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Month and Year June 44

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Thatcham	2.		3 ORs posted. 1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	7		2 ORs posted. 1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	9		1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	10		2 ORs posted. 7 ORs taken on strength.	WDG
	11		40 ton transporter taken on charge from no 29 VRD. Trailer 40 ton 24 whld taken on charge from no 11 VRD.	WDG WDG
	14		1 Hillman Uty 4x2 struck off charge to 227 Inf Bde Wksps 1 Ford Car 4 str 4x2 taken on charge from HQ REME 15 (S) DIV	WDG WDG
	16		2 ORs taken on strength	WDG
Denmead	17		Unit moved to Marshalling Camp A.11.	WDG
Gosport	26.		Unit moved to Embarkation Area at Gosport.	WDG
	27		Unit embarked for France	WDG
France	28	2030	Unit landed at Hable de Heurtoi (sheet 7E/5) 900870	WDG
	29		Unit arrived at harbour (sheet 7F/1) 893786. AWD located at 904679.	WDG WD Gannon Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
France	1		A.W.D. returned to main workshop.	WDG
"	5		Capt W.C. Kemp posted to HQ 46 (H) INF BDE 3 OR's posted	WDG WDG
	6		1 OR posted. 1 OR taken on strength. Lt H.J. Matthews taken on strength ex 11 Armd Tps Wksps	WDG WDG
	7	2230	A.W.D. proceeded to 906679.	WDG
	8		1 O.R. posted	WDG
	9		1 O.R. posted	WDG
	12		1 O.R. posted. 1 O.R. taken on strength.	WDG
	13	0800	Unit moved to 895742 (sheet 7F/1) 4 OR's taken on strength. 1 OR posted	WDG WDG
	14		1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	15	0300 1500	A.W.D. rejoined main workshops. A.W.D. left unit and opened at 927693.	WDG WD Gannon Major
France	18	1100 2300	AWD rejoined unit Residue less 40 ton transporter and one Uty 2 str 4x2 joined unit	WDG WDG
	20	0700	Uty 2 str 4x2 (Residue) joined unit	WDG
	23	1600	Unit moved to new location (sheet 6F/2) 699700 40 ton transporter joined unit. Unit complete. 2 OR's posted.	WDG WDG WDG
	26		7 OR's taken on strength. 1 OR posted	WDG
	27		1 OR posted	WDG
	28		1 OR posted. 1 OR taken on strength.	WDG
	30	2045	Unit moved to 705655	WDG
	31		2 ORs posted	WD Gannon Major

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Month and Year Aug 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
France	1	0500	Recovery Section under command of Lt Hirst moved forward to location 689549.	
	2	1400	Unit moved forward to 697549. Unit dug in and workshop open at 1900 hrs.	
	3	0015) 0210)	Area near workshop shelled probably by German 105mm guns, slight damage was done to the unit instrument lorry, no casualties	
	4		Recovery Section moved forward 673508.	
	6		Recovery Section rejoined main workshops	
	12		Three vehicle inspection teams attached to RAD 44 (L) Inf Bde for the day	
	13		Division came under command of 12th Corps	
	14	1245 1730	Unit moved to new sector (sheet 7F/3) location 952597 Workshop open in new location.	
France	15		One vehicle inspection team attached to LAD 44 (L) Inf Bde for the day.	
	17		Maj-Gen Barber Commanding 15 (S) DIV inspected the unit.	
	19	1400 1900 2300	Unit moved to new location 013516. Carriers universal received in unit to have Wasp Flame Throwing equipment removed. The six carriers universal returned to unit the Wasp equipment having been removed.	
	20	1200 1730	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 7F/4) 088417. Unit under 4 hours notice to move. Notice to move cancelled. Workshop open.	
	23	0730 1900	Unit under 2 hours notice to move from 0800 hrs on 24 Aug An AWD consisting of Capt Lacey & 13 OR's att'd to HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde (Sheet 7F/6) 192378.	
	25	1330	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 8F/5) 525605. Scammel b/d tractor att'd to 15 Recce regt.	
France	26	0645 1730	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 8F/4) 815713. Unit moved to new location 966741	

	27	2100	Report and Recovery Point consisting of Lt Hirst and one Scammel and trailer opened at (Sheet 9F/1) 257936.	
	28	1500	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 9F/1) 123877	
	29		AWD and Report Centre located at 296920 Scammel b/d tractor ceased to be attached to 15 (S) Recce Regt and located on ferry 3188.	

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Month and Year Sept 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1	1500	Unit moved to new location (sheet 9F/1) 292912	
	2	0900	AWD rejoined main workshop	
		1500	Telecommunication section att'd to 15 (S) Div Signals.	
	3		Unit scammels rejoined unit from positions on the River Seine bridges	
	4	0615	Unit moved to new location 813555 (sheet 10E/1)	
	5	0700	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 5) H 0300	
	7	1400	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 7) 816438	
	8	1600	Report and Recovery Centre established at 018528.	
	9	1500	Unit moved to new location 997562.	
	10	0830	Unit moved to new location 582725 (Sheet 2 scale 1:250,000)	
	13	1600	Report and Recovery Post closed. Detachment rejoined main workshop.	
	14		One Ford 15 cwt 4x2 taken on charge from 12 Corps O.F.P.	
	15	1300	Unit moved to new location (Sheet 3) K065740.	WD Gannon Major
B.L.A.	17	0900	Unit moved to new location K103835.	
	22	0800	Unit moved to new location E417158	
	28	0800	Unit moved to new location E418187	WD Gannon Major

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Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Holland	1	1520	DDME 12th Corps inspected the unit.	
	6	1100	Unit moved to new location <del>E577297</del> E564222.	
	21		Telecommunication Section rejoined unit.	
	26	0930	Unit moved to new location E371262.	
		1800	Report and recovery centre opened at E225307	
	29	1800	Report and recovery centre closed, and detachment rejoined unit.	

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Month and Year Nov 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	2	2000	Capt A. Lacey attached to HQ 44 (L) INF BDE as temporary EME 44 (L) INF BDE.	
	3	0800	Unit moved to new location E553234.	
	10	1445	Two bombs fell one hundred and one hundred and fifty yards wide respectively, estimated 250 kilo. No casualties caused to unit equipment or personnel.	
	11		Lt C.G. Barber attached to 15 (S) Recce Regt.	
	13		Capt A. Lacey rejoined unit from HQ 44 (L) INF BDE.	
	14.		Col McEvoy (DDME 8th Corps) inspected the workshops.	
	17		Tele. Sec. attached to "M" Sec 15 (S) Div Sigs.	
	27		Capt A McMillan assumed command of the unit in the absence of Maj W.D. Gannon on leave.	

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Month and Year Dec 44

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	1		2 Ford Jeeps taken on charge from HQ REME 15 (S) DIV. 1 BSA 500 cc Solo m/c struck off charge to 3rd line workshops.	
	6	1130	Maj. Gen Barber (GOC 15 (S) INF DIV) inspected the workshop and billets. He ordered that 'Q' branch 15 (S) Div be approached and better billets found for the unit.	
	7	1400	Capt McMillan attended an OC's workshops conference at HQ REME 15 (S) Div. Redistribution of workshop load was arranged.	
	13		Capt A.L. Lacey and 2 OR's attended presentation of medal ribbons by Field Marshall Montgomery.	
	17		Lt Leeming temporary attached to this unit.	
	20		Lt Leeming ceased to be attached to this unit.	
	21		Lt C.G. Barber rejoined this unit from 15 (S) Recce Regt.	
	24		Maj W.D. Gannon posted to X(ii) list. Capt A.L. Lacey posted to CEME Adv Base Wksps.	
B.L.A.	25		Maj W.D. Gannon rejoined unit.	
	27		Lt Hirst rejoined unit on discharge from hospital.	
	31		Capt L Walker taken on strength from 227 Inf Bde Wksps. One m/c B.S.A. Solo 500 cc taken on charge from 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps. One m/c BSA Solo 500 cc struck off charge to 15 (S) Div O.F.P.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	4	1100	Maj. Gen Barber (GOC 15 (S) Inf Div) inspected the workshops.	
	17		1st Commando Bde based on this workshop for 2nd line repairs. Instructions received to form an AWD to serve 6RSF and 6KOSB.	
	21	0500	An AWD consisting of 1 Officer and 24 OR's left unit location and proceeded to Grammont (MR scale 1:250,000 Sheet 2 J287486). The AWD is attached to HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde.	
	26		AWD proceeded to location E162314. AWD ceased to be attached to HQ 44 (L) Inf Bde and formed units advance party.	
	28	0700	Unit moved to new location E162314	

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Month and Year Feb 1945

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	4	1030	All officers attended a Div conference at Tilburg.	
	5	1045	Recovery point consisting of Lt Hirst, 9 ORs and 2 scammels attached to HQ 227 Inf Bde.	
		1530	One wireless truck and operators attd to HQ REME 15 (S) DIV.	
		1545	40 ton transporter attd to Main HQ 15 (S) Div.	
	6	1200	40 ton transporter rejoined unit.	
	15		Recovery point. C.T.B.A. to HQ 227 Inf Bde and attached to 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps.	
	16	1000	Recovery point rejoined unit	
	18	0001	Unit proceeded to new location E922523.	
	19	1300	Recovery centre established at E930477 (No.2)	
	21	1400	A second report centre established E910477 (No.3)	
	22	1630	No 3 report centre closed.	
	27	1200	Recovery centre closed. (No.2)	
		2000	Small Arms Section attached to 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps at E193304	

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Unit 44 (L) Inf Bde Wksps REME

Month and Year MARCH 45

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	3	2000	Unit proceeded to new location E.152335	
	5	1545	Unit inspected by Maj Gen Barber C.M. D.S.O. (G.O.C. 15 (S) Inf Div) at 46 (H) Inf Bde Wksps location E193304	
	6	1200	Small Arms Section rejoined Unit.	
	7		One Austin 3 ton 4x4 struck off strength, beyond local repair, back loaded to 3rd line Workshops.	
	9		Instrument Section att. to 1st Battn Middx	
	10		Instrument Section rejoined Unit.	
	11		Small Arms Section att. 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps for inspections	
	17	1500	Unit proceeded to new location K./168947. Small Arms Section rejoined Unit.	

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Unit 44 (L) INF BDE WKSPS REME

Month and Year April 945

Commanding Officer Maj W.D. Gannon

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	5	0700 1500	Unit proceeded to new location A 907887. Unit harboured at A 0636.	
	6	0600 1400 1800	Unit continued journey to new location Unit arrived at new location A907887. Report Centre opened at B037908	
	7	1800	Report Centre rejoined unit	
	8	1500	Tele Section rejoined unit	
	10	0930	Seven German P.O.W. taken at A 875880.	
	14	0400	Unit proceeded to new location X 596505	
	22		One Austin 3 ton 4x4 struck off charge. One Austin 3 ton 4x4 taken on charge from ADOS 15 (S) Div.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
B.L.A.	2	0400	Unit moved to harbouring area S796394. Workshop closed.	
	6	0700	Unit moved to location S775801	
	26		One Bussing tractor struck off charge to 8th Corps captured vehicle park.	
	21		Capt. A MacMillan SOS to 227 Wksps. Capt A.D.G. Arch T.O.S. Ex 227 (H) Inf Bde Wksps.	