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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 193 (BR) FIELD AMBULANCE.

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year APRIL 1945.

Commanding Officer H.N. PERKINS LT-COL

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GERMANY	1.		ADS closed. HQ & "B" Coy located at MR 138453 under canvas. "A" Coy located at MR 148494. HNP	
	2.		As above. HNP	
	3.	10.45	Warning Order to be prepared to move with 46 (H) Bde received. Vehicles loaded and lined up. Left location at 15.45 hrs, "A" Coy joining unit en route. Arrived MR 335676 at 20.45 hrs. Harboured night men sleeping in farm buildings and barns. HNP	
	4.		Vehicles lined up and personnel on board at 08.30 hrs. Left location at 09.00 hrs arriving MR 824875 NORDWALDE at 15.00 hrs. Vehicles parked in school yard. Personnel billeted in School and adjoining buildings. C.O. addressed all ranks on subject of fraternisation. HNP	
	5.		Fd Amb complete in above location. MI Room open for sick and dental treatment. HNP	
	6.		Warning Order received to be prepared to move. Lorries loaded. Unit moved in 46 Bde convoy at 14.00 hrs. Roads filled with traffic. Convoy proceeded very slowly with many halts travelling all night. HNP	
	7.		Convoy arrived MR 764178 FRIEDWALDE at 07.45 hrs and harboured until 13.15 hrs then proceeding to farm buildings and school at MR 755162 HOLZHAUSEN 2 where an MI Room was opened and arrangements made to hold patients until A.S.C. opened. HNP	
	8.		Fd Amb complete located as above. Church Service in morning. HNP	
	9.		Locations as above. 538 Mobile Dental Unit arrived 10.00 hrs for attachment. Warning Order received to be prepared to move on 10th. HNP	
	10.		Lorries loaded preparatory to move. Unit with M.D.U. attached moved in 46 (H) Inf Bde convoy at 10.45 hrs and proceeded to MR 944212 WIEDENSAHL crossing River Weser on Cl 9 Pontoon Bridge en route. Arrived at MR 944212 at 15.00 hrs. Unit sleeping accommodation lofts and barns adjoining farm. Administration in houses. C.O.	

		attended "O" Group conference at 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ at 20.00 hrs. HNP	
	11.	1 Sect "B" Coy left location at 08.30 hrs, two Sects "B" Coy left with 46 (H) Inf Bde at 10.30 hrs. Fd Amb less "B" Coy with M.D.U. moved at 11.45 hrs and proceeded to MR 425362 BURGWEDEL where "A" Coy opened a Lt. A.D.S. 1 Sect "B" Coy opened CCP at MR 477354 THONSE. HNP	
	12	Fd Amb less "B" Coy moved at 13.45 hrs joining "B" Coy en route. Proceeded to MR 589490 CHELLE arriving 16.30 hrs. Fd Amb at Artillery Barracks. HNP	
	13.	B.3 Section left location at 08.30 hrs and moved with 7th Bn Seaforths to MR 7172 SPADENHOLZ opened to receive casualties. B.2 Section left location at 09.00 hrs and moved with 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders to MR 7657 ELDINGEN. B.1 Section left location at 09.30 hrs and moved with 46 (H) Inf Bde to MR 6963 ESCHEDE. Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 20.00 hrs and harboured for the night on side of road to UELZEN MR 6760 arriving 21.20 hrs. 1 enemy aircraft flew overhead machine gunning but no casualties or damage sustained. HNP	
	14.	Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 08.15 hrs arriving MR 759679 at 08.40 hrs. ADS opened in grounds of Schloss at 09.10 hrs. 538 MDU left unit to proceed to 23 FDS at 14.10 hrs. Casualties admitted ADS Offrs 3 ORs 89, POW 5. B.1 Section moved with 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ to M.R. 7668 SCHELPHLOH. B.2 Section moved with 2nd Bn Glasgow Hdrs to M.R. 9079 STADTHAUSEN. B.3 Section moved with 7th Bn Seaforths to MR 7374 UNTERLUSS. HNP	
	15	ADS and 'A' Coy located as above. A.1 Section left location for 46 (H) Inf Bde at 13.00 hrs but returned at 18.30 hrs. Casualties admitted to ADS Offrs 12, ORs 132, POW 29. B.1 Section moved with 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ to MR 8177 HESSERINGEN. At approx 11.00 hrs B.1 Sect received information that B.2 Sect had admitted heavy casualties from 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders and were evacuating over a slow and difficult evacuation route. B.1 Sect moved therefore to MR 8972 BOKEL and est a Car Post behind B.2 Sect. All British Casualties were evacuated by 16.00 hrs. B.2 Sect opened at MR 9079 STADTHAUSEN. Village attacked by enemy force at approx 05.00 hrs. Casualties evacuated as above. B.3 Sect moved to MR 8586 KLEINE SUSTADT and was withdrawn from 7th Bn Seaforths to relieve Sect 1 of "A" Coy which had been sent out to replace B.1 Sect. At 23.00 hrs all sections were concentrated at MR 8784 HOLDENSTADT where a Coy CCP was opened. HNP	

	16.		Fd Amb located as above. Casualties admitted ADS Offs 1. ORs 72. POW 26. B.1 Sect at Coy CCP on wheels. HNP	
	17.		ADS open casualties admitted Offs 5. ORs 52. POW 12. "A" Coy with HQ. "B" Coy moved forward to outskirts of UELZEN and opened. B.2 & 3 Sects closed at HOLDENSTADT and remained on wheels. HNP	
	18.		HQ and "A" Coy as above. ADS closed. B.2 and 3 Sects moved to UELZEN and opened CCP, later joined by B.1 Sect. HNP	
	19.		Vehicles loaded. Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 14.30 hrs arriving "A" Coy location UELZEN at 15.45 hrs. Unit complete left at 17.00 hrs in 46 (H) Inf Bde Convoy and proceeded to MR 906021 BEVENSEN where the unit harboured the night. HNP	
	20.		B.1 Sect attached to 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders moved to MR 929226 NEETZE. B.2 Sect attached to 9th Bn Cameronians moved with them to BRITZE and opened CCP. B.3 Sect attached to 7th Bn Seaforths moved with them to KARZE and opened CCP. Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 13.10 hrs and proceeded to MR 935196 WENNEKATH arriving at 18.15 hrs. ADS opened at 19.30 hrs. HNP	
	21.		B Coys sects concentrated at NEETZE and Coy CCP opened. Fd Amb less "B" Coy located as above. Major J.P. Mackey, 1 Sgt and 1 Clerk RAMC left at 17.15 hrs to report to Lt. Col. Pollock RAMC at 33 CCS LUNEBURG to assist in organising Medical resources there.	
	22.		Fd Amb less "B" Coy left location at 16.45 hrs arriving at NEETZE at 17.30 hrs. Lt. ADS opened Fd Amb complete. HNP	
	23.		Fd Amb complete at above location. ADS open. Personnel arrived from 7 Bn Seaforths and 2nd Bn Glasgow Highlanders for R.S.B's Course commencing in Unit.	
	24.		Fd Amb located as above. ADS open. R.S.B's Course being carried out in unit.	
	25.		Fd Amb located as above. ADS open. Casualties very slight, RSB's Course continues. HNP	
	26.		As above. C.O. attended conference at Med. 15 (S) Inf Div 10.00 hrs. ADS closed. RSB's courses ended. HNP	
	27.		As above. C.O. attended conference at Med. 15 (S) Inf Div 10.00 hrs and Med. 8 Corps conference at 16.00 hrs. Major J.P. Mackey and party returned from LUNEBURG. ADS equipment stacked in readiness for loading on to DUKWs. Ten DUKWs arrived 16.30 hrs. HNP	
	28.		Loading of DUKWs began. One section 23 FDS attached as resuscitation team arrived 11.00 hrs. C.O. briefed unit on operation "Endeavour" at 18.00 hrs. HQ personnel and ADS equipment on DUKWs ready to move at 17.45 hrs. Moved off 20.00 hrs. Arriving	

			MR 895253 at 22.00 hrs. Harboured for night. Personnel billeted in barns and farm buildings, preparatory to crossing Elbe. HNP	
	29.		<p>1 NCO 4 ORs temporarily attached to 225 Para Fd Amb (Air Borne Div). HQ personnel and equipment in DUKWs moved at 12.15 hrs and crossed River Elbe at 13.00 hrs. Enemy aircraft attacked bridgehead, bombing and machine gunning uncompleted bridge. Two DUKWs were out of control (defective steering). One came to rest at side of uncompleted pontoon bridge and personnel made their way to the left bank of the river by way of bridge. The other DUKW was being guided by a third DUKW but due to the enemy action both were run ashore on the right bank of the river. Personnel disembarked and made their way on foot to where the DUKWs which had already crossed were concentrated. Both of these DUKWs were later refloated and joined HQ Coy. A second attack by enemy aircraft was made at 14.00 hrs but no casualties to unit personnel were sustained. ADS opened in houses at MR 884343 LAUENBURG at 13.35 hrs. Evacuation over river was by DUKW to 14 Lt. Fd Amb. Casualties admitted very slight. At 15.00 hrs the enemy commenced shelling of ADS area continuing all afternoon and evening at frequent intervals. Shells landed very close to ADS. At 04.20 hrs two Stretcher Bearer Squads with Lt. W.H. Copp in command had crossed with the assault of 9 Cams and 2 Glas Hdrs in L.T.Vs and formed a CEP at MR 855345. Casualties were evacuated by storm boat, no L.T.Vs being available. At 11.00 hrs CEP was est east of L.T.V. crossing but moved again at 12.00 hrs to L.T.V. area opening CEP at MR 876344. Four Ambulance Jeeps were sent over river by Cl 9 Raft on priority. Two were attached to RAP at 2 Glas Hdrs, one attached to RAP 9 Cams. At 23.30 hrs remainder of "B" Coy and Transport crossed by Cl 9 bridge and opened a CCP with B.1 section at MR 878372. B.2 Section kept on wheels. HNP</p>	
	30.	05.00	<p>33 FSU and 21 FTU arrived and were attached to Fd Amb. Frequent shelling of the location continued. One attempt to bomb bridge by enemy aircraft at 1930 hrs. Two planes shot down. Lt. Copp and party remained open as CEP for raft and bridge crossing. Sect 2 "B" Coy CCP opened at MR 861378 KRUZEN. B.1 Sect remained open at MR 878372. No. of casualties admitted since opening at Lauenburg Offs 9. ORs 78. POW 41 Cvls 48. HNP</p> <p style="text-align: right;">HN Perkins Lt-Col RAMC</p>	