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Unit 23 FIELD DRESSING STATION

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
West Grinstead	1.	1400	All Officers attended Movement Control lecture by ADMS. IBRR	
	2		Routine Training. All vehicles now waterproofed except one Ambulance, one three ton lorry & staff cars. All G1098 & I1248 stores complete IBRR	
	3		Routine Training & Recreation IBRR	
	4	1100	Church Parades IBRR	
	5		Routine Training IBRR	
	6	1600 2000	Padre's Hour. News of "D" day first heard over wireless IBRR ENSA Concert Party IBRR	
	7		Checking of stores IBRR	
	8		Routine Training IBRR	
	9		Routine Training IBRR	
	10		Routine Training & Recreation IBRR	
	11	1200	Church Parade IBRR	
	12		Routine Training & Interior Economy IBRR	
West Grinstead	13	2000	Unit moved to Rowlands Road, WORTHING, and came under comd of 15(S) INF DIV RESIDUES. IBRR	
WORTHING	14		Interior Economy. IBRR	
	15.		Interior Economy. IBRR	
	16		All vehicles now waterproofed except staff cars. IBRR	
	17.		Recreation IBRR	
	18	1100	CO attended conference at No2 Group. Residues IBRR	
	19	1400	Route March IBRR 15 Div ORD Field Pk moved into Rowlands Rd. IBRR	
	20		Routine Training IBRR	
	21		Routine Training & Football IBRR	
	22.	1400	Range allotment. IBRR	
	23		Training. Pay Parade IBRR	
	24		Routine Training IBRR	
	25	0915	Church Parades IBRR	

WORTHING	26		Routine Training. All vehicles loaded and unit kept in a state of readiness to move at six hours notice. Mail being received regularly. IBRR	
	27		Gas Training & Swimming. RASC on Rifle Range IBRR	
	28	1415 1600	Inspection of billets by Comdr 15 Div Residue, followed by an address to all ranks. P.T & Swimming Parade IBRR	
	29		Routine Training.	
	30	1000	Route March - Full Marching Order, 8 miles. Sea bathing. IBRR	

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Unit 23 Field Dressing Station

Month and Year July 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WORTHING	1		Routine Trg & Recreation IBRR	
	2	0915	Church Parades. Rain. IBRR	
	3.		Unit at 6 hrs notice to move. IBRR	
	4.		Unit March party now abolished. All personnel to travel in Unit Tpt. Weather fine IBRR	
	5.		Recreation & Training IBRR	
	6	0715 1400	Unit left Worthing for Marshalling Area, Tilbury. Arrived at Gallows Corner after uneventful journey through London. Moved into Marshalling Camp S 8. Tpt remained on Southend Rd ready to move to Embarkation Area. IBRR	
	Tilbury	7	Weather fine. Tpt embarked. IBRR	
	8	1600 2000	Unit left camp in TCV's for TILBURY Docks All Vehs & personnel embarked on "OCEAN VOLGA". Complete Unit travelling as vehicle party - the march party of 46 having previously been cancelled. IBRR	
	9	0900	Sailed from Tilbury Docks. Weather fine. Majority of personnel on board consisted of 15 (S) Inf Div Residues. IBRR	
	10		At Sea. Weather moderate IBRR	
	NORMANDY	11	Arrived off Coast of Normandy in the morning. Sea too rough for disembarkation. Very little sickness during voyage. No incidents. IBRR	
	12	1000	First vehicles unloaded onto LCT's. Remained on LCTs until 1515 hrs.	
		1600	Landed on "MIKE" Beach with only about 1 foot wade. All vehs	
		1700	arrived at "Goldsmith" Assembly Area - St Croix-Sur-Mer.	
		2200	Moved up to Divisional Area at Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse and moved into same location as 153 F.A. at midnight. IBRR	
		2210	O.C. contacted ADMS.	
	13		Cleaned up & completed de-waterproofing of loads & vehicles. Weather fine IBRR	

	14		Resting IBRR	
NORMANDY	15	1800	Opened in same location to receive Minor Sick and Exhaustion cases during the Divisional attack beyond the R. Odon. Weather good. IBRR	
	16		Exhaustion cases & minor sick admitted. Extra tentage borrowed.	
	17		Admissions continued. IBRR	
	18		Weather good. Total of 205 cases admitted so far. IBRR	
	19		Holding 150 cases. Exhaustion cases being sedated for 24 hrs & then spending next day cleaning & resting. On the third day after admission cases were either Returned to Units the next day or evacuated to 12 Corps Exhaustion Centre. IBRR	
	20	1200	Divisional Commander visited Exhaustion Centre. IBRR First large consignment of mail received IBRR	
	21		Torrential Rain IBRR	
	22	1510	75 Cases remaining. Admissions less. Visit by DDMS Second Army. IBRR	
NORMANDY	23		Division moved into 30 Corps; unit remained behind to clear cases. Total Cases admitted 334. 215 Exhaustion and 119 Minor Sick. Out of 186 Divisional Exhaustion Cases, 85 were R.T.U. and 101 evacuated. IBRR	
	24		Closed. Cleaning & repairing. IBRR	
	25	1000 1500	Moved from Bretteville to BAUGY, 2 miles S. of Balleroy. Some enemy shelling one mile South of location. 1600 hrs opened as FDS in forward Medical Area, adjacent to ADS of 194 & 153 Field Ambs. Layout of Dressing Station in three departments - each capable of dealing with ten transfusions at a time. No cases received IBRR	
	26	1100	Visit of DDMS 30 Corps. No Cases received. Weather cloudy & some rain IBRR	
	27.	1130	Two cases received. IBRR	
	28		Showers. 1200 hrs visit by ADMS. No casualties admitted IBRR	
	29		Same location IBRR	
NORMANDY	30.	0500	One Department moved forward to join ADS of 193 Field Ambulance at La Martiniere - 2 miles N of Caumont. Remainder of unit joined up at 1300 hrs, leaving one section behind with the ADS at Baugy. Group I Casualties received direct from ADS - Twenty Cases being admitted during the afternoon & night. Remaining section joined unit at 1700 hrs. IBRR	
	31.	1200	One section joined ADS of 194 Field Ambulance at La Redantiere - 2½ miles S of Caumont. Remainder of Unit moved down at 1700 hrs leaving one dept behind. Only three cases received during the day.	IBRR

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Month and Year August 1944

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NORMANDY	1		Still at La Redantiere - S of Caumont. Total of 9 cases received during day. No cases during Night. Only a few cases being received at ADS. News received of good progress past Vire. IBRR	
	2.		Same location. Weather fine. Few admissions only IBRR	
	3.	1700	One section moved forward to join 153 F.A at ST DENIS - MAISONCELLES, 8 miles S of Caumont.	
		2000	Remainder of unit on wheels.	
	4.	1200	Unit moved to St Denis - Maisoncelles. Weather fine. IBRR	
	5.	1200	One section moved forward to join 193 F.A. at St Pierre Tarentaine	
		1500	2½ miles NE of Le Beny Bocage. Remainder of Unit moved down. Four casualties received during the day. Quiet night. IBRR	
Field	6		Quiet morning. In afternoon a rush of admissions from 46 Bde. C.O. 7 Seaforths admitted with penetrating head wound. 41 Cases in all. 1800 hrs one section moved down to join ADS 194 FA at LA TOURNIERE (MR 727434)	
		2200	Remainder of Unit packed up & on wheels. Weather fine IBRR	
	7	0830	Unit moved to La Tourniere.	
	8	1400	One Section moved down to ADS 11 Lt FA at COURTEIL (705412) Weather fine. Ten cases received during day. IBRR	
	9		Same location. Quiet. IBRR	
	10		Same location. No cases admitted. Closed at 1900 hrs. IBRR	
	11	1030	Moved to COURTEIL (1 mile W of MONTCHAMP).	
	12.		No cases. Weather fine. IBRR	
	13.	1400	FDS closed. Awaiting orders to move with Div & join 12 Corps below CAEN.	
		1700	Visit by DDMS 8 Corps IBRR	
	14.	1200	Moved to VIEUX (6 miles S.W. of CAEN). FDS now open for Divisional Minor Sick, having previously been doing resuscitation work in Caumont Sector.	

Field.			Dead cattle & Germans in vicinity of Vieux causing considerable fly menace. Cases of diarrhoea increasing. IBRR	
	15.		Minor Sick - mostly enteritis. Weather very hot. IBRR	
	16		Location the same. Cases of enteritis increasing. Sulphaguanadine treatment being used & febrile cases responding well in 48 hours.	IBRR
	17.		Fewer admissions. Weather still hot. IBRR	
	18		One section moved to BARBERY (12 miles S. of CAEN), & opened for Minor Sick.	
	19.		Patients transferred to Barbery - 90 Cases in all. 1200 hrs remainder of unit moved up. Two No5 Penthouses and two small store tents were used to hold minor sick. IBRR	Capt W.M. Allan RAMC joined for duty and Capt H.R. Thomson RAMC posted to 6 K.O.S.B.
	20	2330	96 Cases held - mostly enteritis. Enemy air attack took place one mile away in area occupied by 2 A&SH. 18 Casualties received shortly afterwards, including the Commanding Officer IBRR	
Field.	21.		Barbery. Heavy Rain made difficulty for ambulances. IBRR	
	22.		Fine. 60 patients held. IBRR	
	23.		Only 25 Minor Sick held - many having been discharged to duty.	
	24		Division concentrated for Operation "Gallop". One section moved down to TRUN to open for minor sick & accidents on route - and to act as a staging point back to CCS, West of Falaise IBRR	
	25	1700	Main body left Barbery for TRUN (Route via Falaise) Arrived 2100 hrs IBRR	
	26	0630 1730	Left TRUN for BROGLIE - arrived 1100 hrs. Remained on wheels. Moved to 2 miles NE of BEAUMONT LE ROGER (on Le Neubourg Road). Arrived 2330 hrs. Established post for collecting casualties & sick in garage near vacated enemy aerodrome. Weather fine IBRR	
	27.	1300 1730	One Section joined Div Admin Group. IBRR Moved to 1 mile West of LOUVIERS. Open as staging post IBRR (M.R. 204884). Division crossing R. SEINE. IBRR	
Field.	28.		Location same. Weather fine.	
	29.		Rain. Section rejoined from Admin Area. IBRR. Rain.	
	30.		LOUVIERS. Rain. Only a few cases admitted. Men attended ENSA shows. IBRR	
	31.		LOUVIERS. Closed & waiting to move over the Seine. Some Rain IBRR	

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Month and Year September 1944.

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

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

WESTERLOO	14	1400	Moved up over Albert Canal to GHEEL (0787) to open as FDS alongside 194 F.A. in Sanatorium buildings that had been used as German barracks. On arrival met DDMS 12 Corps & plan changed - 9 FDS moved in to form ASC and unit harboured at 124843 one mile West of MEERHOUT. Weather fine - closed & on wheels. IBRR	
	15		Closed. Repairing canvas & making extra tents for personnel. IBRR	
	16.		Enemy gun limber found and converted into trailer for 4 Kwt Generating Set. Weather fine. Full Kit inspection carried out. Clocks put back one hour. IBRR	
	17	1200	Large number of Dakotas and Gliders seen proceeding N.E. Closed. Weather fine - some rain at night IBRR	
	18		Same location. Closed. IBRR	
	19.	1200	Church Service. Closed IBRR	
	20.		Closed. Football in afternoon IBRR	
EINDHOVEN	21	1100	Moved up in Divisional column across Dutch Border to EINDHOVEN area. Arrived 1900 hrs and established ASC at two schools & convent in MEERVELDHOVEN (386156). No 13 & 42 FSU & FTU working with unit. All types of casualties being received. IBRR	
	22		Working as ASC. IBRR	
	23		Working as ASC. Eight Nursing Sisters temporarily with unit from 10 C.C.S. IBRR	
	24.		Working as ASC. Two nursing sisters obtained from 23 CCS for post-operation nursing. Sixteen 'post-op' cases now held - including twelve abdomens. IBRR	
	25.	1500 1700 2000	Visit by DDMS 12 Corps Visit by Lt Col Debenham RAMC. 23 CCS opened at ZEELST and FDS stopped admitting cases except for minor sick and exhaustion IBRR	
MEERVELDHOVEN	26	1200 2300	Rain. Opened for Minor Sick & Exhaustion only. Casualties evacuated by air from Eindhoven Airstrip. Previously only evacuation had been by Road to Brussels. 22 stretcher cases & 11 walking despatched. Handley Page "Sparrows". Overflow of Group III casualties received from CCS. IBRR	
	27	1200	More cases evacuated by air IBRR While open in this location a total of 602 cases were admitted	IBRR
	28	1400	Handed over buildings & patients to 4 FDS. Eighteen 'post-op' cases and 95 minor sick & exhaustion. Unit moved into adjacent school IBRR	
	29		Resting. ENSA & Cinema shows in Eindhoven during afternoon IBRR	

	30.		Resting. Some Rain. IBRR	
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Month and Year OCTOBER 1944.

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HOLLAND	1.		MEERVELDHOVEN. Closed. IBRR	
	2		Meerveldhoven - closed. Some Rain IBRR	
	3.		Meerveldhoven - closed. IBRR	
	4	1430	Moved to HELMOND (556223). Location - Convent School. Closed. Transport parked by Post Office. IBRR	
	5.		Helmond - closed. Weather fine IBRR	
	6.	1430 1630	Medical Officers Conference at 22 FDS. Divisional Commander addressed all officers at local Cinema. IBRR	
	7.	1100	ADMS Conference. Closed. IBRR	
	8		Helmond - closed. Fine IBRR	
	9.	1430	Training in morning. Football v Helmond Post Office Team. Won 14-0. IBRR	
	10		Helmond. "Hobby" groups started with classes in drawing and model making; instructors being found from unit. Twenty two applications for evening classes submitted. IBRR	
HOLLAND (HELMOND)	11.	1500	Closed. Medical Officers attended lecture on Surgery by Lt Col Debenham.	IBRR
	12.		Closed. IBRR	
	13		Took over Minor Sick Cases from 22 FDS - 44 cases in theatre in market square. IBRR	
	14		Helmond. IBRR	
	15.		55 minor sick being treated. IBRR	
	16		1900 hrs Unit dance held IBRR	
	17		Same location. Rain. IBRR	
	18		Same location IBRR	
	19.	1430	Football v 227 Inf Bde Workshops. IBRR	
	20.		Same location - open for minor sick. IBRR	
	21.		Helmond IBRR	
	22.	1030	Church Parade IBRR	
	23	1830	Divisional Concert party held for patients in hospital IBRR	
HOLLAND -	24		Open for Minor Sick IBRR	

HELMOND	25.		Reconnaissance of BEST. One section moved & opened there to receive Minor Sick at 1600 hrs. IBRR	
BEST	26.	1000	Unit moved to BEST & opened in school buildings. All buildings damaged and in dirty condition. 28 patients moved from Helmond to new location IBRR	
	27.	1100 1400	Reconnaissance of OIRSCHOT. One section moved up to large convent school (MR: 313255) - previously occupied by Divisional Hqtrs. Ample space for unit & patients available. Remainder of unit & patients moved up to OIRSCHOT. IBRR	
	28.		Division moved over to sector below DEURNE because of enemy counter attack -. IBRR	
	29		Oirschot - Minor Sick. IBRR	
	30		Same location. Rain. IBRR	
	31		Oirschot - Minor Sick: only twelve cases remaining. IBRR	

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Month and Year NOVEMBER 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
OIRSCHOT	1		Remaining behind to discharge patients, Division having already moved over to Deurne Sector. 15 patients (minor sick).	
- do -	2.	1000	Reconnaissance of Helmond.	
- do -	3.		All patients discharged.	
HELMOND	4.	0900	Moved to Technical School HELMOND & continued to admit Minor Sick.	
HELMOND	5.		Total capacity for 150 minor sick on first floor of school. Ground floor rooms full of heavy machinery. 1600 hrs visit by ADMS	
"	6.		35 cases held.	
"	7		50 cases held. 1600 hrs visit by ADMS.	
"	8.		Minor Sick.	
"	9.		Minor Sick. Visit by ADMS 1600 hrs. 80 Cases held.	
"	10		More furniture & stores removed from school to make extra accommodation.	
"	11.		102 patients held - six wards of twenty beds each and two officers wards.	
HELMOND		1600	Visit by Divisional Commander to see unit and patients. The General suggested that beds, if available, should be borrowed locally for the patients.	
- do -	12		Weather - rain.	
- do -	13		Instructions received for formation of 538 Mobile Dental Unit.	
- do -	14.		Minor Sick. 110 patients held.	
- do -	15.	1500	CO's Conference at ADMS office.	
- do -	16		121 patients held. Rain.	
- do -	17		122 patients held.	
- do -	18		120 patients held.	
- do -	19		100 hospital beds and bedside lockers obtained from St Annagesticht Asylum, VENRAY - permission having been obtained from owners.	
- do -	20		109 cases held.	
- do -	21	1600	Visit by ADMS.	
- do -	22	1200	Visit by DDMS 8 Corps.	

- do -	23		89 patients held.	
HELMOND	24		102 patients held.	
	25.	1430 1450 1900	Church service for patients and Unit. Visit by Maj-General Blackmore (Inspectorate of Manpower) to see FDS functioning in 'Minor Sick' role. DDMS 8 Corps also present. Accidental fire at 46 Inf Bde Wk/shops in HELMOND. Ambulance & first aid squad attended - no casualties.	
	26.		98 patients held.	
	27		85 patients.	
	28.		92 patients held.	
	29	1200	Visit by DADMS (Pers) 21 A.Gp & DADMS 2nd Army. ADMS attended. No personnel questions raised.	
	30.		Reconnaissance of Technical School made by 34 CCS with a view to taking over in the near future.	

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Month and Year DECEMBER 1944

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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.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HELMOND (560226)	1		St Gerardus School, Helmond, receiving Minor Sick. Accommodation for 94 Cases.	
	2		Routine Work.	
	3		Routine Work.	
	4		Routine Work. Thaw precautions in operation.	
	5.		Thaw precautions cease.	
	6.		Capt W. Allan proceeded to 77 Med Regt RA as relief MO.	
	7		Routine Work	
	8		Routine Work	
	9		Routine Work	
	10		Capt W. Sagar returned from psychiatry course at No 32 (BR) General Hospital.	
		1430	MO's attended ward visit at 34 CCS.	
	11		Very cold.	
	12.		Patients in FDS reviewed by Medical Specialist 34 CCS.	
HELMOND	13		Routine Work.	
	14		New cookhouse constructed.	
	15		Routine work & sick parades.	
	16		ABCA lecture.	
	17		Routine work	
	18	1200	Skin cases in F.D.S. seen by Dermatologist 79 (BR) General Hospital.	
	19		Routine work & sick parades.	
	20		Routine work	
		1900	22 & 23 F.D.S. held combined Unit dance.	
	21	1000 1230	ADMS Conference Church Parade Unit Recce party proceeded to Herenthals Area, Nr Antwerp.	
	22		Recce party contacted and sent to Tilburg to find accommodation in view of Divisional move	
	23		Advance party moved up to Tilburg	

HELMOND	24	1100	Visit by ADMS. Division moved to Tilburg. Unit remained in Helmond to deal with remaining 'Minor Sick'.	
	25		Routine work	
	26		Normal Routine	
	27		Normal Routine	
	28		Closed - no cases remaining	
	29.		Checking and cleaning stores.	
	30.		Normal Routine. ABCA lecture.	
TILBURG.	31.	1000	Unit moved to TILBURG - arriving 1230 hrs.	

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Month and Year FEBRUARY 45.

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TILBURG	1		Closed. Unit half in billets and half in hall.	
(152314)	2.	1400	Route March 8 miles	
	3		Normal Routine.	
	4	1030 1400	All officers attended 30 Corps Commander's address at ENSA Cinema, Tilburg. ADMS Conference - preliminary to Operation "Veritable".	
	5.	1830	Moved up to NIJMEGEN behind 227 INF BDE Group. Route via s'HERTOGENBOSCH, OST. RAVENSTEIN.	
NIJMEGEN (706617)	6.		Time due at D.P. should have been 0100 hrs but owing to bad state of roads and traffic blocks did not arrive until 0930 hrs. Remained concentrated in top floor of St Joseph's School, School Street, 227 Bde HQ being in occupation of remainder of the school.	
	7.		Remained concentrated.	
	8.		227 Bde HQ moved out by 1000 hrs. School prepared for reception of Minor Sick and exhaustion cases during Operation "Veritable". Opened 1200 hrs - Total capacity 90 cases. Cases for evacuation sent to 10 CCS or 35 F.D.S.	
NIJMEGEN	9.		Cases being received from 43 & 53 Divisions. Total of 30 (including 6 exhaustion) received so far.	
	10.		Routine work	
	11.		All cases coming from 193 Field Ambulance, Cleve, travelling over flooded area in DUKWs to 3 C.C.S. Own ambulance car stationed at 3 C.C.S. to collect minor sick & exhaustion cases.	
	12.		Routine work.	
	13.		Routine work.	
	14.		Evacuation of cases as follows:- minor sick & casualties to 10 CCS at Grave. Exhaustion cases requiring treatment by Corps Psychiatrist to 35 FDS at Zeeland.	
	15.		Routine work.	
	16.		Total of 90 patients held. Lt H. Kellett joined unit.	
	17.		Routine work.	

	18.	1100	Church Service.	
NIJMEGEN	19		91 patients held.	
	20.		Routine work.	
	21.		German type disinfectant and four point shower mounted on trailer received from Ordnance, for use in F.D.S.	
	22.		Routine work.	
	23.		87 patients held.	
	24.		Routine work.	
	25.		Division moved out to rest in TILBURG Area. Reconnaissance carried out in BOXTEL area for new F.D.S. location. Site chosen - School (Map Ref 335358).	
	26.		Unit remaining behind in Nijmegen, holding 79 patients. Advance party of one section proceeded to Boxtel.	
BOXTEL (335358)	27.		School at Nijmegen handed over to 11 F.D.S. of 3 Division. Unit and 73 up-patients moved to BOXTEL - move completed by 1400 hrs.	
	28.		Open for Minor Sick - large school with total capacity of 200 cases.	

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BOXTEL (335358)	1.		Open for Divisional Minor Sick. Large Modern School with capacity for total of 200 cases if necessary. Showers & central heating in good working order. Capt W. Sagar rejoined unit from No 1 Convalescent Depot.	
	2.		Routine Work & Interior economy.	
	3	1530	Divisional Commander visited unit and addressed all ranks on parade.	
	4		Routine Work.	
	5		Normal Routine.	
	6		Normal Routine.	
	7.		IO carried out reconnaissance of DIEST & surrounding area but no space available. Div HQ (Main) expecting to move out of Zonhoven, in which case the convent school will be used for F.D.S.	
	8.		Routine Work.	
	9.		Capt W. Sagar proceeded on leave to U.K. 30 patients held.	
	10		Routine Work.	
BOXTEL	11		Routine Work	
	12		Normal Routine - Unit receiving large allotment of 48 hrs leave to Brussels.	
	13		Normal Routine.	
	14		Normal Routine.	
	15.		No cases remaining.	
	16.		Present school larger than required & unit moved to smaller school in BOXTEL.	
	17	1000	OC's Medical Units met DMS 21 Army Gp at ADMS Office.	
	18	0900	Unit exercise locally - erection of canvas & layout of departments.	
	19	1000	Adv Party proceeded across Maas to Div Concentration Area - harbouring area one mile NE of WALBECK (975276)	
	20	2100	Unit moved at rear of Div Tps Convoy - Route - Eindhoven - Asten - Panningen - Venlo Bridge.	

WALBECK	21	0300	Arrived 975276 - Remained closed on wheels.	
WALBECK	22		Harbouring - waiting to move into building at WETTEN.	
WETTEN	23	1100	Moved to WETTEN (Map Ref 003313) Room for 80 Minor Sick cases inside building - Admin & living accommodation under canvas.	
	24		Capt W. Allan proceeded as relief MO to 1st Middlesex.	
	25		Routine Work - admitting Divisional Sick.	
	26		Normal Routine	
	27		Normal Routine.	
	28	2100	Unit moved over Rhine (Xanten Bridge) to location of 194 Field Ambulance, BISLICH (138429). One section left at WETTEN with 75 patients.	
	29		Open for Minor Sick after arriving at BISLICH 0100 hrs.	
	30		Normal Routine.	
	31.		64 Cases remaining at WETTEN - 28 at BISLICH.	

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Month and Year APRIL 45.

Commanding Officer Major I.B. Rees-Roberts

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BISLICH (138429)	1.		Headquarters and one section at BISLICH beside 194 Field Ambulance - open for minor sick: holding 28 Cases. Second section remaining behind at WETTEN holding 64 Cases.	
	2.		No change. Rear section moved up bringing forward 17 cases. Lieut F.R.G. Staffiere RAMC joined for duty as non-Medical Officer.	
	3.		Unit was divided into two equal sections in order to be able to "leap-frog" and deal with minor sick during rapid movement.	
	4.		Routine work & re-loading of vehicles.	
	5.		One section moved forward to TECKLENBURG to harbour in Div area.	
	6	0900	Remainder of Unit moved up to TECKLENBURG (048018) arriving 0400 hrs the following day. 30 Cases carried forward.	
TECKLENBURG (048018)	7		'A' Section moved to FRIEDEWALDE (762182) 6 miles N.W. of MINDEN and opened.	
FRIEDEWALDE (762182)	8	0830	Moved up to FRIEDEWALDE & opened in school buildings.	
	9		Open to Minor Sick.	
FRIEDEWALDE	10		Routine Work.	
	11.		One section moved forward with Division to harbour at HAGENBURG (078271)	
HAGENBURG (078271)	12	0830	HQ section moved to HAGENBURG via PETERSHAGEN Bridge. Arrived 1045 hrs. 'A' Section remained at Friedewalde holding 20 cases. Unit remained on wheels waiting to move into CELLE.	
CELLE (590500)	13.		Moved to CELLE and opened in administrative building (adjacent to law courts)	
	14		Section moved up from Friedewalde.	
	15.		Holding 40 Cases.	
	16		Holding 64 Cases. Several P.W(ex) treated.	
	17		70 patients held.	
	18		81 patients held.	

	19		Capt W. Allan proceeded as relief MO to 4 Tk Coldstream Guards.	
	20		Routine Work.	
	21	0900	Recce Party (Lt Staffiere) proceeded to area N. of LUNEBURG.	
LUNEBURG	22		Unit moved up 4 miles N. of LUNEBURG (map ref 802280) and opened for Minor Sick in hutted camp adjacent to 153 Field Ambulance: Accn for 80 Cases. 'B' Section (Capt Sagar) remained in CELLE with 48 Cases.	
	23		Routine Work and opening of wards.	
	24	1815	Church Service.	
	25	0900	Section moved up from CELLE.	
	26		Routine Work.	
	27		Routine Work	
	28		A resuscitation section of one officer (Capt Sagar) and eight OR's joined 193 F.A. to run resuscitation dept of DUKW Embarkation point Nr LAUENBURG during the crossing of the ELBE. Complete section loaded into three quarters of a DUKW. 2330 hrs barrage for Op. "ENTERPRISE" started. FDS being adjacent to medium & hvy gun areas.	
	29	0200 1200	Operation 'ENTERPRISE' - Crossing of River ELBE commenced. 'B' Section crossed river in DUKW with 193 F.A. at LAUENBURG to location 878342.	
	30.		Routine work.	

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4 miles N of LUNEBURG (802280)	1		Established in hutted camp & receiving minor sick & exhaustion cases from operation "ENTERPRISE". B Section performing resuscitation role with 193 Field Ambulance DUKW Embarkation point at LAUENBURG (878342)	
	2		B Section moved up to SCHWARZENBEK (826486) to open in doctor's house.	
TRITTAU (773604)	3.	1300	Remainder of unit crossed the ELBE and moved to TRITTAU, arriving at 1600 hrs. Opened for sick in school. Before the move 37 cases were carried forward to the section at Schwarzenbek.	
	4		Routine work	
	5		B section moved to TRITTAU	
	6		Routine work.	
	7.		Routine work.	
	8		Normal Routine. VE Day celebrations in the evening.	
	9.	1730	C.O. attended Div Commander's address.	
	10		Normal Routine.	
	11		Normal Routine.	
TRITTAU (773604) (765624)	12		Owing to school being too small & unsuitable for wards, the unit was moved to the country house vacated by 153 Field Ambulance. Showers ablutions & WC's all in working order. Ample accommodation for 30 patients & good surrounding grounds. Unit personnel under canvas. 25 Cases held.	
	13		Routine Work & preparing wards. Heat wave.	
	14		Normal Routine.	
	15		Normal Routine. 26 Cases held.	
	16		Capt A.P. Buchan RAMC proceeded as relief MO to 131 Field Regt RA.	
	17		Normal Routine	
	18.		Normal Routine - sharp Thunder storm 1700 hrs.	
	19		Normal Routine.	
	20		C.O. left for leave to U.K.	
	21		Routine work	

	22		Recce for new location for CRS in Molln	
Near MOLLN	23.		Unit moved to near MOLLN 966639. C.R.S. established - accommodation for 50 beds. 10 patients ferried from TRITTAU	
	24		Eclipse duties for Kreis LAUENBURG taken over from 158 Fd Amb. One detachment - Capt Allan & 10 O.R's at Molln One detachment - to maintain 48 F.S.U. at Ratzeburg.	
	25		Detachment 1 Sgt & 1 N.O. to M.1 Room SARAU Camp M.R. 977791	
	26		Routine Work	
	27		Routine Work	
	28		Routine Work	
	29		Routine Work	
	30		4 N.O's reported as reinforcements	
	31		4 N.O's posted to 53 R.H.U. potential clerks.	