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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 194 (Br) Field Ambulance

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
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