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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 194 Fd Amb

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year July 1944

Commanding Officer LT Col JB MacFarlane RAMC

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
898708 (nr Le Mesnil Patry)	1	0600 0830 1200 1400	Admitted nil evac 2. ADMS visited on his way to 153 Fd Amb. ADMS called in on way. 153 have had 4 men killed by shelling. Still some bother about the alleged poor treatment of cases of 1st day of attack. CO called to Div HQ but no information. D + 25	
898708 903732	2	1000 1200 1500 2000	Mjr GC Langlands assumed temporary command of unit. 15 Div relieved by 53 Div. 'B' Coy rejoined parent unit on relief by Coy 147 FD AMB. Message from A.D.M.S. to be ready to move to new location at 903732. Move to location 903732 (Rest area). Odd shell bursts still in locality. D + 26	GCL
903732	3.	9.30 1700	TO attended conference of CRASC at Div HQ. A/O.C. attended A.D.M.S. Conference. Nothing to report D + 27	GCL
903732	4	1000 1030 1800	Unit still "at rest". Personnel bathed + well slept. A/O.C. attended Div Comd Conference which took form of a "Post mortem" on previous week's action. Some useful points brought out but not concerning medicals. Considerable enemy air activity. "Dog-fights" & heavy ack-ack fire. Saw 2 F.W. 190's destroyed. D + 28	GCL
903732	5	1030	Unit visited by Div Comd, who gave his thanks for "devoted work of med services". Day spent in washing clothes & replenishing stores. D + 29	GCL
903732	6	1000 1630	NIL D + 30 Conference of QMs & T.O. at Div HQ. D + 30	GCL GCL
903732	7	1100	Information from 44 Bde that unit has been placed on 3 hrs notice to move. Bde contacted. 44 Bde & 46 Bde to proceed to Mondrainville 9264 & MOUEN 9365 & TOURVILLE (9364) areas to relieve 130 Bde & take up defensive positions establishing firm base while 43 Div put in an attack towards VERNON (9665) area.	

		1200	Visited A.D.M.S. re instrs. 'A' Coy detailed only. Remainder of Fd Amb to remain closed in present location.	
		1500	Mjr De Vine (OC 'A' Coy) visited Bde HQ informed that he will move with Bde Gp at 2250 hrs.	
		2300	'A' Coy & Bde Gp column left at 2250 hrs. D + 31	GCL
		2300	For past hour approx 400-500 Lancasters have been bombing area of Caen. Magnificent sight. D + 31	GCL
903732	8	0500	Message to say 'A' Coy established at 933644. Some enemy air activity during night. Several bombs dropped not far from here.	
		1930	Heavy barrage throughout night. Nil further to report. D + 32	GCL
		2200	ADMS visited 194 & 22 FDS (in same location) D + 32	GCL
"	9		Nil - all quiet D + 33	GCL
"	10		Lt Col JB MacFarlane resumed comd. D + 34	GCL
"	11		A Coy returned at 1800 hrs. They did not function as a CCP but did take over the ADS of 130 Fd Amb to give them a rest! Lt Orr MO i/c 6RSF injured slightly. Capt Cole 194 Fd Amb sent to replace. Lt Orr returned to unit & will visit CCS tomorrow for Xray. ADMS looked in - no news. D + 35	JBM
	12	1500	CO with OC 153 Fd Amb reced possible site ADS for forthcoming attack in area Haute de Verson 9465.	
		1830	Reported site to ADMS.	
		2100	Called to ADMS - he was at conference - arrived 2330 hrs! Not much more information. Got back 0030 hrs D + 36	JBM
	13	1430	Conference Fd Med Unit Comds ADMS, CO & OC 153 Fd Amb proceeded to recce another site for ADS in area S of Cheux (9166). Some(?) shells landed nearby but clear of area chosen, which hasn't had very much.	
		1500		
		1900	Reported site to ADMS who stated that another recce in previous area but rather further back was required for a complete medical area for 15(S) Div. CO, OC 153 Fd Amb & OC 22 FDS reced areas La Mare 9367 La Begude 9467 and also saw OC 14 Lt Fd Amb (closed) in orchard 9368 (near St Mauvieu).	
		2200	Reported to ADMS but he was at conference. Arrived 2400 hrs D + 37	
	14	0001	ADMS says he wants ADS at least out of mortar range as our amb car drivers etc had a sticky time in previous shows where ADS was very close up.	
		0100	Departed ADMS.	
		0900	Attended 44 Bde O Gp with OC 'A' Coy. Got Comdrs plan for forthcoming div attack.	
		1100	Returned to location to find a call to ADMS waiting. ADMS has now decided on a medical area in area of orchard 9368 & surrounding fields. OC 14 Lt Fd Amb has offered half his orchard. COs 194 &	

		1730	153 toss for choice of site. OC 153 won! Took field. I'm in half the orchard. Proceed to orchard & detail the site. Holding party arrives & given directions. Returned to location. A Coy under comd 44 Bde for mov are ready to move to FAA at 0012 hrs (933644). HQ ordered to get on wheels & be ready to "filter" into new area from 2030 hrs onwards. 'B' Coy remain in old location.	
		2130	I proceeded to new area & found all lorries in. Amb car still to come. 'B' Coy will come up with 22 FDS tomorrow morning & be in reserve. Everybody dig! 14 Lt Fd Amb are opening ADS in same place!	D + 38
Orchard 9368	15	0130	Dreadful noise of barrage - guns all round as usual. It has been quite impossible to get away from guns in this show. Field across wood full of tanks! Shells dropping just in front of them. Inf troops very busy. A few bombs close by.	
		0800	Breakfast 20 yards from unexploded bomb!	
		0845	Conference ADMS re med op order for Op "Greenline". Construction of ADS started.	
		1130	9 Carriers from 15(S) Recce Regt attd to A Coy for evac of casualties from RAP to CCP.	
		1430	A Coy report moved to battle posn 931626	
"		1430	TO recced evac routes & took extra amb cars to A Coy.	
		1630	ADMS visited & also saw OC 14 Lt Fd Amb re his role. Decided he would take cars from 43 Div as he is under their comd for this show.	
		1900	ADS ready.	
		1930	AQ 15(S) Div visited & asked us to remove large red cross (also 22 FDS & 153 Fd Amb) as they might give away infm. Won't put out until attack starts. Held Comnd Conference with all ADS depts.	
		2130	Terrific barrage started - deafening. Guns are close behind us! Can't hear myself think!	
		2300	A few casualties from immediate neighbourhood admitted.	
		2330	44 Bde H hour.	D + 39
"	16	0600	70 cas admitted. Weather good. Problem not wind now but dust.	
		0920	CO went to A Coys fwd CCP arrived 0950 (Les Vilains). A very sticky spot with the usual mortaring. They had one man wounded, one 2 str amb car Z casualty & one 2 str amb car X casualty. These vehs are being replaced by 4-str amb cars which are not much use fwd of CCP. M/Cs at night are having a bad time. Carriers attached are doing great work.	
		1130	CO left for HQ again.	
		1200	171 cas admitted.	

BRETTEVILLE 918327		1700	CRASC visited ADS. Told him about poor quality of reinforcement drivers - they can't drive! Arrangement made for patients' meals. Details of veh casualties given.	D + 40
		1800	215 cas admitted to date. ADMS visited and arranged relief by 129 Fd Amb of 43 Div. 'B' Coy were sent in to relieve A Coy who have done good work in most harassing conditions. Our first CCP is much further fwd than CCPs of flanking fmns & are getting a large number of these fmns casualties in.	
		2359	Arrived rest location here. A Coy in field at 903732. 44 Bde objectives all taken & more being held. Mortar as usual. Weather fine. Dust.	
"	17	0930	DDMS 12 Corps (Brig Garson) visited with ADMS. We are in the Div rear medical area.	D + 41
		1500	Called to ADMS who has a story of 'B' Coy having been directly hit. CO went up to investigate.	
		1630	B Coy rather shaken - shell through roof & exploded by rear wall. 1 killed, Lt Cooper & 3 men wounded & 6 exhaustions! 5 other men have been returned to HQ as "pre-exhaustion". 1 x 3 tonner hit through radiator - to be towed.	
		1800	Gave ADMS particulars & proceeded to A Coy to get them in a relief lot to Chateau at 933644.	
		2330	B Coy ran into heavy bombing on way back. NCO reported 2 3 tonners hit & have to be towed. B Coy on way on foot. Called TO & arranged for vehs to be off-loaded & equipment & kit brought in. Vehs to be towed in at daylight by 62 Coy RASC.	
"	18	0130	B Coy arrived, one man wounded - rather miraculous escape.	D + 42
		1130	Visited ADMS & informed him of last nights happenings.	
		1220	Visit to A Coy CCP - all quiet - a good place & no mortars. 2 other CCPs of flanking fmns in area & doing work in shifts. Weather fine. Major DeVine has done good work fwd. En route saw a B Coy 3-tonner being towed in & also the 2 str amb car being towed by breakdown of 62 Coy.	
		1630	Arrived back at HQ. No sign of the 2 'B' Coy lorries. TO assumes that they are being taken care of.	
		2100	TO states that it has just been reported to him that these lorries were moved early this morning.	
		2330	Sent him to CRASC to investigate ? REMO evacuated. ADMS called me over. Very concerned about loss of vehs. So am I.	
	19	0030	Returned to HQ.	
		0900	Sent TO to investigate all LADs.	
		1330	TO reported no trace.	

		1400	Conference of Fd Med Unit Comds with ADMS re problem of exhaustion.	
		1630	Returned to HQ. Message has been received in my absence from A Coy to say that 44 Bde are coming out & they are coming in to old location at 1800 hrs. Have borrowed 2 3 ton lorries from 62 Coy RASC until others found.	D + 43
"	20	1200	Nil to note - no trace of 3 tonners. Residue arrived at 0830 - a 1 ton trailer missing from a chaotic state of unloading at Beach. TO has gone to investigate.	
		1330	TO arrived with missing trailer.	D + 44
"	21	1400	Attended conference of Fd Med Unit Comds with ADMS on question of exhaustion cases.	
		1800	A Coy returned 44 Bde having pulled out to rest in area Haut du Bosq.	D + 45
	22	1530	DDMS 2nd Army visited.	
		2130	Attended conference at ADMS - div moving tomorrow to relieve an American div.	D + 46
BAUGY	23	0001	Bde conference with OC 'B' Coy who is to travel with 44 Bde Column & est CCP on arrival.	
		0800	Went with OC 153 Fd Amb to recce site for Fwd Med area in area BAUGY (6F/2 6967).	
		1030	ADMS arrived & agreed on large field at 694676 for 2 ADSs.	
		1300	Returned to unit.	
		1600	Passed SP.	
		1800	Arrived new location & set up ADS. A Coy in small field adjoining. Doing 24 hours alternately with 153.	
		1930	B Coy est CCP near SALLEN 6962. Very quiet.	D + 47
"	24	1100	Visited B Coy. ADMS has changed location of CCP. 'B' Coy establishing at 692628.	
		2200	ADS open. Casualties negligible.	D + 48
	25	1500	Visited American Clearing Coy with ADMS.	
		1630	Visited B Coy CCP with ADMS.	
		2200	ADS closed. Total admissions 8.	D + 49
	26	1015	Brig Walker DDMS 30 Corps visited.	
		1040	Message from B Coy - 44 Bde being relieved. He is recceing new area with SO.	D + 50
		1600	Visited CCP B Coy at 724639.	
			Quiet day.	D + 51
"	27	1600	A Coy relieved B Coy at CCP.	
		1800	Visited A Coy in CCP - all quiet.	D + 52
"	28	1400	Capt. GM Killpack from 22 FDS assumed Comd B Coy.	
		1500	Capt RJG Hogg posted to 194 to fill vacancy in WE.	

		2200	Capt N Darling posted to 22 FDS. Received message from A Coy that 44 Bde were going back to line to relieve 46 Bde. CCP is to move to previous location ie 694630 at 0800 hrs tomorrow.	D + 53
	29	0900 1600 1800 2000	Conference Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS. Forthcoming attack. Now back in 8 Corps. Outline plan of attack given. Later conference to be held 1800. Visited CCP A Coy with Capt Killpack to see layout. Conference is postponed till 2000 hrs. Conference. Few more details. H hour not fixed - depends on some RAC technicality. Attack early tomorrow.	D + 54
"	30	0700 2230	15(S) Div attacked S. of Caumont (705595) at 0655 hrs. 227 Bde 1st phase 46 Bde 2nd phase which took div to high ground .309 (6951). 44 Bde not in action. Called to conference ADMS. Arrived 2359!	D + 55
688559	31	0115 0500 0700 1100 1230 1800 2359	Left ADMS & went to HQ 44 Bde for mov instruction. Unit proceeded to 44 Bde FAA in area AUBIGNY 6855. Arrived in site reced by Lt Harries. A & B Coys both beside HQ. Ordered to open ADS after recce of area. Elected to open in original site - everything else full up. ADS est. Odd casualty from shelling admitted. 19 cas admitted. Total 38 cas. JB MacFarlane Lt Col RAMC	D + 56