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

Unit 23 (BR) Field Dressing Station

Month and Year DECEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND	1		Civilian staff removing machinery from Technical School.	
(588218)	2	1700	ADMS visited & gave orders that the unit was to move to St Leonardus School, Helmond, on 4th. No further cases admitted & all Divisional minor sick passed on to 8 Corps Medical Units.	
	3		Capt Buchan & Lieut Samuel proceeded to Brussels on 48 hour leave.	
HELMOND (564228)	4	1100	Unit moved to ST LEONARDUS School, Helmond (564228). 49 patients handed over to 34 CCS who moved into Technical School same day. New school too small to take functioning FDS & unit remained closed.	
	5.		Checking and cleaning stores. New loading lists made out in view of the loss of 15 cwt truck from the W.E.	
	6.	1400	Loading stores & interior economy. Reconnaissance of ST GERARDUS School Helmond with a view to opening.	
HELMOND 560226	7	1000	Moved to St Gerardus School (560226). Wooden huts being delivered in near future for personnel. School suitable for 100 beds.	
	8.		Cleaning & preparing wards.	
	9.		Interior Economy. Wooden huts not yet arrived.	
	10.		Interior Economy.	
	11.		Open to receive Minor Sick. Four wards each of 12 beds. Remainder of accommodation used for personnel until huts arrive. 21 cases admitted by evening.	
	12		Weather fair.	
	13.		IMT Inspection of vehicles.	
	14.	1500	40 patients held. Visit by ADMS.	
	15.		46 minor sick patients held.	
	16.		Ballot held for personnel eligible for home leave. Only four members eligible - the remainder not so until 8 Jan.	
HELMOND 650226	17.	1130	ADMS visit. Some enemy air activity during the morning. 59 patients held.	

	18	1000	Extra wards opened to increase holding capacity to 80 beds. Slight enemy air activity - one small bomb dropped on North part of Town.	
	19.		Capt W. Sagar proceeded to 32 (BR) General Hospital for Course on Psychiatry.	
	20		62 patients held.	
	21.		73 patients held.	
	22		75 patients held.	
	23.	1000 1410	RASC attended Mines demonstration at Bourg Leopold. Enemy air activity in vicinity. Two bombs dropped area Market St by high flying plane.	
	24.		S/Sgt collected from No 6 (BR) General Hospital to fill vacancy in W.E.	
	25.	1100 1215	Christmas Day. Carol Service. Patients Christmas Dinner 1315. Unit's Christmas Dinner.	
HELMOND	26		78 patients held. Weather fine and frosty.	
650226	27.	1615	Unit leave Ballot held.	
	28		Thaw - making roads bad. 86 patients held.	
	29		73 patients held.	
	30.	1430	Officers attended clinical visit at 34 CCS.	
	31.	1600	Visit by ADMS.	