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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

Month and Year Sept 44.

Commanding Officer Major J.H. Gillington

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MUIDS	1.	1900	Handed back maintenance of Bailey Bridge (class 40) at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY after maintaining bridge throughout day (Corps tps coy took over).	JG
LA FEUILLE	3	0710 1500	Left harbour MUIDS travelled in support 46 Bde. Harboured night at LA FEUILLE. 3 pl lifted 6 'S' mines and 4 tellermines reported near 46 Bde HQ.	JG
CARROIX	4	0800	Coy moved with 46 Bde to new harbour CARROIX.	JG
	5	1200	Coy moved to BUNEVILLE (near ST POL) still in support 46. Coy then reverted back to 227 Bde.	
BUNEVILLE	6.	1000	1 pl sent party with maquis to look for Germans reported in a wood 1½ mile South of village BUNEVILLE. None found.	JG
ST GENOIS	7.	0800 1200 2330	3 pl came under cmd A&SH Bn (227 Bde) for move. Coy HQ, 2 pl & 1 pl moved to ST GENOIS (S of COURTRAI) in 227 Bde area having crossed the Belgian border. 1 pl carried on in convoy with HLI and came under cmd for ops with Bn.	JG JG
	8	1800	Coy HQ and 2 pl moved to NAZARETH 3 miles SW of GHENT and joined by 1 and 3 pls in harbour that night.	JG
NAZARETH	9	day	1 pl cleared some trees blown down by the wind on the EEDMULER-HEED Rd.	JG
	10		Remained in harbour, conservancy, checking stores etc in preparation of another move to N of BRUSSELS	JG
	11	1500	Coy moved complete to BEYGHAM, 7 miles N of Brussels with 227 Bde arriving at 2130 hrs.	JG
BRUSSELS	12	1205	Coy under movement order from HQRE moved to WATEREINDE South of the ALBERT CANAL.	JG
WATEREINDE	13	0800	2 pl established and maintained water point at WESTERLOO	JG
WATEREINDE		2100	3 pl fitted new decking wearing surface to bridge at ZAMMEL 3 pl with bridging equipment moved to temporary harbour at LILL N of the Albert Canal.	JG JG

		2000	1 pl moved to temporary harbour 1 mile S of MOLL to be prepared to bridge the ESCAUT JUNCTION MEUSE Canal at DONCK (plan changed, did not bridge).	JG
		2130	LT COCKLE did recce of locks in ALBERT CANAL N of OOLEN with small party from 3 pl and cover platoon from 2 Gordons. Recce successful - Locks not prepared for demolition. One prisoner taken subsequently shot while attempting to escape. Returned at 0530 on 14 Sept.	JG
GREES	14	1400	2 pl closed water point. HQ and 2 pl moved over ALBERT CANAL and harboured between 1 and 3 pls at GREES. 3 pl joined coy at 1900 hrs. Bridging equip to 1.	JG
		1700	LT. GIFFORD D.R. wounded in MOLL when returning from a bridge recce at DONCK.	JG
GREES	15	1000	2 pl established a water point at 2 miles E of GHEEL.	
		1930	1 pl built class 9 FBE bridge at 192892 over D'EMBRANCHEMENT VERS HASSELT CANAL. Took 2 hours and 10 minutes to build bridge.	JG
		NIGHT	3 pl prepared to assist 2 Gordons in assault crossing of MEUSE ESCAULT CANAL in area S of RETHY. Recce party out with Gordons but opposition such that assault crossing cancelled.	JG
	16	NIGHT	LT COCKLE and recce party with HLI to find suitable crossing places for additional assault crossings east of 44 Bde's Bridgehead (N of GHEEL)	JG
	17	1110	1, 2, 3 pls and HQ moved to new harbour 2 miles NE of GHEEL in 227 Bde's area.	JG
	19	0800	1 pl took over ferrying site N of GHEEL from 218 Fd Coy to operate assault boat ferry supplying bridgehead - now 227 Bde's.	JG
GHEEL		2300	1 pl ferried over HLI in assault boats making 3 Bns on bridgehead. 1 Sgt & 1 sapper wounded in operation.	JG
	20	1400	3 pl took over ferrying from 1 pl. 1 casualty in morning.	JG
		2000	3 pl started ferrying back 227 Bde's three Bns. 279 Coy operated the class 9 raft which ferried back the vehicles. No casualties suffered by 3 pl. All across by 0030 on 21.	
S of GHEEL	21	1500	Coy with 3 platoons moved with 227 Bde to a new area around and south of GHEEL.	JG
	22	1500	Coy complete with 227 Bde group (army reserve) moved to temporary conc area VELDHOVEN. Crossed Frontier 1700 hrs.	JG
VELDHOVEN	23	1100	Coy with 227 Bde group moved to EINDHOVEN and harboured in temporary conc area.	JG
			LT KB THOMAS rejoined unit after being wounded in SEINE crossing.	JG
	25	0800	1 pl left coy harbour and went in support 2 GORDONS for attack on BEST (227 Bde plan). Pl were not required to do any work with Bn.	

EINDHOVEN	26	0730 1200	2 & 3 pls left coy harbour to go in support 227 Bde. Harboured NE of BEST (1 mile). 1 sec 1 pl cleared road block consisting of 10 mines with pull wire attached to enable them to be fired from slit trench 100 yds away. Coy HQ moved to ACHT 3 miles NW of EINDHOVEN. 2 pl responsible for road maintenance "STAR" route BEST to ST OEDENRODE, ½ day's work only necessary.	JG JG
	27		Pls employed in defence of Bde HQ in case of infiltration. No Engineer work reqd except bulldozing in 2 17 pdr ATK guns.	JG
	28		2 pl sec lifted 6 improvised mines made up of a 3 kg charge fitted with a push igniter and a piece of wood above and below as pressure plates.	
	29		Pls employed in defence. LT F.H. ROBINSON RE joined unit. Posted from 31 R.H.U.	
ACHT	30	0900	Coy HQ moved to new harbour area joined pls near STAR ROUTE 2½ miles from BEST (NE). Strength of Coy on 30 7 Officers 244 ORs.	JG