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WAR DIARY

or

Unit 624 Field Park Coy RE

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year July 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Cully (France)	July 1		Workshops Pl & Pet Pl now complete and in operation. Issue of stores continued.	MDW
	July 2		Division drawn into reserve. All attached vehs (bridging & stores vehs) left this unit. Ordered to construct showers for division.	MDW
	July 3		Orders re showers cancelled. Mobile Bath unit on way ☉ Given task of repairing road N of Secqueville en Bessin Div Comdr addressed all ranks 1700 hrs.	MDW
	July 4		Mobile Bath unit arrived & put under command ☉ 2500 baths given ☉ work on road commenced. Workshop Pl making sign boards.	MDW
	5		Mob Bath unit - 3000 ☉ all coy had shower. Work on road continued. Workshops still making signs.	MDW
	6		Mob Bath Unit 2500 ☉ work on road continued ☉ workshops making signs and stands for Provost.	MDW
	July 7th		Mob Bath Unit 3000 ☉ Workshops making signs, grave crosses and cow identity discs (sic) and stands for signs ☉ work on road continued.	MDW
	8		As above. Trial pit dug by D6 & D4 to give cover against shell & mortar splinters for Div HQ. Not a success	MDW
	9		Workshop Pl making signs, crosses, provost sign stands. Stores Pl making new entrance & exit to water point at Secqueville. Bridging continuing with road.	MDW
	10		Weather deteriorating. Stores continuing with entrance & exit to water point. Workshops on crosses. Bridging on road.	MDW
	11		Mech Equip to CARPIQUET area to dig in portions of new Div HQ area. Spr Westrop (op Ex) wounded by shellfire. Entrances to water point completed incl hardcore. Work continued on road. Workshops still making crosses and signs plus odd 'comforts' jobs for Div HQ.	MDW
Cully	July 12		Work continued on new Div HQ at CARPIQUET. Work on road continued. Workshops pl on crosses and odd jobs.	MDW

Cully	July 13		Stores Pl formed adv dump area St MAUVIEU. Mech Equip own - digging in Div HQ plus one to 279 ☉ 2 Armd D7's drawn from 25 M.E. Sec. Priority residues arrived.	MDW
ST MAUVIEU	July 14		Stores Pl moved to another area St Mauvieu and dump formed (approx 40 lorry loads on ground, 12 on wheels + 15 tippers + 6 empty Div RASC vehs). Remainder of coy moved up to new area	MDW
ST MAUVIEU	15th		Issue of stores continued. Mech Equip all issued to coys for Operation Green Line. 6 CONGERS drawn and being maintained	MDW
	16th		One arm D4 + 2 operators reported missing 0800 hrs. One sec Pioneers reported for duty. Congers being put in working order. D4 & operators reported safe 1500 hrs.	MDW
St Mauvieu	17		Issues of stores continued. 3 Bulldozers maintained & repaired. Petter engines of water supply equipt overhauled. New sec of Pioneers arrived to replace the other. Whole company out in evening stripping damaged houses in St Mauvieu to collect timber to provide overhead cover for inf in line. 2 lorry loads ready by 2200 hrs. 12 new S tanks arrived flown from England to meet urgent demand. 6 Congers ready less filling explosive. German bomb disposed of by RAF personnel - 50 Kg 55 Fuse.	MDW
	18		Div drawn back & relieved by 53 Div. All attached br vehs, tippers and Corps RASC vehs withdrawn. Pioneers withdrawn	MDW
	19		Coy resting. Further timber gathered from houses, workshops and stores continued with skeleton staff.	MDW
	20 -22		Rest period ☉ workshops & stores pl continued with skeleton staffs	MDW
St Mauvieu	22		Coy received orders to move next day to area S of Balleroy.	MDW
	23.		Coy moved to S of BALLEROY without incident leaving pty at St Mauvieu to guard stores which could not be lifted	MDW
BALLEROY	24		Convoy 22 vehs sent back to St Mauvieu to bring up remaining stores & congers. OC with CREME to recce veh washing sites.	MDW
	25		Two veh washing sites under constr by stores & br pls. Workshop pl constr showers, signs etc. REME inspection of all vehs.	MDW
	26		Veh washing sites completed.	MDW
	27		Shower bath (for Div RE) completed. Consignment stores collected Corps Fd Pk. ME all in use. 3 Lorry loads trees collected Forest de 'Cerisey' to rip down as no timber available thro' E channels	MDW
	28		Collection of stores continued ☉ construction large number notice boards ordered	MDW
	29		Collection of stores ☉ urgent constr of notice boards & duckboards (solid timbered) to provide overhead cover for inf against air bursts.	MDW

			1 op excav injured, one sick, now only 4 left instead of 8.	
CAUMONT	30		Move to CAUMONT area ☉ complete dump 150 tons moved with 6 RASC lorries ☉ 2 additional arm D7's collected. Move took 12 hrs due to large number of trips necessary & 'bank holiday' condition of roads.	MDW
	31		Issue of stores continued. Notice board production continued. 6 Congers handed over to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy RE. M.D. Wilkinson Major	