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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 9th Bn The Cameronians

(Scottish Rifles)

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col R.M. Villiers

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOVE SUSSEX	5	2250	"ADORATION" wef. 0200 6th JUNE 44. Message received from Bde. Complete wireless silence from 0200 hrs.	CNB
	9	1315	Unit Adv party ordered to R.V. Bde HQ. Time of R.V. 1730 hrs. Unit Adv Party Capt W.L. Smith, Lt G.V. Trombetti; 1 sgt from each coy.	CNB
	10	2110 2310	Message recd from EAST SUSS Dist. Offr Rep to HQ East Suss Dist 1200 hrs. 12 MAY. Message from EAST SUSS Dist cancelling first ☉ Rep now to report at 1200 11 MAY.	CNB
HOVE SUSSEX	11	1200 1330 1600	Offr Rep to EAST SUSS DIST ☉ collected movement tables for (1) veh party II Marching Party. 1) Veh party to pass Dist SP PATCHAM X rds at 0240 12 JUNE 2) Marching party to entrain HOVE STA. 1005 hrs 12 JUNE for FALMER Marshalling Area C.O. called Bn "O" Gp at Bn HQ Lt Col Villiers, Capt McNair. Capt R. Downie, Capt Shearer, Capt Bingley, Capt Baldwin, Capt Keenan; Capt M Dunbar, Lt(QM) Bunce; Lt Baird, Lt Parsons, Lt McKay; 2Lt Bailiff, Capt Cook (RACHD), Capt Gibb R.A.M.C. to move with Bn Veh Party ☉ Remainder of Bn Officers in Marching Party. Major E.P. Walker in Command. Coy Comds at Bn HQ and briefed for forthcoming Ops. To land in 21 AGp. front ☉ Concentration areas for troops not yet known.	CNB APP / A1. CNB
EAST HAM	12	0240 1000	Bn Veh party crossed dist S.P. PATCHAM X rds en route for Marshalling Area. Bn Veh Party arrived T.5. Marshalling area EAST HAM LONDON.	CNB CNB
	13		Veh party still located T.5. Camp.	
	14	1445	Orders for Veh party to move to embarkation area for ship T.49. at WEST INDIA DOCKS.	CNB
LONDON	15	0915 1500 1700	Tpt commenced loading on M.T.S.63. Tpt completed loading programme. Troops embarked on M.T.S.63. along with HQ 46 INF Bde Lt Col TM Villiers O.C. tps.	CNB CNB CNB

		1300	3 Prisoners of 12 S.S. PZ. Div captured in this area 1 offr & 2 ORs.	CNB
		1800	Bn firmly established in LE-HAUT-DU BOSQ with locations as shown in APP. E. ☉ Enemy snipers in action.	CNB CNB
			Representatives from the 5 D.C.L.I reported this HQ to recce Bn def. re taking over on 27 JUNE to enable 9th Cameronians to adv to next obj.	
			Location of neighbouring units. 2 GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS on our left in CHEUX with 7 SEAFORTH in reserve. 227 Bde in Div reserve and reported to be making attack from area in front of CHEUX to capture high ground ring contour 100	see APP. E.
			L.O.B. sent for by C.O. at this time ☉ Casualties ORs. not yet known. Officers Major E.P. Walker (2I/C Bn), Major T.D. Scott (A Coy Comd), Major A.S.B. Leggat (C Coy Comd) wounded in action, Lt D. McWilliam.	
			Missing:- Lt P.D. McGregor; Lt L.H. Paff; Lt G.A. McDermott.	CNB
LE HAUT-DU-BOSQ	27 JUN	0600	Bn still located area LE-HAUT-DU-BOSQ.	See APP. E.
			5 D.C.L.I. commencing to take over Bn area. Bn withdrawing about 1000 yds to prepare move to new objective.	
			Bn strength now 29 off. and 691 OR.	CNB
		1100	Bn now in area 906674 to re-organise for next attack. C.O. "O" GP. in progress, with a view to preventing any enemy movements eastwards through GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON. Bn to move on Sqn of CHURCHILL tanks to obj. Order of march D.A.B.C. coys ☉ Major J.H. LAW now assumes 2I/C Bn ☉ Capt W.L. SMITH O.C. D Coy, Capt J.C. SHEARER O.C. "A" Coy, CAPT S. BINGLEY O.C. "C" Coy, MAJOR TWEEDALE HOLLAND still commands "B" Coy.	CNB
		1930	Bn arrived EASTERN edge GRAINVILLE	
		1715	Bn moved off for area GRAINVILLE SUR ODON	
		1930	Bn arrived EASTERN edge GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON ☉ Found a SQN of FIFE & FORFAR YEOMANRY in tks ☉ They reported believed village clear, but possibility of tanks.	CNB
		2000	D Coy Sp by two tps, 7 R.T.R. attacked village ☉ Enemy opposition unexpectedly heavy and 3 tanks 7 R.T.R. knocked out by enemy tks in village ☉ "D" Coy reached objective but unable to hold in view of enemy strength identified as 4 TIGER TANKS and snipers.	CNB
		2200	"D" Coy and tks ordered to withdraw to EAST edge of village and take up defensive position facing WEST. Casualties 8 OR. Capt W. Leggat-Smith and Capt Cook R.A.Ch.D. went into GRAINVILLE and brought out two casualties. Bn now located along RLY COLLEVILLE-GRAINVILLE on SOUTHERN edge with "A" Coy left Pt 916644	for map refs see APP. E.

			<p>⊙ "B" Coy 918645 ⊙ "C" Coy on local protection of tanks at 920648 ⊙ "D" Coy in reserve at WOOD 923648. Bn HQ Pt 916645.</p>	CNB
As at evening of 27 JUNE	28	<p>0900 C.O. held "O" GP for attack on GRAINVILLE ⊙ Plan "B" Coy Fire coy, main effort right flanking with C & D coys; one tp 7 R.T.R. to protect right flank; This attack was never started owing to enemy action against our F.U.P. and S.L. 1100 C.O. second "O" GP with new plan ⊙ B Coy fire coy; C & D Coys frontal attack; Sp by 10 minutes concentration by one Fd Regt. 1215 Zero hour for attack ⊙ "C" Coy held up by tanks on Rly embankment. "C" Coy found way round and both fwd coys reached objective. 1300 Mopping up proceeding ⊙ Enemy tank destroyed by CHURCHILL tk. 1400 "C" Coy exploits to FM beyond objective and located two enemy tks. Bn consolidates ground gained. 1500 Bn located GRAINVILLE-SUR-ODON ⊙ No enemy action or counter attacks on our front ⊙ On left bursts of M.G. Casualties during this action still not accurate ⊙ Bn strength now stands 27 off and 670 OR. Killed in action Capt W.K. Keenan. Wounded Lieut FAIRHURST. 1930 Reinforcements arrived. Capt SUMMER SMITH, Capt GANDER, Lieut KIRBY and 28 OR.</p>	<p>CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB APP. "E" CNB CNB CNB</p>	
GRAINVILLE	29	<p>0800 6 KOSB (44 Bde) moved to our right flank and facing SOUTH. 0830 Bn area subjected to intense arty and mortar fire for some hours ⊙ About 30 casualties suffered. 1300 7 SEAFORTH on our left flank attacked by inf and tks and one coy overrun. 1600 Enemy inf attacked "C" Coy position and reached Coy H.Q. where killed ⊙ Enemy tks and M.G.s fired at very long range. 1800 Enemy tks infiltrated between Bn and 7 SEAFORTH and subjected village to heavy firing ⊙ Tk eventually withdrew. 2000 "B" Coy moved up to reinforce "C" Coy ⊙ One coy 10 H.L.I. placed under command and took over "B" Coy position in reserve. Strength of Bn 28 off & 669 OR.</p>	<p>CNB CNB CNB CNB CNB</p>	
GRAINVILE	30	<p>Bn located same area ⊙ Positions being strengthened to meet possibility of counter attack from S.W. During day Bn area subjected to shelling and mortaring. Casualties still being inflicted ⊙ ARTY given instructions that counter BTY work of first priority. Strength of Bn now stands 24 off 553 OR. Killed in action LIEUT J.W. DUXBURY.</p>		

		WOUNDED Major J.H. Law; Capt W LEGGAT SMITH.	CNB
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