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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 194 Field Ambulance

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MacFarlane

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STORRINGTON	1		All officers attended Conference at ADMS. Re beaches etc	JBM
	2		Nil	JBM
	3		Nil	JBM
	4		Nil	JBM
	5		Nil	JBM
	6		'D' day. Adv Party 1 hour notice to move.	JBM
	7		Conference with ADMS. Adv Party departed for RV with remainder Adv Parties at Worthing 1700 hrs D + 1	JBM
	8		CO addresses all ranks. D + 2	JBM
	9		Nil D + 3	JBM
	10		194 Fd Amb Mov Inst No 1 issued D + 4	JBM
	11		Nil D + 5	JBM
	12		Nil D + 6	JBM
	13		Received order to send off rep to Sus dis 14th D + 7	JBM
	14		Road & Rail Mov. Tables received. Unit departs 15 Jun D + 8	JBM
Camp C1	15		Arrived marshalling area 1140 hrs D + 9	JBM
	16		March Party departed D + 10	JBM
	17		Nil D + 11	JBM
	18		0645 hrs stand by to depart 0715! Just managed. Embarked V/82/LST 2 Br. This turned out to be a U.S. LST! D + 12	
	19		Off Arromanches - sea too rough for landing D + 13	
	20		Ditto D + 14	
	21		Ditto D + 15	
	22		Landed Jig Beach 1700 hrs. Proceeded to Div conc area & found marching party already in + adv party. Location BRECY Sheet 7F/1. CO reports to ADMS D + 16	
	23		CO & OC 'A' Coy reced site for ADS at BRETTEVILLE (917723) & Coy CCP at NORREY-EN-BESSIN (923709). C.O. attended 8 Corps Comd Conference 1800 hrs re forthcoming battle. D + 17	JBM
	24		Moved to assembly area Le GRAND VEY (919753) D + 18	JBM

	25		Moved in driblets to BRETTEVILLE (which is to be ADS) starting 2000 hrs, vehs 3 mins apart. D + 19	JBM
	26		0730 hrs terrific barrage of 704 guns opened the attack by 15(S) Div on a 2 Bde front. 44 Lft 46 Rt. 194 Fd Amb clearing 44(L) Inf Bde with ADS at BRETTEVILLE. First casualty arrived at 0750 from CCP est by 'B' Coy at Norrey-en-Bessin. The whole unit worked with fine spirit & were indefatigable. Casualty evacuation was very quick. This was commented upon by DDMS 8 Corps. Casualties came in a steady stream with occasional rushes but were never overwhelming. Totals at 1800 hrs admitted 216 evac 204. D + 20 Attack by 44 & 46 Bdes successful. A coy in sp 227 Bde.	JBM
Bretteville	27	2000	0600 hrs admitted 44 evac 44. 1300 hrs closed on wheels at Bretteville. 'B' Coy with 44 Bde in conc at Le Mesnil Patry. Capt W J Morrissey A Coy severely wounded at CCP Cheux. HQ still on wheels waiting to support 44(L) Bde in the next action. General situation good. Weather awful - intermittent rainstorms. Corps Comd said he was very pleased with everything. 227 (H) Bde reported across R. Odon. Total evac between 0600 & 1800 hrs 84. D + 21	JBM
	28	1100 1400 1500 1530 1930 2030 2400	CO visited CCP 'A' Coy Cheux. Roads very congested. Saw smoke rising in general direction of Cheux at 1145. Arrived 1200 hrs & found that 'A' Coy's location had been hit by a shell but fortunately no damage done. Waited for half an hour to see whether there should be any repetition. All quiet & nobody worrying. Returned to HQ 1330 hrs. Called to ADMS re forthcoming attack by 44 Bde to clear enemy from rd Fontenay Le Mesnil to Le Haut du Bosq. Attended 'O' Gp conference 44 Bde Gp. Arranged for 'B' Coy 194 Fd Amb to est Sec CCP on road behind tps at SL 900679. Attack being done by 8RS with in sp 7 RTR less 1 Sqdn. Contacted MO 8RS & tied up evacuation arrangements. Z hr not before 1700 hrs. Went in to CCP 'A' Coy at Cheux to see situation having given OC 'A' Coy chance to pull out. They are still quite happy. No place near suitable as alternative. Reached HQ having found CCP of B Coy sec on way. ADMS took CO on recce for site of ADS near ADS 193 to relieve pressure. No place suitable so arranged to take over their location. Unit coming up route behind. During recce found 'A' Coy at 905685 - Cheux having become unbearable. Est at 909679. No casualties admitted by 2400 hrs D + 22	JBM

909679	29	0400	<p>Visited CCP of sec B Coy (Lt Eton) - casualties very light in first 2 phases of attack. Strange place for ADS with Inf attack starting on same line but no one worried. Confidence is first class. Weather awful.</p>	
		0600	Admitted 23 evac 21.	
		0900	Casualties in steady stream. Sec CCP relieved by leap frogging section forward to 903666. The party is much more than was anticipated & is now a full Bde attack. Enemy armour in area of ops much heavier than expected.	
		1500	'A' Coy took over ADS for a spell to relieve HQ. Did very good work.	
		1530	DDMS Corps accompanied by Brigadier? Pratt, Surgeon 2nd Army. Complaints that some of our cases of 1st day were not very well treated. This is very disheartening in view of previous good comments by ADMS & DDMS 8 Corps who complained that our documentation of AFs no 3118 was poor. This is hardly believable, as I saw a good deal of the work myself. All MOs warned.	
		1600	Visit of Col Melvin ADMS 50 Div.	
		1800	Admitted 172. Evacuated 158.	
		1900	Slight rumour mongering about enemy break through on right. Situation is a little confused but everything in hand. Area of ADS beginning to look very busy. Armour passing through & concentrating all round.	
		1930	As expected a few shells dropped close knocking out one MAC car & killing the driver. Some of our amb cars are looking the worse for wear but all vehicles in good running order. This coincided with the arrival of the 2 secs of 'B' Coy who have been in action. During a quick withdrawal they were nearly over-run. 44 Bde is now reorganising for defence in area S of Cheux. Enemy has been held. D + 23	
		2330	Solitary shell passed over ADS in direction of ground behind us.	JBM
	30	0600	Admitted 146 evac 137 ☉ CO visited all RMOs of 44 Bde in their new positions. All very tired having done magnificent work. Deficiencies noted for replacement.	
		1100	CO attended O Gp at 44 Bde HQ in Cheux. Position quiet. Amb cars at RAPs.	
		1200	ADMS & OC 153 Fd Amb who have now arrived visited our ADS.	
		1330	CO & OC 22 FDS went to Conference of Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS. Given whole picture which is one of temporary defence awaiting enemy counter attack.	
		1800	Admitted 31 evac 29.	

		2000	'B' Coy went to est Coy CCP in Cheux to evacuate casualties from 44 Bde to ADS 153 who are to take over from us.	
		2100	Handed over site to 153 Fd Amb & went into rest location at 898708. A Coy still in reserve. Message from 'B' Coy - all quiet.	
		2300	All dug in.	D + 24 JBM
				JB MacFarlane Lt Col

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Unit 194 Fd Amb

Month and Year July 1944

Commanding Officer LT Col JB MacFarlane RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
898708 (nr Le Mesnil Patry)	1	0600 0830 1200 1400	Admitted nil evac 2. ADMS visited on his way to 153 Fd Amb. ADMS called in on way. 153 have had 4 men killed by shelling. Still some bother about the alleged poor treatment of cases of 1st day of attack. CO called to Div HQ but no information. D + 25	
898708 903732	2	1000 1200 1500 2000	Mjr GC Langlands assumed temporary command of unit. 15 Div relieved by 53 Div. 'B' Coy rejoined parent unit on relief by Coy 147 FD AMB. Message from A.D.M.S. to be ready to move to new location at 903732. Move to location 903732 (Rest area). Odd shell bursts still in locality. D + 26	GCL
903732	3.	9.30 1700	TO attended conference of CRASC at Div HQ. A/O.C. attended A.D.M.S. Conference. Nothing to report D + 27	GCL
903732	4	1000 1030 1800	Unit still "at rest". Personnel bathed + well slept. A/O.C. attended Div Comd Conference which took form of a "Post mortem" on previous week's action. Some useful points brought out but not concerning medicals. Considerable enemy air activity. "Dog-fights" & heavy ack-ack fire. Saw 2 F.W. 190's destroyed. D + 28	GCL
903732	5	1030	Unit visited by Div Comd, who gave his thanks for "devoted work of med services". Day spent in washing clothes & replenishing stores. D + 29	GCL
903732	6	1000 1630	NIL D + 30 Conference of QMs & T.O. at Div HQ. D + 30	GCL GCL
903732	7	1100	Information from 44 Bde that unit has been placed on 3 hrs notice to move. Bde contacted. 44 Bde & 46 Bde to proceed to Mondrainville 9264 & MOUEN 9365 & TOURVILLE (9364) areas to relieve 130 Bde & take up defensive positions establishing firm base while 43 Div put in an attack towards Verson (9665) area.	

		1200	Visited A.D.M.S. re instrs. 'A' Coy detailed only. Remainder of Fd Amb to remain closed in present location.	
		1500	Mjr De Vine (OC 'A' Coy) visited Bde HQ informed that he will move with Bde Gp at 2250 hrs.	
		2300	'A' Coy & Bde Gp column left at 2250 hrs. D + 31	GCL
		2300	For past hour approx 400-500 Lancasters have been bombing area of Caen. Magnificent sight. D + 31	GCL
903732	8	0500	Message to say 'A' Coy established at 933644. Some enemy air activity during night. Several bombs dropped not far from here.	
		1930	Heavy barrage throughout night. Nil further to report. D + 32	GCL
		2200	ADMS visited 194 & 22 FDS (in same location) D + 32	GCL
"	9		Nil - all quiet D + 33	GCL
"	10		Lt Col JB MacFarlane resumed comd. D + 34	GCL
"	11		A Coy returned at 1800 hrs. They did not function as a CCP but did take over the ADS of 130 Fd Amb to give them a rest! Lt Orr MO i/c 6RSF injured slightly. Capt Cole 194 Fd Amb sent to replace. Lt Orr returned to unit & will visit CCS tomorrow for Xray. ADMS looked in - no news. D + 35	JBM
	12	1500	CO with OC 153 Fd Amb reced possible site ADS for forthcoming attack in area Haute de Verson 9465.	
		1830	Reported site to ADMS.	
		2100	Called to ADMS - he was at conference - arrived 2330 hrs! Not much more information. Got back 0030 hrs D + 36	JBM
	13	1430	Conference Fd Med Unit Comds ADMS, CO & OC 153 Fd Amb proceeded to recce another site for ADS in area S of Cheux (9166). Some(?) shells landed nearby but clear of area chosen, which hasn't had very much.	
		1500	Reported site to ADMS who stated that another recce in previous area but rather further back was required for a complete medical area for 15(S) Div. CO, OC 153 Fd Amb & OC 22 FDS reced areas La Mare 9367 La Begude 9467 and also saw OC 14 Lt Fd Amb (closed) in orchard 9368 (near St Mauvieu).	
		1900	Reported to ADMS but he was at conference. Arrived 2400 hrs D + 37	
	14	0001	ADMS says he wants ADS at least out of mortar range as our amb car drivers etc had a sticky time in previous shows where ADS was very close up.	
		0100	Departed ADMS.	
		0900	Attended 44 Bde O Gp with OC 'A' Coy. Got Comdrs plan for forthcoming div attack.	
		1100	Returned to location to find a call to ADMS waiting. ADMS has now decided on a medical area in area of orchard 9368 & surrounding fields. OC 14 Lt Fd Amb has offered half his orchard. COs 194 &	

		1730	153 toss for choice of site. OC 153 won! Took field. I'm in half the orchard. Proceed to orchard & detail the site. Holding party arrives & given directions. Returned to location. A Coy under comd 44 Bde for mov are ready to move to FAA at 0012 hrs (933644). HQ ordered to get on wheels & be ready to "filter" into new area from 2030 hrs onwards. 'B' Coy remain in old location.	
		2130	I proceeded to new area & found all lorries in. Amb car still to come. 'B' Coy will come up with 22 FDS tomorrow morning & be in reserve. Everybody dig! 14 Lt Fd Amb are opening ADS in same place!	D + 38
Orchard 9368	15	0130	Dreadful noise of barrage - guns all round as usual. It has been quite impossible to get away from guns in this show. Field across wood full of tanks! Shells dropping just in front of them. Inf troops very busy. A few bombs close by.	
		0800	Breakfast 20 yards from unexploded bomb!	
		0845	Conference ADMS re med op order for Op "Greenline". Construction of ADS started.	
		1130	9 Carriers from 15(S) Recce Regt attd to A Coy for evac of casualties from RAP to CCP.	
		1430	A Coy report moved to battle posn 931626	
"		1430	TO recced evac routes & took extra amb cars to A Coy.	
		1630	ADMS visited & also saw OC 14 Lt Fd Amb re his role. Decided he would take cars from 43 Div as he is under their comd for this show.	
		1900	ADS ready.	
		1930	AQ 15(S) Div visited & asked us to remove large red cross (also 22 FDS & 153 Fd Amb) as they might give away infm. Won't put out until attack starts. Held Comnd Conference with all ADS depts.	
		2130	Terrific barrage started - deafening. Guns are close behind us! Can't hear myself think!	
		2300	A few casualties from immediate neighbourhood admitted.	
		2330	44 Bde H hour.	D + 39
"	16	0600	70 cas admitted. Weather good. Problem not wind now but dust.	
		0920	CO went to A Coys fwd CCP arrived 0950 (Les Vilains). A very sticky spot with the usual mortaring. They had one man wounded, one 2 str amb car Z casualty & one 2 str amb car X casualty. These vehs are being replaced by 4-str amb cars which are not much use fwd of CCP. M/Cs at night are having a bad time. Carriers attached are doing great work.	
		1130	CO left for HQ again.	
		1200	171 cas admitted.	

BRETTEVILLE 918327		1700 1800 2359	<p>CRASC visited ADS. Told him about poor quality of reinforcement drivers - they can't drive! Arrangement made for patients' meals. Details of veh casualties given.</p> <p>215 cas admitted to date. ADMS visited and arranged relief by 129 Fd Amb of 43 Div. 'B' Coy were sent in to relieve A Coy who have done good work in most harassing conditions. Our first CCP is much further fwd than CCPs of flanking frmns & are getting a large number of these fmns casualties in.</p> <p>Arrived rest location here. A Coy in field at 903732. 44 Bde objectives all taken & more being held. Mortar as usual. Weather fine. Dust.</p>	D + 40
"	17	0930 1500 1630 1800 2330	<p>DDMS 12 Corps (Brig Garson) visited with ADMS. We are in the Div rear medical area.</p> <p>Called to ADMS who has a story of 'B' Coy having been directly hit. CO went up to investigate.</p> <p>B Coy rather shaken - shell through roof & exploded by rear wall. 1 killed, Lt Cooper & 3 men wounded & 6 exhaustions! 5 other men have been returned to HQ as "pre-exhaustion". 1 x 3 tonner hit through radiator - to be towed.</p> <p>Gave ADMS particulars & proceeded to A Coy to get them in a relief lot to Chateau at 933644.</p> <p>B Coy ran into heavy bombing on way back. NCO reported 2 3 tonners hit & have to be towed. B Coy on way on foot. Called TO & arranged for vehs to be off-loaded & equipment & kit brought in. Vehs to be towed in at daylight by 62 Coy RASC.</p>	D + 41
"	18	0130 1130 1220 1630 2100 2330	<p>B Coy arrived, one man wounded - rather miraculous escape.</p> <p>Visited ADMS & informed him of last nights happenings.</p> <p>Visit to A Coy CCP - all quiet - a good place & no mortars. 2 other CCPs of flanking fmns in area & doing work in shifts. Weather fine. Major DeVine has done good work fwd. En route saw a B Coy 3-tonner being towed in & also the 2 str amb car being towed by breakdown of 62 Coy.</p> <p>Arrived back at HQ. No sign of the 2 'B' Coy lorries. TO assumes that they are being taken care of.</p> <p>TO states that it has just been reported to him that these lorries were moved early this morning.</p> <p>Sent him to CRASC to investigate ? REMO evacuated.</p> <p>ADMS called me over. Very concerned about loss of vehs. So am I.</p>	D + 42
	19	0030 0900 1330	<p>Returned to HQ.</p> <p>Sent TO to investigate all LADs.</p> <p>TO reported no trace.</p>	

		1400	Conference of Fd Med Unit Comds with ADMS re problem of exhaustion.	
		1630	Returned to HQ. Message has been received in my absence from A Coy to say that 44 Bde are coming out & they are coming in to old location at 1800 hrs. Have borrowed 2 3 ton lorries from 62 Coy RASC until others found.	D + 43
"	20	1200	Nil to note - no trace of 3 tonners. Residue arrived at 0830 - a 1 ton trailer missing from a chaotic state of unloading at Beach. TO has gone to investigate.	
		1330	TO arrived with missing trailer.	D + 44
"	21	1400	Attended conference of Fd Med Unit Comds with ADMS on question of exhaustion cases.	
		1800	A Coy returned 44 Bde having pulled out to rest in area Haut du Bosq.	D + 45
	22	1530	DDMS 2nd Army visited.	
		2130	Attended conference at ADMS - div moving tomorrow to relieve an American div.	D + 46
	23	0001	Bde conference with OC 'B' Coy who is to travel with 44 Bde Column & est CCP on arrival.	
		0800	Went with OC 153 Fd Amb to recce site for Fwd Med area in area BAUGY (6F/2 6967).	
		1030	ADMS arrived & agreed on large field at 694676 for 2 ADSs.	
		1300	Returned to unit.	
		1600	Passed SP.	
BAUGY		1800	Arrived new location & set up ADS. A Coy in small field adjoining. Doing 24 hours alternately with 153.	
		1930	B Coy est CCP near SALLEN 6962. Very quiet.	D + 47
"	24	1100	Visited B Coy. ADMS has changed location of CCP. 'B' Coy establishing at 692628.	
		2200	ADS open. Casualties negligible.	D + 48
	25	1500	Visited American Clearing Coy with ADMS.	
		1630	Visited B Coy CCP with ADMS.	
		2200	ADS closed. Total admissions 8.	D + 49
	26	1015	Brig Walker DDMS 30 Corps visited.	
		1040	Message from B Coy - 44 Bde being relieved. He is recceing new area with SO.	D + 50
		1600	Visited CCP B Coy at 724639.	
			Quiet day.	D + 51
"	27	1600	A Coy relieved B Coy at CCP.	
		1800	Visited A Coy in CCP - all quiet.	D + 52
"	28	1400	Capt. GM Killpark from 22 FDS assumed Comd B Coy.	
		1500	Capt RJG Hogg posted to 194 to fill vacancy in WE.	

		2200	Capt N Darling posted to 22 FDS. Received message from A Coy that 44 Bde were going back to line to relieve 46 Bde. CCP is to move to previous location ie 694630 at 0800 hrs tomorrow.	D + 53
	29	0900 1600 1800 2000	Conference Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS. Forthcoming attack. Now back in 8 Corps. Outline plan of attack given. Later conference to be held 1800. Visited CCP A Coy with Capt Killpark to see layout. Conference is postponed till 2000 hrs. Conference. Few more details. H hour not fixed - depends on some RAC technicality. Attack early tomorrow.	D + 54
"	30	0700 2230	15(S) Div attacked S. of Caumont (705595) at 0655 hrs. 227 Bde 1st phase 46 Bde 2nd phase which took div to high ground .309 (6951). 44 Bde not in action. Called to conference ADMS. Arrived 2359!	D + 55
688559	31	0115 0500 0700 1100 1230 1800 2359	Left ADMS & went to HQ 44 Bde for mov instruction. Unit proceeded to 44 Bde FAA in area AUBIGNY 6855. Arrived in site reced by Lt Harries. A & B Coys both beside HQ. Ordered to open ADS after recce of area. Elected to open in original site - everything else full up. ADS est. Odd casualty from shelling admitted. 19 cas admitted. Total 38 cas. JB MacFarlane Lt Col RAMC	D + 56

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
688559	1 Aug 44	1000 1800	Gds Armd Div & 11 Armd Div heading through. Their cas are coming into our ADS as we are most fwd med installation. Total cas admitted 148. Mostly Gds Armd & 11 Armd with some 15 (S) Div from the holding position. Situation fluid 44 Bde plan not yet fixed.	D + 57
	2 Aug	1100 1600 2359	CO 11 Lt Fd Amb contacted this HQ. Coming to open beside us to relieve of some work. 11 Lt Fd Amb est ADS 1500 hrs & took over responsibility. A Coy sent secs to Bns of 44 Bde for a move fwd. No move of 44 Bde yet.	D + 58
	3 Aug	1000 1300 1500 2000	CO visited all Bns 44 Bde. Bde's plan has been changed many times owing to uncertainty of situation in front. Taking advantage of lull to get some extra 'home-made' penthouses assembled. The no 11 pent-house issued is not good. Visited CCP A Coy at 680460. Secs have been pulled in. Sec 193 Fd Amb in sp 7 Seaforth who are under comd 44 Bde taken under comd. OC A Coy sent sec 193 Fd Amb back to rejoin their own unit. Attack going in by 6RSF on a wood & at La Cour 7244 - a small mop-up.	D + 59
	4	1100 1200	Visited CCP A Coy. Cas from attack this AM by 44 Bde very small - 28. Visited HQ 44 Bde, consolidation of high ground being completed in area 7242 - 7342. Saw ADMS on road. Can get on wheels now.	D + 60
	5	2000	Moved to 680464.	D + 61
680464	6	0100 0900 1000 1200 1330	Called to ADMS - got plan for div attack starting at 0730 today. 44 Bde not engaged in initial phases. Visited Bde HQ - probably no move before midday. Visited 'B' Coy Le Tourniere 730434 & also reced area Le Bruyere 7642 for site of future ADS. Returned & reported to ADMS. This site is not suitable as the road is excl. to 15(S) Div. Reced area S. of Le Bruyere & selected another site.	

Le Tourniere 730434		1600 1715 1930 2100 2130	This site it seems is too far forward. Proceeded to Le Tourniere to open ADS. A Coy in reserve B Coy on road in sp 44 Bde moving to FAA. ADS established - a very good site. Lt sec 23 FDS attached & opened to do transfusions. OC B Coy reported 44 Bdes plan to attack ESTRY (7437) tomorrow AM. B Coy CCP est at MONTCHAMP (738408)	D62
"	7	1200 1600 1800	Visited CCP B Coy just in time to see first casualties come in from attack on ESTRY. CO worked as MO in CCP as cas came in very rapidly between 1200 & 1500 hrs. 159 cas admitted to ADS. ADS 11 Lt Fd Amb opened at 1500 hrs at 707412 & took in casualties from that time.	D63
"	8	1800	Steady trickle of casualties - 154 admitted. The div is rather held up: Major DeVine posted 2i/c 23 Lt Fd Amb.	D64
"	9		Nil to note. 18 cas admitted by 1800 hrs. Mjr K Stewart arrived.	D65
"	10		Nil to note. 15 cas admitted by 1800 hrs.	D66
"	11	0945	Conference at ADMS. Plan for 8 Corps attack with 3 (Br) Div & Gds Armd Div advance to Tinchebray & Flers.	D67
"	12	1500 1815 2100	DDMS 8 Corps (Brig Glyn Hughes) visited & told us we were leaving 8 Corps. Conference ADMS. Arrangements for move to new area. Going into 12 Corps. Visited CCP B Coy & informed them of forthcoming move. Told them to conc at 678476 tomorrow morning 0900 hrs.	D68
" 678476	13	1030 2300	Proceeded to 678476 & remain on wheels. Conference ADMS - all particulars for move of div tomorrow.	D69
" St MARTIN 978607	14	0900 1215 1600	CO & TO went on recce of new location - believed full of mines. Departed for new location. No mines found. Major Langlands posted 35 FDS. Mjr Bennet arrived from 16 Lt Fd Amb. Unit arrived. Dreadful place - death & desolation. Weather fine ☉ Flies, wasps & mosquitoes +++.	
"	15		Spent day checking stores & making new penthouses.	D70
"	16		Nil	D71
"	17	1500 2100	All medical units inspected by Div Cmd (Brig Barber). Rep to ADMS re move to new location.	D72
" 018488 Nr Barbery	18	0850 1030 1230 1830	Departed for new location. Arrived. A field of barley! ADMS visited - no news. Conference at Div HQ - GOC spoke on AQ matters & continued with 'G' tactics.	D73

	19	0600 2010	Heavy rain all night. Conference ADMS ref adv to contact. 15(S) Div to secure crossings over R Vire & R Touques - route is USSY FALAISE TRUN LES CHAMPEAUX VIMOUTIERS Le SAR 5859. 227 Bde leading + Bn Churchills. Inf on TCVs. Weather clearing.	D+74
	20	0900	Sun shining. O Gp Conference 44 Bde HQ. Same information as at ADMS last night.	D+75
	21		No move.	D+76
	22	0900	Conference ADMS - plan changed. Div now going to move on 3 routes. North route "Star", Middle "Sun", South "Moon". 44 Bde going on "STAR". 227 & 46 Bdes "SUN". 7 Armd Bde (under comd 15 Div) MOON. Objectives Le NEUBERG 025835 & Road leading S to EMANVILLE 023740. Starting 24th H hour basis. H hour will probably be 0830. Aim is for tail of Div column to be across R VIRE on first day.	D+77
	23	1700 1900	Moved to Bde Conc Area in DOMBLAINVILLE 1938 O Gp conference 44 Bde HQ. Another change of plan!! Plan is now that 15 Div will lead adv of 12 Corps with view to establishing on line of road between CONCHES 0363 & LE NEUBOURG 0384 on 25th. H hour 0830 24th.	D+78
DOMBLAINVILLE 1938	24	0800 1845 2300	Move cancelled. It seems roads ahead are not clear of Canadians. On the move. 1 Sec A Coy with Adv Gd (8 RS). CO & LO in Bde O Gp Column. A Coy less 1 sec behind 3rd bn & HQ & B Coy in rear of column. 44 Bde harboured in area MEULLES (5968) The roads were littered with German vehicles all wrecked. Weather fine.	D+79
	25	1050 1415 2350	Adv continues. Left MEULLES in column as before. O Gp held at roadside. Bde Comd gave general situation & stated that he had promised Americans to be in Le NEUBOURG tonight to relieve US Army for further ops. Many delays in adv owing to bridges down at BEAUMONT LE ROGER. Arrived area LE NEUBOURG - harboured in BOIS FICHET (0283)	D+80
BOIS FICHET	26	0800 2359	Weather fine. March table received from 44 Bde HQ for move forward on 27th.	D+81
" ECROSVILLE	27	0930 1015 1130 1600	Left in column for harbour area St LUBIN 1989. Arrived ECROSVILLE (1790) Conference Bde O Gp. 227 Bde are to make an assault crossing of R SEINE today. If successful, 44 Bde follows. If not successful, plans for 44 Bde assault crossing at PORT JOIE (289919). O Gp met Bde Comd at Xrds 268925. Bde Comd went into details of storm boats, dukws, etc should 44 Bde have to assault. Plan is for 6 RSF to assault in storm boats, followed by 8 RS then 6 KOSB in	

ST CYR		2050 2015 2330	<p>dukws. Saw OC dukws re casualty evacuation. This op, if required, will take place night 28-29.</p> <p>Message from HQ 44 Bde - 6 RSF are assaulting tonight!! Medical plan 1 sec 'B' Coy at PORTJOIE just behind houses on water front beside storm boat site. Other 2 secs are with Bns in veh park area 1 mile behind. Can call forward if necessary. CO reced all routes.</p> <p>HQ moved to area St CYR du VAUDREUIL and est at 267943 - informed ADMS of action.</p> <p>H hour for attack.</p>	D+82
ST CYR	28	0001 0100 0300 0300 0630 1200 1900 2045 2130 2140 2145	<p>CO & TO went to CCP at PORTJOIE. First 2 waves are across. First casualties arrived. Being brought back in assault boats (NOT storm boats) by paddle-power. Only a few enemy M.G.s.</p> <p>Visited 44 Bde Tac HQ in PORTJOIE. NO news. River side is very quiet. Only occasional MG fire.</p> <p>CCP black out is giving trouble as every time door opens a shaft of light gets out sideways & causes an immediate rattle of MG. Black out removed. Casualties very few - 14 all told.</p> <p>Visited TAC HQ 44 Bde - no news. OC 'B' Coy has been across river to see RMO 6 RSF - all quiet.</p> <p>Returned to ADS.</p> <p>Met ADMS at ADS 153 Fd Amb near LOUVIERS. Discussed site of future ADS.</p> <p>O Gp at 44 Bde TAC HQ. Bridge at ST PIERRE du VAUVRAY not quite ready. All Bde tpt to cross river tonight. 2i/c has gone to ADMS at same time to hear medical plan. 6 RSF advancing to SENNEVILLE (3197) tonight!! First news of it. Arranged with OC B Coy to ferry 2 Amb cars across to 6 RSF for move.</p> <p>Also attached 2 amb cars to 8 RS left column & 6 KOSB tpt column who are arriving in front of 194 Fd Amb to marry up with marching tps who are all across.</p> <p>Reached HQ to find them all on wheels ready to be called fwd to Registration Centre for bridge crossing. Rushed to ADMS. 9 cas total. 194 to est ADS area ANDE (2890).</p> <p>Returned to HQ - no movement yet. Awaiting DR to call fwd.</p> <p>Due at Reg Centre at 2146!!</p> <p>Made it! CO shot ahead up KOSB column to get across ahead of unit. Found field in dark & got unit in. The arrangements had been made!</p>	D + 83
ANDE	29	0930	CO visited CCP of all Bdes in Div. Casualties very light. Raining heavily.	

		1500 1800 1900 2145	CO visited B Coy who have formed Coy CCP less 1 sec which I left at the PORTJOIE ferry site "just in case". All bns on objectives, 6 RSF SENNEVILLE 8 RS LE LONDE (3396) & 6 KOSB HOUVILLE (3697). Visited RAPs - all quiet. B Coy CCP in recently vacated German barracks at DAUBOEUF (324942) very well placed. Visited 44 Bde HQ at VATTEVILLE (3295). No news. Returned to HQ. All quiet. 193 Fd Amb at MUIDS 309892. Bde will continue to receive all cas from Div until 193 ADS est.	D + 84
ANDE	30		Very quiet day. A small trickle of sick and wounded were dealt with, including a few wounded French civilians and Maquis. Difficulty was experienced in getting transport over the river SEINE owing to the congestion of traffic and the poor state of the approaches.	D + 85
ANDE	31		Another very quiet day. Very few casualties were admitted. Main HQ 15(S) Div moved over the River SEINE to a location one mile further East than ours. NR Butcher Maj	D + 86

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WAR DIARY

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Unit 194 (Br) Field Ambulance

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year September 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MACFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ANDE 282909	1	1800	A very quiet day. A very few casualties, sick and accidental injuries were received. MAJ N.R. BUTCHER 107222 reported for duty as 2 I/C	D + 87
	2	1800	Quiet morning. Visited by ADMS who advised that ADS could close as casualties were to be admitted direct to 22 FDS who were across the river SEINE at Muids. MAJ K.D. STEWART was attached to No 35 CCS for air evacuation duties. Movement order received from 44(L) Inf Bde for move on 3 Sept of Bde Group to the area of FEUILLE. Harbour party from B Coy was sent off.	D + 88
ANDE FEUILLE	3	0800 1130 1145 1800 2030	The unit marshalled at 8 o'clock and moved at 0808 with A Coy leading and with the sect MAC following. On reaching VATTEVILLE B Coy joined the convoy and took the lead from there to the arrival in the Concentration Area. O.C. visited Bde HQ. There was a possibility that there might be a further move that night. Heard from Bde that there would be no move before 0600 hrs 4 Sept. The day was one of Brilliant Sunshine and the Harbour Area a pleasant orchard unspoilt by any preceding troops. The National Day of Prayer was observed by a Divine Service conducted in the open. Attendance good.	D + 89
FEUILLE CRIQUES 672387	4	1010 1245 1300	The unit moved with the Bde Group to the area of CRIQUES arriving in a concentration area which had been reconnoitred by a harbour party, which left at 0700 hrs. The new area was reached at 1245 OC visited Bde HQ. There was no information. The unit remained on wheels and dealt with only two cases, one accidental injury and one sickness. They were evacuated to 9 FDS. The unit went for a route march in the afternoon.	D + 90

<p>CRIQUES</p> <p>CROISSETTE 1109</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>1057</p> <p>1820</p>	<p>Fd Amb moved with Bde Group to the area South of St Pol. It was a very long and boring journey for the most part in fine weather. Heavy rain fell at intervals during the afternoon and interference was experienced on the roads by meeting convoys of Polish Troops.</p> <p>The unit arrived at CROISSETTE. It was a desolate spot and showed signs of earlier heavy pounding by the RAF. The sight of German prisoners burying dead horses & cattle under guard of MAQUIS was a heartening one.</p> <p>Two road accidents, both mild, occurred during the day. The cases were carried forward with the column until they could be evacuated to 22 FDS.</p>	<p>D + 91</p>
<p>CROISSETTE</p> <p>762606</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>1030</p> <p>2330</p>	<p>The unit started leaving with the Bde Column. The first part of the journey was uneventful, through attractive country in brilliant weather. Later in the day gaunt industrial areas were passed through and progress was slow. Civilian demonstration, which had hitherto been a pleasant welcome, now became an embarrassment with crowds lining the roads & showering gifts on every vehicle which passed. At times outriders on m/cls had to clear a way through the crowds to enable the convoy to proceed. Unit arrived eventually at a farm at 762506 and before long rain was falling.</p> <p>Great difficulty was experienced in making contact with the CCPs (one sect per Bn) owing to the very wide Bn front and the intense darkness.</p> <p>OC attended 'O' Group conference at Bde HQ. Although Bns were in contact with the enemy and there was sporadic artillery fire, no casualties were received during the night.</p>	<p>D + 92</p>
<p>ROLERGEHM</p> <p>879495</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>0900</p> <p>2100</p>	<p>The unit moved independently of Bde, to a situation which was better placed tactically to serve the Bns. At 1015 hrs we arrived at ROLLERGEHM 879495 and the whole ADS was established in an open field.</p> <p>The weather was wet and stormy and the wind increased in violence until it was no longer safe to treat casualties under canvas. A few casualties were being received, mainly from the 6th Bn RSF. Alternative accommodation was found in a nearby school, which proved to be excellent.</p> <p>Casualties continued to come in, in small numbers throughout the day and evening.</p> <p>OC attended Bde 'O' Group Conference where details of the next days move were given out.</p> <p>During the day 2 German POW were taken over from the MAQUIS.</p>	<p>D + 93</p>

ROLLERGEHM	8	0830	OC departed with Bde 'O' Group. ADS closed and 'B' Coy took over, the intention being that 'B' Coy would cope with casualties until such time as ADS had been re-established. The number of casualties were small and were mainly Prisoners of War. While preparing to move at 2.15 in the afternoon, an unfortunate accident occurred. The Signals NCO on the Signals vehicle attached was rewiring his long aerial & it made contact with a live electric wire. The NCO was only mildly injured but Driver KING, R. Sigs attd, who was standing by the vehicle and holding the door, fell unconscious and died within a few minutes. His loss was greatly felt as he was a most popular & much valued attachment to the unit.	
HARLEBEKE 8960		1600	Unit arrived at HARLEBEKE and ADS was established in a fine modern school. During the night and evening there were several casualties admitted. The greater majority being Germans who had been wounded from 2 - 5 days and who had been attended by their own Medical Officer.	D + 94
HARLEBEKE	9	1200	The morning passed quietly, except that orders for a sudden move to place the unit in a more sound position tactically, with relation to the Bns, were received.	
WAERGEHM 968632		1400	The funeral of Driver KING was held in MADELINE Cemetery in COURTRAI.	
		1400	The unit moved to the new location just outside WAERGEHM to an excellent modern Industrial School.	
		1500	The unit arrived at 1500 hrs and opened lightly as no casualties were expected. None were received.	
		1400	ADMS arrived and saw round the layout.	
		1700	Comdr 44 Bde called and saw over the unit.	D + 95
WAERGEHM	10		The unit moved at 0800 hrs to a place near HOMBEEK between Brussels & Malines and remained on wheels in the grounds of a chateau. The journey was uneventful, and was in brilliant weather. There was considerable congestion on the roads and delay when nearing the new location.	
HOMBEEK 663723			'B' Coy remained on wheels in the same location as HQ. A Coy was split into sections, each of which was out with a Bn. The Bde was not in contact with the enemy.	D + 96
HOMBEEK 663703	11		A very quiet day was spent by all. Bde HQ, HQ Division and all R.M.O.s and the outlying sections were visited. All flags flown and other unauthorised adornments on vehicles were removed and general tightening up on the turnout of the men and vehicles & convoy discipline was put in hand. This step was taken, not	

			through any feeling that the standard in the unit was low, but the turnout of other troops & vehicles was noticed to be so far below our standard that a greater effort was made.	D + 97
HOMBEEK 663723	12		The unit moved at 1000 hrs with the Bde Group. The Division was to take over the Bridgehead over the ALBERT Canal NORTH of WESTERLOO, from 50 Div, who had had heavy fighting and sustained heavy casualties. 46(H) Inf Bde were to take over & 44(L) Inf Bde were to be in reserve. After an uneventful journey the unit arrived at 1300 hrs at HERSSELT where it remained on wheels. At 1900 hrs the unit moved independently to the football field at WESTERLOO 048844 where it remained closed. A Coy was in support 44(L) Inf Bde with sections to Bns and B Coy was closed in the farm buildings opposite the football ground.	D + 98
WESTERLOO 048844	13		The greater part of the day was spent quietly and an opportunity was taken to 'make & mend' and to bath the men. 44(L) Inf Bde passed through the 46(H) Inf Bde & took the town of GHEEL. B Coy establishing in the institution at 075877. In the evening the unit moved to join 'B' Coy at the institution at GHEEL. Accommodation was found to be very satisfactory and an ADS was established. The Buildings and surroundings bore ample evidence of their previous occupation by the enemy & the fierce fighting which had followed.	
GHEEL 075877		2150	The village of GHEEL was heavily shelled, several shells falling near the ADS. There was no damage or casualties.	D + 99
GHEEL 075877	14		A steady flow of casualties were received. B Coy were in sp 44(L) Inf Bde with sections to Bns. Capt MAKIN RAMC MO i/c 8 RS established his RAP on the S side of the ESCAUT Canal near to AART. During the morning the RAP and CCP were subjected to very heavy shelling. Three men (of the 8 RS) were killed and several were wounded. LT GREEN RAMC SBO i/c section was wounded & suffered from blast to the abdomen & was evacuated. PTE SCOTT RAMC showed great courage and initiative under this heavy attack. A great deal of cleaning was done during the day to get the building in order, and 'B' Coy were relieved of their ordeal by A Coy. 'B' Coy established a minor Sick and Exhaustion Centre in an adjacent building. During the day 67 Battle Casualties were admitted.	D + 100
	15		The 8th Bn Royal Scots succeeded in establishing a limited Bridgehead over the ESCAUT north of AART. No medical installation moved across but casualties were brought back in boats and	

			<p>evacuated from there to the C.C.P. in Carriers of the Royal Scots.</p> <p>During the day DDMS 12 Corps arrived and decided that 9 FDS and 2 FSUs would move in to the other end of the same Building as the ADS. They arrived in the evening.</p> <p>During the day 83 Battle Casualties were admitted. They were evacuated to the CCS at MALINES.</p>	D + 101
GHEEL 075877	16		<p>This proved to be a very busy day, casualties from the 8 Royal Scots and the 6 RSF coming in, in large batches. Many of them were in a sodden condition and suffering from varying degrees of exposure. An attempt had been made to bridge the ESCAUT at AART, but by blowing the lock gates the enemy succeeded in flooding the approaches. B Coy CCP at 078909 did exceptionally good work under difficult conditions and often exposed to fire. Casualties from the north bank of the Escaut were all evacuated by assault boats. Moving 9 FDS and its two attached FSUs in the same building proved an excellent arrangement. Very good liaison was maintained and the fullest cooperation given at all times.</p> <p>The Light Section of B Coy who carried out the evacuation of casualties from the north side of the Canal and used the Carriers of 8 R Scots to take them to the CCP was established at 076927.</p> <p>During the day 157 Battle Casualties and many Exhaustion Cases were admitted.</p>	D + 102
GHEEL 075877	17		<p>The day proved quieter. 6 RSF relieved 8 RS in the bridgehead during the night and very heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. The Relief of 8 RS did not result in the increase of casualties which had been expected.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for the relief of 194 Fd Amb by 153 Fd Amb and at 1700 hrs the unit moved to the institution at MOLL. Owing to a diversion in the route caused by repairs to a bridge, the unit was forced to use a sandy track. There was much congestion by other traffic, many vehicles being bogged. No vehicles of the unit were bogged but the delay caused by clearing other vehicles was considerable.</p> <p>The unit arrived at MOLL in the dark with heavy rain falling. The Building proved to have been an SS Barracks & was in a most unsanitary condition. An ADS was established without delay.</p> <p>31 Casualties were admitted during the day.</p>	D + 103
MOLL 172909		18	<p>A quiet day spent mainly in cleaning the Building & making it habitable for patients and men.</p> <p>One cas was admitted during the day.</p>	D + 104

MOLL 172907	19	<p>Another very quiet day. HQ 15(S) Inf Div was visited during the morning and also HQ 44(L) Inf Bde.</p> <p>A cinema performance was made available to the unit during the afternoon.</p> <p>In the evening the unit was visited by the Divisional Concert party who gave an excellent performance. It was much appreciated. During the day 3 Cases were admitted.</p>	D + 105
MOLL 172907	20	<p>The day passed quietly. HQ 15(S) Inf Div & HQ 44(L) Inf Div were visited again.</p> <p>During the day 7 Battle Casualties were received. All the casualties received at MOLL were severe. The Bde was holding the line of the Canal and was not attempting to cross it. Active patrolling by the 15 (S) Reconnaissance Regt & the KCLY. Nearly all casualties were caused by snipers and wounds were in the main either of the head or chest. They were evacuated to 153 Fd Amb ADS at GHEEL or to No 9 FDS according to the classification of the case.</p>	D + 106
MOLL 172907 REITHOVEN 363096	21	<p>The morning passed quietly and by mid day the unit was prepared to move with the Bde Group to the EINDHOVEN area. There were considerable delays owing to the very heavy traffic on the roads & the unit did not move until 1700 hrs. Even then progress for the first two hours was measured in yards. The Border of Holland was crossed in the dark and finally the unit moved into Harbour area just north of REITHOVEN in a school & adjacent field which had been requeud by the harbour party. The journey was uneventful except for our vehicle which became ditched as it ran into the glare of searchlights sited on the edge of the road.</p> <p>Four Battle Casualties were admitted during the morning before leaving MOLL.</p>	D + 107
REITHOVEN EINDHOVEN 405212	22	<p>The Bde Group were to continue the advance to the EINDHOVEN area, but numerous delays and changes in plan took place during the morning and Bde HQ were visited at frequent intervals.</p> <p>Finally at 1430 hrs the unit moved and after an uneventful journey arrived in the grounds of the Asylum to the North of EINDHOVEN on the road where it remained closed and on wheels. A Coy was in support of 44(L) Inf Bde who crossed the Canal just South East of BEST. Casualties were evacuated by Sections direct to the ADS 193 Fd Amb.</p> <p>The day was one of brilliant sunshine, and everyone was very impressed by the cleanliness & tidiness of Holland and the attitude of the Dutch.</p>	D + 108

	23		The day was spent quietly. One Section of A Coy, in support of 6 RSF, were over the Canal. There was stiff opposition to 46(H) Inf Bde in the Best Area, but less to 44(L) Inf Bde who were working to the East of the main road. At 1500 hrs two bridges over the canal were complete, but they and the road were still under intermittent fire. The weather remained fair.	D + 109
EINDHOVEN 405212	24		Weather broke & heavy rain fell. Slow progress by Bde. All sects A Coy across the Canal. Casualties were still evacuated to ADS 193 Fd Amb. HQ 44 Bde visited.	D + 110
	25		Weather continued to be bad. 44 Bde advancing from BEST to VLEUT. Casualties light.	D + 111
	26		Infantry finding resistance more stubborn & difficult to cope with in the close country. Weather still very broken and casualties light.	D + 112
EINDHOVEN 425202	27		Drive by 6 KOSB from VLEUT along the S Bank of the river Dommell. One Company having reached its objective were subjected to heavy fire and suffered heavy casualties. During this fighting Capt THOMPSON RAMC MO i/c 6th KOSB went forward in a carrier under the red cross to collect casualties. He was captured but after interrogation he was released together with the personnel & carrier. During his absence Capt MacCallum RAMC did duty in his RAP.	D + 113
	28		The 6 RSF went through the KOSB, but the enemy appeared to have withdrawn a little and their objective was reached with only few casualties. Typhoon dive-rocketing was observed by the CCP, at close quarters. ADMS and OC visited forward units. News was received that the General Medical Council had requested Capt MacCallum's release from Service.	D + 114
	29		The morning provided a very welcome fine spell. At mid day 'B' Coy relieved A Coy and moved to the outskirts of ODENRODE evacuating casualties to 202 Fd Amb.	D + 115
	30		A very quiet day. OC visited HQ 15(S) Div and Bde HQ. The possibility of moving and establishing an ADS in the area of ODENRODE was considered. Very few casualties were sustained. ADMS decided ADS was unnecessary. JB MacFarlane Lt Col	D + 116

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Unit 194 Fd Amb

Month and Year Oct 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MacFarlane RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GEMERT (5830)	1	1930	15(S) Div being relieved by 51(H) Div. 44(L) Inf Bde first to be relieved and 194 Fd Amb were moved under Bde arrangements in accordance with ADMS instructions. 44(L) Inf Bde are concentrating in the area for a few days rest. Back in 8 Corps again. The move was completed just as darkness fell. Location in a school with adjoining field. Weather now clear & brilliant moonlight. B Coy on relief by Coy of 174 Fd Amb of 51 Div moved to their area in separate location.	D + 117
"	2	1800	Day has been spent in cleaning up clothing & equipment, maintenance, etc.	D + 118
"	3	1800	Nil to report.	D + 119
"	4	1800	ADMS visited unit. Otherwise nil.	D + 120
"	5		Nil to report.	D + 121
GEMERT	6	1430 1630	ADMS held meeting of all MOs at HELMOND at 1430 hrs. Various subjects were discussed & RMOs problems aired. Div Comd addressed all officers with particular reference to recently joined officers and with very special reference to junior leaders. This address was followed by the massed pipe bands of the Div playing retreat.	D + 122
"	7	1100 1400 1630	Meeting of Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS office. Subject is forthcoming move of div to take over from 3 Br Div in area Mook. During the meeting news was received that there is a standfast on the river. ADMS & CO went to ADMS 3 Div & visited site of future ADS at MOOK. ADMS 3 Div states the move is off. Returned to unit. 2 i/c states that Bde HQ say no move today.	D + 123
GEMERT	8		No news. Officers shop open at Rear Div. First time we've seen one.	D + 124
	9		Nil to note.	D + 125
	10		Army Commander visited 44 Bde HQ. CO present at visit.	D + 126

	11		Meeting of all MOs 15(S) Div for lecture by Lt Col Debenham - surgeon. DDMS 8 Corps present.	D + 127
	12		All units saw HM the King & Fd Marshall Montgomery on the road.	D + 128
	13		Nil to note	D + 129
	14		Nil to note	D + 130
	15	2100	CO attended conference Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS re forthcoming op "SIRIUS".	D + 131
	16		44 Bde OO no 1 and Adm Inst received.	D + 132
	17		Nil to note	D + 133
	18		? op SIRIUS postponed.	D + 134
GEMERT	19		No information available. Weather very bad. Heavy rain.	D + 135
	20		Still no information. Weather unsettled.	D + 136
	21		Still no information. Weather good - bright sunshine.	D + 137
	22		Weather continues bright. No information.	D + 138
	23		Weather still fine. No news.	D + 139
	24		CO called to ADMS. New plan. Recced area St Oedenroede (4332) for ADS site. Put holding party in school. Reported to ADMS & found plan changed again. Recced area Best (3726) for ADS & put holding party in. Unit moved to Convent at Best. 2200 hrs arrived about midnight.	D + 140
BEST (372264)	25	0800	ADS open to receive but only 2 battle casualties from mine received during the day. C.O. decided to change ADS from Convent to School and having cleaned School thoroughly ADMS decided to put a FDS in!!! Very little work apart from a few minor sick. CO recced MOERGESTEL (2230) for ADS site & put holding party in school. Visited ADMS about 1500 hrs & told that the site chosen would be ideal for 153 Fd Amb!!!! We will be going further on with Bde Gp.	D + 141
BEST				
"	26	0900	Departed for conc area prior to crossing bridge over Canal at BIEST (2126) finally arriving BIEST 1700 hrs. Chose school at HOUTAKKER as ADS for forthcoming attack. Attended Bde O Gp at 2100 hrs. Held O Gp with Coy Comds etc at 2230 & told ADMS by wireless of arrangements. ADMS satisfied. Later urgent call to ADMS & found that traffic arrangements precluded use of this site as ADS. 2 i/c recced HILVARENBEEK at first light 27th.	D + 142
HOUTAKKER	27	0800	ADS moved to school in HILVARENBEEK (194238). CO visited Bde HQ and saw forward Coy & RAPs just as attack by 44 Bde went in.	D + 143
HILVARENBEEK		1800	A very simple affair. Forward troops in Tilburg.	
"	28	0900	Tilburg officially "liberated". CO recced area for ADS.	

		1100	A & B Coys in Tilburg. ADS remain in present location until all moves completed.	
		1500	CO visited ADMS in Tilburg.	
		1600	CO visited HQ 44 Bde in Tilburg & heard news of an early move tomorrow. German threat to E flank developing.	D + 144
		2300	March table received from 44 Bde.	
"	29	0600	Departed for area DEURNE 6520.	
DEURNE		0930	Halted on road outside DEURNE.	
		1200	ADS est in school 650203. A Coy ordered to open CCP in ASTEN 614133. 44 Bde under Comd 11 Armd Div. CO visited ADMS 11 Armd Div. Beautiful weather. Typhoons active.	
		1800	44 Bde move under comd 15(S) Div again. CO visited ADMS. 153 Fd Amb opening ADS in ZOMEREN 579111. Total cas admitted 18.	D + 145
"	30	0930	CO visited HQ 44 Bde ASTEN. Dull day. Some bombs dropped around DEURNE last night. No cas. Div is pushing enemy back.	
		1200	Coy CCP est in ASTEN to deal with cas from 44 Bde and evacuate to ADS 153. Cas for 46 Bde being admitted to our ADS.	
		1800	Total cas adm 40.	
		2145	DEURNE shelled for about 10 mins. No cas.	D + 146
DEURNE	31	0930	CO 193 Fd Amb arrived looking for accommodation. He has 1 Coy in DEURNE with a car post est fwd for cas of 46 Bde. These are being admitted to our ADS. CO & OC 193 visited ADMS. Very dull day with heavy mist.	
		1430	CO visited CCP ASTEN & 44 Bde HQ. Met ADMS on ward. CCP provided him with a hot bath. Cas from 44 Bde not heavy.	
		1400	CO visits RAP 2 Glas H who are under comd 44 Bde & sorted out a blanket muddle.	
		1800	Total cas admitted 83.	
		2359	All quiet. Total cas since 29 Oct 174.	D + 147
			JB MacFarlane	

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Month and Year NOV 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MACFARLANE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
(650203) DEURNE	1	0900 1000 1800	Dull day. 44(L) Inf Bde have advanced slightly. CO visited ADMS & HQ 44 Bde. On to CCP & RAPs. Total cas admitted ADS 32. CO attended O Gp Conference HQ 44 Bde. Plans for adv tomorrow ☉	D + 148
"	2	0900 1030 1400	A Coy est Car post at LIESEL 669144 which is to shuttle cars fwd to RAPs. Misty day. Cas from attack negligible as enemy had withdrawn during night. CO visited ADMS. Sec CCP opened at LIESEL 669144. Total cas 310. OC 279 Fd Coy kindly repaired roof of PAROCHIE HOUSE at LIESEL to allow of it being used as Coy CCP. Weather clear.	D + 149
	3	0900 1000 1100 1800 1830 2030	C.O. visited CCP & on to ADMS. CO visited Bde HQ & RAPs. Also visited convent at NEERKANT 698096 to see civil cas. Arranged amb car to evac 2 wounded & saw Staff Capt 44(L) Inf Bde re civil affairs vehicles to evacuate 47 refugees ☉ Reported action to ADMS. ADMS accompanied CO to CCP LIESEL and then inspected the ASTEN location with view to siting ADS 193 Fd Amb there. Total cas admitted to ADS 7. CO visited 44 Bde HQ & received advance information re attack on MEIJEL for 5 Nov. 44 Bde OO no 9 received.	D + 150
	4	1000 1400 1800	CO attended conference of Fd Amb Comds with ADMS. 193 Fd Amb to open ADS in ASTEN today. Complete Coy CCP at LIESEL. Total cas 11. ADS closed.	D + 151
DEURNE	5	0900	CO visited CCP LIESEL ☉ Attack started at 0730 but not many cas. Attack a failure due to sp Tanks being bogged and large minefields.	

		1100	Heard that 6 RSF are having difficulty in collecting their cas from fwd Coys.	
		1200	Rush of casualties at CCP indicates that they are now being collected.	
		1400	C.O. visited RAP 6 RSF. Busy ☉ Clear weather.	
		1600	Left CCP & visited ADMS to inform him that all is well (medically speaking!)	D + 152
	6	0900	Visited CCP & HQ 44 Bde. Nothing happening.	
		1945	Enemy bombed vicinity of DEURNE. No cas.	D + 153
	7.		Dull raining day. CO visited CCP LIESEL - all quiet.	D + 154
DEURNE	8		Nil to note	D + 155
"	9		Nil	D + 156
"	10		Nil	D + 157
"	11		Nil	D + 158
"	12		Nil	D + 159
"	13		Nil	D + 160
"	14		Nil	D + 161
"	15		Nil	D + 162
"	16		Nil	D + 163
"	17		Nil	D + 164
"	18		Co reced area MEIJEL 7006 with view to siting ADS. Great destruction everywhere & mine accidents occurring frequently.	D + 165
DEURNE	19		CO reced area BERINGE 7506 for possible ADS but no suitable building. Visited ADMS and informed him that the monastery at MEIJEL 709069 although damaged was the only possible site. ADMS instructed CO to open ADS today. Torrential rain.	
MEIJEL 709069		1700	ADS est. Casualties from CCP 153 Fd Amb at BERINGE were admitted immediately on opening. A Coy in reserve.	
		1800	Total cas 4.	D + 166
"	20	0900	Clear day.	
		1130	ADMS visited & expressed delight in cleanliness of the place. This was a tribute to the men who had worked very hard at cleaning up.	
		1800	Total cas 41.	D + 167
	21		Nil to note	D + 168
	22		" " "	D + 169
	23		" " "	D + 170
	24		" " "	D + 171
MEIJEL	25		Nil to note	D + 172
	26		Nil to note	D + 173

	27		Maj NR Butcher posted to 24 FDS. Major M Green continued as 2 i/c.	D + 174
	28		Nil to note	D + 175
	29		Nil to note	D + 176
	30	0900 1400	CO & 2 i/c went to 44 Bde HQ to meet new Brigadier. Heard of forthcoming attack by 44 Bde on BLERICK 8909. CO & Coy Comds attended sand model on above ☉ JB MacFarlane Lt Col	D + 177

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year December 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MacFarlane RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
MEIJEL 709069	1	0800 1400 1430	'A' Coy as adv party for holding proceeded to MAASBREE 824077 which is site of ADS for forthcoming attack, a school which will make a very good ADS. CO visited ADMS & gave him proposed medical plan for the operation which is rather a complicated medical problem involving crossing of a minefield and Anti-tank ditch. The two leading bns 6 RSF & 8 RS are going in "Kangaroos" from present location through 6 tracks which are to be made by flails over the ditch which is being bridged by Assault RE straight into the town. RMOs are accompanying. Cas from Flails & Assault RE & covering tanks are to be taken back by Kangaroos to Gap Control RAP est at 859088 by Capt Watson MO i/c 15 Recce Regt & Capt McPherson MO i/c 49 APC Regt (Kangaroos). There they will be off-loaded & placed in armoured half tracks which return to Sec CCP at 840087 where they are to be put in amb cars. Inf cas occurring in Kangaroos during the passage over the defences will be taken on to RAPs & sent back in Kangaroos as above. 3 Kangaroos for bn have been allotted for this purpose. No other vehicle will make this trip ☉ Kangaroos which carry leading bns will return to assembly area of 6 KOSB & 7 Seaforth & carry them in ☉ Cas evacuation is the same ☉ Car post at 855095 will take cas from any Kangaroos coming back on the northern route. Also will take cas to be collected in jeep from FUPs on this route ☉ ADMS agreed with plan. Permission to move HQ to new location received. HQ moved to MAASBREE.	
MAASBREE	2	1100	CO held co-ordinating conference of all MOs concerned in forthcoming op. ADMS & other Fd Amb Comds attended. Everyone put in the picture.	D + 178 D + 179
"	3	0745 0900	Opening barrage and a special rocket mattress. CO visited CCP & car posts and found all going well.	

		1200 1800	Operation a huge success. Casualties not heavy. The system worked well. Unfortunately Capt Watson the Recce MO was wounded when his scout car went over a mine. Not serious. Total cas 56.	D + 180
	4	1000 1800	CO visited RAPs of 6 RSF & 6 KOSB who are holding Blerick. All quiet ☉ Total cas 44 - mostly RA from C-B fire & civilians from MAASBREE.	D + 181
MAASBREE	5	1100 1800	CO visited CCP & RAPs. Quiet except for occasional harassing fire. 20 cas. Total cas 39. B Coy now in MAASBREE.	D + 182
	6	1000 1800	CO visited CCP & RAPs. Nil to report. Total cas only 11.	D + 183
	7	1000 1800	ADMS wished to see RAPs. CO drove him in jeep ☉ We were warned by RSF that the road we had taken was only to be used at night or in special cases in armoured half-track. We had to return by the north route which was just passable & no more. ADMS orders no more journeys by jeep. He is to provide half-track. Total cas 5. Sgt & 3 half-tracks from 15(S) Recce Regt arrive for purpose of evacuation from RAPs ☉	D + 184
MAASBREE	8		A Coy's sec withdrawn to Maasbree as there is now no need for CCP. Evacuation is direct from Blerick to ADS MAASBREE by armoured half-track. Very few cas.	D + 185
	9)		
	10)	Nil worthy of note. Weather cold & wet.	
	11)		
	12)		D + 189
	13	0930 1200	Fd Marshall Montgomery held investiture at Rear Div HQ ZOMEREN ☉ Capt G Killpack of B Coy and Pte B Scott also of B Coy receiving the MC & MM respectively for their gallantry during the Gheel bridgehead operations. CO attended an address by the C in C after the investiture. The C in C paid high tribute to the medical services.	D + 190
	14	1500	Mjr General Barber GOC 15(S) Div visited unit.	D + 191
MAASBREE	15		Nil worthy of note	D + 192
	16	1800	Wheel of one of the armoured half tracks hit by splinters at RAP 6 RSF. Vehicle came back to ADS for evacuation. This leaves only 2 half tracks but this is adequate.	D + 193
	17		Nil to note	D + 194
	18	1000	Visit by Dr Hagan Moderator of the Church of Scotland.	
	19)		

	20)		
	21)	Nil worthy of note	
	22)		
	23)		D + 200
	24	0900 1400	Hard frost & good visibility ☉ CO took Capt AB Robertson to 23 FDS for rest & dietetic treatment of dyspepsia.	D + 201
MAASBREE	25	1000 1130 1400	ADMS visited to wish all ranks a Merry Christmas. Brig. Glyn Hughes DDMS 8 Corps visited us on his usual Christmas round of all med units in 8 Corps! Mess dinners a huge success.	D + 202
	26		Nil to note	D + 203
	27	1500	ADMS visited	D + 204
	28)		
	29)	Nil to note	
	30)		
	31)		D + 208
			JB MacFarlane Lt Col	

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Month and Year JAN 1945

Commanding Officer LT Col JB MacFarlane

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MAASBREE	1 -	6th	Severe frost.	
	6.		ADMS departed on leave to UK. OC 194 A/ADMS	
) Snow & hard frost	
)	
	21		ADMS returned from leave in time to find div ready to depart to new location on relief by 6 Airborne Div.	
Liessel	23	1430	Departed Maasbree & arrived in Liessel, to harbour until 25th as Airborne Fd Amb have arrived.	
	24		Nil to note.	
	25		Departed 1100 hrs, arrived Tilburg 1430	
TILBURG	25)		
	26)	Nil to note	
	27)		
TILBURG	28		ADMS called with Col FM Richardson who is to become ADMS 15 (S) Div.	
	29	1800	Fd Amb Comdr briefed by ADMS for forthcoming op.	
	30		Nil to note	
	31		Thawing	
			JB MacFarlane	

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Month and Year Feb 45

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TILBURG	1		CO saw Bde Comd & ADMS re further operations.	
	2	1000	CO attended 46 Bde O Gp Conference on forthcoming op Veritable.	
	3		Nil to note.	
	4	0800 1000 1500 1430	Small adv party to NIJMEGEN for billet for evacuation. GOC 30 Corps & Div Comd addressed officers of division on forthcoming op. Veritable. All officers attended. CO attended conference of Fd Amb Comds with ADMS re op. CO held co-ordinating conference with RMOs of 44 Bde & RMOs of attd armoured tps (Flails, Kangaroos, Tanks). 44 Bde have a minefield & anti tank ditch to cross which we earnestly hope will be as successful as our previous effort at BLERICK. The RMOs of the armoured tps attached are the same as before and know the job.	
TILBURG	5	1500	CO visited ADMS & found Div HQ ready to move to conc area. Heavy rain and roads around Tilburg have been badly chewed up by the mass of vehs proceeding to conc area.	
NIJMEGEN 701629	6	1600 2330	Departed for conc area and arrived NIJMEGEN 701629 at 2320 hrs minus four 3 tonners in the ditch. Rain & road dreadful. We have never had so many casualties from road movement. CO visited ADMS location to report arrival.	
	7	1200 1400 1500	CO & OC 'A' Coy attended 44 Bde O Gp Conference at 1000 hrs. Arranged for the fwd coy to be married in behind main Bde HQ for the second phase of the div battle, which consists of breaching the main Siegfried defences. CO & OC A Coy went into detail of the fwd coy which is travelling in ½ tracks & jeeps with only 2-str amb cars as we expect the road to be well nigh impossible for larger vehs. The ½ tracks belong to the armd RMOs who are incorporated in our medical plan. CO attended conference of Fd Amb comds with ADMS. Still heavy rain. CO contacted RMO 2 Gordons who are to be under comd 44 Bde for phase II. He is just back from UK leave & is now in the picture.	

		1900	CO visited Bde HQ.	
BERG EN DAL	8	1045 1430 1600 1800 2359	Moved to Berg En Dal 7459 and opened ADS in Hotel Groot. Visited fwd Coy in their CCP at BOERSTEEG. Phase I of the battle has been successful and 44 Bde are moving up. Roads are becoming very churned up in fwd area. Roads very bad and all the tanks, Kangaroos etc are making them worse. Road through Boersteeg to FUPs has "disappeared" and there is an immovable mass of vehicles mostly armoured stretching for miles!	
	9	0530 0700 0900 1030 1800	CO visited Bde HQ but could not get much information apart from the fact that a few flails had gone in & cleared up to the Anti Tk ditch but the AVRE bridges were bogged. Saw the GOC on his way to Bde HQ & gleaned that he was going to put the infantry through on foot. Got back to BERG EN DAL & marched a section down to KRANENBURG 807560 with instructions to Lt Harries SBO to contact Major Stewart via the lateral road Kranenburg - Frasselt and arrange for casualties to be evacuated to CCP at KRANENBURG. CO arrived KRANENBURG & found arrangements in hand. First casualties arrived. Evacuated to ADS Berg en Dal. The other coy in Boersteeg is cut off by jammed traffic and bad roads! 54 casualties through ADS	
	10	0900 1800	CO visited Kranenburg & found section moving to BOMSHOF 844552 in conformity with Bde's advance. Arranged to send another section to augment. It is now raining heavily and the flood water on our left flank is rising.	
	11	1700 2300	Raining heavily. Water over the road in several places between Wyler & Kranenburg. Visited ADMS. On way back water was up to hubs of wheels.	
	12	0900	Road impassable due to flooding. Only DUKWs are going through. We are therefore cut off from div. Casualties are being evacuated in DUKWs direct to CCS.	
	13		No change in floods. CCP now at outskirts of Cleve in 884558. Only way CO can visit is by DUKW through to Kranenburg & borrow jeep from 153 Fd Amb.	
	14		No change	
	15		No change	
	16		No change	
	17	0900 1700	CCP moved to Bedburg 925527. CO visited CCP and Bde HQ. Found Bde HQ planning op for attack on GOCH. He visited CCP & warned Coy Comd of forthcoming battle.	

			Visited ADMS and found we were to move by an axis of another division thus avoiding the flood.	
		2130	Met by Coy Comd at Bde HQ and tied up medical plans. It is another Kangaroo party through a minefield and over ditches.	
KRANENBURG 807560	18	1100 1430	Visited CCP in position 932485. Fwd Car post for exchanging casualties off Kangaroos into amb car at Took my successor Major M Oxley up to CCP Casualties not heavy.	
KRANENBURG	19	1200 1200 1200 1430 1730	Handed over to Lt Col Oxley JB MacFarlane Lt Col Took over unit from Lt Col MacFarlane Took over Unit from Lt.Col. J.B. MACFARLANE. The position at this time is as follows:- A.D.S. and one Coy packed up at KRANENBURG. One Coy open as C.C.P. at M.R. 935487 with a Forward Car Post at 927458 and evacuating cas to A.D.S. of 213 Fd Amb at BEDBURG, from where they went to DUKW Post of 193 Fd Amb, West of CLEVE. I visited our C.C.P. at 935487 and Car Post. Visited A.D.M.S. in CLEVE.	
	20	1000 1200 1245	153 Fd Amb opened C.C.P. at 927458. 2 I/C visited C.C.P. and Car Post. 2 I/C visited A.D.M.S. A.D.S. and one Coy remains at KRANENBURG.	
	21	1230	Visited C.C.P. Visited R.A.P. of 8 R Scots in GOCH and recced site in GOCH for future C.C.P.	
KRANENBURG	22	1200 1230 1245 2200	193 Fd Amb opened C.C.P. at 941454. 2 I/C visited A.D.M.S. 2 I/C visited C.C.P. and contacted O.C. 213 Fd Amb in BEDBURG 44 Bde were clearing woods east of R Niers and medical set-up was:- Combined R.A.Ps at Schloss Calbeck M.R. 942430, casualties back to C.C.P. of 193 Fd Amb at M.R. 938455. 3 x 2-str Amb Cars and 2 Jeeps were attached to 193 Fd Amb from 194 Fd Amb and a Cab Rank was formed at M.R. 944445. This was necessary as the R.A.P. area was under shell and mortar fire. From C.C.P. at 938455 941454, casualties were taken back to our C.C.P. at 935487, transferred to 4-str Amb Cars and thence to A.D.S. of 213 Fd Amb in BEDBURG. Received orders to move H.Q. and 1 Coy at 1000 hours 23 Mar 45, to PASTORHOF M.R. 921518, but not to open.	
KRANENBURG	23	1030	First Party moved from KRANENBURG	

PASTORHOF		1300 1350 1730 2330	H.Q. and one Coy all arrived new location. Contacted A.D.M.S. and received orders to move H.Q. and one Coy to NIJMEGEN same night. Recce party under 2 I/C left for NIJMEGEN. Our remaining forward Coy ordered to close C.C.P. and withdraw to PASTORHOF and await orders to move with 44 Bde to NIJMEGEN. Main Party left PASTORHOF.	
NIJMEGEN	24	0530 1730	Arrived Colonial Bks, NIJMEGEN. Received orders to move to TILBURG area following day.	
VUGHT	25	0700 0745 1030	Recce party under 2 I/C left for TILBURG. Main party left NIJMEGEN for TILBURG. While on route destination was changed to VUGHT. Arrived VUGHT M.R. 308427.	
VUGHT	26	1000 1030 1130 1730	Remaining Coy rejoined Unit. Orders received from 44 (L) Inf Bde to move to TURNHOUT on following day. Recce Party under 2 I/C left for TURNHOUT. Visited A.D.M.S. at BOXTEL. There is intensive fly-bomb activity here, they are coming over from E. to W. in threes every 20 minutes. Two landed quite near - shattering windows. No service casualties.	
TURNHOUT	27	1200 1400	Unit left VUGHT in convoy. Arrived TURNHOUT M.R. 062064.	
	28	0900	General maintenance and checking equipment started.	
				WM Oxley W.M. OXLEY, Lieut.Colonel, R.A.M.C., Commanding, 194 (Br) Field Ambulance.

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Month and Year MARCH 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. W.M. OXLEY

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
TURNHOUT 062064	1		Same location. ADMS conference at 193 Fd Amb. It was decided that large red crosses would be painted on ambulance cars.	
	2		Visited ADOS and got authority to buy paint and reminded him about our two No. 14 shelters which are still outstanding.	
	3		Three jeeps to be converted into ambulance type. Work on this started.	
	4		Orders from Div to send recce party to DIEST area. Recce party left same day.	
	5	1145 1430	Unit left TURNHOUT for DIEST. Unit arrived in new location, M.R. 213683.	
	6		Same location. Stretcher bearers course started, for Regimental Stretcher Bearers - to continue for the next five days.	
	8		Capt. Smith arrived and Capt. Glaister left for 108 Gen. Hosp.	
LUMMEN	9		Visited ADMS office.	
	10		Attended Div conference at 12 Corps H.Q., re Exercise "BUFFALO" and following operation.	
	11		Conference at Div H.Q. re EX "BUFFALO".	
	12	1000 1345 1800	Lieut. Davies arrived. Recced area of EX "BUFFALO". Visited ADMS. Visited CRASC.	
	13		Visit to Brigade re EX "BUFFALO". DDMS phasing table arrived.	
	14	0700	Exercise "BUFFALO" until 1600 hours.	
	15	0900 1300	Conference at Bde re Ex "BUFFALO" until 1200 hours. Conference at ADMS re Ex "BUFFALO" and next operation. Received Div Med Admin Instr No. 1.	
LUMMEN	16	0400 1400	Ex "BUFFALO" until 0800 hours. Conference at Bde after. Visit to ADMS with our unit vehicle phasing table.	

		1800	<p>Asked about stretchers and blankets for operation. No decision yet.</p> <p>Received warning order from Bde to move detachment of unit on 22nd. This refers to the part of 'A' Coy attached to Bde for Operation "TORCHLIGHT".</p>	
	17		<p>Received warning order from Div to move main part of unit on the 20th, and harbour party to move 19th.</p> <p>Received order from Div to collect four weasels from OOSTHAM, for use in Op "TORCHLIGHT".</p>	
	18		<p>Attended demonstration at 11 Lt Fd Amb on loading Buffaloes with casualties.</p> <p>Visited ADMS afterwards.</p>	
LUMMEN	19	0600 1600	<p>2 I/C and party left for new location.</p> <p>Maps were collected from Div.</p> <p>Our 4 Weasels arrived. They are not fitted with stretcher frames but will carry two casualties.</p> <p>Visited Bde and got them to arrange to phase in our Weasels on LVTs.</p>	
	20	0500 1100 1400	<p>C.O. and Major Stewart left for recce of RHINE.</p> <p>Arrived XANTEN and recce completed.</p> <p>C.O. arrived in new location near HAMB - M.R. 080315.</p>	
Nr HAMB (080315)	21	0500 1100 1400	<p>Main party arrived at new location.</p> <p>Received a directive regarding DUKWs.</p> <p>C.O. visited LVT commander regarding loading of weasels on Buffaloes.</p> <p>DDMS conference at 12 Corps H.Q. Op "TORCHLIGHT" discussed.</p> <p>DUKWs arrived at our location for loading.</p> <p>Received Div Med Admin Instr No. 2.</p>	
Nr HAMB	22	1430	<p>DUKWs loaded in morning. 2 I/C visited DADMS.</p> <p>C.O. attended conference at VENRAY where Brig. Glyn-Hughes explained the whole of Op. "TORCHLIGHT".</p>	
	23	1030 1400 1800	<p>Met ADMS and was told that to-day was D-1.</p> <p>Bde conference. Met O.A. 'A' Coy.</p> <p>Reported that 'A' Coy were all ready and waiting with their Battalions.</p> <p>Section of 22 FDS arrived.</p> <p>Personnel and stores for ADS left on DUKWs for VEEN.</p> <p>Posted D.Rs. out.</p>	
VEEN	24	0200 0230 0415	<p>H-hour.</p> <p>Most of 'A' Coy over R RHINE and C.E.Ps. established.</p> <p>O.C. 'A' Coy crossed river and contacted both C.E.Ps.</p> <p>C.O. visited Bde H.Q. and both C.D.Ps.</p>	

VEEN		1000	Casualties so far slight and coming back normally.	
		1100	'A' Coy established a C.C.P. in BISLICH.	
			C.O. and Sergeant-Major crossed R RHINE and contacted 'A' Coy at C.C.P. C.O. inspected sites of cas evacuation and found it proceeding satisfactorily.	
BISLICH		1300	C.O. reced and found site for an A.D.S. in BISLICH.	
			Site cleaned up and signs put out.	
		1530	DUKWs with H.Q. aboard arrived and were led to A.D.S. (137429)	
		1700	A.D.S. established and first casualties arriving.	
			Evacuation by DUKW proceeded normally and C.C.P. closed down and prepared to move.	
		1800	'A' Coy moved out to establish a C.C.P. at 194483.	
			Large numbers of casualties from 6th Airborne Division arriving.	
		1930	All nine DUKWs loaded and away.	
		2200	A.D.S. now full and no DUKWs yet returned.	
		2300	DUKWs started coming back and evacuation of cas proceeded.	
			Total Cas so far 230.	
BISLICH	25	0300	All cas now away and A.D.S. empty.	
		0830	Cas started arriving in large numbers, mostly airborne.	
			Arrival and evacuation proceeded all day.	
			The DUKWs were very slow in coming back and this led to an accumulation at the A.D.S.	
		1600	Section of 9 FDS and a Coy from 194 Fd Amb arrived to assist.	
		2030	30 M.A.C. cars arrived to assist in evacuation which was now easy.	
		2359	Total cas now 770.	
	26	0900	ADMS called.	
			Casualties arrived all night.	
			Evacuation by ambulance car and DUKWs proceeded very well.	
		1500	Cas now very light, as most are now going to 193 Fd Amb which is now open.	
	27		23 FDS arrived and opened up with us.	
BISLICH	28		Equipment checked and bank searched for stretchers and blankets.	
			C.C.P. now open at M.R. 195505.	
		2359	We are now closed. Total casualties 902.	
	29		Unit resting.	
			Saw ADMS.	
	30		Nil to note.	
	31		Still in same locations.	
			WM Oxley W.M. OXLEY, Lieut.Colonel, R.A.M.C., Commanding, 194 (Br) Field Ambulance.	

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Month and Year APRIL 1945.

Commanding Officer WM Oxley
Lieut.Colonel, RAMC.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BISLICH	1		Unit in same locations; ADS in BISLICH and "A" Coy CCP with Bde.	
	2		No change.	
	3	1000 1200	ADMS conference. Orders from ADMS to move with Bde tomorrow.	
	4		Orders to move to GRAVEN today: Later cancelled.	
	5	0830	Unit left BISLICH for BORGHORST.	
BORGHORST		1600	Arrived new location. M.R. 768921. Using Burgomaster's house for Officers' Mess. Later it turned out that he is a prominent Nazi: later arrested.	
	6	1245 1900	Conference at Bde. Div to capture NEUSTADT. 44 Bde in reserve. There will be a move to a conc area first. Recce party left at 1400 hours. Order to move at 2035 hours. Order cancelled. Therefrom on one hour's notice to move.	
BORGHORST LIENTELE	7	0845 1700	Left for new location. Arrived new location M.R. 644249. C.O. visited Bde.	
	8		Brigadier visited unit in morning and ADMS in afternoon.	
	9		Medical boards and equipment check.	
WINDHEIM	10	0945 1330 1900	Left for WINDHEIM. M.R. 869253. Arrived WINDHEIM. Conference with ADMS. Unit to move to NEUSTADT and establish light ADS there.	
	NEUSTADT	11	0600 0700 0900 0920 1030	Harbour party left for NEUSTADT. Main party less "A" Coy (with Bde) left. ADS established. No casualties. Bde "O" Group. "A" Coy comes under command of Bde for future Operations. ADMS arrived and took recce party to MELLENDORF. Intention to open ADS there. 6 MAC cars now attached to us.

NEUSTADT			On moving unit to MELLENDORF one sec of "B" Coy is to stay to man a filter post, where cas would be transferred from one pl MAC to another pl MAC and sort out cases.	
MELLENDORF		1430 1700 2100	H.Q. and 2 Secs "B" Coy left for MELLENDORF. Unit arrived MELLENDORF and opened ADS at M.R. 363410. Capt. Swan posted temporarily to 6 KOSB to relieve Capt. Thompson. "A" Coy arrived in HELLENDORF with Bde. Sec of "B" Coy stays at NEUSTADT until relieved by 11 Lt Fd Amb. 12 cas arrived mostly Gordons.	
MELLENDORF	12	1100 1600 1715 1700	No cas during the night and only a few in the morning. C.O. visited ADMS at FUHRBURG. Div now moving to CELLE. 153 Fd Amb opening ADS in CELLE. "A" Coy moves with Bde. Orders from ADMS to move one Coy to CELLE. "B" Coy (now complete) moved to CELLE. They are to take over and supervise a hospital filled with starved civilian ex prisoners, from a concentration camp in this area. 150 Canadian Ex POWs arrived at the ADS having been released from a working camp at HAMBUEHREN this afternoon. They were powdered and fed and given the whole of our supply of socks. They were mostly in poor shape, being half starved and many with sore feet. Some were evacuated through medical channels. Lt.Col. Bradshaw arrived from Corps and arranged their further evacuation.	
CELLE	13	0900 1345 1545	C.O. visited ADMS at CELLE. Unit ordered to move and harbour in CELLE. Movement arranged with Bde. Left and arrived CELLE 1545 hours. Harbouring in the Cavalry barracks with 193 Fd Amb until they moved out at 1700 hours for SCHELPLAH, on the road to UELZEN. At 1700 hours, Division moved on to ESCHHEDE. C.O. contacted the O.C. 21 Lt Fd Amb. He is unable to take over our "Eclipse" commitment until tomorrow.	
	14	0830 1500	Orders from ADMS to move one Coy to ESCHHEDE. With both Coys committed, this took some arranging but "B" Coy was taken off the Civil Hospital, packed up and sent off. There is now only one M.O. with "B" Coy and one with H.Q. with 2 i/c acting as "A" Coy Commander. 1500 Visited Div. They are now moving on to HOSSERINGEN. The route of evacuation is now difficult as the main road from the front SOUTH of UELZEN is mined in the region of SCHELPLAH and the diversion to the north through the forest is a bad road and unfit for serious casualties. Cas are therefore being held at HOLXEN by "B" Coy until road is clear.	

CELLE		1800	Lieut. Davies sent to join "B" Coy, leaving H.Q. without a Medical Officer, apart from the C.O. This did not matter as there were no casualties to see. C.O. reced site for H.Q. to harbour in ESCHUDE	
ESCHUDE	15	0930 1630 1200 1750	Recce party sent to ESCHUDE. C.O. visited ADMS and forward Coys. "B" Coy had evacuated about 70 cases since yesterday afternoon. Main axis is now open down as far as WEYHAUSEN from where there is a short diversion through the wood to 193 Fd Amb ADS at SCHELPLAH. H.Q. moved to ESCHUDE. Arrived ESCHUDE.	
ESCHUDE	16		No change in position of Unit. Two M.Os. sent out to relieve RMO of KOSB and 190 Fd Rt RA. This leaves only two M.Os, excluding the C.O. in the unit, Major Reid and Capt. Ritchie having been posted to us about a week ago but still have not turned up.	
HOLDESNTEDT	17	0830 0900 1700	Visited "A" Coy in HOLDENSTEDT. Visited ADMS about an "Eclipse" job in UELZEN. "B" Coy will be used on this job, as post at HOLXEN has now closed down. "A" Coy moved CCP to HALLIGDORF. H.Q. moved in at HOLDENSTEDT. C.O. contacted Major Barefoot of 913 Det Mil Gov about hospitals in UELZEN. 44 Bde are now on the outskirts of UELZEN on the right of the river but 46 are still held up outside the town to left of river.	
HOLDENSTEDT	18	0730 1300 1800	C.O. visited CCP with 44 Bde, and got into the town to right of river. Found a camp with 170 French POWs in fairly good condition not requiring medical attention. Arrangements made to powder them and Mil Gov told of their whereabouts. Got into the town on left of river and found a Luftwaffe Hospital with about 270 patients. All German with sufficient staff to cope. Left a sec of "B" Coy in charge. Whole town now cleared. Found another German Hospital in Ebsdorfenstrasse with about 700 patients including 12 British. Arranged to evacuate the British at once. Another sec of "B" Coy left in charge. In the meantime Lieut. Harries had found a POW camp near a factory in the north of the town, the Zucker Farb., with 176 British, 11 U.S., 15 Belgian and French, 40 Dutch, 23 Italian. 130 British and U.S. sick and wounded evacuated same night through med channels. The condition of the others was fairly good although all showed signs of malnutrition. A civil hospital was found near this with	

HOLDENSTEDT			sufficient staff to cope. Major Reid reported for duty, to take over "A" Coy. Saw ADMS in evening and ordered to be prepared to move Unit in morning, and open light ADS in BEVENSEN as soon as cleared.	
EMENDORF BEVENSEN	19	0830 1025 1130 1400 1530	Ready to move. 2 i/c sent off to BEVENSEN as soon as cleared. Major Butcher arrived and agreed to take over the "Eclipse" commitment. Unit moved, less 2 secs of "B" Coy to area of Bde at EMMENDORF. Unit moved from EMMENDORF to BEVENSEN. Light ADS open in BEVENSEN. "A" Coy left with Bde. Capt. Senior from 153 Fd Amb is attached to us for this job.	
	20	1520	"A" Coy moved with Bde to LUNEBURG and opened CCP on Luftplatz. "B" Coy arrived in BEVENSEN from UELZEN.	
BEVENSEN	21		No change. Received Med. Admin. noted for "Op. ENTERPRISE".	
	22		ADMS visited "A" Coy. Capt. Ritchie reported for duty.	
LUNEBURG	23		Moved H.Q. up to LUNEBURG. "A" Coy location in LUNEBURG changed. Unit now all together.	
	24		No change.	
	25		Received message from Bde to bid for vehicles on Cl. 40 raft. Preliminary discussion with ADMS on Op. "ENTERPRISE". Vehicle phasing table made out for ADS.	
	26	1000	Conference with ADMS re Operation. Preparations for Op. "ENTERPRISE" begun.	
	27	1430	Preparations for Op. continued. Conference with DDMS Corps at 33 CCS in LUNEBURG.	
LUNEBURG	28		Preparations for Op. continued. Still in same location.	
	29		Operation "Enterprise". See Appendix.	
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Operation 'ENTERPRISE'

29 Apr 45.

"Crossing the Elbe"

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The role of the 15 Sc Div in this operation was to establish a bridgehead across the Elbe at Artlenburg 8334, and with the attached Commandos at Lauenburg 8734 and enlarge this bridgehead to Dalldorf - Lutau - Piependorf - to river at 788385.

44 L Bde was to establish the initial bridgehead.

After the advance from Uelzen 194 Field Ambulance was concentrated in Luneburg 7920, in 44 Bde area: Div HQ being at Scharnebeck 8525.

On 26th Apr, a conference was held at ADMS office at which the method of employing the medical units was arranged.

Role of 194 Fd. Amb.

Bde were crossing the river at Artlenburg in LVTs and the field ambulance would establish two CEPs on the far bank in the neighbourhood of the LVT ferries and evacuate casualties to the corresponding CDPs established by 14 Lt Fd Amb in Artlenburg. Later these posts would be combined into a CCP in the region of Schnarkenbeck from which casualties would be evacuated by LVT and storm-boat, until the arrival of the ADS, when the CCP would follow up behind Bde and establish CCP when and where necessary.

The ADS with an FSU and FTU attached would cross by the Cl. 40 raft, probably in the evening of D day and set up with an ASC in region of Schnarkenbeck.

A battalion of the A & S H, were to be attached to 44 Bde for the assault. The Bde plan was to cross with two assault battalions, passing through the other two to enlarge the bridgehead. The 8 RS on the left and the 6 RSF on the right, were the assaulting bns.

In view of the hilly nature of the country and the bad exits from the river it was decided to increase the number of SBs by attaching 8 from the Fd Amb to each Bn and to use two Officers and 20 ORs of the Fd Amb to establish each CEP. This meant using the whole of A Coy and two secs of B Coy.

To build up into a CCP vehicles would be phased over the river as follows:-

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| 1. | Four stretcher jeeps | | LVT ferry. |
| 2. | 4 X 3 tonners | | Cl. 40 raft. |
| | 6 X 2 str amb | | " " |
| | 2 X 15 cwts | | " " |
| | 1 scout car | | " " |

It was expected that the above would be over by about H plus 10.

The vehicle phasing table for the build up of the ADS was:-

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1	2 x 3 tonners 1 x 15 cwt	ADS.
2.	1 x 3 tonner 1 x 4 str amb 1 water truck	cooks ADS
3.	2 x 3 tonners 2 amb jeeps	FSU ADS
4.	1 x 3 tonner 1 x 4 str amb 1 x 2 str amb	FTU ADS ADS
5.	2 x 4 str amb 1 x 2 str amb	ADS "

These vehicles would enable an ADS and ASC to open up on the evening of D day.

193 Fd Amb were to take over an ADS on 10 DUKWs and open up in Lauenburg on the afternoon of D day, evacuation would then be as follows:-

Continue by storm boat and LVT ferry to Artlenburg and or by ambulance to 193 and then by DUKW, across the river and back to the CCS at Luneburg. Either or both methods would be used as necessary. If during the night evacuation stopped then cases would be retained by both the ADSs and urgent surgery carried out at the ASC.

The further development of the use of the Fd Amb on the far bank could not be formulated at this juncture but would be considered as the occasion arose.

On the 27th, there was a conference at 33 CCS at which the DDMS Corps outlined the Corps plan.

28th. D-1. 33 FSU and 21 FTU joined this unit with transport. The parties of 8 SBs with one NCO in each party joined their bns.

At 1900 hrs, A and B Coy parties for the CEPs left with their transport for the marshalling area (see MAP). The remainder of the field ambulance stayed in Luneburg waiting to be called forward to the marshalling area.

On the 29th, D day at 0200 hrs, the operation started. The two CEP parties landed at varying times between 0215 hrs and 0245 hrs, dealt with casualties on the river bank and both CEPs were established by 0300 hrs. The actual landing was fairly quiet but shortly after the right CEP had established in a factory at 843349 shells came over and hit the factory.

This resulted in several casualties including five of the field ambulance personnel. Evacuation was carried out well although the river bank was under continuous mortar and shell fire.

The left CEP was established at 838352 and casualties evacuated satisfactorily from the bank and the cliff top.

At 0230 hrs, Tac Bde HQ was visited and it was learnt that the landing had gone well though the RS on the left had encountered considerable mortar fire.

At 0330 hrs, the right CDP was visited: they had no casualties up to date. Then the left CDP was visited: they had 25 cas from the RS, mostly resulting from mortar fire.

At 0350 hrs, the RAP of the 11 RTR was visited and it was arranged that the supply of 50 stretchers and 100 blankets previously arranged and already loaded on the MOs buffalo should be sent over at 0500 hrs. Actually it got over later and delivered to both CEPs at 0615 hrs.

At 0530 hrs, both CDPs were visited and casualties were seen coming in. There did not appear to have been any delay in getting them over the river. Total cas now 65, including about 10 PWs. At 0600 hrs, the CO met the ADMS in Artlenburg and reported on the position. Our four jeeps had not yet gone across. There did not appear to be any real urgency for the jeeps yet, and it was decided to wait a bit before agitating for them. At Crossing Control it was learnt that there was considerable delay in all 44 Bde vehicles.

At 0630 hrs, visited A Coy Commander in the marshalling area.

At 0830 hrs, CC was again visited and as the jeeps had still not gone over and priority was being given to 227 Bde, it was impressed on the officer in charge that it was now an immediate priority. The jeeps were over the river within half an hour.

The CDPs were again visited at 1000 hrs. Total casualties now 97, including 25 PWs. Shelling was still going on in the crossing area though not intense.

At 1430 hrs, the CCP was visited at 838352 and a site found for the ADS, though it was not big enough to house an ASC as well, there was nothing suitable in Schnarkenbeck and shelling was still going on. Casualties were now very light.

At 1530 hrs, the DADMS was visited and the situation discussed. None of the company vehicles save the jeeps had gone across. This was due to marked delay in building the Cl. 40 raft because of the shell fire, and priority was still being given to 227 Bde. However the CCP could continue to function as it was for some time. It was expected that the rest of their transport would cross about 2230 hrs.

At 1730 hrs, the CCP was again visited. The cross roads just to the north of the CCP were being heavily shelled. Casualties were still very light, and it was considered that it would be impracticable to open up an ASC here until

later. Evacuation was going well by storm-boat and LVT, and would continue by storm boat during the night.

At 2100 hrs, ADMS was visited and he agreed to send over the ADS in the morning.

At 1800 hrs, the ADS moved into the marshalling area.

On 30th at 0015 hrs, the ADMS visited the CO in the marshalling area and explained the new plan, which was to get 44 Bde transport over the C1.9 bridge in a block, including all field ambulance vehicles. This was tied up with Bde.

An officer was sent to the CCP with instructions to send a rep to the C1.9 bde to conduct company transport to their location and to follow up the Bde.

The ADS crossed the bridge at 0400 hrs and reached Juliusburg 8439 at 0730 hrs. Recce party was sent off to Gulzow 8342, and ADS followed up. Meanwhile the CCP was opened in Gulzow and dealt with all casualties, sending them back to the DUKW point at 193 Fd Amb location at Lauenburg. Casualties still not heavy.

1st May. The CCP moved with Bde up to Schwarzenbek 8248. The ADS took over the CCP site and opened up. Casualties coming in all day. Evacuation still proceeding to 193 Fd Amb and thence by DUKW to the DUKW CDP and thence to 33 CCS in Lunenburg.

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Unit 194 (BR) FIELD AMBULANCE, RAMC.

Month and Year May 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. W.M. Oxley, RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
GULZOW	1		ADS of 194 Field Ambulance, situated in GULZOW (MR 830419) CCP moved from here up to SCHWARZENBEK (MR. 8248), with the Brigade H.Q., and opened up there. The battalions are clearing the ground to the east and meeting only light opposition: few casualties coming in. Few casualties received in the ADS and all evacuated down to the DUKW point of 194 Field Ambulance at LAUENBURG.	
	2		Same location. Light casualties only.	
	3		Same location. Very few casualties.	
BARGTEHEIDE	4	1100 1500	ADS closed down and packed up. Left location on way to BARGTEHEIDE. CCP moved to BEVENSEN with Brigade H.Q. Arrived BARGTEHEIDE (MR.668735). ADS opened. Brigade occupying locations in vicinity of BARGTEHEIDE, but no active operations. CCP arrived BARGTEHEIDE but did not open.	
BARGTEHEIDE	5		No active operations. Routine sick parades and check up of equipment. Surrender of German Armed Forces. C.O. visited all Battalions.	
	6		No change. ECLIPSE commitments in AHRENSBURG taken over.	
	7		ECLIPSE continued. No change in location.	
	8		Section of "B" Coy sent out to Russian PWX Camp at JERSBECK. 1700 Russians here. Small hospital opened for them.	
	9		No change.	
	10		No change. Recce carried out in new and final location, in BAD SEGEBERG.	
	11		No change.	
ROHLSDORF	12	1300 1500	Left BARGTEHEIDE for ROHLSDORF (MR.757011) near BAD SEGEBERG. Arrived ROHLSDORF (MR. 757011).	

			"A" Coy accommodated in separate location at MR.691996.	
	13		Eclipse commitments taken over in Kreis SEGEBERG.	
	14		Brigade conference at 625 Det Military Government in BAD SEGEBERG, on Eclipse arrangements.	
	15	1400	C.O. attended conference at Medical H.Q. 8 Corps, with D.D.M.S. Eclipse arrangements outlined.	
	16		G.1098 and I.1248 equipment checked and overhauled. All German hospitals in KREIS SEGEBERG visited.	
	17		German S.M.O. appointed for control of all hospitals in the Kreis. C.R.S. opened at ROHLSDORF - 50 beds.	
	18		No change.	
	19		No change. C.Os Parade and inspection of Unit lines.	
ROHLSDORF	20		No change.	
	21		Brigade conference at 625 Det Military Government, on Eclipse arrangements.	
	22		Capt. Swan and a section of "B" Coy, remain at Russian PWX camp at JERSBECK.	
	23		Eclipse continued.	
	24		No change.	
	25		No change.	
	26		No change. C.Os Parade and inspection of Unit lines.	
	27		No change. Eclipse continued.	
	28		No change. Brigade conference at 625 Det Military Government re Eclipse commitments.	
ROHLSDORF	29		No change.	
	30		No change.	
	31		No change.	
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