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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 194 BR Field Ambulance

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Commanding Officer LT Col JB MacFarlane

Month and Year Feb 45

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
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 reced 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.	
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