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Unit 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year JUNE. 1944.

Commanding Officer Major M.C. Howard

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LANCING SUSSEX.	1st to 11th		Final preparations for operational service overseas carried out in accordance with instructions received.	A.Fs W.3008 & 3009F. SER. No. 22-23 MH for weeks-ending
LANCING SUSSEX	9th		1 officer and 1 OR departed unit as advance recce party for unit location in 15 (S) Inf Div operational concentration area.	3rd & 10th JUNE attached. MH Returns for weeks-
LANCING SUSSEX	12th		Instructions received from HQ Movement Control Sussex District for unit to proceed to marshalling area on 13 JUNE 1944.	ending 17th & 24th JUNE MH during time unit was
LONDON	13th	1200	Main body of unit comprising 8 Officers 269 ORs and 92 vehicles arrived London District marshalling and embarkation Camp T.1. Remainder of unit consisting of 28 ORs left at Lancing under command Oi/c Residue 15 (S) Inf Div.	in transit from U.K. to France were not issued. MH
LONDON	14th		Final stages of waterproofing of unit vehicles carried out.	MH
LONDON	15th		8 Officers 269 ORs and 92 vehicles of unit embarked for FRANCE through T.1. Embarkation Camp, London District, in three separate bodies, two detachments by LST and main body by MTS.	MH
FRANCE	13th		1 Officer and 1 OR unit advance recce landed in France and proceeded to 15 (S) Inf Div concentration area.	MH
AT SEA	18th		Unit due to land in France but owing to extremely high seas and weather condition beach landings were impossible.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	19th		'B' Platoon detachment comprising 1 Officer 70 ORs and 26 vehicles landed from LST and proceeded to Divisional concentration area at ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	21st		Detachment of 1 Officer 18 ORs and 6 vehicles landed from LCT and proceeded to ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	24th		Main body of unit comprising 6 Officers 181 ORs and 61 vehicles landed from LCT after being at sea 9 days, and proceeded to Divisional concentration area at ESQUAY-SUR-SEULLES. All Officers, ORs and vehicles that embarked from U.K. were landed without sustaining any casualties.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	25th		Coy moved to area FRESNEY-LE-CROTTEUR and commenced maintenance of 15 (S) Inf Div. Supplies and petrol were off-loaded in platoon	

			location and majority of vehicles were used for carrying ammunition forward.	MH
NORMANDY FRANCE	30th		No casualties to either personnel or vehicles sustained to date. M. Howard Major Commanding 283.Coy.R.A.S.C.(Inf.Bde).	MH

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN HOLLAND (M.R.SHEET 4) 585120	20th		25 Drivers posted for transfer to Infantry under authority of 21 Army Group letter 21.A.Gp/3762/4/A(ORG) dated 20 December 1944. JH	AFW 3008 SER. NOS. 46, 48, 49 and 50.
ZOMEREN HOLLAND (M.R.SHEET 4) 585120	20th		Coy War Establishment re-organised as before less one Relief Driver Increment and 'C' and 'D' Sections of Composite Platoon, but retaining Amn Capt, his driver - batman and Amn Sjt. Authority for re-organisation 21 Army Group letter 21.A.Gp/1716/8/3/G(SD) dated 17 December 1944. JH J Hawkins Capt 2IC. Major R.A.S.C. A.O.D. Commanding 283 Coy RASC (Inf Bde).	AFW 3009F SER NOS 46, 48, 49, 50.

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Commanding Officer Major G.A. Cooper. RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ZOMEREN HOLLAND (M.R.SHEET 4) 585120	24th		Coy moved to ALPHEN map reference Sheet 2A & 3A. JH near TURNHOUT. E.0827. JH JH J Hawkins Capt 2.IC. Major R.A.S.C. A.O.D. Commanding 283 Coy RASC (Inf. Bde).	AFW. 3008. SER NOS: 1. 2. 3. and 4. AFW. 3009F SER NOS. 1. 2. 3. and 4.

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Month and Year FEBRUARY 1945

Commanding Officer MAJOR G.A. COOPER RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ALPHEN HOLLAND (MR. 710615)	4th		Coy moved to ZEELAND near GRAVE Sq 5746. Sheet. 5 (Holland).	GAC
ZEELAND HOLLAND (MR 5/5746)	5th		Forward Supply Point established at NIJMEGEN.	GAC
" do " do	18th	0001	Coy moved to NIJMEGEN MR 5/708618.	GAC
NIJMEGEN HOLLAND (MR 5/708618)	24th	1700	Coy moved back to ZEELAND MR 5/5746.	GAC
ZEELAND HOLLAND (MR 5/5746)	25th		Coy returned to ALPHEN MR 710615 Sheet. 5.	GAC
	8th to	25th	<p>During this period Fwd. Sup. Ps were established in neighbourhoods of KRANENBURG 2A&3A/Sq E.85 and CLEVE, GERMANY. Extremely heavy transport commitments were undertaken to assist in forward delivery of ammunition to Fld Regts.</p> <p>During operations no casualties occurred among personnel of Coy. One veh was lost in flooded area of KRANENBURG, GERMANY and accordingly written off charge of unit.</p> <p>Conditions were so bad due to floods and inclement weather that large percentage of transport was carried out by DUKW Coy placed under command.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">G.A. Cooper Major, R.A.S.C. Commanding 283 Infantry Brigade Company, R.A.S.C.</p>	<p>GAC</p> <p>GAC</p> <p>GAC</p> <p>A.Fs W. 3008 and A.Fs W. 3009F for FEB '45 attached.</p>

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Month and Year MARCH 1945

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ALPHEN HOLLAND MR. 5/710615	6th		Coy moved and established new location at BAELEN, BELGIUM MR 203890	GAC
BAELEN BELGIUM MR 203890	16th		Coy established small D.D for maintenance of 15 (S) Inf Div forward units. D.D location at VEEN, GERMANY MR Q1/113358 under command Capt G.H. BOORMAN.	GAC
BAELEN BELGIUM MR 203890	20th		Coy moved and established new location at LULLINGER, GERMANY MR Q1/972271.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	23rd		Elements of Coy crossed RHINE with assault troops of 15 (S) INF DIV. No casualties.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	27th		P/210073 Capt. J. HAWKINS posted to 62 Coy RASC (INF BDE) on authority of CRASC 15 (S) INF DIV.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	28th		A/Capt. W.H.D. WINDASS posted to HQ RASC 3 (BR) INF. DIV. on authority ST. 12 Corps.	GAC
LULLINGER GERMANY MR Q1/972271	31st		Coy crossed RHINE and established new location at MR/ Q1/216467 NR MUHLENROTT, GERMANY. During whole of month and including Operation "TORCHLIGHT" crossing of RHINE, no casualties occurred to personnel or vehicles of Coy. G.A. Cooper MAJOR, RASC Commanding 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)	AF W.3008 FOR MARCH AFs W.3009F FOR MARCH GAC GAC

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Commanding Officer MAJOR G.A. COOPER RASC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GERMANY MUHLENROTT M.R. Q1/216467	3rd		8 Amphibious vehicles (DUKWs) were taken on charge of Coy under authority of CRASC (15 S. Division).	JEF
" do " do	3rd		S/7954832 Pte GRASSAM A.L attached this Coy from 284 Coy RASC (Inf. Div. Tps) was seriously injured in Coy location following an explosion cause of which was unknown. Evacuated to 9 (Brit) Gen Hospital.	JEF
" do " do	4th		Coy recce party proceeded to area GERVEN, GERMANY Map ref K52/Sq 9289.	JEF
" do " do	6th		Coy established new location at LAER, GERMANY Map ref K52/Sq 9289 area of GERVEN.	JEF
LAER GERMANY M.R. area K52/9289	9th		Coy moved and established new location at BAD ESSEN, GERMANY map ref Q1/412139.	JEF
BAD ESSEN GERMANY MR Q1/412139	10th		Coy moved and established new location at BRUNINGHORSTED, GERMANY, map ref N5/785245	JEF
BRUNINGHORSTED GERMANY MR N5/785245	11th		Coy again moved forward and established location and Supply Point at BAD REHBURG, GERMANY map reference N5/008280. 91639 Capt V.H. Austin taken on strength w.e.f. 10 April 45.	JEF
BAD REHBURG GERMANY MR N5/008/280	13th		Coy location and Supply Point established at GAILHOF, GERMANY MR N5/377414.	JEF
GAILHOF GERMANY MR. N5/692623	15th		Location of Coy established at ESCHEDI, GERMANY map ref N5/692623	JEF
ESCHEDI GERMANY MR N5/692623	20th		Coy moved and established location and Supply Point at OITZEN, GERMANY map ref M5/935979. 258579 WS/LT. Sebastian R.J. posted to 182 Coy RASC (G.T) (as A/Capt)	JEF

OITZEN GERMANY Map ref N5/935979	21st		Coy moved forward to BARENDORF, GERMANY, map ref N5/863185	JEF
BARENDORF GERMANY MR M5/863185	28th		Coy maintained 15 (S) Inf Div with supplies during assault crossing of RIVER ELBE	JEF
BARENDORF GERMANY MR M5/863185	30th		<p>Coy crossed RIVER ELBE and established location and Supply Point at LAUENBURG, GERMANY, map ref L5/878349.</p> <p>For Operation "ENTERPRISE" a Forward Supply Point was established at ECHER MR M54/Sq 8731 from where a DUKW ferry was operated across the RIVER ELBE.</p> <p>During the crossing of RIVER ELBE one vehicle of the unit was totally destroyed by enemy shell-fire. There were no casualties among personnel of the Coy during the whole operation.</p> <p>During the period 7th to 30th April 2 enemy Officers and 35 enemy Other Ranks were apprehended and passed to PW Cage.</p> <p>A further forward Supply Point was opened at LAUENBURG L5/area 878349 on 30 Apr '45.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J.E. Forrest Capt FOR MAJOR, RASC (AOD) COMMANDING 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)</p>	<p>JEF</p> <p>JEF</p> <p>JEF</p>

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LAUENBURG GERMANY Map ref:- L5/878349	2nd -	3rd	Intended move of Coy to new location postponed owing to very large numbers of enemy troops coming in to surrender. German units were surrendering complete with vehicles and equipment. Coy organised a PW Camp and it is estimated that 15,000 - 20,000 prisoners passed into the Camp in 24 hours. The Camp was eventually handed over to the charge of 102 A/TK Regt RA (N.H) in order that Coy could carry out previous instructions to move.	GAC
" do " do "	4th		Coy established new location and Supply Point at LUTJENSEE, GERMANY map ref L4/743385.	GAC
LUTJENSEE GERMANY MR. L4/743385			Coy established first static location under Operation "ECLIPSE" at REINFELD Near LUBECK MR 815852, N.W. GERMANY.	GAC
REINFELD GERMANY MR 815852			From time of arrival at REINFELD until end of month the Coy undertook feeding of all Displaced Persons and PWX in 15 (S) INF. DIV. area. Upon their coming under command of 8 Corps, 8 German PARA DIV were also issued with supplies. Many transport commitments involving the transportation of large numbers of POW, PWX and Displaced Persons were carried out. G.A. Cooper MAJOR. Commanding 283 Coy RASC (INF BDE)	GAC