Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Vol. 1. and the Staff Manual respectively. Monthly War Diaries will be enclosed in A.F. C.2119. If this is not available, and for Intelligence Summaries, the cover will be prepared in manuscript.

## WAR DIARY

or

Unit 153 (Br) Fd Amb

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Month and Year December 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col W.A.M. Scott

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Field	1	1400	H.Q. take over accommodation at MEIJEL 713067 (Monastery) from 194 Fd Amb. A Coy & B Coy now together at ASTEN 614138 less one Section of B Coy which is open in PANNINGEN 765054 to look after casualties from Div. H.Q. & surrounding troops in event of shelling or bombing of that area. Modified ADS opened in monastery which has been very badly knocked about in the heavy fighting that took place in this area last month.	DMcC
	2	1100 1800	CO attends ADMS conference at 194 FD AMB (MAASBREE 8207) No change in locations A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 3 Sick 5 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	3	1800	No change in locations A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 1 Evacuated 2	DMcC
Field	4		Lt Col Scott reports to D.M.S. HQ 21 Army Group for temporary duty. Major D.I. McCallum assumes temporary command.	DM-G
	5	1800	A.D.S. B.C. 5 Sick 3 POW 1 Evacuated 9  Locations unchanged	DMcC
	3	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 1 (died in ADS) Sick 4 Evac 4	DMcC
	6		ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evac 7	DMcC
	7	1800		DMcC
	8		227 Bde move into the line to hold the line of the River MAAS from Easting 98 northwards to Easting 10 with two Battalions up, 2 Gordons on right 10 HLI on left and 2 A&SH in reserve - area HELDEN 7903.  R.A.Ps situated as follows: 10 HLI BONG 846054 2 GORDONS 813023 2 A&SH PANNINGEN 7604.  TWO Sections of B Coy established C.C.P. at HELDEN 792039 to deal with casualties from 2 Gordons & HELDEN area 10 HLI evacuate to ADS 194 at MAASBREE 2 A&SH to C.C.P. established at PANNINGEN 765054	

	1			I
			Two Sections of A Coy join HQ at MEIJEL, one section remains in	
			ASTEN to attend to any cases until such time as C.C.P. of 193 FD	
			AMB establishes C.C.P. in this area now taken over by 46 BDE.	DMcC
	9		ADS Admitted BC Nil Sick 5 Evacuated 5	DMcC
	10		One Section of A Coy relieved by C.C.P. of 193 FD AMB at ASTEN.	
			H.Q. & A Coy complete at MEIJEL. B Coy unchanged.	
		1800	ADS Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	11		In view of general policy regarding billeting of personnel under	
			the best possible conditions over the coming weeks one Cpl and five	
			REs have been attached to the Unit temporarily to make the	
			monastery waterproof, and to provide windows and blackout material.	
			ADS Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	12		No change in locations	
			A.D.S. Admitted B.C. 1 Sick 2 Evacuated 3	DMcC
	13	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 4 Evacuated 6	
			111798 CAPT C.M.F. WALTERS posted for duty from 31 FDS	DMcC
FIELD	14	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 4 Sick 3 Evacuated 7	DMcC
	15	1800	ADS Admitted B.C. 2 Sick 7 Evacuated 9	DMcC
	16	1000	Capt WALKER posted to 119 L.A.A. REGT. for duty as R.M.O.	
		1100	Capt FRANKS " " 44 TPT COLUMN RASC for duty	
		1800	ADS Admitted B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	17	1800	No change in locations	
			B.C. 2 Sick 6 Evacuated 8	DMcC
	18	1800	B.C. 2 Sick 12 Evacuated 14	DMcC
	19	1800	B.C. 3 Sick 9 Evacuated 12	DMcC
	20	1800	B.C. 2 Sick 8 Evacuated 10	DMcC
Field	21	1400	Lt Col C.B.R. POLLOCK takes command of Unit	
		1800	B.C. 1 Sick 19 Evacuated 20	DMcC
	22	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 11 Evacuated 12	DMcC
	23	1800	B.C. Nil Sick 4 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	24	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 19 Evacuated 20	
			Christmas carol Service in Recreation Room	DMcC
	25	0745		
		0830	Breakfast	
			Football Match - England 2 Scotland 1	
			Xmas dinner	
		1630		
		1930		
			- onwards Buffet supper.	
			Battle Casualties 2 Sick 2 Evacuated 4	DMcC
	26	1000	Medical Boards held on one Officer & 4 O.Rs	

		1800	B.C. 1 Sick 5 Evacuated 6	DMcC
	27		No change in locations	
		2000	B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evacuated 7	DMcC
	28	1400	'A' Coy relieves 'B' Coy at HELDEN & PANNINGEN	
		1800	B.C. 1 Sick 12 Evacuated 13	DMcC
	29	1800	B.C. Nil Sick 9 Evacuated 9	DMcC
	30	1800	B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evacuated 7	DMcC
Field	31	1800	No change in locations	
			B.C. 1 Sick 6 Evacuated 7	DMcC
			During the month there have been patrol clashes & artillery duels across the MAAS; casualties have been light but the number of sick is increased, mainly due to exposure to which the infantrymen are subjected, and to an increase in skin diseases of which scabies & impetigo are rampant among the civilian population.  Two battalions are in the line at one time for a period of ten days, the third being in reserve where training, re-equipping, cleaning, recreation & rest are organised.  During the latter part of the month von Rundstedt attacked the American First Army front, but by the start of the year the Allies appeared to have the initiative once more.  Detailed arrangements regarding leave to the U.K. have been circulated & the first contingents depart from the Unit on January 4th.  Weather conditions at the beginning of the month were appalling - cold & wet, but improved later & the Xmas week was glorious - cold but bright & sunny - of great value to the Air Forces making heavy attacks on the German Salient towards the MAAS at LIEGE.  D.I. McCallum  Lt Col	DMcC