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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 279, Field Coy. R.E.

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year JUNE '44.

Commanding Officer Major. P.T. WOOD M.C.R.E.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Storrington.	6	0900	Invasion of EUROPE begins.	
	7	1500	Lt. Bennett and adv party move off to embark.	
	8.	2230	All ranks confined to camp.	
	10.	1500	Visited by Special Cashier No. B/85/0 to exchange Sterling into currency. Rate of Exchange 200 F.	
	11.	2200	Received warning order to move.	
	12.	0230 0530 1030 1810	Received movement order form, Movement Control. Moved off bound for Southampton. Arrived SOUTHAMPTON. Coy embarked on T.L.C. V.64.	
At Sea.	13		Laid off PORTSMOUTH all day.	
" "	14		SAILED in CONVOY.	
" "		1830	Sighted coast of FRANCE.	
" "		2100	Anchored off coast of FRANCE.	
COURSEULLES SUR MER. BRECY.	16	1330 1700	First landings of Coy took place. Owing to deep mud on the beach, landing delayed, only 16 vehicles landed. Harboured by road side 872790	PT Wood
"	17		Quiet day. Lt. Bennett on Road Recce.	
"	20	0800	Started construction & marking of Tank Track from St. GABRIEL to TAILLEVILLE.	
"		1800	Lt. Bennett off to Recce new harbour area.	
"	21	1000 1200 1400	Lt. Bennett returns from harbour Recce. Tank track completed. Lt. Bennett off to Recce Bde Water Point in new area.	
"	22	0800	1 Pln off to mark Tank Track from FONTAIN HENRY - TAILLEVILLE.	
"		0800	2 Pln off to construct water point at 919748.	
"			3 Pln off to mark Tank Track from PIERREPONT to FONTAIN HENRY.	
"		0830	O.C. off to Bde "O" Group.	
BRECY		1030	O.C. returns.	PT Wood
	23		Quiet day.	

"	24	0830	Orders received to move to Conc. at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN for Operation Epsom.	44 Bde O.O. No.2
"		1100	O.C. and 2 i/c to Briefing Conf. at H.Q.R.E.	" " Move Order No.1.
"		2245	Move to Conc. Area.	R.E. 15(S)Div O.O. No.1.
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN			Arrive in Conc. Area 920747.	279, Fd Coy. Move Order No.1.
	25	0845	O.C. off to 44 Bde. Briefing Conference.	
		1000	O.C. returns.	
		1000	O.C. & 2 i/c off to C.R.E.s conference.	
		1300	O.C. briefs Pln. Comds.	
		1900	O.C. to C.R.E. for final briefing.	279, Fd. Coy. O.O. No.1.
	26	0610	O.C. off to join Brigadier R. Group.	
		0721	BARRAGE begins.	
		0730	Epsom begins.	
		0900	H.Q. moved to BRETTEVILLE.	
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN			2 Pln received baptism of fire, were under heavy shell and mortar fire. Luckily no cas.	PT Wood
			1 Pln very busy time, sniped at, no cas.	
			3 Pln out all night.	
		2220	Move to 899703 LES SAULLETS.	
LES SAULLETS	27	0600	3 Pln rejoin Coy. Coy in Conc. Area resting.	
		0945	2 Pln off to recce and construct water point.	
		1015	2 Secs 2 Pln. to clear minefield (TELLER) at 906691.	
		1700	2 Pln return having lifted minefield containing 240 T.M.1.	
			6 "S" Mines and 6 Bodies which had been killed by "S" mines.	
			All bodies friendly.	PT Wood
"		2359	End of a quiet day.	
"	28		Still conc. in reserve very quiet.	
	29	2200	Enemy reported to have broken through just South of Coy position.	
			Coy prepared to make stand and stood to.	
		2350	C.R.E. visited unit reported situation restored.	
	30	0010	Coy stood down, but maintained strong picquets to watch for suspicious movement.	
		1200	Moved to 915660. 3 Pln repaired road. 2 Pln established water point.	
			1 Pln Rest.	
		1820	Arrived back at Les Saullets.	PT Wood