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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 10th Bn The Highland Light Infantry

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year June 44

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WISTON PARK STEYNING	9th		Capt TR Meechan and 4 ORs left for FRANCE to establish Beach Control Party.	
	11th		Advance Party consisting of 2 Officers and 2 ORs left for FRANCE.	
	13th		Bn left for HAYWARDS HEATH (Marshalling Area). Road Party left same morning for MT Marshalling Area at WANSTEAD. Bn arrived at HAYWARDS HEATH at 1600 hrs.	
	17th	0700 0900 1800	Bn left HAYWARDS HEATH for embarkation area at NEWHAVEN arriving at 0830. Bn embarked aboard LCIs(L). Convoy sailed for FRANCE.	
FIELD	18th	0800 1115 1200	Bn arrived COURSEULLES-SUR-MER waded ashore 0830. Left for assembly area 0900 arriving 1030. Discarded FMO marched on in FSMO. Hot meal served at tea point by Canadian RASC. Bn marched off to conc area at VAUX-SUR-SEULLES, arriving at 1600 hrs. Bn HQ est at 835778.	
	19th		C.O. away to conference. Weather wet.	
	20th		C.O. left for Recce at 1000 returning at 1600. Weather dry. Dornier 217 shot down by AA fire in late evening. Crew of 3 killed.	
	21		C.O. to conference. Weather dry.	
	22		C.O. to conference. Weather dry.	
	23		C.O. to conference. Weather dry. Party of transport arrived.	
	24		Rest of tpt arrived.	
	25		Bn moved off for FAA 1800 hrs arrived at 2100 hrs.	
	26	0730 0730 0730 1030	Tpt arrived at FAA. Bn less A2 vehs moved to 909735. Arrived location 0930. Arty Barrage opened up. Bn advanced on CHEUX. 44(L) Bde captured ST MAUVIEU. 46(H) Bde in outskirts of CHEUX. Bn advanced to CHEUX at 1815, contacted enemy south of CHEUX. After skirmishing, consolidated for night.	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFICERS - 1 wounded ORs - 8 wounded 1 killed
	27th	0730	Bn moved fwd, halted by enemy armour. 1000 hrs tanks broke through onto Bn area and were engaged by own Anti-Tank guns. 5 enemy tanks	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFICERS - 1 wounded

			knocked out. Remainder withdrew and posn restored by 1100 hrs. 1 Signal truck burnt out after receiving direct hit.	ORs - 1 missing 77 wounded 20 missing 13 killed
	28th	1300 1830	Bn relieved by 6 KOSB. 1630 Bn left CHEUX for COLLEVILLE. COs "O" Group. Bn to attack MOUEN. 1945 Bn crossed starting line supported by tanks. MOUEN heavily defended by German Armour. A & C Coys reached objectives but are ordered to withdraw during the night by CO. B & D Coys were pinned down and suffered casualties, and withdrew. B, D and Bn HQ spent night in farm east of Mouen.	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFICERS - 4 wounded 1 missing 3 killed ORs - 45 wounded 7 missing 22 killed
	29th	0800	Bn relieved 2 GH. B Coy sent to reinforce CAMERONIANS.	<u>CASUALTIES</u> ORs - 25 wounded
	30th		Bn posns shelled. CO and 2i/c injured. Major Sinclair 2 Gordons takes over comd. Bn left to take up def posn south of MONDRAINVILLE.  [signature] Maj For LT COL COMDG 10th BN THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY	<u>CASUALTIES</u> OFFRS 1 wounded ORs 18 wounded 3 killed

INTELLIGENCE LOG

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT	REMARKS
25th June	0730 0930	Bn moved off on foot (less vehs) to FAA at 909735. Order of March - A, B, HQ, C and D. Bn arrived at FAA. Bn bedded down for night.	
26th June	0600 0730 0745 0750 0930 1430 1030 1440 1650 1815 1900 1920 1930 2000 2100 2100 2115 2300	Stand to. A2 echelon arrived. Breakfast served at 0700. Bn (less vehs) moved southwards. Supporting Arty barrage opened up. 44(L) and 46(H) Bdes moved fwd into attack. Bn halted at 909739. Barrage continues. Bn moved off in same order of march. Route - X Rds 904732 - X Rds 894721 - Rd Junc. 894721 - track junction 898709 - LA MESNIL PATRI. Bn halted at FUP 905681. 44 Bde captured ST MAUVIEU and are fighting between ST MAUVIEU and LA GAULLE. 46 Bde in outskirts of CHEUX. No move before 1700. No move before 1815. Bn advanced from LA HAUT DU BOSQ. Order of advance A, B, C, D and Rear HQ. "C" Coy shot 2 snipers in area LA HAUT DU BOSQ. A & B Coys encountered Hy MG Fire from area WOOD 908664. Enemy MG Fire coming from PANTHER tanks on wood 908664. Hy Tank Squadron moved up in support of Bn. Bn withdraw to CHEUX covered by tanks. CO at 912665. Enemy mortar fire in orchard 912664. Bn HQ est at 912668. Bn digging in. Rd in area 9166 shelled. Direct hit on rd junc 913669. Casualties for day OFFICERS: 1 wounded, OR's 8 wounded 1 killed	
27th June	0415 0700 0730 0745	Stand to. Breakfast 0500 hrs. Bn posns heavily shelled. Bn advanced, A on right supported by C - B on left supported by D. Fwd Coys came under hy MG Fire from PANTHER TANKS and mortars. Bn objective GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON. Axis of advance - Rd from 913668 to GRAINVILLE. Enemy mortars firing into wood 912667. Wounded coming in to R.A.P. R.A.P. moved to 912669. 3 PANTHER Tanks broke through into LA HAUT DU BOSQ firing into CHEUX. Bn A/Tk Pl returning fire.	

	0800	Bn HQ moved to 913668. A/Tk Pl destroyed 3 tanks. 1 Panther attempting to escape overturned in road 910667. Rear HQ now 912673. Casualties heavy. Own tanks are engaging enemy armour.	
	0900	Tanks making progress.	
	0930	Rear Bn HQ outside CHEUX. Situation very confused but being restored. A&SH moving down road to COLLEVILLE, followed by tanks.	
	1200	Rear Bn HQ est in former posn.	
	1230	Bn of CORNWALLS out in front of our posns.	
	1800	Throughout day tank battles. Bn shelled and mortared all afternoon.	
	1600	6 enemy tanks dug in. Our 17 prs trying to knock them out.	
	2100	Inf of 11 Armd Bde moving up. 1 Offr and 7 ORs of 2 SS Pz Div "Totenkopf" captured during day. Casualties during day:- Offrs - 1 wounded 1 missing. ORs - 77 wounded 20 missing 13 killed.	
28th June	0500	Stand to. Dug in tanks not yet destroyed. No move before 1100.	
	1300	Bn relieved by 6 KOSB. Bn to move to COLLEVILLE. No move until further orders.	
	1630	Bn left CHEUX for COLLEVILLE.	
	1730	Halted at 918659. Snipers hindered progress. Enemy counter attack broken through some ground gained in COLLEVILLE area. Situation being restored.	
	1830	CO holding "O" group.	
	1945	Bn moved off to attack MOUEN. Arty barrage opened up.	
	2000	Bn advanced, A and B on left, D and B on right. Coys advancing in open formation. No opposition.	
	2002	Barrage continuing. Tanks supporting on left and right.	
	2015	A/Tk gun fire aimed at tanks on left. 1 Sherman knocked out. Hy MG fire from houses and rly sweeping top of corn. A & B Coys & Bn HQ pinned down by MG fire unable to advance. 5 PANTHERS destroyed. 3 Shermans knocked out. Casualties heavy. A Coy entered wood. On right - D & B advanced down right of rly towards wood. Before reaching wood, came under hy MG fire from Panther tank, dug in the orchard. OC Coy wounded, 2 Subalterns killed. Unable to advance owing to MG fire sweeping open ground, withdrew to sunken road.	
	2200	1 Sgt & 3 ORs went fwd to quieten MG posts with LMG fire to enable wounded to be evacuated by carrier from cornfield.	
	2300	Bn HQ and A/Tk Pl in carriers to COLLEVILLE dug in def posns taken up for night. A2 ech remained outside COLLEVILLE. B & D Coys in COLLEVILLE. A & C Coys withdrew during darkness to A2 echelon. Casualties during day:- Offrs 4 wounded 1 missing 3 killed. ORs 45 wounded 7 missing 22 killed.	
29th June	0415	Stand to. No large events during night.	
	0800	Bn evacuated posns and moved to centre of village to take over from 2 Glas H. Bn HQ est at 929651. A & C Coys rejoined bn.	

	0945	A2 ech arrived at Bn HQ. Shelling of Bn posns all day. Tech store truck hit and burnt out.	
	1800	Counter attack on Cameronian posns at GRAINVILLE.	
	2220	Situation restored. B Coy sent to reinforce CAMERONIANS. Casualties during day:- 25 ORs wounded.	
30th June	0400	A & D Coys moved up to deal with possible enemy counter attack.	
	0800	Bn to cross river and move to right flank of Bridgehead. C.O.s "O" Group.	
	0940	Bn move cancelled.	
	0950	Bn posns shelled. CO & 2i/c injured. Bn to await further orders.	
	1100	Major Sinclair, 2 Gordons, took over cmd of Bn. Bn ordered to take up def posn S of MONDRAINVILLE.	
	1415	Bn moved off to MONDRAINVILLE. Order of march A, Bn HQ, B & D.	
	1615	Bn arrived at 922633 and proceeded to dig in. Posns mortared whilst digging. Wood immediately in front cleared by A Coy. A Coy in front, B Right, D left. Enemy MG on right flank in wood. Hy fighting to NW of GRAINVILLE. Arty barrage by field and medium guns on enemy posns. All our mortars firing at enemy posns across river. Arty barrage laid on wood prior to Bn moving in. Casualties:- Offrs 1 wounded ORs 18 wounded 3 killed	