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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 190 Field Regiment.R.A.

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Month and Year SEPT 1944.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1.		Regt carried out training Programmes (Small Arms, Mines, Signalling etc) at FRETTEVILLE. Regt entertained local civilians with a social.	
	2.		Training Programmes continued. The Divisional Concert Party entertained the Regt in the afternoon. Harbour parties left to go forward to the area of GOURNAY. Brigade Major of 46 Bde asked for Regtl 3-tonners to lift the infantry of the Bde during move to Gournay area.	
	3.		Regt left FRETTEVILLE and moved 20 miles to a harbour area in the Foret de Lyons (557153) near Les CARREAUX. 3 Prisoners taken in the wood by Recce Parties.	
	4.		Regt moved forward 20 miles to harbour area at FOUILLOY (748425).	
	5.		Regt moved 70 miles to HERLIN LE SEC (158088) (South of ST POL). 15 (S) Div are to advance to a mopping-up area COURTRAI-GHENT, with 44 Bde on left and LYSFORCE on the right. LYSFORCE to include 7 SEAFORTHS, RECCE & Supporting arms. We are to follow LYSFORCE.	
	6.		Regt left HERLIN LE SEC and moved 60 miles on AYR route (LENS SECLIN LILLE COURTRAI). Enemy held Bridges over LYS between GHENT & COURTRAI. Regt crossed into BELGIUM and deployed in area 9055 South of SWEVEGHEM. LYSFORCE are mopping up. Main task of 190 Fd Regt in DF tasks for COURTRAI.	
	7.		OP's with 46 Bde are active. Groups of the Enemy are being cleared up. Regt supports RSF (44 Bde) in their attack on DEERLYKE (915590) with OP's of 530 Bty with RSF. Operation continued through evening and night and was very successful.	
	8.		Regt continue to support 44 Bde who are moving along rd NE from COURTRAI. Regt moved to area N of DEERLYKE (Sq 9161) to continue support. Advance is going well. Regt moved to new area West of WAEREGHEM (956634) to continue to support 44 Bde.	
	9.		Regt resting at WAEREGHEM. Representatives of the Regt attended funeral of members of the BELGIAN WHITE ARMY.	R Streatfield

10.		Regt moved forward about 50 miles to harbour area at LIPPELOO 571771 (S of ANTWERP). An area was reced S of ALBERT CANAL near LIERRE (790870) but the Regiment did not occupy it.	
11.		CO met CRA at WESTERLOO 030810 to get orders for the take over of Gun Posns from 124 Field Regt of 50 Div. CO2 and recce parties reced area and spent night at TONGELOO MONASTERY (020823)	
12.		Regt moved 30 miles to TONGERLOO (via MALINES) and took over from 124 Field Regt. OP's situated N of Albert Canal at GHEEL (080886).	
13.		GHEEL cleared of enemy and Regt moved forward to position N of GHEEL 083891. Infantry moved forward to ESCAUT CANAL. 529 OP's were with 9 Cams at area 0590. 531 OP's with 7 Seaf at area 0289. Lt. P. Spafford RA attached to 1st Middlesex to assist in training 4.2in Mortar Platoon.	
14.		Regt fired concentrations in Support of 44 Bde who are crossing the ESCAUT Canal. OP's with 46 Bde active. Gun area shelled by 88 mm guns. Many failed to explode. 530 OP's join 2 GH who are coming under command of 44 Bde.	
15.		Field Marshall Sir B.L. MONTGOMERY presented medals to 15 (Scottish) Div. CO & a party attended. The following members of the Regt received decorations:- Major. E.K. Monro. RA. MC. Capt. P. McD. Spafford RA. MC. Bdr. Moorin. DCM.	
16.		Lt. AC SMITH RA and OP party sent to work with OP's of 178 Bty (181 Fd). This party suffered slight casualties during the day. Capt AC Hobson RA & Bdr Stables crawled out in front of own FDL's to engage enemy on canal bank. Bdr. Stables was wounded but shoot successful. Fire Plan fired in spt 44 Bde. OP's on 46 Bde front (on line of ESCAUT CANAL) active.	
17.		No shooting between 1300 hrs & 1500 hrs to-day. Airborne assault passed over gun area during afternoon. Divisional Concert Party entertained Regt in evening.	
18.		Regt prepared to fire short Counter Battery Programme in spt of 53 Div. 227 Bde take over Bridgehead from 44 Bde.	R Streatfield
19.		Regt fire some C.B. shoots on orders from CBO. Regt received Fire Plan in spt HLI from 131 Fd Regt. 2nd Airborne force with many gliders passed over gun area.	
20.		Regt fired Fire Plan for HLI (Op CRABS). The Objective was reached with little opposition. Regt fired Propaganda Shells. Regt move with 46 Bde Gp at 0800 hrs 21st.	

	21.		Regt moved to new Gun Area NW of EINDHOVEN (383213) 15(S) Div are to act as left flank protection for 30 Corps Axis. OP's active with 46 Bde who are crossing canal in area South half of 3825 (S of BEST).	
	22.		7 Seaf established over the Canal. Enemy in BEST (3726), there is heavy fighting. Capt P. Mangham RA killed in action during fighting for BEST. 1 of his OP Party wounded.	
	23.		Hard fighting in BEST area where 46 Bde are trying to get to line of Rly. Regt fired plan in spt of this operation. Progress by 46 Bde is steady.	
	24.		BEST area is still being cleared. Regt fired fire plan to spt 9 Cams who are attacking the Factory. TYPHOONS attacked factory during last 5 mins of Fire Plan. Regt fired Fire Plan in spt 9 Cams who are attacking level crossing at 371262. This was most effective.	
	25.		Regt has Fire Plan on call for 227 Bde. BEST area is still being cleared. Red Smoke Indicator Tgt on Factory very successful.	
	26.		BEST still being cleared. Indicator Tgts arranged for TYPHOONS who are to spt 46 Bde by attacking factory. Alternative Fire Plan arranged to be fired if TYPHOONS not available. TYPHOONS did not arrive and Alternative Fire Plan was fired. Regt moved to new area near Brick Factory 4024 (S of Canal).	
	27.		Fairly quiet on 46 Bde Front. Regt fired fire plan in spt of 227 & 44 Bdes.	
	28.		Regt still S of Canal. Very little activity.	
	29.		Regt moved through BEST to new area 413297 SW of ST OEDENRODE.	
	30.		Regt in same locn with OP in BEST area.	R Streatfield