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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 153 Field Ambulance

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Commanding Officer Lt Col D Campbell

Month and Year August 1944

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | References to Appendices |
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| Field | 1 | 1400 | HQ & A Coy moved forward to location 705621 (Sheet 6F/2) & remain closed beside 193 Fd Amb. B Coy moved in support of 227 Bde to AUBIGNY 698564 (Sheet 6F/4) & established C.C.P. | |
| | 2 | 1630 1500 | HQ & A Coy move forward with 193 Fd Amb on tank track bypassing CAUMONT & SEPT VENTS to 694549 (Sheet 6F/4) & remain closed. B Coy ordered to stand to as a result of enemy infiltration. | |
| Field | 3 | 1100 | B Coy move to area 6850 with 227 Bde to deal with possible flank attack. HQ & A Coy + Sect of 23 FDS move forward to locn 673483 (6F/4) & open in readiness for casualties from advance by 44 Bde & Gds Armd Div in direction of Le TOURNEUR 6845 (6F/4) & high ground to South & East. B Coy evacuated casualties to ADS. | |
| | 4 | 2359 | 35 Battle Casualties admitted ADS 193 FD Amb now open at 699449 (6F/4) as advance continues. | |
| | 5 | 1900 | ADS 194 Fd Amb opens at 731433 (6F/4) in Montcharivel area B Coy moves to location 751428 (6F/4) 227 Bde concentrates for attack on ESTRY | |
| | 6 | 0900 1100 | 'B' Coy opens at le Hamel M.R. 771421 (7F/3) to receive casualties evacuated from ESTRY along the main road to la CAVERIE rd junction 769403 (7F/3) & thence to le Hamel ⊙ 43 Div on the left are by-passing several enemy strong points eg GOURNEY 8040 (7/F/3) thus leaving the road exposed to shell & mortar fire from ESTRY. Casualties are evacuated to Recce Regt RAP South of la CAVERIE by carriers, half tracks & jeeps & thence to C.C.P. by jeeps & amb cars. Between three hundred & four hundred casualties from Div units pass through the C.C.P. in seven hours. C.O. admitted to 10 Cdn Gen Hosp with severely sprained ankle. | |

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| Field | | 2200 | On advice of ADMS CCP was withdrawn to MONTCHARIVEL area & one section opens up. Casualties passing through 'B' Coy CCP were distributed between the three ADS of 193, 194 & 153 to avoid any delay in adequate treatment. | |
| | 7 | 0900 0800 0800 | ADS prepares to close down. Two Sections of A Coy move forward to MONTCHARIVEL to relieve B Coy which returns to ADS. Section A ₁ and A ₂ move forward to le HAMEL. Maj Slater still in control of forward area. Cpl Ward & L/Cpl HINCHCLIFFE wounded slightly while i/c SB parties at RAP 2 Gordons at ESTRY. | |
| | 8 | 0500 1000 2359 | Section A ₃ moves forward to join other two sections in preparation for second ESTRY offensive. Section A ₃ receives direct hit by enemy shell; one man killed & nine wounded. ESTRY still in enemy hands. | |
| | 9 | 1000 1100 1500 | A Coy rejoins HQ at 673483 (6F/4) & whole Unit now on wheels & ready to move at short notice. OC rejoins Unit from 10 Cdn Gen Hosp. Section B ₂ establishes a C.C.P. at 718401 (6F/4) West of MONTCHAMPS. | |
| | 10 | 1000 | Sections B ₁ & B ₃ join B ₂ at 718401. HQ & A Coy remain in situ. | |
| Field | 11 | 1000 | HQ & A Coy move forward to 708411 to take over from ADS of 11 LT FD Amb; now in direct line of evacn from ESTRY. 23 FDS open in adjoining field to receive Group 1 cases. GDS ARMD Div put in an attack on right of ESTRY. 'B' Coy changes location with Coy of 194 Fd Amb at 738407 (E of Montchamps). | |
| | 12 | | Few casualties admitted to ADS. Div role now to maintain contact with enemy in event of withdrawal toward FALAISE where a pincer movement is developing by the CANADIANS & POLES moving South from CAEN & the AMERICANS coming North from ALENCON to ARGENTAN, so threatening to cut off large enemy force to West. | |
| | 13 | | HQ, A & B Coys move back to 695452 (6F/4) in readiness for further move of Division. | |
| Field | 14 | 1130 | Moved to 772599 (VIEUX) (7F/3) & remained at short notice for further move. | |
| | 15 | | Deficiencies in eqpt made good. Men bathed & equipment cleaned. | |
| | 16 | | Americans believed to have reached CHARTRES in strength. Sixty dead horses & cows burned and buried in attempt to cope with fly menace. | |

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| Field | 17 | 1000 | Court Martial held at B Echelon of 227 Bde on Ptes DAVIDSON & STOTT who did not proceed forward to ESTRY to the RAP of 2nd Gordons when ordered to do so by RMO 2nd Gordons on 7th August 44. Americans 30 miles from Paris & reported to have reached the Seine at MANTES between ROUEN & PARIS. | |
| | 18 | 0900 1900 2100 | Moved forward across R ORNE to Div Conc Area 022482 (7/F/3) (via Bridge at CLINCHAMPS). Complete Unit remains closed. 14 RAMC reinforcements arrive. B.B.C. announces that the Battle of Normandy has been won by the Allies. The retreating enemy is being heavily punished by RAF & a large proportion of the German 7th Army is trapped W of the Falaise Gap. | |
| | 19 | 1700 2100 | Lt HORSBURGH reported for duty as SBO vice Lt. BROWNE posted to 47 FDS. Warning order to be ready to move with 227 Bde via FALAISE TRUN & VIMOUTIERS in an approach to contact engagement with the retreating enemy. The FALAISE gap is now closed. | |
| | 20 | 0900 1500 | 227 Bde Op Order for advance received. One Sect of B Coy to be attached to 10 HLI, the leading Bn in this action & two to 2nd Gordons following, with HQ & A Coy travelling ahead of Bde HQ in the line of march. Verbal instruction from Bde that the operation has been postponed 48 hours. Ptes DAVIDSON & STOTT attached to B Echelon of 10 HLI pending result of court martial proceedings. | |
| Field | 21 | 0030 0915 2000 | Enemy air raid in vicinity. C.O. left to attend A.Q. Conference at Rear Div. Informed that 2 A&SH had suffered casualties in air raid at 0030 hrs 7 killed 16 wounded. Cases treated by 23 F.D.S. Continuous rain all day. | |
| | 22 | 2100 | C.O. attends ADMS Conference at Main Div HQ where ADMS is now located. Major McCallum & Maj Slater recce site East of Falaise in Brigade area. | |
| | 23 | 0800 | Complete Unit move to location 199847 in Falaise C.C.P. established there; B Coy attach one Section to 10 HLI and two to 2 Gordons. | |
| Field | 24 | 1800 | Bde Group moves complete to East of TRUN to area 4055 & 4056. Advance delayed by blockage of roads with shot up German transport and Canadian columns overlapping 2 Army area. | |
| | 25 | 0600 1900 | Bde Group moves in Westerly direction to area EMANVILLE with ADS & A Coy at 002727. | |

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| | | 2200 | Enormous amount of enemy transport & dead litter the roads C.C.P. established overnight. All casualties now evacuated to 22 FDS West of BROGLIE a distance of over 25 miles. 'O' Group at Bde. Bde Group moves forward to LOUVIERS area tomorrow. | |
| | 26 | 0830 1500 | HQ & A Coy & 2 Sections of 'B' Coy move forward to 026827. One Section moves with 10 HLI to LOUVIERS 2289. HQ & A Coy with 2 Sections of 'B' Coy move to 208874. Sec with HLI LOUVIERS 2289. Major SLATER injured in M/C accident & evacuated to 22 FDS (with # metacarpal of rt hand, # of left hand & facial abrasions & shock). | |
| Field | 27 | 0830 1200 1500 1830 2130 2300 | O.C. to Bde - 227 Bde to cross R. SEINE at 1800 hrs. Crossing to be made by assault craft at 267906 by 10 HLI and at 269891 by 2 GORDONS. Sections of "B" Coy out to Bns for evac of casualties from Bns during river crossing. HQ & A Coy moved to 235899. ADS established. River crossing started - 2 Gordons received casualties from machine gun fire. Sec in support of R.A.P. estab C.C.P. 264881. H.L.I. crossing going well - very few casualties. C.C.P. in support at 265910 - Gordons crossing abandoned & Bn reformed to cross at same point as H.L.I. All Sections of 'B' Coy established at 265910 - one section controlling River Crossing at 269906 - Ferry service started. | |
| Field | 28 | 0700 0830 1430 1030 | C.O. visited C.C.P. All going smoothly. R.M.Os had jeeps over river - evac of casualties by Jeeps to sec on River bank thence assault craft to C.C.P. Bde 'O' Group. Plan Class 40 Bridge to be put over starting at 1200 hrs & Bns to advance. H.L.I. to CONNELLES 3093 - 2 G to Le THUIT 3592 - 2 Argyles to area 3292. Med Evac still by Jeeps to section on River bank thence by ferry service to C.C.P. C.O. to Bde - Movement of vehicles over bridge when open. Med Plan - Two Sections to form C.C.P. at 275905. One Section at 265910. Bridge opened. 'A' Coy across & proceed to establish CCP at 275905. | |
| | 29 | 0900 1100 | 10 HLI in area 3093; 2 A&SH at 322922; 2 Gordons 353924. One section of 'A' Coy remains at 275905, other two move to 342933 (FRETTEVILLE) to evacuate casualties from 2 A&SH & 2 G. 10 HLI evacuate to CCP of 194 Fd Amb established at 303933. | |

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| | | | ADS of 194 Fd Amb open at 285913 ☉ ADS of this unit remains open to take casualties occurring on West Bank of SEINE. | |
| | 30 | 1100 | Third Section of A Coy moves up to 342933. Few sick admitted. ADS quiet. | |
| | 31 | 1000 1400 | <p>2 Gordons move to area 3692.</p> <p>HQ moves forward across bridge at Les ANDELYS to join A Coy at 342933.</p> <p>Weather has been very wet for three to four days.</p> <p>Despite this, news has come through of striking advances by armoured columns who have passed through AMIENS & hold all but one bridge over SOMME there.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D Campbell LT COL</p> | |