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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

Unit 194 Field Ambulance

Month and Year JUNE 44

Commanding Officer Lt Col JB MacFarlane

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
STORRINGTON	1		All officers attended Conference at ADMS. Re beaches etc	JBM
	2		Nil	JBM
	3		Nil	JBM
	4		Nil	JBM
	5		Nil	JBM
	6		'D' day. Adv Party 1 hour notice to move.	JBM
	7		Conference with ADMS. Adv Party departed for RV with remainder Adv Parties at Worthing 1700 hrs D + 1	JBM
	8		CO addresses all ranks. D + 2	JBM
	9		Nil D + 3	JBM
	10		194 Fd Amb Mov Inst No 1 issued D + 4	JBM
	11		Nil D + 5	JBM
	12		Nil D + 6	JBM
	13		Received order to send off rep to Sus dis 14th D + 7	JBM
	14		Road & Rail Mov. Tables received. Unit departs 15 Jun D + 8	JBM
Camp C1	15		Arrived marshalling area 1140 hrs D + 9	JBM
	16		March Party departed D + 10	JBM
	17		Nil D + 11	JBM
	18		0645 hrs stand by to depart 0715! Just managed. Embarked V/82/LST 2 Br. This turned out to be a U.S. LST! D + 12	
	19		Off Arromanches - sea too rough for landing D + 13	
	20		Ditto D + 14	
	21		Ditto D + 15	
	22		Landed Jig Beach 1700 hrs. Proceeded to Div conc area & found marching party already in + adv party. Location BRECY Sheet 7F/1. CO reports to ADMS D + 16	
	23		CO & OC 'A' Coy recd site for ADS at BRETTEVILLE (917723) & Coy CCP at NORREY-EN-BESSIN (923709). C.O. attended 8 Corps Comd Conference 1800 hrs re forthcoming battle. D + 17	JBM
	24		Moved to assembly area Le GRAND VEY (919753) D + 18	JBM

	25		Moved in driblets to BRETTEVILLE (which is to be ADS) starting 2000 hrs, vehs 3 mins apart. D + 19	JBM
	26		0730 hrs terrific barrage of 704 guns opened the attack by 15(S) Div on a 2 Bde front. 44 Lft 46 Rt. 194 Fd Amb clearing 44(L) Inf Bde with ADS at BRETTEVILLE. First casualty arrived at 0750 from CCP est by 'B' Coy at Norrey-en-Bessin. The whole unit worked with fine spirit & were indefatigable. Casualty evacuation was very quick. This was commented upon by DDMS 8 Corps. Casualties came in a steady stream with occasional rushes but were never overwhelming. Total at 1800 hrs admitted 216 evac 204. D + 20 Attack by 44 & 46 Bdes successful. A coy in sp 227 Bde.	JBM
Bretteville	27	2000	0600 hrs admitted 44 evac 44. 1300 hrs closed on wheels at Bretteville. 'B' Coy with 44 Bde in conc at Le Mesnil Patry. Capt W J Morrissey A Coy severely wounded at CCP Cheux. HQ still on wheels waiting to support 44(L) Bde in the next action. General situation good. Weather awful - intermittent rainstorms. Corps Comd said he was very pleased with everything. 227 (H) Bde reported across R. Odon. Total evac between 0600 & 1800 hrs 84. D + 21	JBM
	28	1100 1400 1500 1530 1930 2030 2400	CO visited CCP 'A' Coy Cheux. Roads very congested. Saw smoke rising in general direction of Cheux at 1145. Arrived 1200 hrs & found that 'A' Coy's location had been hit by a shell but fortunately no damage done. Waited for half an hour to see whether there should be any repetition. All quiet & nobody worrying. Returned to HQ 1330 hrs. Called to ADMS re forthcoming attack by 44 Bde to clear enemy from rd Fontenay Le Mesnil to Le Haut du Bosq. Attended 'O' Gp conference 44 Bde Gp. Arranged for 'B' Coy 194 Fd Amb to est Sec CCP on road behind tps at SL 900679. Attack being done by 8RS with in sp 7 RTR less 1 Sqdn. Contacted MO 8RS & tied up evacuation arrangements. Z hr not before 1700 hrs. Went in to CCP 'A' Coy at Cheux to see situation having given OC 'A' Coy chance to pull out. They are still quite happy. No place near suitable as alternative. Reached HQ having found CCP of B Coy sec on way. ADMS took CO on recce for site of ADS near ADS 193 to relieve pressure. No place suitable so arranged to take over their location. Unit coming up route behind. During recce found 'A' Coy at 905685 - Cheux having become unbearable. Est at 909679. No casualties admitted by 2400 hrs D + 22	JBM

909679	29	0400	Visited CCP of sec B Coy (Lt Eton) - casualties very light in first 2 phases of attack. Strange place for ADS with Inf attack starting on same line but no one worried. Confidence is first class. Weather awful.	
		0600	Admitted 23 evac 21.	
		0900	Casualties in steady stream. Sec CCP relieved by leap frogging section forward to 903666. The party is much more than was anticipated & is now a full Bde attack. Enemy armour in area of ops much heavier than expected.	
		1500	'A' Coy took over ADS for a spell to relieve HQ. Did very good work.	
		1530	DDMS Corps accompanied by Brigadier? Pratt, Surgeon 2nd Army. Complaints that some of our cases of 1st day were not very well treated. This is very disheartening in view of previous good comments by ADMS & DDMS 8 Corps who complained that our documentation of AFs no 3118 was poor. This is hardly believable, as I saw a good deal of the work myself. All MOs warned. Visit of Col Melvin ADMS 50 Div.	
		1600	Admitted 172. Evacuated 158.	
		1800	Slight rumour mongering about enemy break through on right.	
		1900	Situation is a little confused but everything in hand. Area of ADS beginning to look very busy. Armour passing through & concentrating all round.	
		1930	As expected a few shells dropped close knocking out one MAC car & killing the driver. Some of our amb cars are looking the worse for wear but all vehicles in good running order. This coincided with the arrival of the 2 secs of 'B' Coy who have been in action. During a quick withdrawal they were nearly over-run. 44 Bde is now reorganising for defence in area S of Cheux. Enemy has been held. D + 23	
		2330	Solitary shell passed over ADS in direction of ground behind us.	JBM
	30	0600	Admitted 146 evac 137 ☉ CO visited all RMOs of 44 Bde in their new positions. All very tired having done magnificent work. Deficiencies noted for replacement.	
		1100	CO attended 0 Gp at 44 Bde HQ in Cheux. Position quiet. Amb cars at RAPs.	
		1200	ADMS & OC 153 Fd Amb who have now arrived visited our ADS.	
		1330	CO & OC 22 FDS went to Conference of Fd Med Unit Comds at ADMS. Given whole picture which is one of temporary defence awaiting enemy counter attack.	
		1800	Admitted 31 evac 29.	

		2000	'B' Coy went to est Coy CCP in Cheux to evacuate casualties from 44 Bde to ADS 153 who were to take over from us.	
		2100	Handed over site to 153 Fd Amb & went into rest location at 898708. A Coy still in reserve. Message from 'B' Coy - all quiet.	
		2300	All dug in. JB MacFarlane Lt Col	JBM