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WAR DIARY

OF

22 Canadian Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C.

Ser. No. 766

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| Southampton | 1 Jun | | <u>THURSDAY:-</u> Cool, showery. Very quiet day. Meeting of all serial commanders of 1555 LST II. xxxxxxx in lecture tent for instructions re rations, movement etc. | lps |
| " | 2 Jun | | <u>FRIDAY:-</u> Fine cool moderate S.E. wind. Serial moved off from camp C 2 and passed S.P. at 1610 hrs, began loading on LST 65 at 2300 hrs, loading of main deck completed at 0100 hrs without incident. Accomodation for ORs practically nil, most of them sleeping on, in or under vehicles on main deck. | lps |
| LST 65 | 3 Jun | | <u>SATURDAY:-</u> Cloudy, cool, moderate north west wind. LST 65 moved off to anchorage off Isle of Wight at 0530 hrs. Quiet day, meals are good, ablution and sanitary arrangements on board are good. | lps |
| " | 4 Jun | | <u>SUNDAY:-</u> Cloudy, strong north westerly wind, heavy rain in evening. Voluntary church parade at 1030 hrs. Very quiet day. All troops in excellent spirits. | lps |
| " | 5 Jun | | <u>MONDAY:-</u> Cloudy, wind dropping. Uneventful day. Moved off in very large convoy at 1930 hrs for cross channel run. Slight swell in channel. | lps |
| Beny sur Mer France. | 6 Jun | | <u>TUESDAY:-</u> Section 2 under Lieut J.L.Heaslip landed with C and D coy of N Shore R on Nan Red beach by St Aubin sur Mer at H / 20, 0805 hrs. The beach was under enemy small arms and mortar fire and the section sought protection by a sea wall and established a casualty nesting post there. The section stayed there until 1045 hrs rendering emergency first aid and collecting wounded from the immediate beach area. The whole area was exposed to small arms and mortar fire continually with the result that Pte Henderson, G. and Pte Vermette, A.R. were killed by mortar shell on the beach and Cpl MacDonald, D.B. was severely wounded about the eyes and left arm. Pte Stewart, A.A. was very slightly wounded on the nose. The section left at 1045 hrs leaving Pte Marshall, L.S. behind as nursing orderly to the 60 or 75 wounded, and proceeded to sweep the town of St Aubin sur Mer for casualties which were nested at convenient places. The section then moved 2 miles further south to vicinity of Toilleville and helped with evacuation of N Shore R casualties. Lieut J.L.Heaslip went to Bernieres sur Mer and contacted Major G.P.Tanton at 2300 hrs 6 Jun 44. The section stayed by Toilleville until 1400 hrs 7 Jun 44 collecting and evacuating wounded and then rejoined the ADS at Beny sur Mer. Major A.D. MacPherson of 22 Cdn Fd Amb recce party was met on the beach at 0930 hrs also Major Chapman RAMC of FDS at the same time. A BDS was later established by the sea wall at | |

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| Beny sur Mer France | 1944 6 Jun | | <p><u>TUESDAY (continued)</u>:- approximately 1200 hrs. Approximately 20 civilian casualties were treated in St Aubin sur Mer. Section 1 under Capt L.E.Cowan landed with C and D coy Q O R of C on Nan White beach by Bernieres sur Mer at H / 20, 0805 hrs 6 Jun 44. The section collected wounded on the beach which was under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. After an hour and a half, the section proceeded to Bernieres sur Mer and collected and nested casualties throughout the town. Capt L.E.Cowan took 13 surrounding German prisoners in the town. The section worked in Bernieres until about 1400 hrs and then proceeded, nesting casualties along the route to Beny sur Mer which was reached at 1700 hrs. An improvised C.C.P. was set up there and about 25 casualties treated, which were evacuated by ADS ambulance at 0300 hrs D / 1, 7 Jun 44. This was the first contact made with HQ 22 Cdn Fd Amb. Capt L.E.Cowan, seriously ill with perforated peptic ulcer returned with same ambulance to FDS at Bernieres and was operated on. The section continued treating casualties until 0900 hrs 7 Jun 44 when HQ arrived at Beny sur Mer. Section 5 under Capt I.Winkler assembled on beach at Bernieres sur Mer approximately H / 45 hrs with the Chaudieres group, commended picking up casualties and evacuating them to BDS working in small groups. Pte LeBar, D.L. was wounded when LCA in which he was landing hit a mine. Pte White, E.H. was wounded by a sniper bullet when rescuing a casualty from the water. The rest of section did a casualty sweep, nesting some and evacuating others to EDS at Bernieres. Section 5 proceeded south along road to Beny sur Mer, outskirts reached about 1930 hrs, worked during night in village and contacted HQ on their arrival at 0600 hrs D / 1 in Beny sur Mer. The recce party consisting of Major C.E.Baker, Major A.D.MacPherson (7 Cdn FDS) and Pte Etherington, F.T. landed in jeep at about 0900 hrs 6 Jun 44. Under heavy shell fire Major C.E.Baker and Pte Etherington, F.T. were wounded, with jeep a total loss. Major C.E.Baker became separated and was last seen at 0930 hrs 6 Jun 44. Serial 1554 comprising 72 ORs and Major G.P.Tanton, H/Major J.M.Malone, Capt G.Scattergood, Capt J.W.Latimer, Capt R.D.Reid (CDC) from their LST sited land at about 1000 hrs. Capt J.W.Latimer was disembarked by rhino and proceeded to assembly area at about 1630 hrs. Remainder of party at about 2230 hrs. Contact with other part of Fd Amb was made and with 33/34 FDS. Part of the serial stayed at the FDS area, the other part preceded preceded them to assembly area. From serial 1555 Lt Col M.R.Caverhill disembarked by dukw at 1730 hrs. Due to confusion caused by smoke screen, part of the party with difficulty got to the assembly area, those remaining disembarked and made their way to the ADS at Beny sur Mer. A recce was done by Lt Col M.R.Caverhill and a site chosed at Beny sur Mer m.r. 988810 sheet 7E/5.</p> | <p>444 609</p> |

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| Beny-Sur-Mer | 1944 7 Jun | | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> :- By 0900 hrs. ADS was set up and functioning to capacity. Casualties being evacuated from 8 Cdn Inf Bde and later on in the day by 9 Cdn Inf Bde. Pte. Sbrocchi, J.P. -RCASC and Pte. Case, L.R. -RCAMC were wounded by snipers in unit lines. Large numbers of casualties seriously wounded were recuscitated by plasma, morphine, etc. and evacuated to 33/34 F.D.S. Among those seriously injured were some German Prisoners. The weather; fine, warm and clear | lps |
| | 8 Jun | | <u>THURSDAY</u> :- Fine and clear. Many seriously wounded put thru in early A.M. At about 0830 hrs. ADS cite was shelled by mortar, Capt. H. Colman, Pte. Stevens, E.H. and Pte. Protasyk, W. wounded by enemy mortar bomb in unit lines, and evacuated to 33/34 F.D.S. Maj. MacPherson rejoined unit again. Maj. R.A. Gregory attached to unit again. Light scale joined unit in afternoon with 6 - 60 cwt lorries and 27 personnel. Additional necessary plasma was obtained from Beach-head. Battle exhaustion casualties beginning to come in. | lps |
| | 9 Jun | | <u>FRIDAY</u> :- Cloudy with showers; fairly quiet day; relatively few casualties, chiefly battle exhaustion from 9 Cdn Inf Bde. Village shelled but no sniper activity in unit area during day. Reinforcements demanded, arrived at 2230 hrs. Capt. R.D. Oatway, Capt. A.J.L. Solway, Capt. M. Yates - RCAMC and 5 medical O.R'S. and one driver i/c, one cook; still under strength in medical and RCASC personnel. Col. Watson, Lt.-Col. Merritt visited unit. Maj. Baker posted as missing, believed wounded and evacuated to England. German Med. Equip. turned in by N Shore R. | lps |
| | 10 Jun | | <u>SATURDAY</u> :- Weather, unsettled with scattered showers. A very quiet day. Heavy ack-ack fire and enemy raiders over head during darkness hours. Battle exhaustion is chief cause of casualties, a ward of 40 beds set aside for them under Major Gregory & S/Sgt. Toombs. Occassional civilian casualties treated. Improvised baths set up. | lps |
| | 11 Jun | | <u>SUNDAY</u> :- Weather fine; R.C. parade at village church - Beny-Sur-Mer. Protestant services in lines. Few casualties, some enemy shells fell in vicinity of unit site during the day. | lps |

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| Beny-Sur-Mer | 12 Jun | | <u>MONDAY</u> :- Weather, fine and warm; a moderate number of casualties evacuated from several units, including two seriously wounded from Commando, doing a night recce on the near by radio location station; unit RCASC details and 2 sections moved across road for better dispersal, some enemy bombs and artillery fire in vicinity, no unit casualties. | <i>ops</i> |
| | 13 Jun | | <u>TUESDAY</u> :- Weather, fine and clear; very few casualties handled. H/Capt. Mowatt to Bde HQ, H/Capt. Chappell attached; village shelled by German artillery apparently from vicinity of St. Contest near Caen. Heavy ack-ack from our own guns and some bombs dropped by Germans. | <i>ops</i> |
| | 14 Jun | | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> :- Unit moved across road, few casualties treated, occasionally artillery fire on village. Capt. Latimer established a C.C.P. at Cairon for evacuation of 8 Bde. Weather fine and clear. | <i>ops</i> |
| | 15 Jun | | <u>THURSDAY</u> :- Weather fine; C.C.P. moved to Neu-Mer, ADS generally quiet, enemy shell 100 yds from ADS site. Few battle exhaustion cases. Heavy ack-ack during night. | <i>ops</i> |
| | 16 Jun | | <u>FRIDAY</u> :- Scattered showers, C.C.P. functioning, few casualties, 10 battle exhaustions evacuated to 14 Fd Amb at Perepont. ADS generally quiet. Mr. Lee provided hot improvised shower baths for unit. | <i>ops</i> |
| | 17 Jun | | <u>SATURDAY</u> :- Weather fine & clear. ADS quiet during day. Ration and mail lorry suffered some damage when caught in enemy artillery barrage on Rear Div HQ (CRASC killed). Our Navy and ground forces put on a heavy artillery barrage on near by Radar station. In the afternoon Radar taken. Night quite quiet. | <i>ops</i> |
| | 18 Jun | | <u>SUNDAY</u> :- Beny-Sur-Mer. Morning overcast and cool, afternoon and evening fine and warm; CCP visited. & RMOs of 7 Bde. 8 Bde exchanged places with 7th, night of 17/18 Jun. Casualties to date reported by 7 Bde MOs:- R.W.R. approx 450, R.R.R. approx 350, and Cdn Scot R approx 350. Two large mails. A letter from St Elizabeth's Hospital, Birmingham, stating Major C.E. Baker present. During late night heavy ack ack fire and bombs dropped in vicinity of village. | <i>ops</i> |

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| Beny-Sur-Mer | 1944 | | | |
| | 19 Jun | | <u>MONDAY</u> : Day wet and cold. All quiet on Div front. CCP and ADMS visited. Very few casualties passing through ADS and CCP. Recce report received from Major C.E. Baker, attached as appendix. Night 19/20 disturbed by several small air raids, much ack ack rumbling of heavy artillery in distance. Heavy mails during past two days. | lps |
| | 20 Jun | | <u>TUESDAY</u> : - Weather cold, sky overcast. Very few casualties. Night quite quiet. | lps |
| | 21 Jun | | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> : - Weather cold and cloudy. Fair number of casualties. No mail, beach landings too rough. | lps |
| | 22 Jun | | <u>THURSDAY</u> : - Weather overcast. Few casualties. No mail. Volley ball being played by men. | lps |
| | 23 Jun | | <u>FRIDAY</u> : - Weather agreeable. Few casualties. Much enemy flak seen in the distance, over Caen area. Enemy planes rarely seen. Large amount of shipping being unloaded at beach head. British stated to have 11 fighting divisions, U.S. 22 Div. Cherbourg only holding out in peninsula tip. | lps |
| | 24 Jun | | <u>SATURDAY</u> : - Day fine and warm, few casualties, 12 being admitted to ADS of which 11 were evacuated, mostly to 86 Gen Hosp. Several enemy planes were knocked down in this area. One Cas POW being admitted to ADS. Dvr Alton RCASC, while walking in village was hit by bullet from unknown source and evacuated to 86 Gen Hosp (Br.) | lps |
| | 25 Jun | | <u>SUNDAY</u> : - Fine and warm with heavy showers in late evening. Few casualties, RC Church Parade in Village Church, Protestant in front of chateau. 5 Amb Cars from 132 Coy RASC Coy (MAC) (Br) with 10 Dvrs & 1 Medical Orderly attached. 100 refugees fed. | lps |
| | 26 Jun | | <u>MONDAY</u> : - Showers & sunshine, very heavy artillery barrage 25% greater than El Alamein began at daylight & continued through the day. CCP moved from Neuf Mer to Cairon. ADS 22 Fd Amb evac 23 CCP at Basley 22 CCP evac by 14 Fd Amb, relatively few casualties handled. | lps |
| | 27 Jun | | <u>TUESDAY</u> : - Intermittent heavy showers. 24 casualties evac. OC visited DMS Brig Fenwick. ADS visited by OC Br Fd Amb. No. Mail. | lps |

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| Beny-Sur-Mer | 28 Jun | | <u>WEDNESDAY:</u> Showery weather. Very few casualties. O.C. attended 8 Bde conference. attack by 8th pending. Marked advances by 8, Br Corps to Evrecy. 9 Br Bde held at La Bijude. | 805 |
| | 29 Jun | | <u>THURSDAY:</u> Heavy showers with sunshine. No marked advance on either flank. XX 3 Cdn XX Div holding a two Bde front, La Villooneuve to Les Buissons de Villons. Very few casualties handled. | 805 |
| | 30 Jun | | <u>FRIDAY:</u> Weather showery, few casualties, C.O. visited front line with Major R.W. Patten to recce position for C.C.P. near La Villonneuve. 8 Cdn Inf Bde move back to former position. C.C.P. remains at Carion. A.D.S. visited by A.P.M. 3 Cdn Inf Div, Major Lloyd. Heavy ack ack and continuous artillery fire during night. | 805 |

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(M R Caverhill) Lt Col
Commanding Officer
22 Cdn Fd Amb RCAMC

DAILY ORDERS PART I

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- BY -
Lt Col MR Caverhill, Commanding Officer
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16 June

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| 5. <u>DUTY MEDICAL OFFICER (DAY)</u> | | <u>DUTY MEDICAL (NIGHT)</u> |
| Capt A.J.L. Solway | 16 Jun 44 | Capt R.D. Oatway |
| Capt. A.J.L. Solway | 17 Jun 44 | Capt R.D. Oatway |

ORDERLY N.C.O
Cpl Brown, C.E. 16 Jun 44
L/Cpl O'Brien, F.R. 17 Jun 44

6. CHURCH SERVICE 18 Jun 44
There will be a voluntary R.C. Church Service this Sunday. Confession at 1600 hrs, Mass at 1639 hrs.

7. SICK PARADE
Sick Parade for this unit will be held daily at 0900 hrs at ADS.

8. WATER - JERRICANS is
Care must be taken that water ~~is~~ not put in jerricans marked for petrol.
Petrol cans are marked with red seal.

9. PASS WORDS
Pass Words will be obtained by other ranks from senior NCO's. Senior NCO's will obtain it from officers. It is responsibility of TC. that all RCASC personnel know the pass word.

10. BUTTERFLY BOMBS
Any personnel discovering a butterfly bomb will not touch same but mark location and report it to an officer.

R. Caverhill
(MR Caverhill) Lt Col
Commanding Officer
22 Cdn Fd Amb R C A M C

NOTICE

Will the person who wrote a letter enclosed in a green envelope addressed to Miss Daphne Baker 112 Highfield Lane, Southampton, please call at Orderly Room for same.

17 June 44
Capt. Baker 1944

DAILY ORDERS PART I

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Lt Col M R Caverhill, Commanding Officer
22 Canadian Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C.

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In the Field
22 Jun 44

25. DUTY MEDICAL OFFICER(DAY) DUTY MEDICAL OFFICER(NIGHT)
Capt. R.D. Oatway 22 Jun Capt. AJL Solway
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ORDERLY N.C.O.
22 Jun Cpl Oakley, E.E.
23 Jun L/Cpl MacKenzie, K.J.

26. LOOTING

Many cases of looting from the civilian population have occurred, particularly in rear areas, All ranks will be informed that looting is a serious offence, and that in addition it is their duty to apprehend anyone seen looting. Looting includes taking of vegetables and farm produce.

27. LOCAL PURCHASE

1. It has been reported that all ranks have been making purchase of local bread, and that this practice is on the increase.
2. Although civil stocks of flour are reasonably adequate for the population at present, a shortage is expected very soon owing to damage to mills, and to mills ceasing work. Hence the purchase of bread by either offrs or OR's is forbidden. Disciplinary action will be taken against any offender.

28. OUT OF BOUNDS

The village of LA DELIVERANDE 0180 is placed out of bounds to all ranks except on duty.

M R Caverhill
(M R Caverhill) Lt Col
Commanding Officer
22 Cdn Fd Amb RCAMC

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

22 cde 5d amb, RCAMC (Unit) For Week Ending 10 June 44.
PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

| Ranks. | Strength, excluding appointments to the 1st RFTS. | | | Surplus to W.E. less 1st RFTS. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st RFTS.) | |
|-------------------|---|----|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | | No. | Any Specific Qualifications. |
| Lieut.-Colonels | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Majors | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Captains | 5 | 16 | 1 | | | |
| Lieutenants | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants | | | | | | |
| Quartermasters | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| District Officers | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 11 | 11 | 1 | | | |

*Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Regt. or Corps. | Date. | Unit from which joined. |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Capt | A.B. Oatway, E.J. | RCAMC | 10-6-44 | 10 Bn C.B.R.B. |
| Capt | J.L. Holiday | RCAMC | 10-6-44 | 10 Bn C.B.R.B. |
| Capt | M. Yates | RCAMC | 10-6-44 | 10 Bn C.B.R.B. |

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Regt. or Corps. | Date. | Cause or Unit to which proceeded. |
|-------|--------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Major | C.B. Baker | RCAMC | 6-4-44 | Missing |
| Capt | F. E. Carson | RCAMC | 7-4-44 | Evac 33/34 F.D.S. |
| Capt | H. Colman | RCAMC | 8-4-44 | Evac 33/34 F.D.S. |

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Regt. or Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit 22 cde 5d amb, RCAMC.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS. (i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----|
| Personal Number. | Substantive Rank. | Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held. | Name and Initials. | Parent Corps or Regiment. | Grade and Number. | Whether present with Unit. | Appointment held. | Date Assumed present Appointment. | Remarks including how employed if absent from unit. | |
| 1 | | | M. B. Cavill | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | F. P. Lanton | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 3 | | | H. J. Aitken | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 4 | | | I. W. Sattner | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 5 | | | R. D. Oatway | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 6 | | | R. W. Patten | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 7 | | | F. Keatinge | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 8 | | | A. J. Oatway | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 9 | | | S. Winkler | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 10 | | | M. Yates | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 11 | | | J. L. Holiday | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
| 12 | | | J. C. Lyle | RCAMC | 10-4-44 | yes | | | | |
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

| Substantive Rank. | Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held. | Name and Initials. | Regt. or Corps. | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Major | | R. A. Gregory | (MDS) RCAMC | 8-6-44 | Special Duty |
| Major | | C. B. MacPherson | (MDS) RCAMC | 21-5-44 | (Special Duty) |
| H/Maj | | J. M. Malone | (Mg 3 d Bn) C.C.S. | 26-5-44 | (RC Padre) |
| Capt | | R. B. Reid | (M.D.C) C.D.C. | 8-4-44 | (Dentist) |
| H/Capt | | C. T. Maxwell | (Mg 5 C S B) C.C.S. | 25-5-44 | (RC Padre) |

10 June 44.

(Date of Despatch)

(Signature of Commander)

Canadian Infantry Division
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)
New Aus. Mail 98610 7E/5
(initials)

H.M.S., L.S.T. 409
7 Jun 44

Lt Col M.R. Caverhill
22 Cdn Fd Amb R.C.A.M.C.

766-4-82
JUN - 44

Dear Sir:-

I am sorry to be a bit late with my "recce" report. I'm afraid that this reconaissance is taking me into a few odd and peculiar places. I am once again on my way back to England, dirty and unshaven, with a uniform dirtier than it was in 1940.

There is also another difference in that there is no left sleeve in my shirt or battle dress blouse. If it wasn't for the splitting headache I have from the bits of metal in my skull and the pain in my useless arm I would be comparatively happy.

A sitrep of Nan Red Beach as I saw it is a bit confusing. I went across the channel in L.C.T. 707 with a splendid Canadian Officer as skipper. He was Lieut C.J. Holland of St Thomas, Ontario. We hit Nan Red Beach at 0855 hrs on D day. The beach was being shelled, mortored and sniped. The tide was high and we passed over the beach obstacles. A mine exploded on our right and damaged the craft slightly. As we were coming in there was a ship on fire away off to our left. Just before we went in, an L.C.I. on our left went down. The ships company waved good-bye as they slid under. Snipers bullets began ricocheting in the craft. The skipper cursed the coxwain for staying on the prow but oddly enough it was the skipper who got killed. As soon as the door dropped the armoured bulldozer and john trailer left the craft. I left the craft next with Major A.D. MacPherson and Pte Etherington, F.T. in my jeep ambulance. It was a dry landing just as Lieut Holland had promised us. Shells were bursting all around us. We moved a few yards and then had to stop in a traffic jam of S.P. Arty. The beach was sandy but unfortunately had a high wall behind it. The beach obstacles were of solid steel and each one had a teller mine tied on it. These were the new type mine and it was impossible to use a safety wire on them. I stepped on a mine but it did not go off. It was quite loose in the sand so I picked it up and threw it out to sea like a discus. There were several hundred men lying in the sand close to the wall. Some of them were wounded. Others were just sitting there waiting to get wounded apparently, because each shell burst picked off a few more. Major A.D. MacPherson and Major Chapman moved a few hundred yards to the west along the beach. Major Chapman's jeep was stopped by a groyne about three hundred yards west. I was very much amazed to see all these men sitting on the beach. I asked an R.E. officer why these men were not off the beach, he said that there was a belt of mines just off the beach and that he couldn't go east or west because of snipers and mines. The snipers couldn't see the men against the wall. The snipers were shooting sailors in the craft and the craft were replying with A.A. guns. One German ran down to the beach and threw hand grenades into a craft. Someone killed the German with a sten gun. I gave morphia to men lying in the sand. I dressed a lot of N Shore R wounded there. Most of the men did not have shovels so we put them to work digging holes in the soft sand with their hands. A shell exploded, blew off my hat so I decided to move a bit. I went about another fifty yards west and another explosion bent my glasses a bit and broke another mans back. About a hundred yards west along the beach there was a ditch through the barb wire into the mine field. This was just west of the sea wall. I think that this ditch was specially dug to be covered by rifle fire. I bent the wire back and crawled part way through. I was going to toss a coin to see whether I got killed by a shell or a mine but a shell explosion behind me made up my mind for me. It landed me flat me flat on my face in the mine field. I ran along the ditch and was greeted by rifle shot from the corner of a house off to the east about sixty yards. The shot missed me and I jumped into a bomb crater which happened to be in the edge of the ditch in a little hillock. The next shot covered my face with dirt. I thanked God for those fortress bombs and wished that they had been bigger than one hundred pounds. It is amazing how small one can get if one really tries. After a few moments I heard a burst of sten gun fire. Someone else was firing at my sniper. I raised ~~with~~ my pistol with my tin hat over my hand. Just as I reached the edge of the crater, the shell dressing was shot off the back of my hat. I fired over the edge of the crater. I heard a rifle bang on the cobbles stones and someone running away. Just then two beach riflemen

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came along the ditch. The three of ran to the gate of the house and the sentries here as sentries and went back to the beach. I got Etherington and the jeep and brought them up through the S.P. Arty to the ditch. I had no wire cutters so I couldn't get the jeep through the wire. For lack of a wire cutter we lost the jeep. Etherington and I crawled along the ditch. As we went along I kicked up a mine. It was a dummy mine just two round pieces of tin with a block of wood between them shaped like a teller mine. There was a sharp steel spike on top of the mine about three inches in length. I decided that this was a dummy mine field and that it would be safe to bring the wounded across. I went back to the beach. A mortar bomb blew part of a mans head off and wounded me in the leg. Etherington and I herded a few wounded up the ditch. I remember particularly having a bad time getting a blinded N Shore R soldier through the wire. Next time I go to wire I will take a wire cutter with me. Mortar bombs were coming over six at a time. We got a few men up the ditch between each series of six bombs. Then I had four men carrying a badly wounded man on a stretcher. A bomb hit the stretcher and killed all the stretcher bearers and the patient. They were layed out just like a cart wheel. I was standing to the right of number one and he stopped most of the pieces coming my way. Two pieces hit me on the head and covered my face and glasses with blood. One piece cut into the chest piece of my flak suite and didn't hurt me so please tell the boys that flak suites are darn good idea. I was stunned for a bit and did a bit of grovelling in the sand. Then I ran up the ditch and hid in my bomb crater. A soldier hid in it with me and he cleaned my glasses for me. After the next six bombs had gone over I went back to the beach again like a darn fool. I was going to drive the jeep off somewhere even if it was across a mine field. The jeep was surrounded by S.P.arty and we couldn't move it. A single bomb came over and lit right beside me. It killed two men and knocked me down on my back. This time I got three pieces in my left arm and a few more in my face. I crawled under the jeep. A bomb set fire to the petrol on the S.P.arty. If the S.P. arty had not been carrying so much petrol on the outside of their guns they would not have lost four guns and burned up a lot of men. It was all started by a few small mortar bombs. I couldn't use my arm by this time so I crawled into my crater and stayed there. Bombs lit all around me but none of them touched me. The S.P. arty was burning merrily by this time. The ammunition began exploding. It was about twenty yards north of me and although many pieces went past the top of my crater, none of them hit me. A sergeant crawled into my hole with me. My arm was soaked in blood and was stinging a bit. He cut my sleeve away, dressed my wound and gave me some morphine. The S.P. arty exploded and covered the whole area with smore, fumes, burning cordite and petrol. The grass started burning all over the mine field and all around my hole. My face was scorched a bit. The sergeant and I decided to make a run for the house. Shells were exploding all over the place. A mortar bomb hit in the ditch in front of us. It didn't explode. The sergeant grabbed me or I would have stepped on it. We reached the house safely. The men who had been unlucky enough to stay on the beach under and around the S.P. arty were burned alive. Some of them were probably wounded previously by mortar fire and could not move, but I cannot for the life of me understand why they all stayed on the beach. As they burned up they screamed blood curdling screams that I can hear yet. As the sergeant and Etherington and I made a run for it along the ditch, the ammunition was going up continually. We ran around the corner of the house where I had posted the sentries. Quite a number of wounded had gathered there so we sat down for a bit and hid from the flying steel. Finally we got everybody down into a big cement basement under the building. We cleaned up the basement and made a small hospital there. Pte Etherington proved invaluable to me throughout the whole show. He is one of the coolest and best medical orderlies that I have ever had. With S.P. arty exploding all around him he salvaged the case of serum and dressings from the jeep. The serum I think saved the soldiers life because he was practically dead when we gave it to him. Etherington and the gunner from the 19 Fd Regt did nearly all the dressings for me as I could only use one hand. The boys were very much afraid of booby traps in the old house. A N Shore sergeant walked through a doorway and had his brains blown out ~~xxxxxxx~~ onto the floor beside him. There was an old bed and a lot of junk in the basement which they were afraid to move. A couple of us with five or six holes in us decided that a few more holed wouldn't make much difference. We threw the junk out. Nothing happened. We dressed everyone, laid them in rows, gave them morphine etc. The ammunition explosions were dying down so Etherington and I went to look for our jeep. All that was left of it was the two front tires and the two petrol tins on the bumper. We salvaged the petrol and then hid while more ammunition went up. As the ammunition kept exploding and the petrol was burning everywhere, we couldn't go back onto the beach via our ditch. I took two stretcher squads and we sneaked west along a hedge and then across the mine

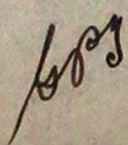
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held in single file. Half way across a sniper shot at us. We hugged the ground for a few moments. Then there was a burst of sten gun fire which I deemed to be in the direction of the sniper. Finally we ran for it and hid behind a wall. The wall led down to the groyne on the beach where Major Chapman's jeep was stalled. It was on fire. We put the fire out and Etherington backed the jeep around the end of the groin. If you see Major Chapman, please tell him I am sorry I squashed his guitar. We gathered up all the wounded from among the S.P. arty. Most of the men there were dead including the engineer officer who had told me I couldn't get off the beach. Etherington put the fire out in a burning artillery jeep and backed it into the water away from the main fire. Then we went along the beach to the B.D.S. and reported the location of our patients. I sent Etherington back to the cellar and told him to wait for the A.D.S. to arrive. I dressed a few patients in the sand. The next thing I remember I was lying in the sand and a patient was trying to give me a drink. I reported to beach headquarters on Nan Red Beach that I was wounded and that I thought I should go to hospital. Just then an L.C.I. beached with some wounded aboard. I was sent aboard to see them. When I came out of the hole we going hell for leather for another L.C.I. that was sinking. We rescued everyone off that craft just before it sank. There were several seriously injured cases. When I finished dressing them, we were alongside H.M.S. Waverly. The next thing I remember I was lying in the officers mess of H.M.S. Waverly talking to Commodore Ottway-Ribon. I was made very welcome by the officers aboard H.M.S. Waverly. I had several doses of morphine and eventually fell asleep. I slept about twelve hours. Then I attended a burial service for Lieut Holland and Pte Shaw. Lieut Holland (the skipper of my craft) had lost both arms and part of his head in a mortar bomb explosion. About 1600 hrs 8 Jun 44 all wounded were transferred from H.M.S. Waverly to L.S.T. 406 bound for England. As we pulled away a cruiser was firing salvos at an enemy strong point. I was ashore between five and six hours. When I left there were about thirty five dead men on the shore and eighty or more wounded gathered up into a bunch at the house and another bunch near the groin on the beach. The Commandos had not cleaned out all the snipers west of St Aubin. The 8 Brigade had taken objective "Yew" but I did not get a chance to see Toilleville. As I came away there were beach craft on every beach to the west of us as far as I could see. I lost the jeep and all the equipment with her. I hope that loss did not bother you too much in the assault. If it is necessary I can send a statement to the Q.M. Capt Scattergood for the write off. I lost all my personal equipment and clothing and Etherington also lost his. When I get some clothing coupons I will get some clothes. I will make out a claim and send it to you for your signature. As soon as my scratches are better I would like to come back to the unit, if that is satisfactory to you. It is the best place for me in the Army and I was quite happy there. If you will be so kind as to ask the ADMS to put in a special request to the R.U. for me I may find my way back to the unit one day.

Give my regards to everyone in the unit. I wish them all the best of luck in the coming campaign.

Yours sincerely

Charles E. Baker, Major.



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| Place | Date | Hour | | |
| Beny-sur-Mer | 1 | Jul 44 | <u>SATURDAY</u> : - Dominion Day, few casualties, weather showery. | <i>Ref</i> |
| " | 2 | | <u>SUNDAY</u> : - R.C. & Protestant church parades. Volley ball in evening, weather showery. | <i>Ref</i> |
| | 3 | | <u>MONDAY</u> : - Weather generally showery, clearing in evening. CCP of 1 Sec with Maj Patten established at 929696 Norrey-en-Bessin ^{St Mauvieu} , 2 sections at Caen. Some casualties in evening. 8th Bde expected to attack in early morning. | <i>Ref</i> |
| | 4 | | <u>TUESDAY</u> : - Weather fine, 8th Bde attack carpiquet village and airfield. 22 CCP increased to 3 sections. Heavy influx of casualties 234 evacuated to 32 & 33 CCSS. Men well dug in, jeeps ambulance drivers doing good work. Wounds mostly result of heavy artillery and mortar fire. A.D.S. closed, prepared to move. | <i>Ref</i> <i>appendix 4.</i> |
| | 5 | | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> : - Weather fine, roads very dusty, CCP at Norrey-en-Bessin ^{St Mauvieu} very busy, 99 casualties being evacuated. Section A3 under Capt. Latimer sustained two casualties, Doucette & Kurt, by mortar fire, when village of Caen was shell'd, both were evacuated. | <i>Ref</i> |
| | 6 | | <u>THURSDAY</u> : - Much the same as 5 Jul 44, moderated number of casualties handled, Capt. Catway returned to CCP having replaced Capt. Albert at Chauds, who was wounded 4 Jul. CCP visited by DDMS 8th Corps. 46 Casualties handled. | <i>Ref</i> |
| | 7 | | <u>FRIDAY</u> : - Weather fine, moderate number of casualties handled by CCP. Heavy gun fire and 200 tons of bombs dropped in Caen area, gun fire continued all night, preparatory to an attack on Caen by 3 division. 3 Br., 3 Cdn., and 59 Br. scheduled to start morning 8 Jul. 450 bombers dropped 2000 tons of bombs in front of our forward positions. | <i>Ref</i> |
| | 8 | | <u>SATURDAY</u> : - Weather cloudy with sunshine & rain. Moderate number of casualties evacuated by CCP. | <i>Ref</i> <i>appendix 5</i> |
| | 9 | | <u>SUNDAY</u> : - Weather fine, Major G.P. Tanton represented officer's of the unit at service held by the Bishop of Bayeux, Bishop Picaud in Beny-sur-Mer church. HQ and 2 sections moved to Rots 946709 - 7E/1. | <i>Ref</i> |

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| La Villoneuve | 10 | 44 | <u>MONDAY</u> :- Weather dull with low heavy cloud and showers, throughout the day. Lt.-Col Caverhill to ADMS conf at 1130 hrs. ADS opened at 1500 hrs at 946709 -7F/1. O.C. to 8 Bde "O" Gp at 1500. 8 Bde coming under command 43 Br Div to clean out pocket just SW of Caen. "B" Coy move to NORTH end of Carpiquet village to establish CCP at 1800 hrs. "A" Coy close CCP at St. Mauvieu and return to HQ & go into reserve. 4 amb cars of MAC reported for duty at 1500 hrs. Casualties now being evacuated to 16/32 CCSs at La Delivrande. Casualties light to-day. | Ref |
| | 11 | | <u>TUESDAY</u> :- Weather clearing. Brigadier Glynn - Hughes DDMS 8 Br Corps visited at 0830 hrs, about 80 casualties evac to 88 Gen Hosp (BR) at La Delivrande. O.C. to ADMS and Brigadier Blackadder "O" Group. Two additional amb cars from MAC(Br). | Ref |
| | 12 | | <u>FRIDAY</u> :- Weather unsettled, occasional showers, casualties approx 40, several from units of 2 Cdn Inf Div. Visited Lt.-Col. Morgan Smith, O.C. 11 Cdn Fd Amb. | Ref |
| | 13 | | <u>SATURDAY</u> :- Weather fine, showers in late evening. ADS moved to Anisey O14764 7F/1, joined by Maj Patten with "B" coy. Unit beginning rest period. CCP was visited by Col. Leech - ADMS 2 Cdn Div. On leaving LaVilloneuve, Monsieur Beausejaur Bourget, owner of A La Tete de Boeuf, expressed his regret on our leaving and mentioned the good conduct of this unit. New location generally good and just out of sound of gun fire. Unit in excellent morale. H/Major Malone returned to 3 Div HQ. Unit Residue re-joined unit. | Ref appendix 6 |
| Anisy | 14 | | <u>SUNDAY</u> :- Sky overcast, considerable air activity, several planes shot down in this area, otherwise quiet. 60 all ranks visited Bayeux, an organized recreational party; Pictures shows in evening, unit was joined by Capt. J.W.B. Barr and H/Capt. McLaughlin. A Recce of 8 Bde area made by OC and Major R.W. Patten for siting a CCP. Unit visited by ADMS Mol. Watson and Lt.-Col Merrit of 14 Cdn Fd Amb. about 12 casualties handled being evacuated to 6 (Cdn) CCS. Pay Parade held and bath parade. | Ref |
| | 15 | | <u>MONDAY</u> :- Weather generally clear throughout the day. Work continues in getting cleaned up and ready for next operation. Few casualties evacuated through the ADS and these were almost exclusively sick. Skin and personal inspection of the troops in the Bde units nearly completed by the R.M.Os. Very little skin infestation noted | Ref |

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| Anisy | Jul 44 | 16 | <u>SUNDAY</u> :- Clear & sunny most of day. Still cleaning up and checking equipment, vehs, etc. Lt.-Col Caverhill to 2 Cdn Corps Comd's conference at 1000 hrs. He later visited DDMS 2 Cdn Corps with Col Watson ADMS. O.C. to ADMS conf at 2115 hrs to discuss plans for 3 Cdn Div operation ATLANTIC. A heavy fog and ground mist developed at 2200 hrs. Considerable enemy air activity overhead from 2300 hrs. | <i>Proof</i> |
| | | 17 | <u>MONDAY</u> :- Sky overcast, still ground mist present. Unit 'O' Gp held by Lt.-Col. Caverhill at 0915 hrs. "A" Coy preparing to establish CCP for operation ATLANTIC. Maj. Patten recce'd routes and site for a coy CCP to be established south of River Orne for operation ATLANTIC. Maj Tanton attended Brig Blackadier's 'O' Gp at 1600 hrs. Also at 1600 hrs Col M Watson ADMS held a meeting of all R.M.Os. & Fd Amb O.Cs. at this unit. The general and medical plans for operation ATLANTIC were discussed. Lt.-Col. Caverhill recce'd area to which the unit is to move tomorrow. Site selected just NORTH of Villons -les-Buissons. At 2130 Maj Patten with "A" coy proceed in convoy with 8 Bde Gp to assembly area near RANVILLE on EAST side of river Orne and Canal de Caen. | <i>Proof</i> |
| | | 18 | <u>TUESDAY</u> :- The day dawned clear & sunny. At 0530 a huge force of heavy bombers attacked targets SE of the river Orne. Air ops continued until 0815 which was H hour for operation ATLANTIC. "A" Coy had arrived at Le Bas De Ranvill at 0200 hrs and established a CCP. They encountered heavy shelling in their first area and sustained one O.R. killed (C-31283 Pte. Brazeau, L.) and two amb jeeps & Padre McLaughlain jeep knocked out. Maj Patten moved the CCP back about 400 yds to better ground. As operation ATLANTIC got going cas began arriving at the CCP. Cas. wer light & until 1630 hrs there had been 55 only through the CCP. Wounds appeared less severe than in previous ops with a higher proportion of walking wounded. This no doubt due to less mortar and HE in use by the enemy. Evacuation of cas. from the CCP presented a grave problem owing to the traffic both ends of the bridges over the ORNE & the Canal de Caen. The ADMS's plan had been to hold cas. at CCP until DUKW's were operating across the river at COLOMBELLES - HEROVILLE which was to operate-H plus 5. This proved not possible as the DUKW run could not be made owing to enemy shelling, etc. Lt.-Col Caverhill visited CCP at 1430 hrs and made arrangements to evacuate stretcher cases through 8 Br Fd Amb and ADMS directed 23 Cdn Fd Amb to establish Heavy amb car post on west side of bridge to receive casualties from our Med jeeps and clear them to 23 Fd Amb ADS at Couvre-chef. The CCP handled 142 cas up to 2359 hours. During the morning HQ & B coy moved from ANISY to Villons-des-buissons and remained on wheels. | <i>Appendix 7 & 8</i> <i>Proof</i> |

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| Villons les Buissons | 19 | 44 | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> :- Low cloud all day. CCP at Ranville had a fairly easy night from 0100 hrs. Mostly German casualties coming in. Rearward evacuation still difficult owing to bottle necks on the bridge which are full of forward traffic. Lt.-Col Caverhill visited the fwd area in the morning. It was found that 23 Cdn Fd Amb had established a heavy amb car post on the west side of the Benouville bridge but had not contacted our CCP as instructed. The situation was remedied and from 1200 hrs casualties were evacuated from CCP across the bridge by jeep amb and transferred to Heavy amb, thence to 23 Cdn Fd Amb ADS. At 2000 hrs another bridge was opened at Blainville which helped the situation. Our CCP closed at Le Bas de Ranville and opened further fwd at Longueval at 1800 hrs. Very few casualties. The DUKW run still not operating. | <i>Reuf</i> |
| | 20 | | <u>THURSDAY</u> :- Hot dry day until 1600 hrs, when it began to rain. HQ & B Coys remaining at Villons les Buissons on wheels, 088718. A Coy CCP at Longueval had a quiet night and day with very few casualties being received. Pte Richard, A. evacuated suffering from exhaustion. Capt M Yates replaced at A Coy by Capt AJL Solway. 8 Cdn Inf Bde units now in Colombelles-Mondeville-Giberville area. Some enemy air activity throughout the day. | <i>Reuf</i> |
| Mondeville | 21 | | <u>FRIDAY</u> :- Weather unsettled. Unit moved to m.r. Mondeville 068682, remained on wheels, 30 casualties handled. quiet night. | <i>appendix 9 Reuf</i> |
| Faub'g de Vaucelles | 22 | | <u>Saturday</u> :- A Coy CCP rejoined unit, & unit moved to Faub'g de Vaucelles, remained on wheels. 1 Jeep amb lost at Chauds. Weather fine. | <i>Reuf</i> |
| | 23 | | <u>SUNDAY</u> :- Weather fine. No casualties. Capt McCabe replaced Capt Bourbonnais at Chauds. O.C. to Div conference. | <i>Reuf</i> |
| | 24 | | <u>MONDAY</u> :- Weather fine, B Coy established CCP at m.r. 083658. Capt M Yates evac to hospital. Capt Rockel joined unit. Terrific artillery barrage all night. Enemy bombed our HQ, one man buried, 1 60 cwt damaged, 1 15 cwt burned out. B Coy CCP lost one jeep amb, and sustained two OR casualties: Ptes Ross, M.J. & Finlan, B; Ross being seriously injured. HQ prepared to move & set up. F 79030 pte Ross, M.J. died enroute to C.C.S. | <i>Reuf</i> |

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| Faub'g de Vaucelles | Jul 44 | | | |
| | 25 | | TUESDAY:- Weather fine & warm. CCP moderately busy, some 53 casualties evac to 14 Fd Amb. Pte Kew received GSW comp frac left humerus. 8th Bde Front not during the day. Heavy artillery fire & air activity over front, a few enemy shells landing in vicinity. | Recd |
| | 26 | | WEDNESDAY:- Weather fine. Enemy bombed this locality at 0200 hrs. Minor damage to 60 cwt and 60 cwt amb car. Pte Kellar part ly buried, evac to hospital with crushing injury of right foot. Pte Meadows evac, crushing injury of previous night's bombing, CCP handled 18 casualties. ADS quiet during day, a good view of rocket-carrying Typhoons was possible during the evening, intermittent artillery fire was heard. | Recd |
| | 27 | | THURSDAY:- High clouds with moderate wind and good visibility, area about HQ bombed, no unit casualties. 4 RCA OR's treated in ADS for GSW Bombs at 0230 hrs. A good deal of arty and small arms fire seen on 2 Cdn Div Front. "A" Coy XXXXXXXX remains in barracks about 1/2 mile South with "A" 1 section set up. Evening bright, much A.A. fire CCP handled 28 casualties. | Recd |
| | 28 | | FRIDAY:- Sky overcast. Capt R.D. Reid our D Day dentist C.T.B.A. on going to HQ 4 Cdn XXX Div. CCP handled very few casualties. | Recd |
| | 29 | | SATURDAY:- Day fine & warm. Visited by ADMS, AA&QMG, members of 12 Cdn Lt Fd Amb of 4 Cdn Div. CCP handled 15 casualties, night relatively quiet, much transport on the move. | Recd |
| Thaon | 30 | | SUNDAY:- Day fine & warm. Move order rec'd from HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div at 1100 hrs. Entire unit less two sections moved at 1545 from Vaucelles to area near Thaon where 3 Cdn Div is to go into rest. Unit arrived in new area at 1900 hrs having had no veh or personnel casualties enroute. At 2200 hrs remaining two sections who moved with HQ 8 Cdn Inf Bde arrived. They have been relieved by sections of 12 Cdn Lt Fd Amb of 4 Cdn Armd Div. | Recd |
| | 31 | | MONDAY:- Fine & Sunny. Day spent in cleaning up new area, vehicles & personnel, C.O. to Brig Blackadders conference at 2000 hrs. <i>M R Caverhill</i> (M R Caverhill) Lt Col O.C. 22 Cdn Fd Amb DCAMO | Recd |

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| 49. <u>DUTY MEDICAL OFFICER (DAY)</u> | | <u>DUTY MEDICAL OFFICER (NIGHT)</u> |
| Capt. A.J.L. Solway | 1 Jul 44 | Capt. R.D. Oatway |
| Capt. A.J.L. Solway | 2 Jul 44 | Capt. R.D. Oatway |

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| L/Cpl. MacKenzie, K.J. | 1 Jul 44 |
| L/Cpl. O'Brien, F.R. | 2 Jul 44 |

50. ACCIDENTS / GSW

1. All ranks will be warned that pers admitted to med installations for injuries sustained under circumstance from which it appears that the officer or soldier may have wilfully or by neglect or by disregard of the consequences injured himself, will be returned to their unit for disciplinary action. This applies whether or not pers so injured have been evacuated to ENGLAND.

51. OUT OF BOUNDS

Until further notice all towns and villages withing the Div area are out of bounds to all tps excepting those on duty or quartered therein.

52. PRICE LIST OF COMMODITIES

1. By order of the Surpeme Comd Allied Expeditionary force, published to the inhabitants of France as "Pric e wages and Rationing Ordinance No. 1, it is laid down that no person shall demand, receive or pay any sum for any goods in excess of the amount which would have been legally payable therefore on the 5th day of June 1944.

2. For the infm of all concerned, the following price list for commodities listed was in effect on 5 Jun 44.

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| Cheese | - 7 F 5 0 | a piece | or 10 F | a kile |
| Milk | - 4 F | a litre | Eggs | - 36 F a doz |
| Vegetables | - 10 F | a Kilo | Butter | - 60 F a Kilo |

53. MAILING ADDRESS

Beginning immediately the following postal address will be adopted:-

CDN ARMY OVERSEAS BWEF

All surface mail to the Mediterranean must have a 3 half penny stamp.

54. CHURCH PARADES:

Protestants:- 0830 hrs Holy Communion - 1900 hrs Song Service - the above services will be in the 23 Fd Amb Recreational Barn.

R.C. :- Mass 1100 hrs at the village church.

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75. DUTY OFFICER

76. STRENGTH INCREASE
E-14368 Pte. DeMontigny - TOS from X4 List RCASC w.e.f. 11 Jul 44.

77. PUNISHMENTS
On 8 Jul 44 F-67777 Pte. Gallant, JA. was awarded 14 days C.B. for an offence under A.A. Sec. 40
On 8 Jul 44 K-79032 Pte. Rempal, G.J. was awarded 14 days Field punishment with forf of pay for an offence under A.A. Sec. 40.
On 10 Jul 44 C-12515 Pte. Robillard, L.M. was awarded ~~7-days~~ a forf of 7 days pay and 14 days C.B. for an offence under A.A. Sec. 40.
On 10 Jul 44 D-62038 Pte. LeSage, E. was awarded a forf 7 days pay and 14 days C.B. for an offence under A.A. Sec. 40

78. AWARDES
Awarded C.V.S.M. and Clasp w.e.f. as shown:-

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| A-102789 | Pte. Durfy, J.N. | 26 Feb 44 |
| L-67204 | Pte. Foulds, E.W. | 28 Mar 44 |
| M-29732 | Pte. Wood, G.W. | 15 Jan 44 |
| M-28167 | Pte. Viney, B. | 15 Jan 44 |
| B-61587 | Pte. Bogger, A.W. | 15 Jan 44 |
| M-45537 | Pte. Soloniuk, A. | 15 Jan 44. |

for
M.R. Caverhill Capt.
(M.R. Caverhill) Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding Officer
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MEDICAL O.O. No. 1

OPERATION CHARNWOOD

Ref Maps: 1/25000 Sheets 3716 WE and SE
4016 NW and SW

APPENDIX NO. **5**

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

As per 3 Cdn Inf Div OO No 4 dated 6 Jul 44

2. Own Troops

(a) 8 Corps is to carry out operation JUPITER to the SOUTH of rd VILLERS BOCAGE - CAEN approximately 8 Jul 44.

(b) Div Bndys:-

(i) Right - 1 Corps bndy incl BRETTEVILLE L'ORQUILL - ENSE - MARCELET 9468 - bldgs 953682 - bldgs 954678 - bldgs 957674 - hangars 9667 - bldgs 976667 excl rly from cutting 9866 to level crossing 997662 thence excl the R VIEIL ODON to its confluence with R ORNE 0266.

(ii) Left - 3 Cdn Inf Div - 59 Inf Div bndy all excl 3 Cdn Inf Div main rd through LAMERE 0078 to x-rds 007758 thence excl VILLONS LES BUISSON 0075 - track junc 003740 - incl track junc 997722 - rd GRUCHY - CAEN at 003706 thence incl x - rds 008702 - track junc 009698 - thence incl track and rd to x-rds 019679 - thence excl rly br 029669.

(c) 1 Corps is to clear CAEN as far SOUTH as rly BAYEUX - CAEN to where it crosses the R ORNE at 029669 thence R ORNE as far as 042681 thence CANAL DE CAEN and to secure brheads in squares 0367 and 0467. The operation is being carried out with :-

Right - 3 Cdn Inf Div

Centre - 59 Inf Div with in sp 27 Armd Bde less one regt.

Left - 3 Br Inf Div with in sp one regt 27 Armd Bde.

(d) Op will be carried out in 5 phases.

(e) Objectives - 9 Cdn Inf Bde BRUCHY, BURON and AUTHIE, FRANKEVILLE with possible final exploitation into west CAEN area.
7 Cdn Inf Bde objective CUSSY -

3. Tps Under Command - In addition to tps of 3 Cdn Inf Div

Inns of Court - area ROSEL, ROTS LA VILLONEUVE
2 Cdn Armd Bde
Two Sqns 22 Dgns less four tps
245/62 (SP) A Tk Btu less one tp
247 A Tk Bty under comd CRA
One Sqn 5 Assault Regt RE
One Tp B Sqn 141 RAC

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INTENTION

4. To clear casualties from area CARPIQUET Air Field as far forward as rly line 980693 to inclusive br 023669 within divisional bd'y lines.

METHOD

5. 14 Cdn Fd Amb

14 Cdn Fd Amb will establish CCPs at CAIRON, NEUF MER as of 1800 hrs 7 Jul 44 and be responsible for evacuation of all casualties of SD & G Highrs and all 7 Cdn Inf Bde and att tps along line of evacuation CAIRON - BIEUX - CAIRON - GRUCHY - AUTHIE to ADS at PIERREPOINT.

6. 22 Cdn Fd Amb

22 Cdn Fd Amb will maintain a CCP at 930696 and evacuate all casualties from 8 Cdn Inf Bde direct to medical centre 32/34 CCS at SECQUEVILLE - EN - BESSIN.

7. 17 Cdn Lt Fd Amb

17 Cdn Lt Fd Amb will maintain CCP at 945712 and be responsible for Inns of Court and other tps in the vicinity. Evacuation will be by unit amb cars to ADS at PIERREPOINT. In addition they will establish such temporary CCPs in support of 2 Cdn Armd Bde as their immediate comd directs - evacuating by unit amb cars either to ADSs at BENY - Sur - MER or PIERREPOINT.

8. 23 Cdn Fd Amb

23 Cdn Fd Amb will be responsible for evacuating 9 Cdn Inf Bde and att tps less SD & G Highrs and will establish CCPs at BASLEY and as the battle progresses at LE BOISONS. The OC will maintain close contact with 9 Cdn Inf Bde HQ and 3 Cdn Inf Div Tactical HQ at COLUMBES-SUR-THAON nr . Line of evacuation BURON - LE BUISON - VILLONS - LES BUISONS - BASLEY - BENY - SUR - MER.

9. 132 MAC

Twenty amb cars have been allotted to 3 Cdn Inf Div - 12 to ADS at PIERREPOINT - 8 to ADS at 23 Cdn Fd Amb at BENY-SUR-MER. All casualties, except exhaustion, will be evacuated to medical centre 164 and 32 CCS, 33 FDS at LA DELIVRANDE. No 3 Cdn Inf Div amb cars will run to rear of ADSs.

Exhaustion cases will be held at ADS pending disposal to 30 FDS REVIERE.

ADM

10. Medical sups including stretchers and blankets will be brought up to requirements as of 1600 hrs 7 Jul 44.

INTERCOLN

11. By Unit DR and Amb Car.

12. Sitreps by message to be furnished to this HQ every 4 hrs commencing 0800 hrs 8 Jul 44 until end of action.

13. 14 and 22 Cdn Fd Ambs will provide 1 DR, each, for 24 hrs duty at this HQ.

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14. Medical Liaison Officer, with own transport, from 17 Cdn Lt Fd Amb will be stationed at ADMS office HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div for duration of action - to report to this HQ by 0900 hrs 8 Jul 44

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(M C WATSON) Colonel RCAMC
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Relief will be in the following order:-

1. 8th Cdn Div and 5th Armd Bde

2. 3rd Armd Bde

3. 1st Armd Bde and 2nd Armd Bde may be moved at same time as 1st Armd Bde (subject to orders).

4. 1st Armd Bde and 2nd Armd Bde will be relieved by 3rd Armd Bde and 4th Armd Bde respectively. Relief will be carried out so that the 1st Armd Bde can maintain continuous contact.

5. 3rd Armd Bde and 4th Armd Bde will be relieved by 5th Armd Bde and 6th Armd Bde respectively. Relief will be carried out so that the 3rd Armd Bde can maintain continuous contact.

6. 5th Armd Bde and 6th Armd Bde will be relieved by 7th Armd Bde and 8th Armd Bde respectively.

7. 7th Armd Bde and 8th Armd Bde will be relieved by 9th Armd Bde and 10th Armd Bde respectively. Relief will be carried out so that the 7th Armd Bde can maintain continuous contact.

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N Shore R
B Coy GH of C
52 Cdn A tk Bty
16 Cdn Fd Coy
22 Cdn Fd Amb

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APPENDIX NO.

MOVE OF 8 CDN INF BDE GP

1. 8 Cdn Inf Bde is to be relieved night of 12/13 Jul 44 by 8 Recce Regt and Fus M R. Relief to be completed by 0330 hrs 13 Jul 44.
2. It is expected that 8 Recce Regt will take over as follows:
 - (a) One sqn in R de Chaud HQ area.
 - (b) One sqn in R de Chaud area along rd and SOUTH of rly.
 - (c) One sqn in LE-MESNIL area occupied by N Shore R.
3. Fus M R will probably take over QOR of C area.
4. 8 Cdn Inf Bde Gp will be moving to the GALMANCHE (0173) - GAMBES (0173) area.
5. No orders have been as yet received from 3 Cdn Inf Div regarding sp arms but MMGs, A tk, Engrs and Meds will be ready to move with the Bde.
6. Relief will be in the following order:-
R de Chaud and sp arms then
N Shore R and sp arms.
QOR of C and sp arms may be moved at same time as R de Chaud or N Shore R (details later).
7. Recce parties of 8 Recce Regt and Fus M R will be arriving shortly in bn areas and units will give every assistance to incoming units. Relief will be made so that def posns are maint continuously.
8. Unit recce parties and sufficient pers to hold areas allocated in new areas will RV with SC, 8 Cdn Inf Bde at rd junc 014736 at 1600 hrs today. Rations will be carried by these parties.
9. No move SOUTH of grid line 68 before 2200 hrs.
10. March table and further orders will be issued later, probably about 1900 hrs today.

(G.L. BOONE). Maj
EM 8 Cdn Inf Bde

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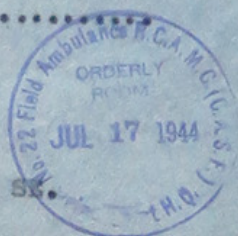
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APPENDIX NO. 8

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MEDICAL O.O. No. 2
OPERATION ATLANTIC



Ref Maps: 1/25,000 Sheets 4016 NW; SW; NE; SE.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

Enemy appears to have moved main forces from FAUBG DE VAUCHELLES 0566 but has left MGs, snipers and OFs.

2. Own Troops

(a) 5 Cdn Inf Bde is to assemble and assume responsibility for area - all south of main rd BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON 9868 - CAEN and west rd 037677 - rd junc 033685 night D minus 1/D prepared to cross R ORNE and pass through 3 Cdn Inf Div.

(b) 8th Corps are attacking on our left flank, details issued verbally to comds only.

(c) Air - Heavy bombers attacks by bombers command Hvy's and USAF day bombers will take place between 0630 and 0730; 0730 and 0815; 0830 and 0930 hrs on areas FAUBG-DE-VAUCHELLES - MONDEVILLE - GIBERVILLE - COLOMBES and Factory Area 0769. Times are co-ordinated with infantry advance and arty fire plan.

(d) Additional tps in Sp 3 Cdn Inf Div:

- 19 Cdn Fd Regt (SP) RCA
- Two Med Regts AGRCA
- 6 Cdn Armd Regt less one sqn
- One Sqn 27 Cdn Armd Regt

INTENTION

3. The medical services of 3 Cdn Inf Div will evacuate casualties from the 8 Cdn Inf Bde and 9 Cdn Inf Bde unit RAPs during attack on and mopping up of areas COLOMBELLES - Factory Bldgs 0769 - GIBERVILLE - MONDEVILLE - BELLEMAIST - FAUBERG-DE-VAUCHELLES.

METHOD

4. 22 Cdn Fd Amb will move a detachment consisting of: 3 3

- 3 - 3 ton lorries with penthouse
- 3 - 15 cwts
- 8 - 5 cwt stretcher equipped Amba

with 8 Cdn Bde Sp and set up CCP in area 105738 to evacuate casualties from units of 8 Cdn Inf Bde plus 6 Cdn Armd Regt, one pl CH of O (MG), one pl Engrs and Tac Div Hq. CCP will be prepared to hold up to 50 casualties pending evacuation across LONDON BRIDGE.

5. 23 Cdn Fd Amb will move a detachment consisting of:

3 - 3 ton lorries with penthouse
3 - 15 cwts
8 - 5 cwts stretcher equipped Ambs

with 9 Cdn Inf Bde Gp to Orchard SE of rd 087739 - X-rds 093745 night D minus 1/D moving with the 9 Cdn Inf Bde H to H plus 60 into RANVILLE area 1073 and be prepared to open a CCP at 078698 area CHATEAU COLOMBELLES and will evacuate casualties from units RAPS of 9 Cdn Inf Bde plus one sqn 27 Cdn Arm'd Regt and one sqn 6 Cdn Arm'd Regt.

6. The remainder of 23 Cdn Fd Amb will move to and establish an ADS area LE EBISSEY or south along main rd from 050718 to 044709.
7. 5 Cdn FDS will establish a resuscitation and holding unit in conjunction with 23 Cdn Fd Amb
8. 2 Cdn MAC will be prepared to establish a CP and evacuate 23 Cdn Fd Amb and 5 Cdn FDS to 2 and 3 Cdn CCSS at SECQUVILLE-EN-BESSIN via route COUVRE-CHIEF - ST CONTEST - BURON - GRUCHY - ROSEL - NEUF MER - SECQUVILLE-EN-BESSIN.
9. DUKWS evacuation of casualties across CANAL-DE-CAEN and R ORNE by 3 Secs of DUKWS as soon as possible after H plus 5 at a point in vicinity of HEROUVILLE - COLOMBELLES.

ADM

10. Sups

- (a) CRASC will provide 3000 24 hr packs and 6000 hexamine tablets for each 8 and 9 Cdn Inf Bde Gp. Each tk will carry, in addition, three days AFV ration or equivalent.
- (b) by H plus 12 hrs CRASC will eat DID at 094714 and issue sups for D plus 1 to all tps across R ORNE.
- (c) CRASC will try to provide 8 Cdn Inf Bde Gp with 3000 tins of self-heating cocoa. At all events, bde Gps will ensure that hot drinks are available on morning D Day.

11. Fet

All Vehs will carry full tks and wheels will have a radius of action of 150 miles.

12. Water

- (a) Full water bottles will be carried by each man, together with water sterilizing tablets.
- (b) No local water will be consumed until pronounced fit by Unit MO.
- (c) By H plus 18 hrs CRASC will dump 3000 gals water to be issued on basis $\frac{1}{2}$ gal per man.
- (d) by 1800 hrs D plus 1 CRE will est Water Ft area BELLEMAIST 0667 - MONDEVILLE 0767 with daily output of 6000 gals.

13. DUKWS will be positioned during night D minus 1/D in area 0670. ADMS will have call for up to three secs.

14. Civilian Casualties

Civilian casualties must remain where they are until evacuation either to CAEN or along the CAEN-BAYEUX rd whichever is available.

INTERCOMM

By Unit DR and Amb Car

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