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WAR DIARY
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~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~
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Unit 624 Fd. Pk. Coy.

Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer Major M.D. Wilkinson RE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BERINGEN	Dec 1		Two Order Groups at H.Q.R.E. re Op GUILDFORD. Advance Dump site recced by O.C. 500 signs completed at 2130 hrs. 1000 hrs Coys fetched from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy, other stores from 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy RE. O.C. told to take over 20 FD COY on departure of Maj Gillington to Staff College, & to take over before operation begins	WA
	Dec 2		O.C. handed over to Capt Archibald. Advanced dump of Mech Eqpt, Tippers, Sommerfeld TR, Culverting & Sandbags near Rooth. Advanced dump under periodic shell fire from VENLO.	WA
	Dec 3	1030 1145 1800	Two vehs, loaded with culverting & mine warfare stores destroyed by shell fire Mine warfare veh repaired, culverting veh replaced from Coy Pool Personnel returned from Adv Dump to Coy locn	WA
BERINGEN	Dec 4		Bailey Pl & ½ F.B.E. Pl left command. All Mech Eqpt less Autopatrol from 12 Corps returned to 6 M.E. Sec.	WA WA
	Dec 5		One Sec Tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	WA
	Dec 6	1400 2345	26 Bailey Br Pl placed under command 279 Fd Coy. Eqpt unloaded during darkness at Map Ref 889122 Map Sheet Q1 ESSEN. 26 Bailey Br Pl returned empty to Coy locn.	 WA
	Dec 7		26 Bailey Br Pl reloaded at Army Dump in HELMOND. Large majority of Coy personnel employed in making road for Stores Dump & in repairing billets	WA
	Dec 8		Coy still employed in roads & repair of billets Annual dose of anti-typhus inoculation completed. First consignment of stores for repair of damaged houses fetched from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	 WA
BERINGEN	Dec 9	0900	Two secs tippers returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy. First allotment of stores for repair of buildings collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	 WA

	10 Dec		First allotment of Defence Stores collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. Main items were Sandbags, Barbed Wire, Screw & Wood Pickets, Trench Boards, Camouflage Nets & Garnished Wire Netting. Autopatrol returned to 265 Corps Fd Pk Coy.	WA
	11 Dec		Issue of defence stores, & stores for repair of buildings commenced. 2 no D7 Angledozers Armd returned to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. All available personnel employed on road making & drainage of dump 1 no Cl V Raft arrived from 106 Br Coy R.A.S.C. & 3 no Cl III Rafts. 66 ft KAPOK collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. Autopatrol collected from 25 Mech Eqpt Sec.	WA
BERINGEN	Dec 12		Continuation of normal work & repair of billets.	WA
	Dec 13		As for Dec 12. A/O.C. to lecture & medal presentation by Field Marshall Montgomery	WA
	Dec 14		Experimental work on TROMBONE cooker commenced. C.R.E. ordered 2 no hand operated snow ploughs to be constructed.	WA
BERINGEN	Dec 15		100 no hand operated snow ploughs ordered by C.R.E. to be made	
"	Dec 16		3 charges each of a 5 gal oil drum filled with explosive & sealed against moisture discovered in road beside Coy Office. Immediate steps were taken to remove these.	WA
"	Dec 19		Cl V Raft returned to 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. Billet Recce Party sent to recce area GROBBENDONCK - ANTWERP Sheet 3, 9092. Suitable accn found & party returned same evening	WA
	Dec 20		Adv Party warned to stand by, but no movement orders received.	
	Dec 22		100 no hand operated snow ploughs completed. 20 no issued to each Field Coy & H.Q.R.E.	WA
BERINGEN	23 Dec		C.R.E. ordered 400 hand operated snow ploughs to be made for use by Inf Units. Also ordered two Assault Boats Mk II to be modified to accommodate 4 oarsmen & a cox.	WA
	24 Dec		26 Br Pl vehs unloaded & used for General Tpt duties.	WA
	25 Dec		Coy holiday	
	26 Dec		O.C. 48 hrs leave in Brussels. LT S.H. LIGHT took over command of Coy.	WA
	27 Dec		Large quantities of defence stores collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. These comprised Concertina Wire, Screw Pickets, Wood Pickets, Barbed Wire, Sandbags, etc. Modified Assault Boats tested in canal & found to be impracticable using paddles in lieu of oars.	WA

	28 Dec		Search of district made for oars suitable for modified Ass Boats - none could be found. C.R.E. asked to obtain F.B.E. oars which would be modified. Weather - foggy.	WA
BERINGEN	29 Dec		O.C. returned from Brussels. Defence stores being issued continually to Inf Bns. Weather - frosty with slight thaw in evening.	
BERINGEN	30 Dec		C.R.E. ordered one snow plough, to be towed behind a 3 ton 4 x 4 lorry, to be constructed. Design made out & work commenced. One 3 ton 4 x 4 lorry with snow plough permanently attached in front collected from 508 Corps Fd Pk Coy. C.R.E. issued instructions that all R.E. personnel proceeding on leave should report previous evening to this Unit, have all docs etc checked & be despatched following morning in 624 Fd Pk Coy tpt to DIV Check Point. First Leave Party for U.K. arrived. Weather - frosty. Machinery lorry broke down. When stripped it was found that armature bearing on generator was faulty. Temp repairs carried out by reversing bearing, & new bearings indented for. Armature etc thoroughly overhauled. 278 Fd Coy experimenting with Bosch Sign Light. They hope to replace carbon arc by an electric bulb. 4 no 70 volt 250 Watt lamps obtained from PHILIPS EINDHOVEN & issued to 278 FD COY.	WA WA
	31 Dec		First leave party to U.K. despatched. Repairs on machinery lorry continued. Welder with cutting apparatus sent to 20 FD COY, who are removing a demolished Girder Bridge. Large type Oxy-acetylene cutter received. This was obtained as it was found that type issued was not powerful enough for the cutting of large girders on demolished bridges Weather - frosty. W.E. Archibald Capt	WA