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WAR DIARY

or

Unit 23 Field Dressing Station

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Month and Year September 1944.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LOUVIERS	1	1630	Crossed R. Seine to Div Conc Area. Harboured at MUIDS (308892) Weather fine IBRR	
MUIDS	2		Closed. Cleaning equipment. IBRR	
	3.	1230 1530	Moved up in Divisional column to LA FEUILLE. Received orders to join 12 Corps as an Advanced Surgical Centre.	
ARBRES	4.	0200 0700	Arrived at ARBRES (5 miles N of DOULLENS). 23 CCS & 4 FDS closed in same field. Open as ASC, working with 27 FSU & 13 F.T.U. No evacuation possible until 81 General Hospital opens at AMIENS.	
	5.	0700 2100	23 CCS moved out - also 4 FDS. 12 FSU arrived. 160 Cases admitted in all. Two Nursing Sisters were attached from C.C.S. to nurse post-operational cases. IBRR	
	6.	0800	Evacuation to 81 General Hospital - only 6 cases remained 13 FTU joined 4 FDS & 27 FSU also moved forward to Noeux-les-Mines. Five 'post-op' cases (abdominals) remain. IBRR	
ARBRES	7.	1200 1400	Closed. Wet & strong wind. Section of 9 F.D.S. arrived to take over 5 'post-op' cases (2 British, 1 French, 2 German) Large store tent forming ward blew down. Cases stood the shock well & were moved into local village Hall. IBRR	
	8.	0830 1800 2100	Moved to join Division at AUDENADE. Route: St Pol - Lens - Carvin - Seclin - Avelghem -. Crossed frontier into Belgium. Arrived at PETERGEN, 4 miles S.W. of AUDENADE. Wet night. Closed.	IBRR
PETERGEN	9		Closed. IBRR	
	10	0830	Moved to Div Conc Area N. of BRUSSELS & opened for minor sick at NEERPORTEN (588687). IBRR	
	11.		Seven cases received in all. IBRR	
	12.		Location same. Division moved up to cross Albert Canal. IBRR	
WESTERLOO	13.	1000	Moved up to 027786 (1 mile S. of WESTERLOO). Closed. Weather fine	IBRR
WESTERLOO	14	1400	Moved up over Albert Canal to GHEEL (0787) to open as FDS alongside 194 F.A. in Sanatorium buildings that had been used as	

			German barracks. On arrival met DDMS 12 Corps & plan changed - 9 FDS moved in to form ASC and unit harboured at 124843 one mile West of MEERHOUT. Weather fine - closed & on wheels. IBRR	
	15		Closed. Repairing canvas & making extra tents for personnel. IBRR	
	16.		Enemy gun limber found and converted into trailer for 4 Kwt Generating Set. Weather fine. Full Kit inspection carried out. Clocks put back one hour. IBRR	
	17	1200	Large number of Dakotas and Gliders seen proceeding N.E. Closed. Weather fine - some rain at night IBRR	
	18		Same location. Closed. IBRR	
	19.	1200	Church Service. Closed IBRR	
	20.		Closed. Football in afternoon IBRR	
EINDHOVEN	21	1100	Moved up in Divisional column across Dutch Border to EINDHOVEN area. Arrived 1900 hrs and established ASC at two schools & convent in MEERVELDHOVEN (386156). No 13 & 42 FSU & FTU working with unit. All types of casualties being received. IBRR	
	22		Working as ASC. IBRR	
	23		Working as ASC. Eight Nursing Sisters temporarily with unit from 10 C.C.S. IBRR	
	24.		Working as ASC. Two nursing sisters obtained from 23 CCS for post-operation nursing. Sixteen 'post-op' cases now held - including twelve abdomens. IBRR	
	25.	1500 1700 2000	Visit by DDMS 12 Corps Visit by Lt Col Debenham RAMC. 23 CCS opened at ZEELST and FDS stopped admitting cases except for minor sick and exhaustion IBRR	
MEERVELDHOVEN	26	1200 2300	Rain. Opened for Minor Sick & Exhaustion only. Casualties evacuated by air from Eindhoven Airstrip. Previously only evacuation had been by Road to Brussels. 22 stretcher cases & 11 walking despatched. Handley Page "Sparrows". Overflow of Group III casualties received from CCS. IBRR	
	27	1200	More cases evacuated by air IBRR While open in this location a total of 602 cases were admitted	IBRR
	28	1400	Handed over buildings & patients to 4 FDS. Eighteen 'post-op' cases and 95 minor sick & exhaustion. Unit moved into adjacent school IBRR	
	29		Resting. ENSA & Cinema shows in Eindhoven during afternoon IBRR	
	30.		Resting. Some Rain. IBRR	