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WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 193(BR) FIELD AMBULANCE. RAMC

Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer FWA Warren Lt Col

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOLLAND	1		Unit at Rest in TILBURG. C.O. went to Recce site for ADS South-East of NIJMEGEN, extreme difficulty in finding suitable location.	
	2		Unit in TILBURG.	
	3		Warning Order to move received. All Div Signs removed from Vehicles and Clothing.	
	4		Unit left in 46 Bde convoy, passing SP 1630 hours, proceeded via OUTENWEJK, S'HERTOGENBOSCH, RAVENSTEIN to NIJMEGEN. Night very dark, roads extremely bad and muddy. No lights on Vehicles. All arrived safely at 2320 hours.	
	5		Concentrated in NIJMEGEN. Billeted in Barracks. Major A.M. WADSWORTH (100350) RAMC joined for duty from ADMS 15(S) Inf Division.	
	6		Concentrated in NIJMEGEN. Commanding Officer and O.C. "A" Coy proceeded on foot to GROSBEEK to Recce site for CCP. A damaged house at Map Ref 753557 was finally decided upon. Extensive clearing of rubble necessary.	
GERMANY	7		C.O. briefed ALL Ranks. "A" Coy filtered down to GROSBEEK after dark and commenced clearing the house. Personnel bedded down in cellars. HQ and "B" Coy remained in NIJMEGEN.	
	8		Heavy artillery barrage at 0500 hours. HQ and "B" Coy moved at 0700 hours to NEBO 723587 where an ADS was opened in a big monastery. Accommodation very good, but elements of eight Units from 53(W) Division occupied part of building. "A" Coy open to receive casualties by 0830 hours. Casualties admitted to ADS up to 2400 hours British 8 Officers 139 Other Ranks, Canadian 1 Officer 6 Other Ranks. POW 21. "A" Coy evacuated 150 casualties up to 2400 hours.	
	9		Locations as above. Casualties up to 2400 hours Brit 6 Offrs, 490 ORs. Cdn 1 OR. POW 11.	
	10		Locations as above. Casualties up to 2400 hours Brit 9 ORs. Major J.P. MACKEY (91108) RAMC joined for duty from 7 FDS. The roads	

HOLLAND		<p>forward of GROSBEEK were in an extremely bad state owing to mud. The greatest difficulty was experienced all the time in keeping the flow of casualties going, in many cases light ambulance cars and even stretcher carrying Jeeps had to be towed part of the way by carriers and unending supervision was necessary to assure that a hold up did not occur. The casualties never the less were in pretty good fettle when admitted to CCP. Journey from CCP to ADS was good, although up going traffic was very heavy. It was noticeable that a marked fall off in the patients condition was apt to occur at ADS - CCS level, many being considerably shocked when reaching CCS. Whole blood and Plasma drips in ambulances were given between CCP and ADS and ADS-CCS. A section from 22(BR) Fd Dressing Stn was attached to CCP on the late afternoon 9th and assisted greatly in administration of blood and plasma.</p> <p>"B" Coy moved up to harbour at GROSBEEK, but returned to NEBO the same night as the operation for which they were intended was abandoned.</p>	
	11	Locations as above. Casualties Brit 2 ORs. "A" Coy moved up with Bde HQ at 1615 hrs to NUTTERDEN, area 8455 and harboured for the night.	
GERMANY	12	HQ moved at 1030 hrs leaving "B" Coy behind in NEBO. Entered GERMANY via GROSBEEK, KRANENBURG, DONSBRUGGEN Map Ref 867572 where it harboured for the night. Road conditions were very bad, severe flooding in places 3' 6" deep. "A" Coy moved to small house on DONSBRUGGEN - CLEVE road at Map Ref 876572 and opened.	
	13	HQ moved at 1700 hrs to a Shoe Factory on West outskirts of CLEVE Map Ref 888566. CCP closed. DUKW Casualty Evacuation Point was established as all casualties were being evacuated to CCS by DUKW owing to the floods. Casualties Brit 4 ORs Cdn 4 ORs.	
	14	Locations as above. ADS moved across road to a large house which became vacant as there was a good turn round for DUKWs and Ambulance Cars and more accommodation for patients. "A" Coy moved to 915539 and opened CCP at 1530 hrs. Road conditions CCP - ADS very bad owing to bomb craters and rubble. Casualties Brit 2 Offrs 55 ORs. Cdn 2 ORs.	
	15	As above. Casualties Brit 4 Offrs. 116 ORs. Cdn 1 Offr. 19 ORs. POW 17.	
	16	As above. Casualties Brit 2 Offrs. 55 ORs. Cdn 1 Offr. 26 ORs. POW 20.	
GERMANY	17	As above. Casualties 3 Offrs. Brit 34 ORs. Cdn 4 ORs, POW 8. "A" Coy CCP moved to BEDBURG Map Ref 939521 and opened up. "B" Coy left NEBO and joined HQ at ADS.	

	18		Locations as above. Casualties Brit 1 Offrs. 38 ORs. Cdn 20 ORs. POW 3.	
	19		Locations as above. Casualties Brit 33 ORs. Cdn 19 ORs. POW 2.	
	20		Locations as above. Casualties Brit 20 ORs. Cdn 2 ORs. POW 5.	
	21		Locations as above. "A" Coy rejoined HQ at 0430 hours, mostly Sick cases admitted to ADS. DUKW Point still functioning vigorously, taking cases from 43(BR) Div and all Cdn Units.	
	22		Locations HQ and "A" Coy as above. "B" Coy opened CCP at BERGMANSHOF Map Ref 941454 with Ambulance Car Post at SCHLOSS KALBERG. This car post had to be withdrawn to 2 Kilos owing to very intense shell and mortar fire. Two Ambulance Cars knocked out, personnel not injured.	
	23		Locations as above. ADS admitting Sick. DUKW Point still working, evacuating from Cdn Divs only.	
	24		Locations as above. Recce Party left for TILBURG.	
GERMANY	25		ADS Site and DUKW Point handed over to CDN Fd Ambulance. During the entire period that the ADS was opened at CLEVE the DUKW Evacuation Point was functioning. DUKWs after unloading at FMCs came to the Evacuation Point and loaded up with casualties for the return run. Blankets and Stretchers were sent up twice or three times daily in bulk by special DUKW from the CCS. Delays were not frequent and the system worked excellently. Between the 14th and 25th February 4,000 cases were evacuated by this means. CCSs report that cases were in very good fettle on arrival. Unit less "B" Coy moved to rest in TILBURG. Troops in civilian Billets.	
HOLLAND	26		"B" Coy rejoined Fd Ambulance at 1945 hours.	
	27-28		Unit resting and checking equipment.	