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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 20 FIELD COY RE

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

(Erase heading not required).

Month and Year August 1944

Commanding Officer Major J.H. Gillington

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LA TRINGALE	1	0800	1 pl took over road and track maintenance of TIN from 3 pl and continued to improve route. 2 pl maintaining water point. Sec of 2 pl bulldozing in 227 Bde HQ with recce officer.	JG
"	2	1400 1600	1 pl handed over maintenance of TIN to 279 - renamed SQUARE. 40 men 1 pl loaded stores at Field Pk Coy. 2 pl maintaining water point.	JG JG
"	3	0020	3 pl left coy harbour with all its transport plus 2 half tracks from 624 to join 44 Bde (under cmd) for Op Bluecoat. 2 pl maintaining water point. 1 sec TIN maintenance. 2100-0100hrs 1 pl 2 sections loading Field Pk stores 1800-2000 hrs. 1 sec blowing craters for burying dead cows in Rear Div area.	JG JG JG
HERVIEUX		2000	Coy left harbour LA TRINGALE moved down SQUARE (TIN) route to harbour in Div area 5 miles further South.	JG
"	4	0030	One enemy shell landed in harbour area. 1 DR wounded. 2 pl maintaining water point at AUBIGNY. (This was closed and dismantled at 2200 hrs. Stores returned to Coy). 3 pl under cmd 44 Bde made rough wheeled single traffic road near L'HOTELIERE.	JG JG JG
HERVIEUX		0800 to 0900 1900	2 Secs 1 pl made tank track to enable a squadron of Inf tanks to cross country 1 mile to main tank track. 1 and 2 pls moved to new harbour area in LE TOURNEUR.	JG JG
"	5	0600 1000	1 pl placed <del>under cmd</del> in support 227 Bde for op. HQ of Coy moved to new harbour 1 mile W of LE TOURNEUR. 2 and 3 pls with Coy HQ (3 pl's work with 44 Bde having finished)	JG JG
LE TOURNEUR				
"	6		1 Sec divided between 3 Bns of 227 Bde for mine recce in Bn areas. Party with 2 GORDONS lifted 6 mines off a crossroads.	JG
"	7	0900 to 1100	1 Sec 1 pl lifted 24 Tellermines (42 & 43) in rd verges to enable A&SH to go fwd.	JG

		1500	1 pl cleared rd block at ESTRY cross rds - pulled by half track winch. 1 booby trap went off - 2 failed. 1 NCO wounded by shell.	JG
	10	day	1 pl constructed a tank track in 227 Bde's area to be used as a possible counter attack route if the enemy's counter attack had to be driven back.	JG
	12		1 pl still in sup 227 Bde. Dug in loud speaker unit in front line. 2 and 3 pls in reserve.	JG
	13		1 pl returned from role in sup 227 Bde. 2 pl placed under Cmd Recce Regt for purpose of clearing new harbour area of mines. 3 pl under cmd GSO 1 (L) for purpose of proving new harbour area for Div HQ clear of mines.	JG
VIEUX	14	1030	1 pl & HQ moved to new coy harbour area at VIEUX 2 & 3 pls already in new coy area after proving areas clear of mines.	JG
VIEUX	15		2 pl constructed bathing pool on river ORNE for 227 Bde. No mines found on banks.	JG
	16		1 pl resurfaced and maintained existing class 40 masonry bridge at VIEUX. 3 pl searched area for new Div HQ harbour. No mines found.	JG
FRESNEY-LE PUCEUX	17	0800 0830	1 pl opened water point at FRESNEY-LE-PUCEUX. Coy moved to new harbour at FRESNEY-LE PUCEUX	JG JG
	18		3 pl searched a new area for Div HQ and found no mines. 1 pl maintained water point.	
	19		1 pl maintained water point to 2300 hrs and then closed it.	
	20	1030 2359	Coy moved to new location BOIS HALBOUT and concentrated with 227 Bde in preparation for Ex GALLOP. Approx 6 E/A came overhead. Bombs were dropped: The nearest one fell 100 yds from 3 pl. No casualties sustained.	JG JG
BOIS HALBOUT	21&22		Coy in harbour	
BOIS HALBOUT	23	0730	Coy moved to FRESNE LA MERE. 3 pl came under cmd ROYALS (Armd Car Regt). 2 pl in support HLI.	JG
VIMOUTIERS	24	1400 1800 2300	1 pl, 2 pl and Coy HQ moved to new harbour W of VIMOUTIERS. 1 pl started building 50ft D.S. class 40 Bailey bridge over demolished railway bridge abutments E of VIMOUTIERS on LE SAP main road (SUN ROUTE) 2 pl started building 70 ft DS class 40 Bailey bridge over river LATOUGUE using existing abutments.	JG
VIMOUTIERS	25	0100 1300	3 pl started building 50ft DS class 40 Bailey bridge over bomb crater 100 yds E of demolished LATOUGUE bridge. All three bridges completed in order 1 pl, 3 pl & 2 pl. Traffic allowed to pass over road and proceed on SUN ROUTE.	JG

		1600 1815	HQ Coy moved to temporary pl Harbour E of VIMOUTIERS Coy complete moved to new Div concentration area on West end of the Forest of BEAUMONT (30 miles move).	JG
FORET DE BEAUMONT BRAY	26	0630  1200	1 pl with Fd Park Coy Bailey Pl (½ pl) left coy harbour and moved in support 227 Bde to LOUVIERS area. 2 pl, 3 pl & HQ moved to new harbour area BRAY. 2 and 3 pls moved to temporary harbour W of LOUVIERS to assist 1 pl in construction of 130ft DS class 12 Bailey Bridge over river EURE in LOUVIERS. 3 pl assisted. 2 pl held in reserve.	JG  JG
QUATREMARE	27	0230 1645 1600	Bridge completed and opened. Coy HQ moved to new harbour QUATREMARE. 2 pl attached to 2 Gordons to provide crews of 5 for 9 assault boats (MK III). 1 & 3 pl attached to HLI to provide 18 crews (5 men each) for assault across river SEINE. 1 & 3 pl crews not used.	JG
QUATREMARE	28	  2100	2 pl suffered casualties. 4 killed. 13 wounded and 1 missing. LT K.B THOMAS was slightly wounded in chin. 2 pl reorganised into two working sections. 3 pl maintaining class 12 Bailey bridge at LOUVIERS and clearing obstacles in river EURE at bridge site. HQ moved from harbour to temporary harbour with pls at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY to wait for turn to cross by class 40 Bailey Pontoon bridge.	JG  JG
ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY	29	0450  1700	HQ and pls crossed Bailey bridge over River SEINE and moved to temporary harbour on E bank of river Coy HQ and pls moved to harbour near ANDE.	JG
ANDE	30	day  1200  2000	1 pl searched road verges ANDE to MUIDS for mines, none found. Coy responsible for road maintenance ANDE to MUIDS and MUIDS to HERQUEVILLE. No work necessary. 3 pl maintenance class 40 Bailey Pontoon bridge at ST PIERRE DU VAUVRAY. 1 pl took over from 3 pl	JG JG
ANDE	31	0800 day	3 pl took over from 1 pl. 2 pl road maintenance bridge approaches with 200 attached infantry. Employed digging mud off road.  Strength of company on 31 August 1944 6 Officers 221 OR's.	