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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating
LAD 46 (H) Inf Bde att.

Month and Year JUNE 1944

Commanding Officer Brigadier C.M. Barber DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
10, Grand Avenue, HOVE.	7	1600	OPERATION "OVERLORD" commenced for HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde. Adv party (first portion - Staff Capt, GSO III, Sigs Offr) moved to Marshalling Area - CANNING TOWN, LONDON.	
	8	0700	Adv party (first portion) arrived at CANNING TOWN.	
-do- CANNING TOWN.	10	0025 0600 0600	Adv party (second portion - Bde Comd, IO) moved to Marshalling Area - WANSTEAD COMMON, LONDON. Adv party (second portion) arrived Marshalling Area. Adv party (first portion) left for Embarkation Area, WEST INDIA DOCKS.	
WEST INDIA DOCKS	11	2015 2230	Adv party (first portion) embarked. Adv party (first portion) anchored off SOUTHEND.	
10, Grand Avenue, HOVE. SOUTHEND	12	0330 0800 1000	Main body left for Marshalling Area, EAST HAM, LONDON. Weather very good. Adv party (first portion) sailed in convoy. Main body arrived Marshalling Area.	
WANSTEAD COMMON. BEACHHEAD.	13	0630 0800 1600 2130 2230	<u>Reference map FRANCE 1/50,000 Sheet 7/F1. (CAEN)</u> Adv party (second portion) left for Embarkation Area, W. INDIA DOCKS. Weather deteriorating. Adv party (first portion) arrived off Beachhead. Adv party (second portion) embarked in MTS 12 and anchored off SOUTHEND for the night. Adv party (first portion) disembarked. Adv party (first portion) arrived Bde HQ area 867795.	
SOUTHEND.	14	2100	Adv party (second portion) left SOUTHEND in convoy.	
EAST HAM	15	1200 1800 2000	Main body moved to Embarkation Area, WEST INDIA DOCKS. Main body left WEST INDIA DOCKS in MTS T63 vice T 49 (hereafter referred to as T49) and anchored off SOUTHEND. After uneventful and calm voyage Adv party (second portion) arrived off Beach head at OUISTREHAM. An amazing collection of ships were seen in the beach head area. Weather deteriorated and prevented any unloading that night.	

Beachhead.	NIGHT	15/16	Two air raids took place during the night. No damage.	
-do-	16	1100	After a period of enemy shelling from HOULGATE area MTS 12 was ordered to a safer anchorage about two miles WEST.	
		1900	Adv party (second portion) disembarked from MTS 12 and made dry landing at OUISTREHAM.	
		2030	Arrived at HQ 15 (S) Inf Div, ST GABRIEL 879794. Met by Staff Capt and guided to HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde area.	
		1900	Main body left SOUTHEND in T 49 in convoy.	
	17	1830	Bde Comd attended conference at Div HQ.	
		2000	Main body arrived off beach head in calm weather.	
		2130	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to discuss future ops and hear outline plan.	
	18	0930	Bde Comd visited HQ 51 (H) Div to meet Comds 51 (H) Div and 15 (S) Inf Div to discuss future ops.	
		1100	Bde Comd visited HQ 152 Bde and HQ 2 SEAFORTH to arrange recces for offrs and NCOs of 46 (H) Inf Bde from OP 2 SEAFORTH.	
		2100	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference.	
		2330	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to inform Bde Comd that the op had been postponed indefinitely. Nothing was to be undertaken until 15 (S) Div was complete.	
	19	1030	Bde Comd and Staff Capt visited units of the Bde Gp.	
		2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference to receive outline plan for new op.	
	20	0900	Bde Comd visited HQ 8 Cdn Bde in connection with future op.	
		1000	Bde Comd visited HQ of the NORTH SHORE Regt 903704 to have a look at the ground over which the Bde was likely to operate.	
		1100	Bde Comd met Bn Comds at X-rds 903731 to give them outline plan for future op.	
		2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's conference.	
Sheet 7F/1 897795	21	0900	Bde Comd visited HQ 43 Div. Up to this date the weather had been fair	
		1000	Bde Comd held conference for COs.	
		1130	Bde Comd met CRA at X-rds 903731 to discuss fire plan for future op.	
		1700	Bde Comd held conference for Bn Comds and CO 7 RTR.	
		1830	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's "O" Gp conference.	
	22	2115	Bde Comd attended Div Comd's "O" Gp conference. The weather was cold and a strong wind prevailed.	
	23	0900	Bde Comd held conference for Bn Comds.	
		1000	Bde Comd 44 (L) Bde visited Bde HQ to discuss future ops.	
		1800	Bde Comd attended a briefing conference held by Comd 8 Corps at Corps HQ.	

		2300	Main body Bde HQ arrived in conc area except for 3-tonners and CVs	
Sheet 7F/1 897795	24	1200 1400 2230	Main body all in conc area after being held up for six days by bad weather. Only a few hours remained for de-waterproofing prior to moving off same evening. Bde Comd held "O" Gp conference. Operation "EPSOM". Bde HQ left for FAA SECQUEVILLE EN-BESSIN 9174.	
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN 9174	25	1400 1700 1745	Bde Comd held final co-ordinating conference. Bde Comd briefed all offrds down to and incl Coy Comds. Div Comd attended and added a few words. Comd 8 Corps visited HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde to speak to Comds 15 (S) Div, 44 (L), 46 (H) and 227 (H) Inf Bdes.	See 46 (H) Inf Bde OO No 1 att as APPX "A".
	26	0730 0830 0900 1120 1120 1200 1955	H-hour Operation "EPSOM". Weather was bad and no air sp was possible; the speed of advance was in consequence slower than was hoped. 46 (H) Inf Bde est Tac HQ in orchard 899720. Tac HQ moved fwd on main axis "OBAN". Lieut C. WHALLEY wounded in the arm and evacuated. Fwd bns on first objectives. 7 SEAFORTH ordered fwd through 2 GLAS H. Tac HQ halted on bound CASINO. Slight enemy mortar fire. Tac HQ moved to 911678 where it stayed till 0700 hrs 29. Main HQ moved to 909685.	
	27	1410 1955 2315	2 GLAS H ordered to move to COLLEVILLE 9265. 9 CAMERONIANS ordered to move to GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON 9064. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to advance SOUTH through MONDRAINVILLE 9264 to LE VALTRU 9163.	
	28	2230 2250	7 SEAFORTH ordered to withdraw det on bridge 915623. Tks in sp CAMERONIANS and 7 SEAFORTH withdrawn by Bde Comd and fresh sqn ordered up in vicinity Bde HQ which was moving to MONDRAINVILLE 919642.	
	29	0700 1330 1200 1700	Bde HQ (Tac) moved to orchard 919642. Owing to enemy shelling and mortar fire HQ was moved back to 920644. Capt J. RAYMOND, EME wounded and evacuated. Bde HQ ordered to stand to when enemy counter attack is reported. HQ under intermittent enemy mortar fire which continued throughout the night.	
	30	1700	Adv parties 160 Bde arrive for relief handover. Enemy mortaring still continued. Main HQ move back to area 893719.	