

1/6th Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) War Diary June 1944
(Advance Party War Diary in Italics)

JUNE 1944

- 1st June. Area 0413.
1130 hrs. Bn. was issued with 48 hrs. "mess tins" rations which was intended for consumption during the first 48 hrs. after landing.
The advance party remained in the marshalling area (Camp T 5) excluding the men & vehicles already embarked.
- 2nd June. 1030 hrs. Orders received that the personnel travelling with the vehicles on M.T. 25 were to move to an assembly area on the following day.
1400 hrs. The C.O. (Lt. Col. M. Forrester DSO, MC. attended a conference at Bde. HQ.
1500 hrs. Maps for use of the party travelling on M.T. 25 were issued.
1000 hrs. The personnel allotted to M.T. 282 were informed that they would be travelling instead on M.T.C. 867 and were given instructions for the voyage and for an early move on the following morning.
- 3rd June. 0900 hrs. The Bn. was paid in Franks sufficient for the first weeks of the invasion.
1145 hrs. The M.T. 25 party moved to their assembly area at WARLEY BARRACKS M 0512, arriving at 1230 hrs.
*0535 hrs. The vehicles and personnel for M.T.C. 867 left Camp T 5 and proceeded to the Royal Albert Dock area M 1.
During the morning the vehicles were loaded on to M.T.C. 867.
1715 hrs. The personnel embarked.
The 21 marching troops of the Advance Party embarked on M.T.C. 387 during the afternoon.*
- 4th June. 1345 hrs. The officers of the party had their final briefing before embarkation.
1645 hrs. the party together with personnel of other units who were to travel on M.T. 25 moved off in T.C.V's for TILBURY DOCKS where they were to embark.
1900 hrs. The convoy arrived at the docks and the personnel taken off in ? to M.T. 25.
2000 hrs. The embarkation was completed.
0500 hrs. M.T.C. 867 left the dock and moved down the River Thames Southend where it anchored with the remainder of the invasion convoy.
- 5th June. 1100 hrs. M.T. 25 moved down river and joined a convoy which was lying off SOUTHEND.
The rest of the day passed uneventfully. Weather, Dull & windy.
1610 hrs. M.T.C. 867 moved off in convoy from Southend.
- 6th June. 0800 hrs. It was learned that landings had been made on the coast of FRANCE north of CAEN together with airborne landings in the SEINE VALLEY.
During the afternoon the men were briefed and given the latest news of the landings that had been made in the early morning.
- 7th June. At Sea.
0600 hrs. The convoy sailed from the THAMES ESTUARY.
1000 hrs. All ranks were briefed and given details of the landings already completed

and details of the Divisions future role and tasks.

1145 hrs. The convoy passed through the straights of DOVER under cover of a smoke screen laid by the escorting craft.

The remainder of the day passed without incident.

A.M. Troops and vehicles were ready for an early disembarkation but M.T.C. 867 had been guided to the wrong beach. After waiting all day for instructions.

2020 hrs. The ship departed for the correct beach.

- 8th June. 1030 hrs. The convoy arrived off the beachhead and M.T. 25 finally anchored off J-GREEN beach.
No unloading took place during the day.
A.M. Everything was again ready for an early disembarkation but no move was made during the morning.
R.E's commenced unloading the vehicles on to a pontoon. Having completed the loading the pontoon cast off and made for the beach, "J Green".
1815 hrs. Troops and vehicles made a dry landing on the beach and proceeded to the De Waterproofing Area.
1855 hrs. Arrived at De Waterproofing Area where the marching troops of the Advance Party were met.
1945 hrs. After de-waterproofing the vehicles moved off.
2030 hrs. The Advance Party arrived in the Bns conc. area and took up posn. in the area of a house. A recce for Coy posns. was made by Capt. D.M. BLESSLEY & the I.O. (Lt. BROAD-DAVIES). Contact was made with a pln. of the South Wales Borderers occupying the village of VAUX SUR AURE and measures were taken to protect the H.Q. from attack by stray enemy.
2200 hrs. Capt. D. BLESSLEY and the I.O. attended a Bde conference where it was decided to withdraw the Bn. about a mile to a reserve posn.
2230 hrs. 2 enemy P.O.W's were brought in by men of the S.W.B. and identified as being from 352 Div.
2315 hrs. The Advance Party arrived in the new conc. area and took up posns. in the area of a house. Area 808822.
- 9th June. 0630 hrs. R.E's began to unload the ship onto landing craft for transport to the beach.
1500 hrs. The C.O. and the Adj. Arrived at Bn. HQ which had already been established by the Advance Party.
By last light all the marching troops had arrived but only a small number of vehicles had arrived.
2315 hrs. Enemy aircraft were over the Bn. area and dropped one bomb near to Bn. HQ. without causing casualties or damaged.
Area 808822. The Rifle Coys arrived in the conc. area during the morning and took up defensive posns.
1500 hrs. The C.O. arrived at Bn. HQ followed later in the afternoon by HQ Coy, Marching troops and in the evening by the Bn. transport. The Bn. was then complete with the exception of A.F.V's.
- 10th June. 0230 hrs. 17 P.O.W's were taken in B Coy area all were from 3 Coy 916 Inf. Regt.. they had been hiding in the woods since being cut off from their unit. Among them were two members of the TURKISH LEGION.
0530 hrs. An officer POW (Lt.) and a Cpl. Both from 3 Coy 916 Inf. Regt. Were captured

in B Coy area.

1130 hrs. More vehicles arrived having just landed. They continued to arrive in ones and two's throughout the day.

1400 hrs. The C.O. (Lt. Col. M. FORRESTER DSO, MC.) and I.O. (Lt. H. BROAD-DAVIES) went on a recce to the fwd. area.

1600 hrs. C.O. & I.O. returned.

1830 hrs. I.O. went to a conference at Bde. HQ.

2100 hrs. The C.O. held an "O" Group for the move on the following day.

11th June. Area 808822.

0600 hrs. The Bn. was ready to move.

0630 hrs. The Bn. moved off. The order of march being A Coy, Carrier Pln. 2 Dets.

Mortars, 2 Sects. A/Tks. Tac HQ Remainder of A/Tks. and Mortar Plns. B, & C Coy Main HQ, D Coy.

0730 hrs. Bn. HQ passed through BAYEUX.

Area 8175.

0900 hrs. Bn. arrived in its conc. area at NONANT 8175.

1100 hrs. The G.O.C. (Maj. Gen. G.W.E.J. ERSKINE CB, DSO) arrived at Bn. HQ and gave the 2i/c (Maj. J.H. MASON) details of the whole force front and of the Div. probable tasks in the future.

1140 hrs. G.O.C. left the Bn.

1815 hrs. The C.O. held a conference.

Area 808822.

1900 hrs. The Coy Comdrs. and Supporting Arms Comdrs. went with the C.O. on a fwd. recce.

2000 hrs. The recce party returned and the C.O. held a further conference.

2330 hrs. The 2i/c (Maj J.H. MASON) went to recce a conc. area for the Bn. to start the advance from.

12th June. 0330 hrs. The Bn. moved off to the conc. & debussing area. Under command of the Bn. was CC Bty. 5 R.H.A, B Sqn. 5th R.T.R. and 260 Bty. Norfolk Yeomanry.

0430 hrs. The troops de-bussed at 810718 and moved on to the conc. area at 810712.

0500 hrs. The H.Q. being located at 811712.

A Coy advanced on the right of the rd.

B Coy on the left.

0545 hrs. The 2 Coys made a firm base astride the rd. from 811707 to 816705.

0700 hrs. B Sqn. 1 R.T.R. and carrier pln. moved fwd. and reported ground clear C Coy moved up on the right of the rd. and occupied the wood area 810698. As C Coy advanced under cover of mortar, MG and arty fire the enemy laid down defensive mortar fire causing several casualties.

Area 812708.

0900 hrs. Main HQ was established at 812708, Tac HQ was established at 812707.

D Coy passed through the fwd. Coys and advanced on the village of VERRIERES (815693) under cover of arty. and M.G. fire.

1110 hrs. The Carrier Pln. u/c Capt. D. M. BLESSLEY (Essex Regt. Attach.) was severely wounded by mortar fire. He died later in the A.D.S.

One Sgt. was killed (W. WHITE 6087601 at the same time).

1300 hrs. D Coy who were still trying to force an entry into VERRIERES were unable to do so in spite of flank support by 2 Tps. B Sqn. 1 R.T.R.

1310 hrs. 3 Mk. IVs were reported in the village.

1330 hrs. By now D Coy were pinned down by mortar & M.G. fire.

1400 hrs. Smoke was laid down to enable D. Coy to withdraw.

Area 812708.

1530 hrs. The C.O. was ordered by the Bde. Comdr. not to get too involved with the enemy as the Bn. was to be relieved that night.

1830 hrs. The C.O. held a conference when he was given out that the Bn. with the rest of the Div. were being relieved by 50th Div. so that they might expect a gap in the enemy lines further to the west.

2130 hrs. A full "O" Group was called.

2200 hrs. The relieving Bn. began to change over.

2345 hrs. The change over was completed and the Bn. moved back to the conc. area it had left that morning.

13th June. Area 824748.

0200 hrs. The Bn. was complete in the conc. area.

0300 hrs. The Bn. was ready to move but were held up owing to the non-arrival of the T.C.V's.

0500 hrs. The T.C.V's arrived at the Bn.

0530 hrs. The BN. moved off.

0845 hrs. The Bn. passed through 753761 (SUBLES).

From here progress was slow and the Bn, finally reached LE PONT MULOT 748636.

1230 hrs.

Area 748636.

1300 hrs. The rifle Coys. Took up posns. Giving all round defence.

1400 hrs. Patrols were pushed out to the south and west, they encountered enemy in small numbers.

1800 hrs. B Coy were moved out to LA PAUMERIE 732615.

Throughout the day the BN. was in contact with the 1st AMERICAN DIV. who were on the right.

14th June. 0600 hrs. The BN. moved out of its posn. To move down to BRIQUESSARD 742595 and by 1300 hrs. the Bn. was in posn. Around the village except for C Coy who were on the VILLERS BOCAGE rd. at ST GERMAIN 770580.

1330 hrs. An enemy half-track ambulance came into B Coy Lines looking for some wounded they had left behind. The occupants – one officer (M.O.) and 3 O.R's were taken prisoner and the vehicle itself taken over by the Bn. R.A.P.

1700 hrs. It was learned that 1/5 & 1/6 Queen's who were in VILLERS BOCAGE were to be drawn back to straighten the line.

1800 hrs. C Coy were told they would have to withdraw at last light.

Area 742595.

2345 hrs. C Coy were back with the Bn. and took up posns. to the west of the village.

15th June. The Bn. spent the morning improving its defences in preparation for the attack which owing to the Bns. Important posn. In the bend of the line seemed almost a certainty.

1300 hrs. A foot patrol from B Coy was sent out to recce the villages S.W. of the Bn. posn.

1500 hrs. B Coy patrol reported that there were enemy in LEVEREAU 732589, MONTMIREL 725580, GOURNEY 744584 and 732581 CONFLAIS.

1545 hrs. A Carrier patrol on the VILLERS BOCAGE rd. reported an Inf. gun at 764582 and fire was brought down on it by M Bty. 3 R.H.A.

2115 hrs. Up to 50 enemy Inf. supported by 1 Tk. were reported on B Coy front and engaged.

Lt H.J.S. YOUNG was wounded in the stomach.

A, B, & C Coys stood to.

2135 hrs. Mortar D.F. was brought down on the enemy by 3 Ind. Coy R.N.F. who were supplying M.M.G. and 4.2" mortar support for the Bn.

2140 hrs. Carrier patrols bumped enemy in large numbers in area 7557.

The 50 men in front of B Coy were reported to be moving north.

2215 hrs. B Coy area was mortared for four minutes.

2225 hrs. A Tk. & M.G.'s were reported on C Coy front 738595.

2235 hrs. The mortar Pln. fired a shoot on the enemy in front of C Coy.

A sect. of carriers sent out to support C Coy.

D Coy patrols reported one TIGER and Inf. on its front.

2240 hrs. D Coy stood to.

2245 Hrs. A2 Echelon were ordered to move N. to PAUMERIE.

2250 hrs. A & B Coys were extremely mortared.

16th June. 0030 hrs. No enemy were on the Bn. front and the Bn. stood down.

0100 hrs. Capt. E.T.R. JENYNS was accidentally shot by a "B" Coy sentry.

0430 hrs. Bn. stood to.

0530 hrs. There were no incidents during stand to and Bn. stood down at 0530 hrs. Area BRIQUESSARD 742593.

0715 hrs. An enemy Tk. was on the left of B Coy with it were 50 Inf..

0720 hrs. B Coys D.F. tasks were fired by "M" Bry. 3 R.H.A.

0730 hrs. A TIGER Tk. was seen to be moving up the rd. towards B Coy from LE QUESNAY 739588.

0745 hrs. An arty. request on LE QUESNAY as it was suspected to be forming up point of the enemy attack.

0753 hrs. Further D.F. tasks were fired in front of the B & C Coy posns. by the supporting 4.2" mortar Coy.

0803 hrs. An arty. conc. was called for on a large body of enemy Inf. who were just E. of LE QUESNAY at 744587 and was brought down.

0810 hrs. The rd. junction 739598 slightly E. of B Coys HQ was heavily mortared by the enemy.

During the past 30 minutes the TIGER Tk. had been slowly making its way up towards B Coy along the hedgerows. Finally a 17 pdr. Gun from 259 A/Tk. Bty. R.A. was got into posn. to engage the Tk.

0815 hrs. It did so and finally knocked it out.

0830 hrs. 2 S.P. guns were reported to be on the line of a D.F. task in B Coy area and fired on.

0845 hrs. 1 Tk. and 1 Armd. Car were engaged by the arty. at 749588.

0905 hrs. A sect. of 10 Pln. were overrun by enemy Inf. and believed to be captured.

0930 hrs. from P.O.W's it was found that the enemy attacking were 2nd Bn. 304 P.G.R. of 2 Pz Div.

The enemy attack was now switched to A Coy flank and so two sects. Of carriers were switched on to the junc. of A & B Coys.

0950 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) visited Bn. H.Q.

0958 hrs. Tks. were reported in the area of the junc. of A & B Coys.
A 17 pdr. A/Tk. gun in A Coy area was overrun and the crew captured.
1005 hrs. 3" and 4.2" mortar fire was brought down on enemy Inf. in front of A Coy.
1015 hrs. The attack had now been switched to D Coy front so a Pln. of C Coy & a sect. of the Carrier Pln. were moved to reinforce the junction of "A" & "B" Coys and 3" and 4.2" mortar fire was brought down in front of the area.
1040 hrs. Further fire was brought down on the same area by 3 R.H.A. and the 4.2" mortars.
1120 hrs. The enemy brought down mortar fire in support of his Inf.
1130 hrs. A POW was taken in "D" Coy area from 5 Coy 304 P.G.R. He was willing to talk and said that his complete Bn. was in the attack. Before the attack his Coy had been given no definite objective but were told they would be attacking first rate troops. He said that I Bn. of the Regt. Was about 40 kms in the rear.
1145 hrs. The attack moved round to the W. to "C" Coys front and was supported by intermittent A.P. and mortar fire.
Area 742593.
1300 hrs. 4.2" mortar fire was brought down on enemy regrouping fwd. of A, B, & C Coys.
1315 hrs. An unidentified target at 753582 was engaged by 3 R.H.A. and 2 Tks. Were seen to withdraw.
1455 hrs. Enemy attack now seemed to have finished.
1510 hrs. Bn. HQ area was strafed and bombed by 6 British aircraft. Casualties sustained were 4 O.R's killed and 6 wounded.
1710 hrs. The C.O. went round the Coys positions.
1800 hrs. The Bn. stood to again in view of enemy working their way down from 1/5th Queen's posn. and of slight infiltration at 733609 which was being dealt with by 1 R.T.R.
1900 hrs. The party of enemy passed "D" Coys front and small arms fire was exchanged.
2251 hrs. "B" Coys area was mortared for 4 minutes.

17th June. 0530 hrs. Enemy patrols 320-30 strong attempted to infiltrate at various points and were all repelled.
0700 hrs. Coys were ordered to man sect. O.P's the remainder of the men to relax but to be in immediate readiness.
0825 Hrs. Enemy mortared "D" Coys area.
0930 hrs. Enemy again mortared "D" Coys area.
1020 hrs. A TIGER Tk. was reported approaching along the track behind the one K.O'd on the previous day at 739588,
1030 hrs. 3" & 4" mortar fire was brought down on the TIGER.
1115 hrs. "B" Coys area was shelled by a Tk. or gun firing from 740590.
1130 hrs. Shelling continued.
1200 hrs. A 17 pdr. A/Tk. gin in "A" Coys area was ordered to move into position for engaging the Tk. 3 R.H.A.
1300 hrs. An armd. Car at 752587 was K.O'd by a Tk. of 8 Hussars.
1325 hrs. Inf. were reported in front of the left hand Pln. of "B" Coy & 3" mortar fire was brought down on them. At the same time the enemy shelled the rear of "B" Coys area.
1330 hrs. "B" Coys HQ was hit and an ammo truck "brewed up".
1335 hrs. 4.2" mortars fired a conc. on S.P. guns in area 7459.

1345 hrs. The TIGER Tk. that had been K.O'd out on the previous day was hit again by the 17 pdr. That had moved into posn. and it "brewed up" It was believed that its 88mm gun was the one that had been firing earlier in the day.

The 3 R.H.A. fired a conc. on the S.P. guns.

1405 hrs. 4.2" mortars and 3 R.H.A. again fired a conc. on the S.P. guns at 748593.

1520 hrs. The 8 Hussars arranged to put down fire on the S.P. guns.

1440 – 1530 hrs. The C.O. attended a conference at Bde. HQ where he received orders for the withdrawal of the Bn. to a position conforming with the line.

1700 hrs. The C.O. held a conference and issued his orders for the withdrawal.

1830 hrs. The Bn. stood to as the enemy was attacking on "A" & "D" Coy fronts.

1930 hrs. Owing to heavy shelling which rendered communications impossible Bn. HQ moved to "D" Coy HQ.

2000 hrs. Enemy Inf. broke through 9 Pln. posn. but were pinned down by M.M.G. fire of 3 Ind. Coy. N.F. and Tk. fire of 8 Hussars.

2100 hrs. All lost ground had now been recovered and enemy Inf. driven off. The C.O. and part of Bn. HQ returned to the former Bn. HQ area where the C.O.'s carrier had remained in wireless contact throughout the attack.

2200 hrs. Having collected documents, arms and equipment from Bn. HQ the vehicles and personnel retired to the rear of the village of BRIQUESSARD.

2240 hrs. Bn. HQ left the village and proceeded to the new area.

2300 hrs. The Bns withdrawal commenced according to plan under cover of 1/5th Queen's.

18th June. Area 733607.

0030 hrs. The Bn's withdrawal was completed and the Coys took up their posns. in the new area.

0900 hrs. Enemy shelling in "A" Coy area.

AM. Arty. O.P's kept the village of BRIQUESSARD under constant observation and shelling it whenever enemy movement was seen.

1230 hrs. One A.F.V. was observed in the village.

1445 hrs. A report was reported in the village consisting of 8 wheeled Armd. Cars, a recovery vehicle, motor cyclists and small Tks. like the old Pz. Kw II.

The targets was engaged by 5 R.H.A. 2 Armd. cars were seen to move N. along the rd. out of the village.

1500 hrs. The 2 Armd. cars returned to the village leaving at least one enemy deaf.

1635 hrs. As a result of further sheeling of the village of BRIQUESSARD, a "brew up" was observed and ammunition was heard exploding.

1635 hrs. Vehicle and movement were observed in the village and were consequently shelled by 5 R.H.A.

1900 - 2300 hrs. There was occasional enemy shelling in the Bn. area.

Recce patrols were sent out by "A" & "B" Coys and it was ascertained that the enemy had dug in along the rd. N. of BRIQUESSARD.

19th June. Area 733607

0900 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) arrived at Bn. HQ.

1045 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. left after touring Bn. posns.

1200 hrs. The C.O. held a conference.

1245 hrs. Enemy movement was observed on the rd. leading out of the village and was engaged by 5 R.H.A.

1330 hrs. A party of officers from 2nd Bn. Gloucestershire Regt. visited the Bn. and inspected the posns.

2035 hrs. Enemy guns shelled "A" Coy area.

2040 hrs. Their gun posn. was observed & engaged by 5 R.H.A.

2125 hrs. Enemy guns shelled "C" Coys area and again was engaged by 5 R.H.A.

Night 19/20th Recce patrols were sent out by "A" & "B" Coys.

20th June. 0900 hrs. An O.P. was manned in "D" Coy area to keep x rds. N. of BRIQUESSARD under observation.

1100 hrs. A patrol sent out by "A" Coy reported to BN. HQ on its return having contacted enemy N. of BRIQUESSARD and ascertained his F.D.L's.

1200 hrs. Enemy shelled "C" Coys. Area.

1220 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) visited Bn. HQ.

1315 hrs. A conc. of fire was brought down on the enemy F.D.L's by 4.2" mortars and 5 R.H.A.

1325 hrs. Enemy shelled "A" Coy area.

1525 hrs. 5 R.H.A. shelled enemy observed at 741591.

1600 hrs. An enemy sniper was discovered in "D" Coy area but he succeeded in returning to his lines.

1915 hrs. Enemy shelled "C" Coys. Area.

1935 hrs. 5 R.H.A. shelled 4 enemy observed in tree at 738597.

2000 hrs. 29 reinforcements were received in the Bn. from 33 R.H.U.

2200 – 2330 hrs "C" Coy of 1/7th Queen's took up a posn. in the Bns. area. The Coys changed posns. to strengthen the Bns. defence. "C", "A" & "B" Coys being fwd. and "D" Coy and the 1/7th Queen's Coy in reserve.

21st June. 1000 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) and officers of 56 Bde. had a conference with the C.O. (Lt. Col. M. FORRESTER DSO, MC).

During the day there was occasional shelling and mortaring by the enemy in the Bn. area.

5 R.H.A. replied with counter Bty. Fire.

1725 hrs. two lorry loads of Inf. were seen to arrive in BRIQUESSARD.

During the evening and night fighting patrols were sent out from "A" & "C" Coys, "A" Coys patrol reached map ref. 735596 where the enemy were encountered. One of the enemy was shot and the Cpl. Of the patrol wounded. "C" Coys patrol reached map ref. 729594 where an armd. car and M.G's. were encountered. Two members of the patrol were wounded.

22nd June. 0810 hrs. The Div. Comdr. (Maj. Gen. G.W.E.J. ERSKINE CB, DSO) arrived at Bn. HQ with the Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS).

0840 hrs. The Div Comdr. left Bn. HQ.

Heavy, medium and field arty. fired a conc. on the village of BRIQUESSARD as it was considered to be an enemy strong point and leaguer area. Further arty. and mortar concs. were fired during the day and the R.A.F. was also active over the target.

An O.P. was manned in "C" Coys area.

2015 hrs. There was a slight clash with an enemy patrol in "B" Coys area.

2200 hrs. An enemy shell hit "A" Coys wireless truck and killed two men. (Pte. W. G. COOK 6090226, Pte. H.E. VANN CRUGTEN 6089992, Pte. I.M. HUGHES 6469110, Pte. I.G.T. TIZZARD 5441538)?.

2245 hrs. One enemy 75mm gun shelled area of rd. 3 R.H.A. shelled expected location of gun.

2330 hrs. "D" Coy relieved "C" Coy in its fwd. posn. and "C" moved back into reserve.

23rd June. 1000 hrs. Reinforcements arrived at Bn HQ consisting of 3 officers and 30 O.R's.

The day was quiet with occasional arty. exchanges.

Night 23/24 Patrols were sent out from "A" & "D" Coys who encountered enemy mining and wiring in front of their F.D.L's.

24th June. 1000 hrs. Mortars fired a conc. on an enemy working party that had been observed.

A recce patrol was sent out from "A" Coy to lie up and observe at map ref. 744605.

Lt. J.S. LOGAN was wounded by an anti-personnel mine that had been planted with others by the enemy in "D" Coy area. R.E's were sent for to deal with them.

Enemy and own arty. was active during the day

Night 24/25 "D" Coy sent out a patrol which heard much enemy movement along the rd. leading W. from BRIQUESSARD.

25th June. 1 man was killed and 3 wounded by enemy mortar fire landing in "D" Coy area.

0630 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) arrived at Bn. HQ.

0730 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. left Bn. HQ.

1220 hrs. The C.O. 1/7th Queen's (Lt. Col. MORGAN LLOYD) arrived at Bn. HQ.

1250 hrs. The C.O. 1/7th Queen's left Bn. HQ.

2330 hrs. "C" Coy relieved "A" Coy in its fwd. posn. and "A" Coy moved into reserve posn.

Night 25/26 Patrols sent out by "C" & "D" Coys had nothing to report.

26th June. 0800 hrs. Enemy shelled Bn. area.

0900 hrs. Enemy again shelled Bn. area.

1000 hrs. Having located the enemy gun 3 R.H.A. brought down regimental fire on the posn..

1400 hrs. The C.O. (Lt. Col. M. FORRESTER, DSO, MC) held a conference.

1630 hrs. Lt. Col. of the Royals and Capt. HILDYARD MC, GSO at 7 Armd. Div. visited Bn. HQ.

1745 hrs. G.O.C. 53 Div. and 131 Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) visited Bn. HQ.

1950 hrs. Bn. HQ was hit by an enemy shell. The C.O. (Lt. Col. M. FORRESTER DSO, MC) the O.C. "M" Bty. 3 R.H.A. (Maj. W.P.L. FISHER MC.) & several O.R's were wounded.

Night 26/27 Patrols were sent out by "C" & "D" Coys located enemy in the sunken track 739601 – 744604 but reported orchard area 739599 clear. "D" Coys patrol discovered mines in wood 735597 and suffered one casualty.

27th June. 0630 – 0645 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) visited Bn. HQ.

0830 hrs. 39 reinforcements arrived at Bn. HQ and another 10 in the afternoon.

1250 – 1420 hrs. A patrol was sent out from "D" Coy to 735597 and located several enemy M.G's.

2330 hrs. "A" Coy relieved "B" Coy in its fwd. posn..

During the day the following promotions and appointments were made.

The 2i/c (Maj. J.H. MASON was promoted Lt. Col. & appointed to comd. the Bn., Maj.

J.F. KILSHAW was appointed 2i/c, Capt. N. GOODHEW to comd. "D" Coy, Lt. N.E.

ALDRIDGE promoted Capt. and appointed to comd. A/Tk. Pln., Lt H.S. MORSHEAD

appointed M.T.O. but to remain as 2i/c "D" Coy until the arrival of Capt. E.R.C. MAYER.
Night 27/28 Recce patrols sent out by "C" & "D" Coys in the direction of BRIQUESSARD had nothing to report.

28th June. 0900 hrs. The mortar Pln. moved to the area of COUVIGNY.
1500 hrs. The C.O. (Lt. Col. J.H. MASON) held a Coy Comdrs. conference at Bn. HQ.
2000 hrs. Enemy mortared Bn. area causing 4 casualties.
2350 hrs. "C" Coy reported a small enemy working party at rd. and track junction 739601.

Night 28/29 A fighting patrol was sent out by "C" Coy with the object of capturing a prisoner. The patrol was unsuccessful however as it was pinned down by cross fire from 7-8 M.G's in the area of the CAUMONT – BRIQUESSARD rd. 7359.

29th June. 0445 hrs. "A" Coy reported more than usual MET movement into BRIQUESSARD at first light.
0815 – 0900 hrs. The Bde. Comdr. (Brig. M.S. EKINS) visited Bn. HQ.
2330 hrs. "B" Coy relieved "D" Coy in its fwd. posn.
Night 29/30 A patrol was sent out by "A" Coy to capture a prisoner but it was pinned down in the area 732597 and had to rtn.

30th June, 1500 hrs. 1 Officer and 36 O.R's arrived at Bn. HQ as reinforcements.
"B" Coy sent out a patrol which encountered enemy in the same area as previous patrols and sustained 4 casualties.
2245 hrs. The C.O. of a Bn. of the American 2 Armd. Div. arrived at Bn. HQ for a conference with the C.O. (Lt. Col. J.H. MASON) regarding the taking over of the Bns posn.

Night 30 June 1 July. A Fighting Patrol of Pln. strength was sent out by "B" Coy which having outflanked the enemy M.G. posns. on the CAUMONT – BRIQUESSARD. rd. penetrated to a depth about 1½ miles without encountering enemy Inf. A leaguer of Mk IV tks was discovered but was too much for the patrol to deal with and it returned to its own lines.

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