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**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit HQ 227 (H) Inf Bde

**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**

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Month and Year AUGUST, 1944

Commanding Officer Brig EC Colville, DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LA TEINTURIERE	1	-	The attached copies of a congratulatory message from the C-in-C to GOC 15 (S) Inf Div and an Order of the Day by GOC 8 Corps summarise the achievements of the Division on 30 and 31 Jul. 227 (H) Inf Bde played a leading part in this op.	Appx "A"
-DO-	2	-	The Division was ordered to sp the advance of the Gds Armd Div to VASSEY (7832). The Bde Gp moved on tks and unit tpt to take over the high ground Pt 238 (6848) to Pt 244 (6947) from 32 Gds Inf Bde. Bde HQ moved to orchard 685497.	APPX "B"
ST MARTIN DES BESACES	3		On our left flank the enemy held the area of MONTAMY 7346 until driven out by 43 Inf Div on 4 Aug, and Nebelwerfer were active from this area.	
-- DO --	4		Thunderbolt aircraft with Allied markings dropped two bombs in 2 Gordons area. There were no casualties.	
-- DO --	5		<p>The Gds Armd Div was pinched out by 43 Inf Div and 15 (S) Inf Div. 15 (S) Inf Div was ordered to continue the advance to VASSEY.</p> <p>The Bde Gp, with 3 Scots Gds and one sqn 4 Coldstream Gds under comd, was ordered to secure ESTRY (7437), LE THEIL (7635) and LA ROCQUE (7733).</p> <p>The Bde passed through 44 (L) Inf Bde, then holding the ridge South of the rd CATHCOLLES (7044) - MONTCHAUVET (7243).</p> <p>The leading Bn, 2 A &amp; S H, lost one vehicle on a mine at X rds MONTCHAUVET, and all Bns encountered mortar fire on the rd East of the village.</p> <p>Little opposition was expected, but the enemy were holding our objectives in strength.</p> <p>2 A &amp; S H lifted further mines at x rds LA CAVERIE (7743) and South of the x rds encountered hvy fire from MGs and SP guns. They withdrew to a posn along the rd East of the village of MONTCHARIVEL (777415).</p> <p>On entering ESTRY 2 Gordons encountered mines and heavy opposition from snipers, MG positions and dug in tks. They withdrew to allow a</p>	

			concentration to be put down and 10 HLI were diverted from their objective --- LE THEIL --- to assist them. In this second attack casualties were heavy and the Bde halted on the line X rds ESTRY 746378 to Pt 208 (776414), 2 A & S H left and 2 Gordons right. Bde HQ was est at 762438 (near MONTCHARIVEL).	
MONTCHARIVEL	6		Except that 2 A & S H moved up to consolidate their position on Pt 208 at AU CORNU (776414), the Bde Gp remained in these positions. Meanwhile, 44 (L) Inf Bde prepared for future op on ESTRY.	
MONTCHARIVEL	7		Attempting to improve their position by pushing two coys forward, 2 A & S H suffered cas from dug in tks and MGs. All three Bns were heavily mortared and shelled throughout the day. During the day, the Bde Comd received a personal message from Comd 8 Corps congratulating him on the fine fight the Bde was putting up. - An enemy vehicle carrying containers of hot coffee motored into the 2 A & S H area and was captured.	Appx 'C'
-- DO --	8	-	Two German Mk IV Specials drove onto the x rds at AU CORNU in the 2 A & S H area and were knocked out by A Tk guns firing at a range of 1200 yards. During the night, 2 A & S H were relieved by 8 Royal Scots.	
-- DO --	9		Bde HQ moved to the West of MONTCHARIVEL at 7543 during the morning, and later in the day 10 HLI and 2 Gordons were relieved by 6 RSF and 6 KOSB. The Bde Gp was then given a counter attack role on AU CORNU and ESTRY.	APPX "D"
-- DO --	10 -	13	This period was devoted entirely to patrolling, and aided by many Polish deserters, a clear picture of the enemy defences and strength was built up before the Division was relieved by 11 Armd Div.	
-- DO --	14		The Bde moved to a reserve area at MALTOT (South of CAEN), where they remained until AUG 17 when they moved to Divisional conc area at BOIS HALBOUT (0146).	APPX "E"
BOIS HALBOUT	18		The Bde Comd attended a Divisional conference in the evening to discuss future plans, trg and adm.	
-- DO --	19		Seven enemy planes attacked 2 A & S H area and dropped HE and AP bombs. During this 20 minutes attack, which started at 0005 hrs, seven ORs were killed and 18 wounded, including the A/CO, Maj J Kenneth and Padre.	
BOIS HALBOUT	20		The Bde Gp was ordered to prepare to advance EAST to secure the high ground in area Pt 240 4662 to Pt 240 4664, as a preliminary to securing the crossings over the Rivers VIE and TOUQUES. Due to the rapid advance of the Polish Armd Div and Canadians, this Op was cancelled.	APPX 'F'

BOIS HALBOUT	21 -	23	The Bde Gp remained in the BOIS HALBOUT area until Aug 23, when they moved to conc area at PERTHVILLE NERS 2033 preparatory to a further adv to the line NEUBORG R0283 - EMANVILLE R0374.	APPX "G"
PERTHVILLE NERS	24		The Bde Gp then moved to NEUPHE SUR DIVES 3329 prior to advancing to EMANVILLE.	
NEUPHE SUR DIVES	25		Continuing the advance the Bde Gp reached EMANVILLE at 2000 hrs, and prepared to move up to the R SEINE on the next day.	
EMANVILLE	26		The Bde Gp pushed on to the SEINE and were concentrated around LOUVIERS R2299 by 1800 hrs ----- the 95 miles advance from PERTHVILLE NERS having been completed without a major incident. The Bde took up positions at LOUVIERS as follows:-  Bde HQ 215885 10 HLI LOUVIERS 2188 2 Gordons LOUVIERS 2188 (with one coy on the high ground 2 A & S H 1988. over the River EURE at 2489)	
LOUVIER	27		During the morning, the Comd 12 Corps flew to Bde HQ and informed the Bde Comd that the Bde must cross the R SEINE by evening. <del>The Bde Comd held a hurried 'O' Gp, gave his plan, and</del> The operation began at 1430 hrs --- less than three hours after the Corps Comd's visit --- in the area of ST PIERRE 2791 and VENABLES 3387. 10 HLI started to cross in DUKWS in the ST PIERRE area and had completed the crossing by 1700 hrs. The only opposition they encountered was light MG fire and they lost only two ORs killed and ten wounded in reaching their objective, HERQUEVILLE (2993). 2 Gordons attempted to cross in assault boats in the area of VENABLES 3387, but they met heavy MG fire. In addition many of the boats capsized due to engine trouble, and <del>only ten men of the leading coy reached the opposite bank</del> they lost 25 killed, including 'D' Coy Commander, Major Tindall, and 25 wounded. Only ten men of the leading Coy reached the opposite bank and they were immediately taken prisoner. 10 HLI were then ordered to send a Platoon to intercept this column and release the prisoners. This was accomplished very quickly and without a fight. It was then decided that 2 Gordons should cross on 10 HLI's bridgehead. This was carried out without incident and 2 Gordons gained their objective <del>LA ROQUETTE 3593</del> MUIDS 3491 without further loss.	

MUIDS 3491			2 A & S H crossed at ST PIERRE in the early morning of 28 AUG without incident and quickly reached their objective, the wood at VATTEVILLE 3495.	
LOUVIERS	29		227 (H) Inf Bde Headquarters moved across the SEINE in the morning and was est in the MUIDS area 3491. The Bns remained in the same positions, and during the day 44 (L) Inf Bde and 46 (H) Inf Bde extended the bridge head.	
MUIDS	30 -	31	<p>The Bde Gp remained in these positions while 53 (W) Div and 4 Armd Bde passed through the br head.</p> <p>On 29 Aug notification was received that the Bde Comd, Brig EC Colville had been awarded the DSO <del>for the leading part he played in the battle at Verson on Jul 16.</del> for his conduct when commanding 2 Gordons in the fighting around CHEUX during June, 44.</p> <p>227 (H) Inf Bde HQ Strength returns are attached at Appx 'H'</p>	