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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 194 (BR) Fd Amb

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year Aug 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
688559	1 Aug 44	1000 1800	Gds Armd Div & 11 Armd Div heading through. Their cas are coming into our ADS as we are most fwd med installation. Total cas admitted 148. Mostly Gds Armd & 11 Armd with some 15 (S) Div from the holding position. Situation fluid 44 Bde plan not yet fixed.	D + 57
	2 Aug	1100 1600 2359	CO 11 Lt Fd Amb contacted this HQ. Coming to open beside us to relieve of some work. 11 Lt Fd Amb est ADS 1500 hrs & took over responsibility. A Coy sent secs to Bns of 44 Bde for a move fwd. No move of 44 Bde yet.	D + 58
	3 Aug	1000 1300 1500 2000	CO visited all Bns 44 Bde. Bde's plan has been changed many times owing to uncertainty of situation in front. Taking advantage of lull to get some extra 'home-made' penthouses assembled. The no 11 pent-house issued is not good. Visited CCP A Coy at 680460. Secs have been pulled in. Sec 193 Fd Amb in sp 7 Seaforth who are under comd 44 Bde taken under comd. OC A Coy sent sec 193 Fd Amb back to rejoin their own unit. Attack going in by 6RSF on a wood & at La Cour 7244 - a small mop-up.	D + 59
	4	1100 1200	Visited CCP A Coy. Cas from attack this AM by 44 Bde very small - 28. Visited HQ 44 Bde, consolidation of high ground being completed in area 7242 - 7342. Saw ADMS on road. Can get on wheels now.	D + 60
	5	2000	Moved to 680464.	D + 61
680464	6	0100 0900 1000 1200 1330	Called to ADMS - got plan for div attack starting at 0730 today. 44 Bde not engaged in initial phases. Visited Bde HQ - probably no move before midday. Visited 'B' Coy Le Tourniere 730434 & also reced area Le Bruyere 7642 for site of future ADS. Returned & reported to ADMS. This site is not suitable as the road is excl. to 15(S) Div. Reced area S. of Le Bruyere & selected another site.	

Le Tourniere 730434		1600 1715 1930 2100 2130	This site it seems is too far forward. Proceeded to Le Tourniere to open ADS. A Coy in reserve B Coy on road in sp 44 Bde moving to FAA. ADS established - a very good site. Lt sec 23 FDS attached & opened to do transfusions. OC B Coy reported 44 Bdes plan to attack ESTRY (7437) tomorrow AM. B Coy CCP est at MONTCHAMP (738408)	D62
"	7	1200 1600 1800	Visited CCP B Coy just in time to see first casualties come in from attack on ESTRY. CO worked as MO in CCP as cas came in very rapidly between 1200 & 1500 hrs. 159 cas admitted to ADS. ADS 11 Lt Fd Amb opened at 1500 hrs at 707412 & took in casualties from that time.	D63
"	8	1800	Steady trickle of casualties - 154 admitted. The div is rather held up: Major DeVine posted 2i/c 23 Lt Fd Amb.	D64
"	9		Nil to note. 18 cas admitted by 1800 hrs. Mjr K Stewart arrived.	D65
"	10		Nil to note. 15 cas admitted by 1800 hrs.	D66
"	11	0945	Conference at ADMS. Plan for 8 Corps attack with 3 (Br) Div & Gds Armd Div advance to Tinchebray & Flers.	D67
"	12	1500 1815 2100	DDMS 8 Corps (Brig Glyn Hughes) visited & told us we were leaving 8 Corps. Conference ADMS. Arrangements for move to new area. Going into 12 Corps. Visited CCP B Coy & informed them of forthcoming move. Told them to conc at 678476 tomorrow morning 0900 hrs.	D68
" 678476	13	1030 2300	Proceeded to 678476 & remain on wheels. Conference ADMS - all particulars for move of div tomorrow.	D69
" St MARTIN 978607	14	0900 1215 1600	CO & TO went on recce of new location - believed full of mines. Departed for new location. No mines found. Major Langlands posted 35 FDS. Mjr Bennet arrived from 16 Lt Fd Amb. Unit arrived. Dreadful place - death & desolation. Weather fine ☉ Flies, wasps & mosquitoes +++.	
"	15		Spent day checking stores & making new penthouses.	D70
"	16		Nil	D71
"	17	1500 2100	All medical units inspected by Div Cmd (Brig Barber). Rep to ADMS re move to new location.	D72
" 018488 Nr Barbery	18	0850 1030 1230 1830	Departed for new location. Arrived. A field of barley! ADMS visited - no news. Conference at Div HQ - GOC spoke on AQ matters & continued with 'G' tactics.	D73

	19	0600 2010	Heavy rain all night. Conference ADMS ref adv to contact. 15(S) Div to secure crossings over R Vire & R Touques - route is USSY FALAISE TRUN LES CHAMPEAUX VIMOUTIERS Le SAR 5859. 227 Bde leading + Bn Churchills. Inf on TCVs. Weather clearing.	D+74
	20	0900	Sun shining. O Gp Conference 44 Bde HQ. Same information as at ADMS last night.	D+75
	21		No move.	D+76
	22	0900	Conference ADMS - plan changed. Div now going to move on 3 routes. North route "Star", Middle "Sun", South "Moon". 44 Bde going on "STAR". 227 & 46 Bdes "SUN". 7 Armd Bde (under comd 15 Div) MOON. Objectives Le NEUBERG 025835 & Road leading S to EMANVILLE 023740. Starting 24th H hour basis. H hour will probably be 0830. Aim is for tail of Div column to be across R VIRE on first day.	D+77
	23	1700 1900	Moved to Bde Conc Area in DOMBLAINVILLE 1938 O Gp conference 44 Bde HQ. Another change of plan!! Plan is now that 15 Div will lead adv of 12 Corps with view to establishing on line of road between CONCHES 0363 & LE NEUBOURG 0384 on 25th. H hour 0830 24th.	D+78
DOMBLAINVILLE 1938	24	0800 1845 2300	Move cancelled. It seems roads ahead are not clear of Canadians. On the move. 1 Sec A Coy with Adv Gd (8 RS). CO & LO in Bde O Gp Column. A Coy less 1 sec behind 3rd bn & HQ & B Coy in rear of column. 44 Bde harboured in area MEULLES (5968) The roads were littered with German vehicles all wrecked. Weather fine.	D+79
	25	1050 1415 2350	Adv continues. Left MEULLES in column as before. O Gp held at roadside. Bde Comd gave general situation & stated that he had promised Americans to be in Le NEUBOURG tonight to relieve US Army for further ops. Many delays in adv owing to bridges down at BEAUMONT LE ROGER. Arrived area LE NEUBOURG - harboured in BOIS FICHET (0283)	D+80
BOIS FICHET	26	0800 2359	Weather fine. March table received from 44 Bde HQ for move forward on 27th.	D+81
" ECROSVILLE	27	0930 1015 1130 1600	Left in column for harbour area St LUBIN 1989. Arrived ECROSVILLE (1790) Conference Bde O Gp. 227 Bde are to make an assault crossing of R SEINE today. If successful, 44 Bde follows. If not successful, plans for 44 Bde assault crossing at PORT JOIE (289919). O Gp met Bde Comd at Xrds 268925. Bde Comd went into details of storm boats, dukws, etc should 44 Bde have to assault. Plan is for 6 RSF to assault in storm boats, followed by 8 RS then 6 KOSB in	

ST CYR		2050 2015 2330	<p>dukws. Saw OC dukws re casualty evacuation. This op, if required, will take place night 28-29.</p> <p>Message from HQ 44 Bde - 6 RSF are assaulting tonight!! Medical plan 1 sec 'B' Coy at PORTJOIE just behind houses on water front beside storm boat site. Other 2 secs are with Bns in veh park area 1 mile behind. Can call forward if necessary. CO reced all routes.</p> <p>HQ moved to area St CYR du VAUDREUIL and est at 267943 - informed ADMS of action.</p> <p>H hour for attack.</p>	D+82
ST CYR	28	0001 0100 0300 0300 0630 1200 1900 2045 2130 2140 2146	<p>CO & TO went to CCP at PORTJOIE. First 2 waves are across. First casualties arrived. Being brought back in assault boats (NOT storm boats) by paddle-power. Only a few enemy M.G.s.</p> <p>Visited 44 Bde Tac HQ in PORTJOIE. NO news. River side is very quiet. Only occasional MG fire.</p> <p>CCP black out is giving trouble as every time door opens a shaft of light gets out sideways & causes an immediate rattle of MG. Black out removed. Casualties very few - 14 all told.</p> <p>Visited TAC HQ 44 Bde - no news. OC 'B' Coy has been across river to see RMO 6 RSF - all quiet.</p> <p>Returned to ADS.</p> <p>Met ADMS at ADS 153 Fd Amb near LOUVIERS. Discussed site of future ADS.</p> <p>O Gp at 44 Bde TAC HQ. Bridge at ST PIERRE du VAUVRAY not quite ready. All Bde tpt to cross river tonight. 2i/c has gone to ADMS at same time to hear medical plan. 6 RSF advancing to SENNEVILLE (3197) tonight!! First news of it. Arranged with OC B Coy to ferry 2 Amb cars across to 6 RSF for move.</p> <p>Also attached 2 amb cars to 8 RS left column & 6 KOSB tpt column who are arriving in front of 194 Fd Amb to marry up with marching tps who are all across.</p> <p>Reached HQ to find them all on wheels ready to be called fwd to Registration Centre for bridge crossing. Rushed to ADMS. 9 cas total. 194 to est ADS area ANDE (2890).</p> <p>Returned to HQ - no movement yet. Awaiting DR to call fwd.</p> <p>Due at Reg Centre at 2146!!</p> <p>Made it! CO shot ahead up KOSB column to get across ahead of unit. Found field in dark & got unit in. The arrangements had been made!</p>	D + 83
ANDE	29	0930	CO visited CCP of all Bdes in Div. Casualties very light. Raining heavily.	

		1500 1800 1900 2145	CO visited B Coy who have formed Coy CCP less 1 sec which I left at the PORTJOIE ferry site "just in case". All bns on objectives, 6 RSF SENNEVILLE 8 RS LE LONDE (3396) & 6 KOSB HOUVILLE (3697). Visited RAPs - all quiet. B Coy CCP in recently vacated German barracks at DAUBOEUF (324942) very well placed. Visited 44 Bde HQ at VATTEVILLE (3295). No news. Returned to HQ. All quiet. 193 Fd Amb at MUIDS 309892. Bde will continue to receive all cas from Div until 193 ADS est.	
ANDE	30		Very quiet day. A small trickle of sick and wounded were dealt with, including a few wounded French civilians and Maquis. Difficulty was experienced in getting transport over the river SEINE owing to the congestion of traffic and the poor state of the approaches.	D + 84
ANDE	31		Another very quiet day. Very few casualties were admitted. Main HQ 15(S) Div moved over the River SEINE to a location one mile further East than ours. NR Butcher Maj	D + 86