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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 153 Field Amb

**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

(Erase heading not required)

Commanding Officer LT.Col. D Campbell

Month and Year Oct 1944

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 <sub>2</sub> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; to have recreational facilities in HELMOND. Morale is high.</p> <p>D.I. McCallum Major</p>	<p>DMcC</p> <p>WAM Scott Lieut Colonel RAMC</p>
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