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WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating
LAD 46 (H) Inf Bde att.

Month and Year JULY 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier C.M. Barber DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
COLLEVILLE 9264 BRONAY 8872	1st	0530 1700 2030	Ref maps 1/50,000 Sheets 6F/2, 7F/1, 6F/4, 7F/3, 6F/6, 7F/5 Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde GS Op Instr No 2 Bde Tac HQ moved back to join Main HQ in rest area 892719. Bde Comd visited Bns. Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	See Appx "A" H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
	2nd	0930 1330	Bde Comd and SC visited Bde HQ. Bde HQ shelled. Two 15 cm shells fell in office area. One clerk injured. Some vehs slightly damaged. Bad weather, hy rain.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
	3rd	0945	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and made short informal speech to tps. Read out personal message of congratulation to 15 (S) Inf Div from the C-in-C General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO. Bde Comd then accompanied Div Comd round Bns.	H.G.U.
	4th	1030- 1630 1800	Bde Comd and BM attended Div Comd's discussion on "Lessons learned in recent Fighting". Comd 8 Corps Lt-General Sir Richard N. O'Connor, KCB, DSO, MC visited Bde HQ and was later conducted round Bns by Bde Comd. Weather had improved.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
BRONAY 8872	5th	1000 1400	Bde Comd visited Bns. Bde Comd and BM went to Div to continue Discussion on "Lessons learnt in recent Fighting".	H.G.U. H.G.U.
	6th	1100 1430 1900	Considerable improvement in weather. Bde Comd visited Bns to speak to new drafts. Bde Comd and BM attended an address by General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, KCB, DSO at Div HQ. Bde Comd visited HQ 8 Corps. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Standing Orders for Ops.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "B"
	7th	1445 1640 2045	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to discuss future ops for the Bde. Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Inf Div to meet Comd. Comd 43 Inf Div was out and did not return until 1745. Weather very warm. Bde Comd again visited HQ 43 Inf Div to discuss future op when 46 (H) Inf Bde would be under comd 43 Div. Comd 15 (S) Inf Div also attended.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.

BRONAY 8872	8th	0930 1030 1100 1530 1915	Weather good. Bde Comd, IO and Comd 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt visited HQ 214 Bde at MOUEN 9365 to discuss future ops. Bde Comd visited HQ 7 Som LI and OP at Quarry 945645. Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave out outline plan. Gave outline plan for Op "JUPITER". Showery weather. Bde Comd visited 43 Inf Div to clear up certain pts. CRA 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to discuss fire plan for Op "JUPITER".	H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "C" (TOP SECRET) H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
	9th	1100 1545 1600 2200	Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Div for further discussion on Op "JUPITER". Comd 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to tell Bde Comd that the Canadians had captured CARPIQUET Aerodrome 9667 and main crossings over the R ORNE in CAEN had been captured by Armd patrols of 1 Corps. Weather deteriorating. Bde Comd held a co-ord conference for Op "JUPITER". Bde Comd and Comd Gp moved to new HQ in MOUEN 9365 for start of Op "JUPITER". Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 1	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "D"
MOUEN 9365 VERSON 9765	10th	0455 0943 1044 1500 1700 2100 2300	Main body Bde HQ arrives MOUEN 9365. Bad weather continued. 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH are ordered fwd by code word "EGGS" Bde Comd approves of 9 CAMERONIANS taking over ETERVILLE 9864 with two coys. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to gain contact with Canadians on reaching rly 983663. Weather continued showery. Bde HQ moved to new location 971658. Bde Comd visited three Bns. Gave orders to 2 GLAS H for counter-attack, on ETERVILLE should the occasion arise. CO 9 CAMERONIANS wounded. Bde Comd orders Maj J.C. Davies, MC, 2 GLAS H, to take over comd.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
VERSON 9765	11th	0030 0340 0455 0925	Bde Comd receives request from Comd 214 Bde that 'A' Sqn 15 (S) Recce Regt should be lent to 214 Bde to fill in gap between flanks of 46 (H) Inf Bde and 214 Bde. Bde Comd consents. 9 CAMERONIANS report enemy infiltration and one coy missing. Bde Comd orders 2 GLAS H to place one coy under comd 9 CAMERONIANS. Bde Comd sends out an order that Bns will remain in present posns and will hold their ground in face of enemy counter-attack. 2 GLAS H ordered to send fwd recce parties to ETERVILLE to arrange take-over from 9 CAMERONIANS. Weather improved. Bde HQ under intermittent mortar and shell fire.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.

		1458	ME 109, shot down by AA fire, crashed in fd 100 yds from office area. Pilot baled out and was later captured and brought to Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1600	Comd 4 Canadian Bde arrived to arrange take-over from 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1617	SC reported to Div HQ to be given new area for the Bde when relieved by 4 Canadian Bde.	H.G.U.
		1735	Bde HQ under fairly hy mortar and shell fire. Cpl Scott, French Interpreter att to Bde HQ, was killed.	H.G.U.
		2030	Bde HQ ordered to be ready to move by 2130 hrs.	H.G.U.
		2200	DR arrived from SC with new area for 46 (H) Inf Bde. "No move till 0230 hrs" was ordered.	H.G.U.
		2340	HQ 4 Canadian Bde moved in. Enemy mortaring and shelling continued.	H.G.U.
SECQUEVILLE en BESSIN 9173	12th	0325	Bde HQ moved to new area 912735.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		2100	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to receive outline plan for Op "GREENLINE". Weather good.	See Appx "E" H.G.U.
	13th	2115	Bde Comd and IO attended 'O' Gp conference Div HQ for further discussion on Op "GREENLINE".	H.G.U.
	14th	1030	Bde Comd and IO visited Bns	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp conference. Issue of 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Order No 3	See Appx "E"
MOUEN 9365	15th	1200	Bde Comd briefed all offrds down to Capts at Bde HQ with aid of cloth model.	H.G.U.
		1900	Comd 15 (S) Inf Div attended. Bde HQ ordered to be ready to move by 2145 hrs.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde HQ moved to MOUEN 9365. In the light of recent experience comd vehs were bulldozed in. 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No 4 issued.	H.G.U. See Appx "F"
	16th		Weather very misty in morning but cleared considerably later in the day.	H.G.U.
		2100	Comd 15 (S) Inf Div visited Bde HQ to give Bde Comd details of new plan for 46 (H) Inf Bde to relieve 71 Bde.	H.G.U.
		2330	Gun area around Bde HQ subjected to fairly hy aerial bombing. Bde HQ was untouched.	H.G.U.
	17th	1130	Bde Comd visited 71 Bde to arrange take-over. Weather very hot.	H.G.U.
		1245	Bde Comd gave orders to COs of 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH - 9 CAMERONIANS to take over area GRAINVILLE-sur-ODON 9064, 7	

MOUEN 9365		1515	SEAFORTH area CAHIER 9062. 2 GLAS H were to move into area MONDRAINVILLE 9262 when released by 227 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
			7 SEAFORTH ordered to contact 8 RS at GAVRUS 9161 when take-over had been completed.	H.G.U.
		1830	Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH and gave orders for patrolling that night.	H.G.U.
		2130	Take-over by 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH completed. Notified to Div by codeword "SKYLARK".	H.G.U.
		2330	Gun area round Bde HQ again bombed, causing cas and damage to vehs amongst gunner units. Bde HQ escaped untouched.	H.G.U.
	18th	0145	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to make contact with 59 Div on right.	H.G.U.
		0900	GOC visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		0955	Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U.
		1218	Comd 44 (L) Inf Bde visited HQ to get Bde Comd's approval for moving his Bde HQ into MONDRAINVILLE. Bde Comd approves.	H.G.U.
		2330	Slight air activity - few bombs dropped.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365	19th		Bde Comd visited 9 CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH to discuss patrolling with CO 7 SEAFORTH and decides to ask Div to get Corps bdy altered to allow more room for manoeuvre. Also to obtain approval for an OP at 905616 from 59 Div.	
	19/20		GSO III Capt C.B. Wilken detailed to attend next Intermediate Staff College Course commencing 4 Aug. Weather deteriorating - thunderstorms. Active night patrolling begun on 7 SEAFORTH front.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
	20th	0435	Patrol reports received. Only slight enemy activity reported.	H.G.U.
		1130	Bde Comd decides to move 7 SEAFORTH fwd to the rd MISSY 8962 - MONCEAUX 9061 one coy at a time.	H.G.U.
		1510	First coy to be moved fwd encounters stiff opposition and coy is withdrawn.	H.G.U.
		1600	Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH to discuss situation and patrolling for the night. Hy rain set in.	H.G.U.
	21st		Weather still very wet. Relief of fwd posts of 7 SEAFORTH by 15 Recce.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference at HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde to discuss take-over from 10 US Regt 5 US Div. Capt N. Davenport, KOSB, arrived to take up appointment as GSO III vice Capt C.B. Wilken, 7 SEAFORTH Highlanders.	H.G.U.
MOUEN 9365	22nd	0930	Bde Comd and IO left for HQ 5 US Div 697695.	H.G.U.
		1000	BM visited 177 Bde re relief of 7 SEAFORTH.	H.G.U.
		1100	Bde Comd attended conference at HQ 5 US Div to discuss take-over from 10 US Regt. It was decided that 46 (H) Inf Bde would not	

		1400	take over until night 26/27 Jul and then it would be to relieve 44 (L) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1500	Bde Comd and IO left HQ 10 US Regt.	H.G.U.
		1600	Bde Comd called at HQ 59 Div as 46 (H) Inf Bde were coming under comd 59 Div for a short time on 23 Jul.	H.G.U.
		1830	Visited HQ 15 (S) Inf Div to see GOC who suggested that 46 (H) Inf Bde should move the following day to a rest area behind 5 US Div prior to taking over from 44 (L) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
			Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and gave COs infm and verbal orders concerning the take-over from 44 (L) Inf Bde and move to rest area.	H.G.U. See Appx "G"
CHEUX 9167	23rd	0400	Two enemy shells fell in Bde HQ office area. No damage or cas. Weather fair.	H.G.U.
		1315	Bde HQ moved to marshalling area near CHEUX 9167.	H.G.U.
		1430	7 SEAFORTH hand over to 5 S Staffs completed.	H.G.U.
		1705	Bde HQ moves to new area according to Mov Table contained in Appx "G".	H.G.U.
		1850	Bde HQ arrives new area 737705 for a few days rest.	H.G.U.
ST PAUL du VERNAY 7470	24th	1800	Bde Comd visited Bns to address new drafts.	H.G.U.
	25th	1200	Bde Comd visited 44 (L) Inf Bde HQ 684618 to arrange take-over.	H.G.U.
		1400	Comd 30 Corps visited Bde HQ, as we had now come under comd 30 Corps.	H.G.U.
	26th	0900	Bde Comd held discussion on "Recent Battle Lessons" for offr of 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.
		1730	Bde Comd and IO went to 44 (L) Inf Bde HQ to begin taking over.	H.G.U. See Appx "H"
		2100	Main HQ arrived.	H.G.U.
SALLEN 682618	27th		Patrol org set up for intensive patrolling programme to be carried out on our front.	H.G.U. See Appx "I"
		1445	Div Comd arrived to discuss future ops with Bde Comd.	H.G.U.
SALLEN 682618	28th	0500	Patrol reports indicate little activity on our front.	H.G.U.
		1500	Div Comd visits Bde HQ to discuss future ops. - "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		2130	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's 'O' Gp conference and received outline plan for Op "BLUECOAT" which was to take place two days earlier than was expected. 44 (L) Inf Bde were to take over from 46 (H) Inf Bde forthwith.	H.G.U.
		2359	Bde Comd ordered 'O' Gp.	H.G.U.
Area CAUMONT 712636	29th	0500	Bde HQ moves to new area 712636 to prepare for Op "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		1400	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's 'O' Gp. This was final co-ord conference for Op "BLUECOAT".	H.G.U.
		1730	Bde Comd held 'O' Gp and final co-ord conference.	H.G.U. See Appx "J"
	30th	0730	Start of Op "BLUECOAT". Adv goes fairly well.	H.G.U.

CAUMONT 6960		1356	Bde HQ at new location 695602. Long delay in area La MORICHESSES les MARES 6853 before 2 GLAS H and 7 SEAFORTH eventually capture Pt 309. Inf advancing on tks held up by a few well placed 88mm A Tk guns, the inf finally dismounting and going cross country on foot to their objective.	H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6955		2145	Bde HQ moves to 693558.	H.G.U.
		2230	2 GLAS H ordered to est junc pt at 688511 to contact patrol of 15 (S) Recce Regt.	H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6955	31st	1130	Div Comd held 'O' Gp at 46 (H) Inf Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1208	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to be prepared to send one or perhaps two coys to hold ST MARTIN DES BESACES 6750.	H.G.U.
		2230	Bde Comd orders 7 SEAFORTH and 2 GLAS H to carry out protective patrolling during the night.	H.G.U.