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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit 194 Fd Amb

Month and Year Oct 1944

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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
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