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WAR DIARY

~~OF~~

~~**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**~~

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Unit HQ 46 (H) Inf Bde incorporating
46 (H) Inf Bde LAD att.

Commanding Officer Brigadier R.M. VILLIERS, DSO.

Month and Year AUG 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Ref maps : AUBIGNY 6956	FRANCE 1	1/50 1330 1840 2125 2238 2340	,000 sheets 6F/2, 6F/4, 6F/6, 7F/1, 7F/3, 7F/5, 7F/4, 7F/6, 8F/2, Bde Comd at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS was infm that the whole of 9 CAMERONIANS might be required to adv on GALET 6950 and MANCELLIERE 6849. To start not before 1700. 9 CAMERONIANS infm Bde Comd that the attack had started. 15 (S) Recce Regt operating in front of 9 CAMERONIANS infm the Bde Comd that GALET had been taken but fighting was still going on in MANCELLIERE. 9 CAMERONIANS report location 684504. Bde Comd enquires if Sqns of Coldm Gds have been relieved. Bns infm that Recce are moving out at first light to protect our EAST flank on the line 710495 - 724455.	8F/3, 8F/4, 8F/5, 8F/6, 9F/1 H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
AUBIGNY 6956	2	0900 0945 1520 2147	Bde Comd visited bns. 7 SEAFORTH ordered to be prepared to send a coy to area 7050 to see if it is clear of enemy, 43 Div being infm before any further action was taken. Bde Comd infm that 46 (H) Inf Bde was being relieved by 185 Inf Bde. Bde Comd infm that 7 SEAFORTH is to come under comd 44 (L) Inf Bde at 0600 on 3 Aug for adv Southwards. No move before 0700.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
	3	0130 0300 1530 1740 2130	Change in plan and LO sent to 7 SEAFORTH with instrs. Bde Comd infm that 185 Bde would not now relieve 46 Bde and future not known. GOC infm Bde Comd 46 Bde less 7 SEAFORTH remain present location meanwhile. 9 CAMERONIANS ordered to be prepared to move 2100 hrs to take over posns vacated by 7 SEAFORTH. Div Comd wounded. Brigadier C.M. Barber, DSO ordered to take over comd 15 (S) Inf Div. Lt-Col R.M. Villiers, OC 9 CAMERONIANS called to Bde HQ to take over comd of 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.

686525	4	0900	Enemy armour reported withdrawing SE and 46 Bde move fwd. HQ move to 686525.	H.G.U.
		1112	Bde ordered to move to area ARCLAIS 7244 - Pt 279 7142 - DROUET 7143. HQ move to ST PIERRE TARENTEINE 7045.	H.G.U.
ST PIERRE TARENTEINE 7045	5	0700	Bde Comd visits bns.	H.G.U.
		1550	Bns advised "No move till tomorrow". Bde Comd visits GLAS H at 1715 hrs.	H.G.U.
		1900	Orders received from Div for adv.	H.G.U.
		1945	Bns warned they may have to move tonight.	H.G.U.
		2000	COs warned to meet Bde Comd at MONTCHARIVEL Church 7442.	H.G.U.
		2145	Bde Comd gives orders for 9 CAMERONIANS to enable OC to do last light recce.	H.G.U.
		2300	O Gp ordered for 2330 and 227 Bde are asked to send rep.	H.G.U.
LES HAIES 738441	6	0040	Bde Comd held O Gp for attack on high ground area GOURNEY 8040. 9 CAMERONIANS to move first.	H.G.U.
		0545	HQ moves to new area LES HAIES 738441.	H.G.U.
		1218	Weather which had been good, had deteriorated during morning. 9 CAMERONIANS reported unable to make any progress and considered their task too great.	H.G.U.
		1225	Bde Comd visited HQ 2 GLAS H at 782407 to make new plan but no further progress was made and orders received from Div at 1940 to withdraw to area AU CORNU 7741, where temporary def posns would be adopted.	H.G.U.
LES HAIES 738441	7	0700	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1200	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and gave short farewell speech to HQ personnel.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
	8	0900	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
	9	1730	Corps Comd Lt-Gen Sir Richard N. O'Connor, KCB, DSO, MC visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		1745	Bde HQ moved to 754425. Indications were that enemy might withdraw and bns were ordered to send out recce patrols to keep contact with the enemy.	H.G.U.
754425	10	1130	Bde ordered to send out patrols in the afternoon to see if we were still in contact with the enemy.	H.G.U.
	11	0200	Receipt of 15 (S) Inf Div Op Instr No 17.	H.G.U. See Appx "A".
		1130	O Gp ordered to discuss Op "DUNHILL".	H.G.U. See Appx "B".
	12	0930	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.
		1330	BM and SC go to Div. 46 (H) Inf Bde being relieved by 29 Armd Bde.	H.G.U.
		1700	HQ 29 Armd Bde begin to arrive. Bde Comd 29 Armd Bde arrives and discusses take-over with Bde Comd 46 (H) Inf Bde.	H.G.U.

		2100	46 (H) Inf Bde begin to thin out.	H.G.U.
754425 706450	13	0715 1115 1330 1445 1530	Hand-over completed. HQ move to assembly area at 706450. Bde Comd and Int Offr attended Div O Gp for move to area FEUGUEROLLES SUR ORNE 9960. Bde Comd and recce party leave for new area. Bde Comd and recce party arrive in new area. Bde Comd and Int Offr visited HQ 12 Corps to get the latest infm and likely task of 46 Bde. Corps Comd unable to find task for 46 Bde in meantime.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "C". H.G.U.
000608		1700 1900	Bde Comd and Int Offr return to new HQ at 000608. Bde Comd visited Bns.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
	14	1000 1800 1900 2100	Bde Comd held Adm and Trg conference. Div Comd visited Bns and Bde HQ. Bde ordered conc by 0900 hrs next day in area 0050 - 0150 - 0149 - 0049. Bde Comd reced new area.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U. See Appx "D". H.G.U.
001491	15	0730 1800	Bde HQ moved to new area 001491. Weather very good. Bde Comd, CO 2 GLAS H RV with Div Comd ETERVILLE 9864 to 'walk' the battles of ETERVILLE and ESQUAY 9461, which had been fought the previous month.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
	16	1130	Weather very good. Div Comd visited Bde HQ.	H.G.U. H.G.U.
	17	1730	Bde Comd holds discussion for COs on "Advance to Contact Battle". Div Comd attended.	See Appx "E". H.G.U.
	18	1800 2000	Fine weather. Bde Comd and IO attended conference Div HQ and received orders that 46 Bde would move early next morning to relieve 158 Bde SW of FALAISE 1134. Bde Comd and IO visit HQ 53 (W) Div to meet Bde Comd 158 Bde and discuss take-over.	See Appx "F". H.G.U. H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350	19	0630 1245 1430	Adv Bde HQ moves to LA MIETTE 112350. Relief of 158 Bde complete. Bde Comd held O Gp for attack on Pt 223 0927 and BAZOCHES 1027. This op was unnecessary, as both places were occupied by 59 Div in afternoon.	H.G.U. H.G.U. H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350		1700	BM attends O Gp at Div HQ to discuss adv to contact op EAST of FALAISE. Several hundreds of prisoners passed through the Bde Collecting Pt through the day and night. Weather deteriorating.	H.G.U.
	20	1400	Bde Comd visited BAYEUX to see holding units. Hy rain during night.	H.G.U.
	21		Rain continued. Bde conc for Adv to Contact.	H.G.U. See Appx "G" & Appx "H".
	22	1000	Bde Comd visited bns.	H.G.U.

		1730	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and gave Bde Comd outline orders for Op "GALLOP".	H.G.U.
	23	1400	Bde Comd held O Gp for Op "GALLOP".	H.G.U. See Appces "I", "J", "K" & "L"
		1830	Massed Pipe Bands of 46 (H) Inf Bde played Retreat at Bde HQ.	H.G.U.
		2000	Div Comd visited Bde HQ and said that original plan for Op "GALLOP" would probably be changed and the Div would adv as far as possible on the first day - not by bounds. This change was to be denoted by the Codeword "BALCONY"	H.G.U.
LA MIETTE 112350	24	0730	Harbour parties move off.	H.G.U.
		0800	Codeword "BALCONY" received from Div HQ.	H.G.U.
		1300	Order comes to hold fast and clear rds.	H.G.U.
		1600	46 Bde ordered to conc area GUEPREI 2729.	H.G.U.
		2100	Bde Comd attended O Gp at HQ 4 Armd Bde 412566 where he was given orders for further adv next day.	H.G.U.
884749	25	0730	Bde Comd held O Gp.	H.G.U. See Appx "M".
		1830	Bde HQ arrived new area 884749.	H.G.U.
		1930	Bde Comd visited 7 SEAFORTH 886747. Weather very hot all day.	H.G.U.
007737	26	0200	46 Bde ordered to move and take up temporary def posns area EMANVILLE 0274.	H.G.U.
		0815	Bde Comd makes recce of EMANVILLE area.	H.G.U.
		0945	Bde Comd held O Gp at the Church in EMANVILLE 0274.	H.G.U.
		1130	Bde HQ moved to new location 007737.	H.G.U.
		1600	Bde Comd called to Div to see GOC and Corps Comd and discuss a rush crossing of the R SEINE by one bn following night.	H.G.U.
		1900	Bde Comd attended Div O Gp.	H.G.U. See Appx "N".
007737	27	0845	Bde Comd and unit recce parties left for R SEINE. To make necessary recce for a river crossing by deliberate assault in the area MUIDS 3089.	H.G.U.
		1400	Bde Comd met COs at Church at VENABLES 3186 to discuss op.	H.G.U.
		1500	Bde Comd met CRE 53 (W) Div at VIEUX-VILLEZ 3083 to arrange allotment of RE eqpt. GOC then arrived at the conference to infm Bde Comd that plan was changed.	H.G.U.
299842		1700	Bde Comd holds O Gp at Bde HQ which had arrived at 299842.	H.G.U. See Appces "O" and "P"
	28	0915	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to move across River at MUIDS and all marching personnel of the Bde had crossed River by 1130.	H.G.U.
		1230	Bde HQ moved to 323870 and mov of Bde tpt across River went on all day.	H.G.U.
		1800	Bde Comd held co-ord conference with COs in MUIDS 3089 for securing of GRAND RONCHEROLLES 3594 by 7 SEAFORTH and CUVERVILLE	

			3795 by 2 GLAS H. 9 CAMERONIANS following up in res directed on LE THUIT 3692.	H.G.U.
		2135	7 SEAFORTH report they are on objective.	H.G.U.
		2359	Bde HQ moves to Fm 329905.	H.G.U.
Fm 329905	29	0142	Bde HQ arrived new location 329905.	H.G.U.
		0430	9 CAMERONIANS ordered to send a coy to the high ground Pt 144 360928.	H.G.U.
		1300	Tps 46 Bde reached line NOYERS 3893 - CUVERVILLE 3795 - GRAND ROCHERELLES 3594 and 9 CAMERONIANS were ordered to patrol to br at 392902.	H.G.U.
		1615	9 CAMERONIANS patrols had returned and reported no enemy in LES ANDELYS 4090.	H.G.U.
		1750	Leading coy 7 SEAFORTH reported moving through LES ANDELYS and Bde Comd reported they were doing well.	H.G.U.
		1855	Div ordered to send offrs to recce rds from MUIDS 3088 - LES ANDELYS 4090 and to report on their suitability for 3-tonners and heavier vehs.	H.G.U.
		1920	HQ arrives new location at 368927.	H.G.U.
368927		2015	Orders received from Div to the effect that all rds must be clear after first light 30 Aug to allow passage of 53 Div. Weather dull.	H.G.U.
	30	1000	Bde Comd visited units and meets Div Comd at HQ 9 CAMERONIANS. Weather deteriorated.	H.G.U.
	31	1015	Div Comd visited Bde HQ to congratulate Bde Comd who had been awarded the DSO. Weather improves.	H.G.U.