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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 JUNE 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STORRINGTON	6 June		D day.	JG
"	7 June		Lt K.B. THOMAS and 3 ORs left Unit to form traffic control post in Corps Area.	JG
"	10 June		Visit from Special Cashier B/85/0. Sterling exchanged for French currency and first requisition of currency made.	JG
"	11 June		Lt T.J.F. ROBERTS + 2 ORs left as advance pty for unit.	JG
"	14 June	0700	Road party of company left for marshalling area prior to embarkation in E London.	JG
		0800	Marching party of company left for marshalling camp prior to embarkation at Newhaven.	
"	18 June	1100	Road party with vehicles left VICTORIA DOCKS, LONDON.	JG
Theatre of		1900	Marching party left NEWHAVEN.	JG
Operations		1900	Adv pty of coy arrived NORMANDY.	JG
"	19 June	1950	Marching party disembarked NORMANDY.	JG
"	24-25	June	Road party disembarked NORMANDY	JG
Esquay-Sur-Seulles	26	0430	Coy left harbour at Esquay-Sur-Seulles under Cmd 227 Inf Bde (for movement) for Bde Conc Area. Platoons with min transport affiliated to Bns as follows- 1pl- HLI, 3 pl Gordons, 2 pl reserve travelling with Coy HQ.	JG
		0615	Arrived in Bde conc area, Secqueville-en-Bessin.	JG
		0730	Platoons (1 & 3) moving with Bns followed 227 Inf Bde attacking troops.	
		2000	3 pl clearing road of debris and checking roads and verges between Cheux and Colleville.	JG
		to		
		2300		
		2000	1 pl could not carry out any work as HLI could not make progress against enemy tanks. 1 pl dug themselves in at Cheux.	JG
		1700	HQ & 2 pl left Secqueville en Bessin conc area moved with Bde to harbour at Le Mesnil Patry.	JG
Cheux		2345	3 pl withdrew to Cheux. During night 26/27, 3 pl suffered eight casualties from GSW.	JG

N of Cheux Cheux	27	0730 0900 1200 1800 1800	2 pl moved to Xrds N of Cheux near Bde tac HQ as Engineer reserve. to 1300. 1 pl made attempts to keep roads in Cheux clear of rubble and debris. Use of bulldozer was resisted because sound of bulldozer working brought down mortar fire. Lt T.J.F. ROBERTS Killed by mortar bomb in Cheux. 3 pl moved fwd to Colleville to maintain route Cheux to Colleville. Harboured at Colleville. Coy HQ moved to harbour halfway between Le Mesnil Patry and Cheux.	JG JG JG JG
	28	1500	During morning 1 pl cleared routes in CHEUX. 2 pl moved fwd to Colleville and took over route maintenance of route excl CHEUX to Bdge at TOURMAUVILLE. 3 pl moved fwd to TOURMAUVILLE and maintained existing bridge and two class 40 crossings made by assault Sqdn RE and sent 2 detachments each 1 NCO and 4 ORs with patrols of Coy strength from the A&SH to hold the two bridges (existing) W of GAVRUS. 2 pl handed over maintenance from COLLEVILLE fwd to 612 Fd Sqdn 11 Arm Div. 1 pl handed over maintenance in CHEUX to 70 Army Fd Coy RE. During evening 1 fascine class 40 crossing was abandoned (being unserviceable), the existing bdge at TOURMAUVILLE widened and strengthened by Assault Sqdn & 3 pl. 5 casualties to Coy during day (GSW)	JG JG JG JG
COLLEVILLE	29		During evening whole coy (incl HQ) concentrated in COLLEVILLE. Handed over roads and crossings maintenance to 70 Fd Coy and 11 Arm Div RE. During evening coy "stood to" to repel counter attack which had broken through our lines in the TOURMAUVILLE MONDRAINVILLE area.	JG JG JG
COLLEVILLE LE MESNIL PATRY	30	1430 2100	During morning and up to 1400, Coy suffered 1 OR killed 6 wounded (GSW) in COLLEVILLE harbour by enemy shelling. LT C.R. WHITMORE wounded (GSW) while acting as LO at Bde Tac HQ. Coy ordered to take over maintenance of routes SHIP and TRIANGLE from TOURVILLE and LE VALTRU south as necessary. Coy ordered to hand over maintenance SHIP to 43 div and to move to LE MESNIL PATRY. One sec of 1 pl with one bulldozer was left for maintenance of TRIANGLE. Maintenance detachment withdrawn to coy harbour. W 3008/9 for June.	JG JG