
	21		Position of HQ & Companies unchanged.	
	22		Car post established at 941455. Heavy mortar & artillery fire along whole front.	
	23		Evacuation from C.C.P. has been to BEDBURG to the ADS of Fd Amb of 43 Div.	
		0700	HQ & A Coy move forward to 932478 & establish an ADS there. B Coy position unchanged.	
		1800	Admitted BC 84 Sick 23 POW 17 Evacuated 96 Priority evacuation 28.	
			Roads in the area are in a very bad state & elements of two Armoured Divisions are moving into the area, so that evacuation by road is very slow indeed. Because of the delay in returning amb cars from CCS 24 Austin ambulances and two TCVs were driven in from medical units closed in the vicinity.	DMcC
	24	1600	Conference at 227 Bde HQ. Brigade moves out of the line during the night of 24/25 back to a rest area & 3 Div is taking over the sector.	
		1600	B Coy closes C.C.P. and joins HQ & A Coy.	

		1800	Arrangements made with OC 19 LT Fd Amb whereby that Unit takes over ADS when we move. Admitted B.C. 102 Sick 35 P.W. 1 Considerable difficulty still experienced in evacuating casualties to C.C.S. at MOOK because of movement also of 11th Armd Div, Guards Armd Div and 3 Inf Div. Sufficient M.A.C. cars available to prevent hold up at ADS.	DMcC						
		2359	ADS closes & light section of 19 LT FD AMB opens.							
	25	0800	Unit (complete) moves in rear of three Bns to rest area in TILBURG. Unit billeted comfortably in private houses.							
Field	26	1800	No change in location. Men rested, bathed & given recreational facilities.	DMcC						
	27		Arrangements made for a course of instruction for men from each of the three Bns in the Bde on stretcher bearing duties. Vehicles & equipment maintained & made up to appropriate scale.	Vide Appx X DMcC						
	28	0830	Stretcher Bearer Course started. The following numbers attended <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>10 HLI</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Gordons</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19</td> </tr> </table> <p>The course will be for a period of five days & will include five 1st Aid lectures by an MO & the practical work organised & supervised by the two S.B.Os, Lt POULTER & LT HORSBURGH.</p> <p>A very generous allotment of 48 hour leave to BRUSSELS has been organised & it is anticipated that the complete Unit could have a spell there within fourteen days. There are also very good recreational facilities in TILBURG itself & the Unit is thoroughly enjoying the change.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D McCallum, Major</p>	10 HLI	16	2 Gordons	20	2 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders	19	
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TILBURG	1	1800 1230 1500	Admitted Sick 1. Unit inspected & addressed by Maj General Barber G.O.C. 15 (S) Div. Capt R.H. Meara relieves Capt Sunderland 10 HLI who is proceeding on privilege leave to U.K.	
	2	1300	Capt DF Collihole proceeds on leave to U.K. Admitted Sick 3 Evacuated 3.	
	3		Admitted 1 Evacuated 1	
TILBURG	4	1445 1500	Divisional Church Memorial Service conducted by S.C.F. of Div in the Protestant Church, TILBURG. Capt Jones relieves Capt Meara as M.O. to 10 HLI Capt Meara proceeds to 4 FDS, BOURG LEOPOLD on psychiatrist course lasting a week.	
	5	1530 2130 1600	Unit moves to RECKHEIM 565603 between Maastricht & Maasyck, where it will take part in training with the 227 Bde Group. Unit arrives; billeted in school. Lt Col Pollock returns from U.K. leave.	
	6		Normal routine duties & training.	
	7		Large allocation of 48 hr. leave passes to Brussels	
	8		No change of location.	
	9	0900 1400	Capt Senior proceeded on leave to U.K. Twelve ORs medically boarded	
	10		Nil of note.	
	11	1045	Bde Commander (Brig E. Colville) visited Unit & addressed the men.	
	12		Nil of note	
	13	1000	Conference at 227 Bde HQ on Exercise "Buffalo". One Coy of the Fd Amb taking part in the daylight exercise across the R. MAAS to practice on opposed river crossing using L.VsT in the assault.	
	14		Exercise Buffalo Medical Boards on 5 O.Rs.	VIDE APPX "A"
	15	1000 1330	Conference at Bde HQ on Exercise Buffalo " " ADMS Office at Div HQ.	VIDE APPX "A"

		1600	'A' Coy proceeds on night Exercise Buffalo. To support the assault troops medically in an opposed river crossing the Fd Amb will send one M.O. and 13 ORs with each assaulting Battalion to travel in the second flight of the first wave i.e. normally landing 15 - 20 mins after the first troops. Equipment carried includes stretchers, blankets, splints, morphine syrettes, stoves, lights, signs etc vid - The first vehicles to come across will be the Jeeps & they are loaded according to the attached appendix. They are carried in Buffaloes when the ferry service begins. The remainder of the essential vehicles will be ferried over later on a Cl. 9 raft. The company 3 tonners will not be taken across until a bridge is built. The two exercises were most instructive & many points arose which were of great value in planning for any future show. Medical was given high priority in Buffalo ferry & on the Cl 9 raft.	
REKEM	16	0900 1800	'A' Coy returns from Exercise Buffalo. Admitted Sick - 3 Evacuated 3.	
	17	1600 1800	Unit visited by D.M.S. 21 Army Group (Maj-Gen E Phillips) Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 4 Evacuated 5.	
	18	1400 1800	Demonstration at 11 L.F.A. on the evacuation of casualties from an assault crossing of a river obstacle & the medical "set up" on the near bank. Address prior to the demonstration by DDMS 12 Corps. Ad. Sick 2 Evacuated 2.	
	19	1400 1800	Seven O.Rs medically boarded A S 7 Evac 7	
	20	1800 1930	Adm B.C. 1 Sick 8 Evac 9 HQ + 2 Secs of B Coy move to area HAMB 082310 to concentration area for troops not engaged in assault crossing of Rhine.	
	21	0630	H.Q. & 2 Secs B Coy arrive 082310 A Coy & 1 Sec B Coy remain REKEM	VIDE APPX "B" [OP TORCHLIGHT]
	22	1700	A Coy prepare to move to marshalling area in HOCHWALD FOREST with Brigade Group. HQ & B Coy remain unchanged A Coy moves in rear of Bde HQ and arrives at destination in	
	23	0330 1600	Hochwald. Fd Ambs personnel for the establishing of C.E.P. on the far bank of the Rhine attached to the two assaulting Bns. Maj D.I. McCallum & Capt J. Senior with thirteen ORs attached to 10 HLI on right and Capt E.M. Callander and 13 ORs attached to 2 A&SH on left. Lt Horsburgh with remainder of Coy attached to 2 Gordons who are in reserve & will cross in storm boats between the assaulting Bns commencing H + 30 mins.	VIDE APPX "C"

		1700	Five Jeeps, five ambulance cars (4 x 4) & three 15 cwt trucks sent to their allotted areas in the vehicle waiting area; jeeps will be transported across the Rhine by L.V.T. ferry & the remainder by Cl. 9 rafts.	
	24	0015 0030 0215 0220 0225 0530 1000 1500 1800 2100	<p>L.Vs.T. loaded</p> <p>L.Vs.T. move off. An intense artillery barrage from approx 2401 hours brought down on area on E bank of Rhine about to be assaulted.</p> <p>Word received that all L.Vs.T. of initial flight are across</p> <p>L.Vs.T. of second flight enter Rhine</p> <p>Across river; landed too far upstream. Met by heavy spandau fire. L.Vs.T. move downstream & land without incident on bank on HLI front, unable to land as planned on 2 A&SH front so alternative landing place selected.</p> <p>C.E.P. established on both sides of the front in face of heavy small arms fire, mortars & artillery. In view of strength of opposition L.V.T. ferry not functioning. Approx 60 casualties on right & 40 on left awaiting evacuation across the river.</p> <p>L.Vs.T. commence evacuation of cas on right in spite of enemy fire. Cas cleared from this side by 0600. On 2 A&SH front evac was completed before 1000 hrs.</p> <p>By this time the 'Bund' was clear of enemy spandau nests & snipers & the L.V.T. ferrying of vehicles proceeded smoothly. Aircraft & gliders carrying 6th (Br) Airborne and 17th American Airborne Div passed low overhead. Enemy artillery silenced almost immediately. C.E.Ps now established at WOLFFSKATH 120480 on the right and at 092477 on left.</p> <p>Evacuation has been L.V.T. to C.D.Ps of 11th L.F.A. & thence to ADS of 52 Div.</p> <p>As L.Vs.T. are now stopping their ferry service cas are evacuated by amb car from CEP to storm boat ferry & thence by ferry to CDP of 11 L.F.A.</p> <p>HQ & B Coy remain in situ.</p> <p>Cl 9 bridge completed 300 yds upstream from WOLFFSKATH 120460, but broken in early hours of morning of 25th by excessive weight of traffic sinking the pontoon.</p> <p>Two M.Os brought up to CEPs, Capt C.M.F. Walters to relieve Capt Senior & Capt E.J. Jones to relieve Capt Callander.</p> <p>By this time Sects I & III were complete in personnel & tpt (less 3 ton lorries) at WOLFFSKATH & Sect II at 092477.</p>	

		2359	227 Bde had taken objectives of HAFFEN (1149) & MEHR 1248 but enemy resistance still strong in area 1050. Contact has been made with 51 (H) Div on left & with 44 Bde on left.	
	25	1700 1300	No2 Section of A Coy establish CCP at HUBSCH 096474 No1 " " " " " " OVERKAMP 123476 No3 " " " remain at WOLFFSKATH Bailey Bridge (Cl 12) being built across Rhine from 085468 to 093473 Evac still by storm boat from CCPs.	
	26	1300 1500 1800	Maj McCallum returns to join ADS & B Coy at HAMB Verbal message from ADMS 15 (S) Div - Prepare to move ADS & B Coy on 27th. No1 Section of A Coy remain at OVERKAMP Nos 2 & 3 Sections move to 154484.	
	27		No change in location. General news indicates that Allied forces in the West have overrun the Rhine obstacle for over 100 miles of its length & are supporting this success with armoured formations.	
	28	1100 1640 1800	HQ & B Coy move forward across Rhine & join two secs of A Coy at 154484 Unit complete at 154484 ADS opens	
	29	1800	No change of location Admitted to ADS BC 16 Sick 14 P.W. 3 Evac 27	
	30	1800	No change of location Admitted BC 3 Sick 23 P.W. 1 Evac 29	
	31	1800	No change of location Admitted BC 6 Sick 19 Transferred BC 2 Evac 25	

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HOVEL	1.	1200	UNIT COMPLETE AT HOVELMANSHOF. ADS open 2 i/c Major McCallum left on U.K. leave. B.C. 6 Sick 1. Evac 23	
	2		Warning Order received to move B.C. 3 sick 18 evacuated 20	
	3		No change. B.C. 3 sick 7 evac 9 held 6	
	4.		Moved in convoy to EMSDETTEN. 1 sec attached to rear Bn re-united at night. No active operations. B.C. 0. sick 2 evac 2 held 6.	
	5.		Battalions ordered to sweep wooded area W of OSNABRUCK believed to contain enemy. Recce parties sent ahead by main rd to secure billets. One section accompanied each Battalion. No opposition. Billeted in deserted German AA Camp at LOTTE Sick 2 Evac 2 Held 6 Three were minor sick and were carried forward.	
	6		Capt Walters relieves Capt Dallow 102 A/T Battery on leave. Unit moved in Brigade convoy. Opened at SAPELLOH. Brigade resting. B.C. 0 sick 1.	
	7.		A number of sick D.P.'s were seen & assisted. At 16:30 B Coy was fired on. Capt Collihole RASC organised a counter attack. Thirteen German O.R.'s one Feldwebel & 1 M.O. were taken prisoner with three spandaus & other arms. B.C. 0 sick 0	
	8		B.C. 0 sick 5 PW 1 evac 11 held 4	
	9		B.C. 0 sick 4 evac 4 RTU 1 held 3	
	10		Unit move to WUNSDORF. B.C. 0 sick 0 held 3.	
	11.		One section attached to each Battalion. Brigade group advanced to attack & capture CELLE. ADS closed & followed in rear of Bde Group & acted as Motor Amb Relay Post. Scots Guards Armoured Regt in support. Move delayed by demolitions	

			& sniping from the forest through which the road runs. Two Bulldozers destroyed by Panzer faust rockets. Brigade Group harboured on the road overnight. Guards entered CELLE during the night.	
	12.		C.O. reced CELLE. Proved to contain about 1800 wounded German soldiers. Also 140 political prisoners were located in an improvised concentration. These were moved under arrangements made by ADMS 15 (S). One section was detailed to supervise their treatment. ADS opened in a hotel in SCHUHSTRASSE Sections remain attd to Battalions.	
	13		Brigade group advanced to attack UELZEN. Delay imposed by demolitions containing time bombs which exposed RE working parties. B.C. 13 sick 15 PW 1	
	14		During the night Brigade left the main road at SCHELPLAH and swung West, North & North East on fast tracks. The enemy was taken completely by surprise & a large number of P.W. taken. The main road was rejoined at HOLDERSTEDT. This place was strongly held. A brief battle ensued & the Brigade Group suffered forty casualties. The three sections amalgamated to form a C.C.P. in a potato shed just outside Holderstedt. Evacuation to the rear was impossible as the forest track was one-way. Several German houses were taken in HOLXEN village one mile to the rear. Here casualties were held after treatment at CCP. A section of 194 Fd Amb was sent by ADMS to help by looking after these cases. Six Abdominals were sent through the forest on Jeeps. B.C. 42 sick 14 PW 6	
	15		No change in unit locations. 193 Fd Amb opened on main road at SCHELPLAH between the front & 153 ADS. B.C. 3 sick 3 P.W. 17 Transfd BC 43 sick 7 Evac 74 R.T.U. 3	
	16.		2i/c returns from U.K. leave	
Field	17	1400	HQ & A Coy proceed to SCHLOSS HOLDENSTEDT 874848 B Coy established at 861837	
		1730	ADS open	
		1800	Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 6 Evac 8	DMcC
	18		Locations unchanged	
		1800	Admitted BC 54 Sick 19 P.W. 46 Evac 117 Died 2	DMcC
	19	1200	HQ & A Coy locations unchanged	
			B Coy in support 227 Bde	
		1400	One Sect A Coy form car post at BIENENBUTTEL 8509	

			" " " proceed to LUNEBURG where Lt Col Pollock has been appointed SMO of the large group of German & P.W.X. Hospitals in the area. Major D.I. McCallum assumes temp command of the Unit. Large no. of P.W.X. personnel, mainly British liberated by forward troops admitted to ADS in emaciated & poor general condition. Many suffering from dysentery Admitted B.C. 25 Sick 133 P.W. 28 Evacuated 174 Died 1	DMcC
	20	1400	HQ & A Coy move to 802280 to form ADS B Coy at 809297 Capt Walters proceeded on UK leave	DMcC
	21	1200 1830 1800	Car post est in support of 2 A&SH at 886255 The Div is now holding the line of the ELBE from opposite LAUENBURG (8734) to BLECKEDE (0025) by 46 Bde & from AVENDORF 8035 to 8734 by 227 Bde. Plans being formed for an assault crossing of R ELBE ADMS Planning Notes received for guidance. Admitted B.C. 5 Sick 10 P.W. 2 Evacuation is to 33 CCS at LUNEBURG. The hutted camp in which the ADS is now established is an excellent site for the future operation as it is on the road that will eventually be the main axis across the River Elbe. 23 FDS has moved a section into the camp area & will be holding Divisional sick when open.	DMcC App. I DMcC
	22	1500 1800	23 FDS open. No change in locations. Admitted B.C. 3 Sick 9 P.W. 1.	DMcC
	23	1800	No change. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 7 Evac 11	DMcC
	24	 1800	The Section of A Coy that has been attached to the OC now SMO Lunenburg returns to HQ location. B.C. Nil Sick 9	DMcC
	25	0900 1800	Stretcher Bearer Course (4 days) being run for the three Battalions, so that they may have 100% reserve of bearers with an elementary knowledge of 1st Aid. These men are in rations & accommodation with the Unit. Admitted BC Nil Sick 5.	App II DMcC
	26	 1800	Great care has been taken by forward troops to conceal their presence from the enemy on the high right bank of the River & intelligence summaries indicate that in this they have been very successful. Admitted BC 1 Sick 5 PW Nil	DMcC
	27		No change in locations. 2i/c attends conference at 33 CCS LUNEBURG in which the DDMS of 8 Corps (BRIG MELVIN) together with ADsMS of 15 (S) Div and 11th Armd Div laid down the plan for the forthcoming	

		1630	<p>battle in which the first objective is the crossing of the R. ELBE by 15 (S) Div - 44 Bde assaulting on the left at ARTLENBURG (MR 8334) and 227 following up to secure the left flank to area GRUNHOF (8238) while 1 Commando Brigade (under command) takes LAUENBURG (8734) & 46 Bde follows up & secures the high ground to the North & clears the area up to the line of the ELBE-TRAVE Canal.</p> <p>When the bridgehead has been secured & bridges thrown across the Elbe (Class 40 at ARTLENBURG and Cl 9 at LAUENBURG) 11 Armd Div & 5th Br Div move through the bridgehead with 5th Div on right & 11th Armd on left, the objective being LUBBECK.</p> <p>In the initial stages a Coy of 194 Fd Amb will go over in the assault on the left & a sect of 21 LT. Fd Amb on the right, each to establish a CEP at the L.V.T. unloading point on the far bank. Casualties will be evacuated by L.V.Ts to CDPs on the near bank formed by 14 L.F.A. Casualties from both bridgeheads will be evacuated to this ADS & thence to 33 CCS at LUNEBURG.</p>	DMcC
		1800	Admitted BC 2 Sick 9	DMcC
	28	1000	<p>Conference at 227 Bde HQ re movement of men & vehicles across the River in the follow up.</p> <p>The complete B Coy will cross after the infantry in LVT or storm boat - depending on the success of the assault - & vehicles will be ferried across as follows:</p> <p>a) L.V.T. Ferry - Five Jeeps - 3 high priority</p> <p>b) Raft 5 Humber Amb cars 3 15 cwts</p>	DMcC App. III
		1800	Admitted BC Nil Sick 11 B Coy moving in support of 227 Bde H Hour is 0200 hrs 29th	DMcC
	29	0200	OPERATION ENTERPRISE commences	
		0500	Casualties arriving at ADS in large numbers. The great majority are not heavily wounded.	
		0800	Capt ANDERSON RMO to 1st Mx attached to ADS for the duration of the battle.	
		1100	C.C.P. established by B Coy at 838353. Opposition has been stiff & long range guns - probably on railway at SCHWARZENBEK - have made the landing area most unsatisfactory. Nevertheless the operation is developing according to plan.	DMcC
		1500	O.C. returns from duty as SMO LUNEBURG on instructions ADDMS 2 ARMY.	
		1700	Capt AC HICKS of 119 L.A.A. reports to ADS for eight hour tour of duty.	
		1800	In thirteen hours the following numbers have been dealt with:	

			<p style="text-align: center;">Battle Casualties 195 Sick 21 POW 44 Total 260</p>	DMcC
	30	<p>1800</p> <p>1400</p> <p>1100</p>	<p>The attack is developing well & B Coy CCP is now at 812375 ADS of 194 Fd Amb moves across to JULIUSBURG " " 193 " " " " in DUKWs to LAUENBURG Admitted B.C. 49 Sick 23 P.O.W. 56 Both bridges are now being built & although enemy artillery & Air Force are still doing everything possible to hamper the operation excellent progress is being made. Large convoys - mainly of 11th Armd Div are lining the roads from LUNEBURG to the Class 40 bridge at ARTLENBURG but evacuation of casualties is proceeding smoothly. Major GH PERCY proceeds from B Coy to assume the duties of SMO LUNEBURG temporarily. ADS visited by DDMS 8 Corps & Consultant Surgeon to 2 ARMY.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D. McCallum Maj. RAMC</p>	DMcC

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WAR DIARY

or

Unit 153 Fd Amb

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year May 1945

Commanding Officer Lt Col CBR POLLOCK

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1800	ADS open at 802280 One Section B Coy at WIERSHOP 8042 Two " " " " 806381 Admitted B.C. 10 Sick 2 PW 2 Evacuated 17 Held 1 Died 3	DMcC
	2	0400 0600 1800	HQ & A Coy on wheels waiting to cross R. ELBE at ARTLENBURG. One Section A Coy established at ARTLENBURG to relieve C.C.P. of 14 L.F.A. HQ & 2 Sects A Coy at 808418 - CCP open. B Coy moving to HOHENHORN 754456 in sp 227 Bde Admitted BC 1 Sick 3 Evac 4 R.T.U. 1	DMcC
	3	0930	HQ & A Coy move to TRITTAU & establish ADS at 768619 B Coy in sp of 227 Bde at 757558	DMcC
Field	4	1800	No changes of location Adm. BC 6 Sick 10 Evac 16	DMcC
	5		No change. Adm. BC 3 Sick 13 Evac 16	DMcC
	6		PWX - mostly emaciated & suffering from varying degrees of dysentery & diarrhoea passing through all day. All dusted with AL63, great majority cleaned & fed & sent back in transport to collecting point. Remainder evacuated through medical channels. Admitted Sick 53 Evac 53	DMcC
	7		As for 6th. Admitted Sick 29 BC 1 Evac 30	DMcC
TRITTAU	8	1800	V.E. DAY Admitted BC 1 Sick 15 Evac 16 Thanksgiving Services conducted by Rev D. Cairns.	DMcC DMcC
	9		A Coy CCP open at 668662	DMcC
	10		No change in location. Major D. McCallum with staff of a clerk, batman & driver proceeds to BAD OLDESLOE 7383 to take over duties of S.M.O. from Major Quinn of 5 Div.	DMcC
	11		No change	
	12		A Coy move complete to Bad Oldesloe 7383. HQ remains TRITTAU	DMcC

			Sect B Coy at WESENBERG 849848	
Field	13	0900	CO & Orderly Room Staff move to Bad Oldesloe 7383 HQ & 2 Sections B Coy at WESENBERG 849830 1 Sect B Coy at TRITTAU A Coy at Bad Oldesloe open CCP	DMcC
	14		No change	DMcC
	15		Conference of SMOs in 8 Corps held at Medical Branch 8 Corps where policy regarding control & organisation of medical aspect of Operation Eclipse was discussed.	DMcC
	16		No change	DMcC
	17		No change	DMcC
LUBECK	18		HQ complete (with OC & 2i/c) move into Lubeck OC takes over duties of SMO LUBECK from OC 141 Fd Amb. Major HG PERCY (B Coy) now S.M.O. TRAVEMUNDE Capt J. SENIOR (A Coy) " " " " BAD OLDESLOE Duties of S.M.O. include general supervision and disciplining of German Services (& in some cases civilian) medical establishments & personnel, control of supplies - both rations & medical - and the rendition to Division & Corps of returns required by them of medical staffs, No. of patients, daily & weekly bed stats, particulars of S.S. personnel and control of medical dumps found within the SMO's area. The number of available beds - most of which are occupied - in the three areas is as follows: 1) LUBECK 12,700 2) TRAVEMUNDE 4,500 3) BAD OLDESLOE 2,750	DMcC
LUBECK			Conditions having changed from wartime to peacetime footing, much of the work done will be of a routine nature, including daily conferences with German Services Administrative Medical Officer in each area, inspections of Hospitals, consolidation of ration & medical indents, arranging for transfer of fit cases to PW cage etc.	DMcC
	19		Normal Routine	DMcC
	20		" "	DMcC
	21		" "	DMcC
	22	1800	Address by Lord Moran on the future of the Medical Officers in the Army, it is improbable that MOs will be demobilised in their Age/Service Group.	DMcC
LUBECK	23	1600	Amb train with 580 German wounded aboard arrived at LUBECK Stn to be cleared in shortest possible time, and approx 400 Russian	

		2000	wounded & sick PWX & displaced persons boarded to be moved Eastwards to WISMAR 4595 which will eventually be occupied by Russian troops. Loading & revictualling of train complete	DMcC
	24		Routine duties	DMcC
	25		" "	DMcC
	26		" "	DMcC
	27		" "	DMcC
	28		" "	DMcC
	29		" "	DMcC
	30		Lt Poulter from B Coy to Div H.Q. to stand in for DADMS who is proceeding on U.K. leave.	DMcC DMcC
	31		Routine duties. The change from war to peace time organisation, the rounding up of the defeated enemy, of P.W.X. and displaced persons, the return to France Belgium & Holland of those people who were released during the advance and the provision of adequate & reasonable accommodation for Russians & Poles, have given rise to many queries both administrative & medical which could scarcely have been envisaged before the collapse. The work of the Hygiene Section attached to us in the past ten days has been necessary & invaluable. In each area at the time of taking over, the hygiene situation was bad & in the case of Bad Oldesloe when the water main had been shattered in several places during a recent Allied raid it was particularly bad. By & large the German authorities have cooperated well in reorganising their Services, but the D.Ps have been difficult to control. Of the many problems still to be solved one of the most pressing medically is the disposal by medical board of thousands of P.Ws who though not requiring a hospital bed are not fit to be sent to P.W. Cage (e.g. amputated thigh, disseminated sclerosis). The policy laid down by Army of reducing issues of medical & ordnance equipment to Hospitals to a minimum has been carried out. D. McCallum Major	DMcC