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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders

Commanding Officer D. Robertson Lieut Col.

Month and Year JULY, 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PUTOT EN BESSIN	1 Jul	2140	Bn arrived in reorganisation area. C.O. held O Group.	
-do-	2 Jul	1200	Bn Memorial Service. C.O. and Coy Comds inspected defence posns.	
-do-	3 Jul	1100 1400	A,B,C & D Coys digging defence posns. Div Comd inspected Bn HQ and spoke to troops. C.O. held conference at Bn HQ.	
-do-	4 Jul	1800	Rest and Maintenance of Vehs and Equipt. Retreat played by Pipes and Drums (Div Comd and Brigadier present).	
-do-	5-8 Jul		Bn reorganised. Lt Col D. Robertson took over Command of the Bn on 6 Jul 44. Drafts received. All our 1st Line Reinforcements Offrs rejoined. On 8 Jul Warning Order given to Bn for Active Operations on the 9 Jul 44.	Appendix 'C'
MOUEN	9-11 Jul		See Appendix 'B' / Putot en Bessin	Appendix 'B'.
	12 Jul		Bn moved to Rest Area and arrived 1800 hrs.	
PUTOT EN BESSIN	13 Jul	1800	Div Comd visited Bn HQ.	
-do-	14 Jul	1100 1145	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. C.O. addressed Bn explaining previous operations.	
-do-	15 Jul	2130 2300	Bn moved out of reorganisation area to go into action. Bn arrived at MOUEN as reserve Bn.	Appendix 'D'
MOUEN.	16 Jul	2000 2030	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. C.O. held O Group.	
-do-	17 Jul	1300	Bn left MOUEN and moved up to static defensive posn at MONDRAVILLE. Bn arrived at MONDRAVILLE at 1400 hrs.	
MONDRAVILLE	18 Jul	All day	Bn Static Defensive Posn. Standing Patrols and Night Patrols. At 2359 hrs 'D' Coy sent out fighting patrol. 'A' Coy sent out searching patrol.	Appendix 'A'
MONDRAVILLE	19 Jul	0345	'D' Coys Patrol returned having made no contact with the enemy.	

		0350 2030 2230	'A' Coys patrol returned. Recce patrol went out. Suspected enemy in white house. Recce patrol returned.	See Appendix 'A'
MONDRAVILLE	20 Jul	0830	Bn Static Defensive Posn. Standing patrols and night patrols. 'D' Coy attacked chateau E of MISSY which had previously been reced and reported clear of enemy. Attack found chateau held by 2 Coys of enemy. 'D' Coy withdrew and returned to static posns.	
-do-	21 Jul	All day	Bn static defensive posn. Standing Patrols and Night Patrols. 15 (S) Div Recce Regt took over standing patrols at 0700 hrs.	
-do-	22 Jul	"	Bn static defensive posn. Standing Patrols and Night Patrols.	
-do-	23 Jul	1000 2000	Bn marching tps moved out of posn. Bn clear of posn at 1330 hrs. Posn taken over by South Staffords. Bn arrived in reorganisation area.	
ST PAUL DU VERNAY	24 Jul	1830	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. Instructed new draft and lectured to all Officers, WOs and NCOs.	
-do-	25 Jul		In Routine. Kit checking, baths and entertainment.	
-do-	26 Jul	1800	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. Pipes and Drums played RETREAT.	
-do-	27 Jul	1400	Bn left St Paul Du Vernay. Bn arrived at BEZZIERS at 1530 hrs and took up static defensive posns.	
BEZZIERS	28 Jul	All day	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ 1030 hrs. Bn static defensive posns. Very quiet front.	
BEZZIERS LA BSE MARTINVIERE	29 Jul	0030 0200 0830 1230 1400 1700 2200 2230	C.O. attended Bde O Group. C.O. returned from Bde O Group. C.O. held O Group. Bn left BEZZIERS. Bn arrived location. C.O. went on recce to CAUMONT. C.O. attended Bde Conference. C.O. held O Group. Div Comd visited Bn HQ and read letter from G.O.C. in C to O Group. Letter appraised Div as being finest in NORMANDY. Div Comd wished Bn best of luck in future operations.	
En Route.	30 Jul	1030	Bn left La Bse Martinviere and moved up to take part in Operation BLUECOAT. Bn took objective Hill 309 at approx 2359 hrs after advancing in DUSK.	
HILL 309	31 Jul	1200	Bn HQ arrived on objective. Bn has reasonably quiet day. Suffered few cas from shelling. The Hun was active at some distance from our left flank and there was signs of a probable counter attack in the near future from that area.	