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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**  
or  
**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**  
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Unit 153 Fd Amb

Month and Year July 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
BWEF ODON SALIENT	1	0030  0200  0500  2359	Enemy shells arrive in vicinity of Unit leaguer. Own gunners firing very heavy barrage on enemy concentrations to South & East of the Salient; shells passing over Unit throughout night. Reception tent hit by enemy shell. Four Other Ranks killed and two wounded. Casualties from Odon salient commence to arrive; Proportion of seriously wounded cases (eg. compound fractures, abdominals, chests, head cases & severe lacerations) appears to be unduly high. Enemy mortar fire causing heavy casualties in certain areas. Two hundred casualties admitted treated & discharged since morning. Allied artillery barrage has continued with few intermissions throughout the day.	DMcC
BWEF	2	0900  1100 1200 1500	HQ & 'B' Coy being relieved by 202 Fd Amb. 15 (S) Div moving out of line. Complete Unit remains closed at 917725 (Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse) Check of eqpt, preparation of deficiency lists etc Bathing of personnel; cleaning of eqpt Weather dull early; wet later	DMcC
	3		Cleaning continued & normal duties carried out. Re equipping of personnel & material commenced.	DMcC
	4		C.C.P. opened to receive casualties & minor sick from 227 Bde.	DMcC
	5	1045	G.O.C. 15 (S) Division addressed all ranks, complimenting them on their part in recent operations. No RAMC or RASC reinforcements yet arrived.	DMcC
	6		Routine training carried out.	DMcC
	7	2130	Very heavy attack by Lancasters on enemy positions to N. of Caen	DMcC
BWEF	8		Attack from North by 3 (Br) Div on CAEN perimeter preceded by heavy artillery barrage.	DMcC
	9	1800	CAEN taken by British & Canadian troops. Visit by ADMS. Unit to hold & treat minor Divisional sick while in present location.	DMcC
	10		Nil of note	DC

	11		" " "	DC
	12		BAYEUX no longer 'out of bounds' to troops; visited by 30 ORs. Magnificent Norman Cathedral; little to purchase except cheese butter & cream - at excessive prices.	DC
	13		As for 12th.	DC
Field	14	0800  1600  1500	O.C. attended Conference at HQ 227 Bde where plan for Operation "Greenline" was discussed. Thereafter, O.C. visited ADMS, who outlined the Medical plan for the operation. Conference at Unit H.Q. of R.M.Os of 10 HLI, 2 Gordons, 2 Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 2 Glasgow Highlanders, 107 R.A.C. and 147 R.A.C. where Medical plan of evacuation was discussed. Bren gun carriers of 15 (S) Div Recce Regt allotted as under:- two to each battalion and one at C.C.P.  'A' Coy under command of Capt Franks moved forward to Bde Conc Area M.R. 946648 (Sheet 7F/1) Two Sections 'B' Coy move to area 930684 and commenced digging for the protection of the penthouses & shelters of ADS. H.Q. on wheels at Bretteville. 227 Bde Op Order arrived.	DC       DC
Field	15	0800  1800 1700 2359	ADS moves in to location and sets up. To be prepared to accept casualties at 1800 hrs. Third Section of 'B' Coy closes C.C.P at Bretteville and rejoins two other sections at above location. Div Medical Op. Order No1 and 227 Bde Mov. Order No2 received. Open to receive casualties. 'A' Coy moves to M.R. 965650 (7F/1) (S. of Verson) 26 Casualties admitted and Eight exhaustion cases.	DC
	16	1700  2359	ADS remains open throughout the day 'A' Coy move two sections to M.R. 947646 (Quarrie) to keep in line with the attack on EVRECY No. of cases admitted were 180 (one hundred & eighty) during previous twenty four hours. As 53 Div has taken over from the 15th (S) Div the Unit was ordered to close & remain on wheels.	DC
	17	0700 0900 1600 2200	Unit moved back to Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse. Visited by DDMS 12 Corps & ADMS 15 (S) Division 'B' Coy takes over from 'A' Coy at the Quarrie. Two Sections of 'B' Coy move to Cheux to be in Medical charge of 10 HLI and 2 A&SH who have been withdrawn from the line. Third Section remains in original position at Quarrie to support 2 Gordons now under command 53 Div.	

Field			Of the 214 cases that the ADS put through during 30 hours, three died, twenty were classified as dangerous, forty four as serious and one hundred & forty seven as slight, indicating that the severity of the individual casualty is much greater than is generally accepted as normal. Of all these cases sixteen were exhaustion cases from 227 Bde - a small proportion considering the initial action the Bde had been in two weeks previously & the intensity of enemy mortar fire in the forward areas.	DC
	18		Unit HQ + A Coy re equipping, cleaning etc.	DC
	19		'B' Coy rejoined Unit.	DC
	20		)	
	21		) Routine training & inspections. Remainder of time spent in	
Field	22	2130	) recreational activities O.C. to ADMS conference re move to new location. 2 i/c to Bde Conference at 227 Bde HQ. 'B' Coy to move with Bde at 0800 hours to area CAUMONT (M.R. 6F/4 6070). OC B Coy to recce area N of CAUMONT commencing 0700 hrs 23/7/44 for site of CCP.	DC
	23	0715 1515 1745	'B' Coy move off to Bde HQ. HQ & 'A' Coy leave location to cross S.P. at 890739 at 1545 hours. Arrive area 694675 & set up ADS 194 Fd Amb set up in same area Casualties & sick to be admitted to each ADS on a 24 hr basis commencing 2200 hours when this Unit receives 'B' Coy established 704620. Visited by OC	DC
	24	2200	20 Battle Casualties & 9 sick admitted 194 Fd Amb now open to receive	DC
	25		OC visited B Coy, 30 Corps, 3 CCS & 15(S) Div.	DC
Field	26	1100 2359	Unit visited by Brig Walker DDMS 30 Corps Twenty eight sick & wounded passed through during previous 24 hours.	DC
	27		Nil of note	DC
	28		R.M.Os of 2 Gordons & 10 HLI relieved by Lts Bush & Sunderland while they have three days at 8 Corps Rest Camp at St Aubin sur Mer.	DC
	29	0900 1000	Bde & Div Conference re forthcoming ops attended by Capt Franks & CO respectively. ADS to be prepared to work to capacity C.C.P. formed by A Coy remains 704620.	DC
	30	0700 0800	Attack from Caumont commences Immense air effort on objectives	

Field		1300  1500  2359	<p>60 Casualties attended to &amp; evacuated. Great majority are slightly injured.  193 Fd Amb now open 705621  15 (S) Div now under 8 CORPS once again, the Corps including 11th Armd Div &amp; Gds Armd Div.  43 Div are attacking simultaneously on our left &amp; 11th Armd protecting the right flank.  Both these formations held up by minefields, 44 Bde being in reserve sends 6 RSF to cover left flank. 227 Bde reaches its objectives supported by 6 Gds Tank Bde. 46 Bde advancing on final objective.  Fd Amb remains fully open to receive casualties in event of 193 Fd Amb being saturated.  194 Fd Amb on wheels.  15 (S) Div reaches objectives &amp; elements of 44 Bde &amp; Div Recce exploiting the break through.</p>	<p>DC    (vid copy of 227 Bde Op. Orders)    DC</p>
Field	31	0600	<p>Eighty casualties &amp; sick admitted during past 24 hrs. None remaining. Majority transferred to 34 CCS. Div sick to 22 FDS. Group 1 cases to 23 FDS in adjoining location.  194 Fd Amb move forward to area 688599.  The Unit remains partially open &amp; at one hour's notice to move.  Gds Armd Div moving along to support breakthrough  B Coy opens 701560 (Sheet 6F/4)  <u>General</u> Since 30th June until 31st July 812 casualties have been treated in the A.D.S.  The Division has been in action on three occasions, twice on the R. ODON front where large enemy forces were concentrated against it and once in the CAUMONT sector where it broke through the enemy line in a 24 hr battle.</p>	<p>DC</p>