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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 153 Field Ambulance

**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

(Erase heading not required)

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Month and Year Sept 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1800	HQ & 'B' Coy moved to FRETTEVILLE 342928 (Sheet 9F/1 France) and joined up with 'A' Coy. Bns of 227 Bde mopping up enemy stragglers in woods - One section open for casualties.	
"	2	1000 1800	Location same. Two casualties received during night. C.O. to Bde HQ. Fd Amb under 227 Bde for movement.	
"	3	1000 1600	Fd Amb on move to area LE TRONQUAY 470114 (Sheet 9F/6 France). Fd Amb at new location 470114 - 1 sec 'B' Coy attached to 2 A&S.H. for special operation.	
"	4	1000 1400 1800	Fd Amb on move under 227 Bde. Fd Amb less 1 section attached to 2 A&S.H. arrived at CRIQUERS 648368 Sheet 9E/4. Order from 227 Bde that move likely to-morrow.	
Field	5	0900  1200 2000	C.O. to conf at Bde - Move today to area BOUBERS - Recce parties to meet S/Capt. Bns have difficulty in getting T.C.V's. 2 Gordons to remain - 1 Sec of Fd Amb to stay with them - 3 Cases of Bn sick evacuated. Fd Amb less 2 sections on move. Fd Amb less 2 secs arrived BOUBERS 089025 Sheet 7. One sec open to receive Cases.	
"	6	1800 2000	No change - Few minor sick treated. Conf at 227 Bde - Long move to-morrow towards BELGIUM.	
"	7	1200 2200	Fd Amb less 2 secs on move - Advance party left 0730 hrs. Fd Amb still on move - crossed border into BELGIUM. Civilians giving men great reception.	
Field	8	0100 0800 1200	Fd Amb arrived 916450 Nr HELCHIN (Sheet No7) - Parked on roadside for night - expecting early move in morning. C.O. to Bde to move with Bde 'O' Group in advance to contact battle towards NAZARETH 089705 Sheet No7. 2 A&S.H. & 2 Gordons again attached to 227 Bde - Sec "A"2 of 153 Fd Amb attached 2 Gordons reported lorry ditched at BOUBERS 089025. Fd Amb had 1 section open to deal with Casualties.	

		1400 1915 2000	Secs of "B" Coy Fd Amb in support of Bns. Fd Amb instructed by me to pack up & move forward. Fd Amb arrived NAZARETH 089705. C.O. to Bde conf. Bns employed in mopping up stray enemy in woods. Sec of Fd Amb opened to deal with any casualties.	
"	9	1800	Fd Amb (less "B" Coy out with Bns) still at NAZARETH. 13 cases evacuated during past 24 hours mostly sick.	
Field	10	1800	No change - C.O. to Bde HQ. Bde moving to area HUMBECK 635696 Sheet 44 - Advance parties to meet S/Capt 0830 to-morrow - Move to be considered as peace time move. Section withdrawn from Bns leaving 1 amb car with each R.M.O. 10 Cases evacuated mostly sick.	
"	11	1430 2330	Fd Amb on move. Arrived HUMBECK 635696 Sheet 44 - Difficulty in parking vehicles in small fields.	
"	12	1000 1230	No change - Personnel allowed to go into BRUSSELS for 3 hours. C.O. to Bde for conf. 2 A&S.H. being sent off under 44 Bde. Sec "B"2 attached to them. Remainder of Bde moving to-morrow to area VEERLE 0879. 15(S) Div is to move & take over Bridge head over ALBERT CANAL - A.D.S. 193 Fd Amb open at WESTERLOO 0381.	
Field	13	0900 1300  1645 2030  2200	Fd Amb on move in support 227 Bde to concentrate area VEERLE 0879 "O" Gp held by Bde Comdr at Class 9 Bridge over Albert Canal at 0786 - 227 Bde is to push on, take MOLL & if possible to try & get across canal at DONCK 1795. Sections attached to 10 H.L.I. & 2 Gordons - permission given for Fd Amb to move up behind 2 Gordons & establish A.D.S. in area MEERHOUT 1585. Fd Amb on move from area WESTERLOO 0381. Crossed by class 9 Bridge. Fd Amb arrived MEERHOUT 1585 - A.D.S. opened on small scale. Coy C.C.P. "B" Coy in support of Bns in area 1689 SW of MOLL. Sec "B"2 in support of 2 Gordons area MEERHOUT. Six casualties admitted all slight & being held until AM.	
Field	14	1800	No change in locations. 14 Casualties in past 24 hours.	
"	15	1015  1800	Cpl Pearce attended parade at 15 (S) Div HQ and presented with Military Medal by Field Marshall Montgomery No change in location A.D.S. 10 casualties treated in past 24 hours	
"	16	1800	A.D.S. still at MEERHOUT. 5 casualties in past 24 hours "B" Coy moved to MOLL.	
"  Field	17	1400  1930	A.D.M.S. conference at A.D.S. 194 Fd Amb at GHEEL 0787 - Received instructions to take over from 194 Fd Amb During period of change over casualties to be admitted by 22 F.D.S. A.D.S. took over from 194 & ready to receive - Plan is that Fd Amb will admit all cases from 12 Corps & leave Group 1 & 2 cases to 9	

			F.D.S. acting as Adv Surgical Centre. Sick & exhaustion cases of 15(S) Div to be passed to 22 F.D.S. No evacuation of casualties to Gen Hosp at BRUSSELS to take place at night except in extreme urgency. 227 Bde to take over GHEEL Bridgehead from 44 Bde by 1600 hrs 18 Sept - This to be done in easy stages. 2 A&S.H. starting to-night & to be under 44 Bde. Casualties started to come in.	
"	18	1200	A.D.S. location same - Casualties coming in from Bridgehead 26 admitted up to midnight 17th C.O. on visit to Bde HQ. Coy C.C.P. to take over from 194 Fd Amb. "B" Coy to set up C.C.P. at 077899 with 1 Sec at 074926 at Canal bank to help with ferry of Casualties over canal. Bn R.A.P.s in factory on N side of Canal.	
Field	19	1800	Locations same. 146 Casualties in past 24 hours - many in from 53 Div advancing to Holland border	
"	20	1800	Locations same. 155 Casualties in past 24 hours - mostly from 53 Div	
"	21	0800 1400 1700	227 Bde comes under command 7 Armd Div. Coy of 131 Fd Amb took over A.D.S. HQ & A Coy remain in area GHEEL. 158 Casualties admitted up to date. C.O. to Bde. 227 Bde moving to-morrow to area VELDHOVEN 3815 to join remainder of 15 (S) Div which is taking over from 53 Div.	
"	22	1800 1900	H.Q. & Coys arrived MEERVELDHOVEN 388154 (Sheet 3 Holland & Belgium). C.O. to Bde - Bde moving to-morrow - Approach to contact.	
"	23	1030 1600 1800	Fd Amb on move to area EINDHOVEN 4120 Fd Amb arrived EINDHOVEN 416206 - Take over 2 schools as billets - A.D.S. opened by 193 Fd Amb at 415206. Sections from "A" Coy attached to 10 H.L.I. 2 Gordons 2 A&S.H.	
"	24	1000 1630	No change. C.O. to conf Bde H.Q. 227 Bde to attack & capture BEST & NASTEN BEST. Secs in support & when over Canal to form Coy C.C.P.	
"	25	1000	Attack starts - Coy C.C.P. established at 386252. Casualties evacuated to 193 F.A. A.D.S. at 415206.	
"	26	1800	No change in locations.	
"	27	1000 1130	227 Bde moving to clear woods in area 3820 & 3930. Secs in support of Bns. Coy C.C.P. formed at 386284 - Shelling of area takes place	
Field	28	1000	C.O. on visit to C.C.P. Very few casualties received. No other change in locations.	

"	29	1000	C.O. visited C.C.P. Very few casualties. 2 Gordons out on special job. Sec from Coy attached & finally set up at 390286. 24 C.C.S. & two F.S.U's arrived in area but will remain closed until Fd Amb moves out.	
"	30	1000  1800	C.O. on visit to C.C.P. - As casualties from Bns very slight considered 1 sec & extra amb can cope with the situation - Bde Major informed of this & in agreement. Sec A <sub>2</sub> remains at 386284. Secs A <sub>1</sub> & A <sub>3</sub> withdrawn to H.Q. No change in locations. Bns in Bde area doing patrolling of woods.   D Campbell LT Col. RAMC	