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WAR DIARY

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Unit 6 KOSB

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year Aug 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
702524	Tue 1	I	After continuous recce during the day orders were received to carry out a Bn attack from incl BARELIERE 7052 to wood and track junc 703517 commencing at 1700 hrs. In the afternoon Coys moved to FAAs and SLs and Bn HQ moved to 697528. H hr was postponed on instrs from higher authority as it was ascertained that 43 Div was progressing on the left and were dangerously close to our objectives. At 1730 hrs, however, the attack went fwd with B and D Coys leading. D Coy reached objectives without much opposition. C Coy encountered opposition which was successfully dealt with and in due course reached their objective. Infm was received that large numbers of enemy were present in le BOIS du HOMME and large arty concs were brought down on this area with great effect. 2 Lt P SOUTHWOOD was killed and Maj JD HENSON and Lt RD CHAPMAN wounded in this op. During the attack all ranks wore roses in their helmets in commemoration of the battle of MINDEN.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcd CWPR
702524	Wed 2	I	No incident occurred during the night and in the morning patrols swept the BOIS du HOMME and reported the feature clear. The Bn was placed at short notice to move during the day with a view to proceeding to occupy CATHCOLLES 7044. This move however did not materialise and in the late evening the Bn moved to an assembly area near LA FERRIERE AU DOYEN 6952 to await further orders for move.	
702534		II	Weather fine	RHMcd CWPR
677459	Thu 3	I	No orders to move were received until late afternoon when the Bn moved to 677459 near LE TOURNEAU preparatory to an attack tomorrow on feature 279 7142 with 8RS and 1WG. Orders for this attack were given out in the late evening and as much recce as possible carried out.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMcd CWPR
719431	Fri 4	I	The attack commenced at first light with A and C Coys leading, Bn HQ directing the attack from 700434. The adv continued to go well on all sectors and all coys reached their objectives without encountering any opposition. On capture of the objectives Bn HQ moved to 719431. In the	

			<p>afternoon orders were received to carry out a further attack on the feature LA MOTTE 7541. This attack commenced at 1930 hrs from the area LA FIEFFE 7342. Some opposition was encountered and there was very confused fighting all through the night. All tpt was compelled to remain in previous Bn area as the rds to the objective were impassable owing to mines.</p> <p>II Weather fine</p>	RHMCD CWPR
753418	Sat 5	I	<p>Just before first light all objectives were seized and it became possible to bring forward the tpt by a cross country route. The Bn now occupied a def posn protecting the left flank of the adv. This posn was occupied for the remainder of the day.</p> <p>II Weather fine</p>	RHMCD CWPR
753418	Sun 6	I	<p>The Bn remained in the same location throughout the whole day, but on short notice to move. No incident worthy of note took place. In the evening the Chaplain held a brief service in each Coy locality.</p> <p>II Weather fine</p>	RHMCD CWPR
L'OBTINIÈRE 743406	Mon 7	I	<p>At 0930 hrs the Bn moved to L'OBTINIÈRE 743406 and adopted a def posn there, prior to a further adv in the future. In the evening the CO was summoned to an O Gp at Bde HQ when orders were received that the Bde to-morrow will attack ESTRY 7437, which place has already been attacked by 227 Bde without success. Late in the evening orders for this attack were given out. The attack will be performed with 6RSF on left and 6KOSB on right.</p> <p>II Weather fine</p>	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Tue 8	I	<p>Early in the morning the Bn moved to an FAA in the area 735392 and remained there until about 1100 hrs when it moved to a SL south of the objective. At 1200 hrs the attack commenced, supported by a sqn of tks and a tp of crocodiles. Owing to the close nature of the country both tks and crocodiles were unable to make headway and the inf were required to go on by themselves. C Coy on the left succeeded in reaching limited objectives, D Coy on right met with less success. The 6RSF on the left succeeded only in reaching the line of the rd running EAST and WEST through ESTRY. Orders were accordingly received to consolidate on this line and after considerable confused fighting this was effected by the evening.</p> <p>II Weather fair</p>	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Wed 9	I	<p>The Bn was ordered to maintain this posn at all costs and this was duly carried out. The enemy remained very aggressive throughout the day and several attempted counter attacks were reported and dealt with by arty. Hy mortaring and shelling continued on both sides. Capt GI YOUNG was killed and Capt AG TWOGOOD wounded as a result of mor fire during this period. Bn HQ moved to 737385.</p>	

		II	Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Thu 10	I	The Bn remained in same locations throughout the day, undergoing continuous fire from enemy mors, guns and rifle grenades. No serious attempt at counter attack was made, however, and by evening the posns were the same as before. In the evening C Coy was relieved by D Coy.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Fri 11	I	During the night Maj WEJ WATERS was accidentally killed. The day was spent in similar fashion to the immediately preceding one, except that the evening fire was not so great and sustained as before.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
ESTRY 7437	Sat 12	I	The ESTRY posn was maintained throughout the day until the evening when the Bn was relieved by 8RS commencing at 2230 hrs. On relief the Bn moved back to a res area in the gen area 715405.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
715405	Sun 13	I	The relief was completed by approx 0300 hrs. During the day certain adm in the form of baths etc was carried out, but the Bn remained with a counter attack role in the event of 8RS being counter attacked and over-run. In the afternoon the Bn was relieved by 4KSLI and withdrew to a Bde conc area at CATHCOLLES 7044 to spend the night prior to moving to 12 Corps area the next day.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Mon 14	I	The Bn set out at approx 0900 hrs and proceeded via VILLERS BOCAGE to 960566 where it entered a Div Conc Area awaiting any call which might be made upon the Div by 12 Corps. The day was spent in rest and re-org.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Tue 15	I	The Bn remained <u>in situ</u> throughout the day and a full day's adm was carried out, incl change of clothing, baths, etc.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Wed 16	I	As no call to move fwd was received, the day was devoted to trg and further adm. An ENSA concert party gave a performance in the afternoon. Inter coy soccer matches were played. Maj EDF COKE, Foresters, joined the Bn and is appointed OC D Coy.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
960566	Thu 17	I	Further trg carried out during the forenoon. In the afternoon a Coy Comds conference was held at which various pts were discussed. A warning order to move was received and in the evening recce parties went off to area LA MOTTE 9847 to prepare new area. The remainder of the day was spent in preparation for the move.	
		II	Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR

LA MOTTE 9847	Fri 18	I II	Bn moved to new area in forenoon. This area is another conc area and again the Div has no role. In the afternoon trg and recreation continued. B Ech joined the Bn in this location. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Sat 19	I II	The Bn remained in present area throughout the day. Trg of various types incl marching was carried out. Bathing etc also took place. A lecture on the progress of the campaign so far was given to all ranks by the Div IO at 1600 hrs. Final of inter coy football competition was played off and won by HQ Coy. In the evening infm was received to be ready to move the following day. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Sun 20	I II	CO attended an O Gp at 0900 hrs and Bn was placed on 3 hrs notice to move as from 1200 hrs, to proceed eastwards behind 227 (H) Inf Bde on a gen axis towards LE SAP 5859. About 1910 hrs, however, when it became apparent that no move was likely to-night, orders to stand down were received. It later transpired that the Polish Armd Div had already proceeded along the axis and encountered and was dealing with enemy at VIMOUTIERS. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Mon 21	I II	During the night there was a sharp attack by e/a in the area of 2 A&SH and damage and cas were caused. Owing to wet weather intended trg programmes during the day had to be altered and several coys moved from fds where they were bivouacing to neighbouring buildings. A draft of one offr (Lt ROBINSON) and several NCOs was received from 6 Bn Border Regt. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Tue 22	I II	The Bn remained in the same location throughout the day, and carried out trg. Adm and bathing was also carried out. An ENSA concert party provided two shows in the course of the day which were attended by reps from the Bn. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
LA MOTTE 9847	Wed 23	I II	CO attended O Gp in forenoon and orders were received for Bn to move to a conc area on the other side of FALAISE prior to taking part in an adv to contact towards the R SEINE. At approx 1600 hrs the Bn moved to area ERAINES 168373. CO attended O Gp and gave out orders for next day's adv on his return. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
ERAINES 168373	Thu 24	I	Maj E REMINGTON-HOBBS joined the Bn as 2IC and Capt J ELLIOT rejoined from the UK after having been wounded. The Bn was prepared to move as third Bn in an adv to contact to the R SEINE, but owing to the state of the rds no movement was possible until about 1600 hrs. Eventually	

		II	at about 2200 hrs the Bn reached a harbour area at approx 574674 where it settled for the night. The adv was made without incident. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
574674	Fri 25	I II	The Bn left at approx 1015 hrs to continue the adv towards LE NEUBOURG 0283. The adv was very slow owing to brs at 925772 and 926769 being blown and crossings had to be made by a small wooden br unsuitable for hy tpt. Eventually at approx 2315 hrs the Bn reached our area at 704756 where it took up a def posn covering LE NEUBOURG. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
704756	Sat 26	I II	The Bn remained in the posn throughout the day. No incidents worthy of note occurred. Late in the evening orders were received to expect an early move the following morning. Weather fine	RHMCD CWPR
205895	Sun 27	I II	The Bn left at 0200 hrs and proceeded direct to an area near LOUVIERS with Bn HQ est near 205895. The remainder of the Bde Gp concentrated in the same area. In the late evening the 6RSF made an assault crossing of R SEINE at PORTE JOIE 2892. They met with little opposition and est a br head on the far bank. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
HERQUEVILLE 2991	Mon 28	I II	The Bn left at 0200 hrs and proceeded by march route to an FAA at 279940. Vehs left at 0500 hrs and proceeded to a similar FAA at 255935. All marching personnel then proceeded to the near bank and by 0800 hrs had all crossed in boats. Throughout the day vehs and guns were rafted across and finally a br was completed across which the remainder of the Bn followed. Bn HQ was est on the far bank at HERQUEVILLE 2991. Weather fair	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Tue 29	I II	The Bn moved off behind 8RS towards LE LONDE 3396 and HOUVILLE 3697. By 1200 hrs 8RS had captured LE LONDE, only scattered remnants of enemy being encountered. 6KOSB then proceeded and occupied HOUVILLE. Odd prisoners were taken incl two German offr who were captured in a car. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Wed 30	I II	The day was spent in adm and re-org. The Div Comd paid a visit to the Bn and stated that the Div was now in army res, 4 Armd Bde and 53 Div having now passed through. A party under Capt RM WOOLLCOMBE carried out a raid on BOIS DE BACQUEVILLE and recovered a quantity of arms and amm belonging to the local maquis which had been hidden there. Weather wet	RHMCD CWPR
HOUVILLE 3697	Thu 31	I	A wood clearing op was carried out in conjunction with 8RS on the FORET DE BACQUEVILLE. This op lasted the whole day but no enemy were found.	

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