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WAR DIARY

OF

HQ 10 CDN INF BDE

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FROM 1 Jul 44 TO 31 Jul 44

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<td>Bde Comd, BM, IO and some additional offrs from this HQ attended a Tawt &quot;The Capture and Def of a Village&quot;. Extra non-op vehs were received, roughly on the basis of 5 vehs for each bn. This will permit vehs which have been dewaterproofed to be re-waterproofed held in veh parks ready to move. First cas from a flying bomb was caused tonight by a bomb which exploded in the vivosac area of Linc &amp; Welld R. The Bomb appeared to div into the ground with its motor still going until the moment it exploded. In addition it appeared to be put off by striking the branches of a tree and only a very small crater, only a few inches deep, was caused by the blast. Cas were 7 OR dead, 1 offr and 15 OR wounded incl 3 OR seriously wounded and 1 OR missing, believed killed. Emergency medical arrangements worked very well, 15 Cdn Fd Amb sent 3 ambulances and 4 MOs who arrived on the scene very shortly after the explosion and the Crowborough Civil Disaster Service arrived very quickly and were of great help.</td>
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<td>The last veh deficiencies in the Bde which is a Number Scout Car for Bde HQ has been filled. Bde HQ softball team defeated a team from Linc &amp; Welld R in a very spirited game, the score being 5 - 4. Bde Tabloid Sports meet was carried out at Wolfe Field Crowborough. Competition was very enthusiastic and a large number of contestants took part.</td>
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<td>Bde HQ softball team led by Capt Clarke journeyed to East Grinstead this afternoon for a game with 4 Cdn Armd Div Tps RCASC but heavy rain washed out the game. Bde HQ team is now officially entered in a 5-team league consisting of: Linc &amp; Welld R - A &amp; SH of C - Alq R - 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt - HQ 10 Cdn Inf Bde.</td>
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<td>The many committees formed to stage the Bde Sports Day have been plowing through the many details in great style today and all arrangements appear to be now complete for a successful day providing the weather man does his stuff. However, the padre, has this matter in hand and we hope he will add to his long line of successes and produce a really fine day. DAAQWGOG attended a 4-day school at HQ RCASC to study Service Corps problems.</td>
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<td>Bde Comd spent the day with offrs of Linc &amp; Welld R and 21 Armd Regt while they were carrying out a tett, &quot;The Capture and Def of a Village&quot; in the Horsted Keynes area.</td>
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<td>Bde Comd attended a tett for junior offrs of the Div in the area of Horsted Keynes put on by Alq R. Today Bde HQ held a Sports Meet at Wolfe Recreational Field in Crowborough. It was attended by all OR personnel of the HQ incl Sigs and LAD and their civ guests, totalling over 300. The weather was fine and the programme was as per appx 2. The highlight of the afternoon was the blowing up in midair of a flying bomb in full view of the spectators. This was accomplished by the RAF without the aid of Bde HQ</td>
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<td>Code word &quot;Cornelius&quot; (6 hrs notice to move) was received this morning for the Adv Party of this HQ. Unofficial word is that the adv party will move off on Sun and the main body probably Thu, 20 Jul. Comd visited Sports Day in the afternoon, held by 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt and presented prizes to the winners.</td>
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<td>Adv party from Bde Gp for the move to Normandy moved off this morning at 1030 hrs. Lt-Col Stewart, ED, AsstCor is commanding the bde during the absence of Bde Com. Bde Adv party with troops from all units 15 CdG Fd Regt left at 1030 hrs to congregate area near Div HQ. Full Divisional Adv Party left from there at approx 1200 hrs and proceeded to Marshalling Area near GOSPORT, arriving there at approx 2130 hrs. On arrival, word was received that the serial would move to the point of embarkation at 0000 hrs on 17 Jul.</td>
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<td>Orders were received this afternoon from Sussex District HQ for the move of Bde HQ to Normandy. All units within the bde also received orders today. Marshalling areas are in gen area of Thames Estuary, Bde HQ being directed to Camp 3-6, which is located about 8 miles NORTH of Tilbury docks. Adv Party - Left marshalling Area 0100 hrs supposedly headed for embarkation area. At 0230 hrs, Adv party reached destination in PORTSMOUTH where they were advised that they should have proceeded to The Hards in GOSPORT on the other side of the bay. The convoy turned about and proceeded to the proper point where they arrived at approx 0500 hrs. Net result was a journey of some 70 miles to reach a point approx 3 miles from the marshalling area. Everyone was completely tired out, especially the MCs. The convoy was parked on a street near The Hards and it remained there until 1900 hrs, at which time it moved to The Hards and proceeded to load on RN LST 160. Loading was completed by 2300 hrs. Craft aco was quite comfortable and all ranks were bedded down by 2400 hrs.</td>
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**Crowborough, Sussex**

18 Jul

Bde HQ convoy crossed SP near Crowborough at 0320 hrs and moved through LONDON to Camp 3-6 arriving at approx 1430 hrs. Arrangements for our reception at this camp were excellent and worked very smoothly with the result that vehs were all inspected and had completed the second stage of waterproofing by midnight. Bde HQ and Def Pl were directed to Sub-camp EF and are both being loaded on the same ship. Sig Tp, HQ of TCV Cov and LAD were directed to Sub-camp GH and will be loaded on another ship. Adv Party - LST failed to make the 0100 hrs convoy due to trouble with steering apparatus. Finally they got underway at approx 0900 hrs and made connections with the 1000 hrs convoy from PORTSMOUTH to the shores of France. The passage was calm and uneventful and they arrived in the gen landing area by 2100 hrs.

19 Jul

At 0530 hrs the veh party under command of Bde TO moved to Tilbury Docks for embarkation. The marching party was moved to the dock area at 1630 hrs and loading was completed by 2000 hrs. Bde HQ and Def Pl were loaded on MT Ship 3 "SANARK". The ship moved out of Tilbury Docks at 2200 hrs and proceeded to anchorage just off SOUTHEND. Molly McGee, Official War Correspondent representing the "Globe and Mail" of Toronto, Canada and a Hamilton newspaper correspondent were on the docks to interview men of A&SHORC as they embarked.

Adv Party - At approx 0005 hrs, the LST moved in to the beach and by 0345 hrs all ranks were standing by vehs ready to disembark. First vehs to land were 5 tks which emerged from the ship into the middle of a shell hole filled with approx 4 - 5 ft of water. It was decided that no wheeled vehs could be disembarked from the ship and it moved off again at high tide into the harbour where they waited until 1300 hrs and again proceeded in to the beach. At 1515 hrs, they were able to land and all vehs incl WDs were landed dryshod and proceeded to the assembly area in the vicinity of RYHOT. A hot meal was prepared and dewaterproofing was carried out. Bde Adv Party moved to allotted conc area in the vicinity of TIERCEVILLE arriving at 2100 hrs. The area was extremely flat, lacking cover of any description and a large part of it was covered with crops which cannot be occupied by vehs.
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**The ship stayed at the anchorage all day.** It had been expected that the convoy would move off this afternoon but plans were apparently changed and it is understood that the ship will probably set sail at 1830 hrs tomorrow. The tps were somewhat crowded, but arrangements on board the ship are quite satisfactory. All ranks are messing out of compo packs and cooking is being done on ship's basis. All rations are pooled and are provided daily from the various units aboard. The compo rations are excellent, the only complaint being that the rations are not quite large enough to satisfy the men's hunger. This is partly due to the fact that everyone has an enormous appetite, probably caused by the sea air. One complaint is the hardtack, as very few men eat the complete ration of hardtack at each meal. Here is, however, plenty of food for nourishment and of excellent quality. Ablution arrangements are somewhat primitive but are very carefully supervised. Lavatory accommodations are quite limited in view of the large number of tps aboard but lavatories are carefully inspected and every effort is being made to keep them as clean as possible. The sun shone brightly all day and everyone was in high spirits. **Adv Party - Detailed recce and coordination of area was carried out during the morning and the adv party was prepared to receive the main body on short notice. No infm available to probable date of arrival.**

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**The day was cloudy with some wind.** It was understood that the ship would set sail at 1830 hrs but at 1800 hrs the sailing time was postponed for one day. One soldier on board developed a serious sore throat and one complained of intense abdominal pain. As we had no doctor on board, arrangements were made with 15 Cdn Fd Amb, who were loaded on a ship nearby, to provide an MO. He arrived on board HMS SAMARK at 1300 hrs during the night it rained quite heavily. **Adv Party - At approx 0900 hrs, Bde HQ captured "Its first PW", a German airman who had parachuted to the ground during an air raid the previous night and had been found by some local civs who turned him over to Pte Duffault, the Bde Cdo's batman. Great excitement ensued but finally the airman was taken to 030 3 (I) at Main Div HQ and the excitement died down. The weather remains fine and the only apparent sign of war is the tremendous amount of air activity and the sound of guns in the distance. There appears to be very little damage to the towns in this immediate area.**
Weather today was very cloudy with some wind. The weather however improved during the day and the ship set sail at 1745 hrs. It passed through the Straits of Dover at approx 2330 hrs and all ranks were treated to a magnificent display of pyrotechnics. A large number of "Doodle-Bugs" were being flown across the Channel and shore-based AA were having a successful shoot. Out of the first 10 "Doodle-Bugs" observed from the ship, 2 were shot down by AA. In addition, coast art was firing towards CALAIS and an occasional salvo from the CALAIS shore was seen to burst on the British side of the Channel. The morale of the tps on board is excellent and everyone is in high spirits now that the move has commenced. During the period of waiting at the anchorage off SOUTHEND, the Aux Services Supr. Mr A Medlar, has organized as much entertainment as was possible under the circumstances. Fortunately his veh was in an accessible posn in the hold and he was able to get out his moving picture projector. The two films which he carried have each been shown 3 times and tonight as all ranks have seen the films, a quiz contest is being run for the team from each unit rep on board for prizes donated by Aux Services.

Ady Party - Still no signs of tps arriving. Weather has broken and there has been heavy rain since early this morning. Rds are rapidly becoming covered with water up to 6" - 8" deep.

The voyage proceeded without event, cruising inshore along the South coast of England. We arrived off PORTSMOUTH at approx 1130 hrs and proceeded into PORTSMOUTH harbour where we anchored at 1200 hrs. There is much speculation on board for the reason in change of plans as it was understood the original plan was to RV with an escort off the ISLE OF WIGHT and move direct to the Normandy beaches. General opinion seems to be that we are anchoring off PORTSMOUTH harbour for a comparatively short wait as the beaches are so crowded that they are unable to handle the unloading of our ships until Tues. Aux Services Offr exchanged films with another ship and a new film was shown tonight to as many tps as possible and a special show was arranged for the ship's crew. Ship's crew were very appreciative and stated that this was the first time they had seen a film in their ship since "D" Day.

Ady Party - Advice received at 1600 hrs that 396 all ranks from A & S H of C had arrived at No. 60 Transit Camp. Arrangements were made to bring them to the conc area by TOVs after 2200 hrs at which time movement by rd is permitted. All these other ranks arrived safely at approx 2300 hrs.
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**Ship sailed at approx 0500 hrs and made an uneventful crossing in good weather and arrived off JUNO Beach at approx 1730 hrs.**

**Adv Party - 17 tks from 29 Cdn Arm Recce Rgt and 16 "P" vehs from ALQ R arrived during the day at No. 60 Transit Camp and were brought into unit areas during the night 23/24 Jul. Remainder of men bodies believed to be in the harbour off STAR BEACH but no signs of unloading has been seen.**

**Reveille at 0600 hrs this morning so that all tps and vehs could commence unloading at 0800 hrs. Due to the state of the tide and their gen policy that vehs will be landed dry if possible, unloading did not commence until 1000 hrs. Marching party left the ship at this time and arrived in the assembly area at approx 1100 hrs. DAAACMG visited the HQ in the assembly area and made arrangements for a further march to the con area just NORTH of TIERCEVILLE, MR Crecy Sheet 7E/5, 1/50,000 909615. See Appx 4. All vehs of Bde HQ arrived during the night. Adv Party: Large portions of all units arrived incl majority of Bde HQ personnel marching to the area during the afternoon. Vehs were brought in after 2200 hrs. Movement was quite smooth, disrupted only by movement of other maintenance convoys on the route from BANVILLE to TIERCEVILLE. Weather has now cleared and all tps seem to be happy to finally have arrived in the theatre of ops.**

**Remaining vehs of Bde HQ arrived during the night and the day was spent in completely dewaterproofing and cam vehs and installation.**

**Day was spent with all tps cleaning up vehs and personal eqpt. During the night, 4th Tp Sig arrived and the ACVs were in posn by 1400 hrs. HQ of TCV Coy and 48 LAD also arrived during the night and we are once again complete as a Bde HQ along with all our comns. BM visited HQ, 2 Cdn Corps during the afternoon. Weather ever since our arrival has been reasonably warm and generally fair. Very small amount of rain fell each day but was not even sufficient to keep down the dust. All ranks have used the British Mobile Bath which is set up within one mile of the HQ. Nothing could raise the morale of our tps more than these baths as no bathing facilities were available aboard ship and no one has had a bath for 7 days.**
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<td>Bde O Op at 0630 hrs. Units were ordered to take over posns from units of 3 Cdn Inf Div as follows: Linc &amp; Welld R take over from QOR of C in area BOURGEBUS 0761 Alq R take over from 3DG Highs in the area HUBERT-FOLE 0662 AASOFC take over from HLI in the area BRAS 0663. 29 Cdn Armc Recce Regt to move into gen area SM of CORMELLES 0564. 10 Cdn Indep MG disposed as follows: 2 pl MGs with Alq R with fire tasks to the SOUTH and EAST. 1 pl 4.2 mortars sited approx at 07064 with OP sited in Alq R area. HQ 10 Cdn Inf Bde and one pl MGs to be used for harrassing fire tasks located gen area 051549. Take over to commence at 2400 hrs 30 Jul and be completed by 0400 hrs 31 Jul. No move SOUTH of southern edge of VAUCHELLES before 2300 hrs. Armc vhs to move into posn between 1700 and 1700 hrs. Reports from firing area of 3 Cdn Inf Div state that any move of wheeled or tracked vhs during the hrs of darkness brought immediate reaction from the enemy of his mortaring all vhs in the firing area. For this reason it was necessary to get the inf into slit trenches on the ground before wheeled or carriers began to move into or out of fwd area. (over)</td>
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Linc & Welld R and Alq R moved their marching tps into their new area on parallel routes and had all tps in slit trenchs on the ground by approx 0230 hrs - 0300 hrs. A & S H of C following Alq R on the right route f/wd had their marching tps in slit trenchs by 0300 hrs. No vehs moved into the f/wd area before 0230 hrs. Head of bde coln passed SP in the southern suburbs of CAEN at 0200 hrs and all vehs were in f/wd bn areas before 1st light. Light conditions for the take-over were quite satisfactory as there was a reasonable amount of moonlight until 0300 hrs accompanied by some clouds. The front was rather quiet and no heavy shelling or mortaring was experienced until after 0230 hrs. Bde HQ moved from present locn. Bde Comd RV at HQ 4 Cdn Inf Bde with GOC 2 Cdn Inf Div and various offers from 4 Cdn Inf Bde and 5 Cdn Inf Bde and spent part of the afternoon planning an attack for the night of 31 Jul/1 Aug.

Bde Comd visited HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde in connection with the planning of the final details of the attack on TILLY-LA-CAMPAGNE 0760. The attack is being put in by Calg Righrs and one coy of Linc & Welld R is cooperating by a diversionary attack on enemy posn at Pt 63 076607. Bde Comd attended GOC 6 Cdn Armd Div at 1700 hrs. A & S H of C were directed to carry a f/wd rece of Linc & Welld R down to pl level and 18 Cdn Armd C Regt down to sec level of present A & S H of C area at BRAS 0663. During the night A tk guns of Alq R relieved A tk guns of 7 Cdn Recco Regt in Alq R area. This relief was carried out without incident. An LO with 19 set comn mounted on a jeep was despatched to HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde to act as liaison during the attack tonight. One LO was sent f/wd with Linc & Welld R with instrs to report progress of their attack and inform the HQ when definite infm had been received by that regt in the morning. Weather during the day was excellent, sunny and clear with bright moonlight in the early part of the night.
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<td>There was some fog during the night. Visibility from midnight was 50 - 60 yds. at ground level. Calg Highrs succeeded in getting two coys into TILLY LA COMPAGNE but were attacked by 14 German tks shortly after their arrival in the village and as their A tk guns had not been brought up, their tips were forced out of the village back to their original poises. The coy from Linc &amp; Welld R was ordered to seize and hold the br at 0656/71 and Pt 63 at 0756/77 succeeded in capturing both objectives. The first line, one pl plus one sec was holding the br and one pl less one sec was holding Pt 63. The fog lifted between 0800 and 0900 hrs. At that time it was felt that the poise at Pt 63 was dominated by enemy poises to the SOUTH and fields of fire from Pt 63 were severely limited. CO accordingly withdrew the tips from this poise under cover of smoke. 000 4 Cdn Arm Div visited Bde Cmnd at 1030 hrs and it was decided to launch a bn attack tonight with orders to seize and hold TILLY LA CAMPAIGNE. Linc &amp; Welld R were selected for this task and 00 was briefed at approx 1130 hrs. One tpt of 17 prs Ram towed A tk guns and one sqn 29 Cdn Arm Recce Regt were placed under comd and Div arty plus three medium regts in addition two assault sesos RGE were placed in support. A final coordinating conference was held at 1800 hrs and the attack was timed to commence at midnight. It was felt that the best possible chance of success lay in a stealth attack and the gen plan provided that one coy would be launched at midnight to seize and hold the area commanding the rd and tracks leading into TILLY LA CAMPAIGNE from the EAST and SE. At an appropriate time between midnight and 0230 hrs, a second coy would be launched against the same gen area with the same task. At 0230 hrs a third coy would be launched from FUP behind the br at 0656/11 which was still held by outposts of Linc &amp; Welld R. This third coy being launched along an axis parallel with the rly track had a task to seize and hold TILLY LA BOCAGE. A fourth coy was positioned in rear of the third coy and in the same gen area was launched a sqn of tks. It was envisaged that the third coy and sqn of tks would be used, depending on the situation and visibility some time at or shortly after first light of the morning 2 Aug. Med stks were arranged to cover the tracks and rds leading into TILLY LA BOCAGE from SE and SOUTH as it was from this area that the tks counter-attacked into TILLY against Calg Highrs yesterday. Arrangements were also made that unit A tk guns and Ram towed 17 prs would be brought fwb very rapidly. LO from Bde HQ with 19 set mounted in a jeep netted on Bde Cmnd net went fwb to Linc &amp; Welld R before dark. This jeep was to be used on the Cmnd net in case something happened to the unit 19 set. Special arrangements were made.</td>
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<td>regarding maintenance of the lines during the attack. A portion of the line <strong>dets</strong> were stationed at various sites of the line and patrolled that part of the line during the entire course of the attack. Even after it should the line commence fail. As a result of this precaution, line comm was maintained continuously until 0530 hrs. In order to ensure that BOURGES BUS should be strongly held during the attack, <strong>At SHOC</strong> were ordered to take over the village from Linc &amp; Welld R beginning at last light. The take-over to be completed by 0100 hrs. A tk guns of Linc &amp; Welld R were left in posn manned by crew of A &amp; S H of C and A tk guns of the latter regt were left on wheels ready to go fwr d by crew of Linc &amp; Welld R. 250 all ranks from 18 Ccn ArmC Rgt were brought fwr d from rear area and took over A &amp; S H of C posn in the gen area of BRAS. The attack went in as scheduled at 2400 hrs.</td>
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The two coy were launched at approx 0100 hrs and at 0255 hrs, the third coy was launched against TILLY LA CAMPAGNE. Up to this stage very little opposition had been encountered. Situation seems to be quite obscured at this time until the end of the battle. The lft fwr coy ran into opposition from enemy MG and was heavily mortared. Coy which was following the leading coy on the flank was pinned down to the ground by MG and both coy withdrew practically to Start Line. They were then reorg and sent fwr d to the original objective supported by arty cono on the point from which resistance had been encountered. On this second half of the way, some progress was made and tps reached the southern part of their objective. At this stage, enemy MG fire from the STH edge of TILLY was so intense that the coy comd decided he could not maintain his posn and withdrew. The coy on the right was able to overcome enemy opposition on its way to its objective and worked its way almost to the outskirts of the village when they encountered heavy opposition and coy comd on the flank decided he could not hold this posn and withdrew. The reserve coy and tks were not launched by bn comd and at approx 0515 hrs, the bty comd inst the arty fire plan which had been laid on would not be required. At approx 0545 hrs word was received from CO Linc & Welld R that the attack had not been successful and his tps were reorganizing in the area. NORTH of BOURGES BUS. At 1030 hrs, GOC 4 Cdn ArmD Div visited Bde Comd. Shortly after this Lt-col McQueen, CO Linc & Welld R arrived and these three offrs discussed the course of the battle and reasons for its lack of success. Col McQueen was instructed to withdraw his bn NORTH of BRAS 0663. Harrassing fire power programme taking place tonight was ordered by Brigadier. All mortars within the bde and MG |

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### Summary of Events and Information

**Place: France**  
**Date:** Aug 2 (contd)**  
**Hour:**

- **Summary:** Bde Comd visited fwd units during the course of the morning. BM and QAA & QMG spent the morning with fwd tps and visited B Ech in the afternoon. Trg of LCB personnel was arranged with 210s of units. See Appx 1 att. At 2115 hrs GM 1, 4 Cdn Armty Div, EMRA 4 Cdn Armd Div and BM 4 Cdn Armty Bde arrived at this HQ to make the necessary arrangements for the take-over of GRENNETVILLE area 06G4 by 13 Cdn Armty C Regt. Linc & Welld R will take over BRAS area tomorrow and 13 Cdn Armty C Regt will come under command. 4 Cdn Armty Bde at 051800B. During the night, a bombing raid developed in the gen area of Bde HQ. No damage or cas resulted. Brig talked to all offrs of Linc & Welld R at 1100 hrs and outlined the course of the present campaign in Normandy and Brittany, giving the reasons for the attack and lessons learned from it.

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**Place: France**  
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**Hour:**

- **Summary:** Bde Comd visited fwd units and spoke to all offrs of Alq R outlined the present sit and pointing out lessons learned from Linc & Welld R attack on TILLY LA CAMPAGNE. At 1700 hrs Brig attended a conference at HQ 4 Cdn Armty Div. During the afternoon HQ area was shelled several times by 105mm guns. No cas or damage resulted in Bde HQ area but 2 Sigs linemen from our tp were struck by a shell when they were about 300 yards away from Bde HQ. Sgmn Forster was killed and Sgmn Ford died at the ADS. Quite a fairly quiet night along this front. Enemy acted with great boldness and had small patrols right up to the outskirts of BOURGES. Alq R and A & S H of C had a number of patrols, some of which were able to get to the area beyond TILLY LA CAMPAGNE.

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**Date:** Aug 2 (contd)**  
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- **Summary:** Things were reasonably quiet during the morning. At about 1530 hrs word was received from HQ 4 Cdn Armty Div that 5 Cdn Inf Bde on the right reported that the enemy had withdrawn and they were no longer in contact. Orders were immediately passed to A & S H of C to send a fighting patrol, str one pl into TILLY LA CAMPAGNE - task "Is the enemy in occupancy of TILLY LA CAMPAGNE" and so on in what str. It was felt that in view of the large adv made by American cols directly SOUTH of us, that there was a real possibility that the enemy might have started to, or were in the process of withdrawing. While awaiting results of A & S H of C patrol, a bn pursuit gp was org, consisting of Alq R, two sqns of 29 Cdn Armty Recce Regt with usual complement.

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of supporting arms. This gp was briefed and all arrangements were made so that it could be shoved off in pursuit of the Hun should it develop that he had withdrawn. The patrol returned to BOURGEBUS at approx 1800 hrs. It had been engaged in very severe fighting and was able to report numerous MG posts and enemy in some str in the NORTH edge of the village. 3 PW were taken who were identified as belonging to 1 Coy, II Plgr 1 SS Pz Div. While the info disclosed by this patrol indicated present enemy in TILLY was in some str, it was felt that the enemy could easily be a strong determined fighting rear guard action in order to gain time for the withdrawal of the main part of this Div. It was therefore decided to launch a much stronger attack against TILLY LA CAMPAINE so that 1 Cdn Arm Div would be in a position to seize the opportunity if it existed of getting 1 SS Pz Div on the run. Accordingly A & S H of C were ordered to capture the village. Following tips were placed under comd: Two tps tks - one tp 17 pr A tk guns and in support Div arty. At the same time armd feint to the W of TILLY was carried out by 3 Cdn Arm M. R. Regt using two tks. This feint was timed to appear at 2115 hrs and was successful in drawing a great deal of enemy SA fire and mortar fire and from the direction of ROCQUANGOURT a small amount of A tk fire. Two tks were cas, not by enemy action. A & S H of C launched their attack at 2300 hrs. There was a great deal of stff fighting during the last half of the adv to the outskirts of TILLY and leading coy fought vigourously and was very roughly handled by the Hun. The second coy moving on the axis of BOURGEBUS-TILLY LA CAMPAINE rd was forced to dig itself in and it did so, taking up posn about 500 yds directly SOUTH of BOURGEBUS. The tks gave magnificent support to the inf and overcame great deal of SA opposition. Scattered mines, however, accounted for two of the tks, the first one being immobilised not more than 200 yds from the outskirts of BOURGEBUS and a further two tks were knocked out by enemy A tk fire. This attack disclosed the fact that without any doubt enemy was holding TILLY in some str. A & S H of C were accordingly ordered to firm up at BOURGEBUS, leaving the coy dug in to the SOUTH of the village and this phase of the attack was concluded. One coy of Linc & Welld R was moved from BRAS to BOURGEBUS to take over one of the coy posns vacated by a coy putting in the attack on TILLY. The remainder of the bn were standing by ready to move their entire unit fwd to firm up on that place. In view of the fact that TILLY had not been captured, Linc & Welld R were ordered to stand-down and the coy in BOURGEBUS was placed under comd A & S H of C for the night. Brig attended a conference at HQ 1st Cdn Army at 1100 hrs. Conference was addressed by 4OC-in-C First Cdn Army.
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<td>Reps from 51 (H) Div came fvd and carried out recce in preparation for the take-over of our sector tonight. Take-over begun at last light and was completed by 0500 hrs 7 Aug. 10 Cdn Inf Bde completed the attack in CAN South of River ORNE.</td>
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<td>Exercise TOTALIZE being prepared. Div plan - Adv 2 up Inf Bde right along bde left. Alg R under comd Armd Bde and mounted in half tracks. No soft skinned vehs to be taken. All units tpt held to an absolute minimum. Bde moved to conc area near FLEURY SUR ORNE. 0144. &quot;H&quot; hr for main attack was 2300.</td>
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<td>2 Cdn Inf Div attack on our front met with great success and 10 Cdn Inf Bde moved fvd starting at approx 1000 hrs. Coll was halted just NORTH of ROCQUANCOURT 0548. At approx 1300 hrs, A &amp; S H of C were ordered to move fvd and capture CYNTHIEUX 0754. This attack was held up as it could not be put in until 4 Cdn Inf Bde of 2 Cdn Inf Div had taken GAMESNIT 0745. The attack was successful by approx 1500 hrs and A &amp; S H of C were directed to push on and hold HAUTMESNIL incl. the Quarry to the SOUTH. This task was carried out and the objective firmed up by first light on 9 Aug. A &amp; S H of C carried out these attacks very successfully, capturing approx 60 to 70 Pw, 15 enemy vehs, 3 88 mm guns and a quantity of medical sups. 1 killed, 24 wounded. During the night Alg R and under comd 28 Armd Regt, moved to the left past CYNTHIEUX with orders to bypass BRETEVILLE LE RABET and hold Pt 195 at 0846.</td>
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<td>Lake Sup R (M) attacked BRETEVILLE LE RABET supported by 22 Cdn Armd Regt at first light. The town was captured by 1200 hrs. Linc &amp; Welld R were directed to seize and hold the gen-area VIELLE LANGANNERIE and GRAINVILLE LANGANNERIE and to firm up on the southern half of their objective. This attack went in at 1500 hrs and was firmed up by last light. A &amp; S H of C were directed to take over VIELLE LANGANNERIE and moved fvd at 1700 hrs. Minor opposition was encountered and fighting on a small scale continued until approx 2300 hrs. Posns at HAUTMESNIL and CYNTHIEUX were taken over by 9 Cdn Inf Bde. 18 Cdn Armd C Regt reported they had recce routes from VIELLE LANGANNERIE to Pt 180 at 03473 and found the routes clear of enemy. Brig decided to move the Bde and get on to the high ground at Pt 180 and Pt 195 in 0446. Orders were issued by LO and the move completed by first light 10 Aug. Div plan was that the Armd Bde would launch an armd attack from Pt 195 on to Pt 206 at 0943 at first light if 10 Cdn Inf Bde were successful in seizing Pt 195 during the night. 10 Cdn Inf Bde reported to Div HQ and 4 Cdn Armd Bde at 0620 that Pt 195 was held by A &amp; S H of C.</td>
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<td>Armd Bde launched 21 Cdn Armd Regt but this regt was unable to get on to Pt 195 because of conc of 88 mm fire which swept the open ground in that area. During the day Alq R which came back under cond was gathered together and gradually filtered into the gen area ST HILLAIRE 0847, thus firming up the bde posn on the high ground. 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt supported both units with a sqn of tks posned in rear of Alq R, positioning one sqn watching towards the SOUTH and SE and another towards the WEST and NW. One pl of MGs was positioned in each of the fwi bn areas, remaining pl and 412&quot; mortar pl were ordered for harrassing fire tasks in the area NW of Linc &amp; Welld R.</td>
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<td>Reports indicate that the Polish Armd Div on our left were meeting strong opposition and were not making much progress. At approx 1000 hrs, word was received that 3 Cdn Inf Div was going through on the left of our present posn between ourselves and the Polish Armd Div, its initial objective being QUESNAY woods 104547 and in a SE direction towards the high ground in square 1325. 8 Cdn Inf Bde was ordered to put in the first phase of this attack and the initial attack was divided into two phases. Phase I to seize QUESNAY woods feature. Phase II seize gen features LA GRANGE DE MINE - ALSY 1046 - SOUMONT ST QUENTIN 1145. These objectives would clear our left flank and enable 4 Cdn Armd Div to attack Pt 206 square 0943 from the left flank. 8 Cdn Inf Bde (INM (3 Cdn Inf Div)) attack went in at 2000 hrs but by 0300 hrs 11 Aug the attack had made very little progress and 8 Cdn Inf Bde tps were withdrawn. At 2000 hrs Brig held an Op at which he outlined the plan for the capture of Pt 205, tentative time being not before 1000 hrs 11 Aug. This plan was dependent on the success of 3 Cdn Inf Bde attack. As 3 Cdn Inf Bde were not successful in clearing our left flank, 10 Cdn Inf Bde plan was abandoned. During the night, enemy shelled and mortared fwi posns heavily but no counter-attack developed against them.</td>
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<td>It was decided that 10 Cdn Inf Bde would be relieved by 9 Cdn Inf Bde (3 Cdn Inf Div). This relief took place beginning at last light tonight and was completed by 0600 hrs 12 Aug. All units of the Bde were withdrawn to the gen area SE of CYNTHIEUX. The rest area was not good as it was under shell fire and some parts were under direct enemy observation. Areas were the only ones possible, however, as fwi areas were well packed with tps and it was not possible to withdraw the Div NORTH of the River ORNE.</td>
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<td>The remaining vehs of Bde HQ were brought fwd from &quot;A&quot; Ech area. HQs is now complete. Aux Services Offrs have reported to all units and both parades were arranged commencing at 0700 hrs this morning. A certain amount of the org is in progress and all units, in particular A 1q R which have very heavy gas in two coys, as inf rfts are not available at present, this regt is being reorg on a basis of three coys rather than four. Nucleus of the fourth coy is being retained and will be reconstituted when rfts become available. During present op &quot;Totalize&quot;, Bde advanced approx 9 miles in somthing less than 2½ days. A very gratifying record for its first op. Gas in Bde HQ amounted to 1 Offr, Lt Knowlton and 1 OR wounded.</td>
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<td>Brig attended a conference at HQ 2 Cdn Corps at 1000 hrs, Bde O Gp was held at 2200 hrs in connection with op commencing tomorrow with Div objective being the high ground directly NORTH of LAVALISE. Bde is to be formed up into solid packet, all tps carried in carriers or TCVs. Details of arrangements for forming up area is attached in Appx 2.</td>
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<td>Great care was taken to ensure that units of the Bde were formed up properly so that they would take up their place in the Div order of march in proper order. EM assisted by Engr offr and sec of Pro staked out and signed bde assembly area at 0600 hrs this morning. A straight route across country to the point where bde route joined Div track was staked by the engrs. All units were formed up in the assembly area by 0900 hrs. Assembly area had been selected in a slight depression in the ground and despite the fact that the entire bde was assembled in a closely packed fnm from 0900 hrs until 1200 hrs, no cas resulted. The enemy did not shell the area or react in any way. Bde moved off at about 1300 hrs reaching River LAZON led by recce regt at about 1600 hrs. Line &amp; Weld R and A &amp; S H of C cut across the river and began their advance on OLENDON and succeeded in capturing the town and cleaning up all opposition by last light. After last light, A &amp; S H of C patrolled towards PERRIERE, a town which according to plan they were supposed to take over from the Motor Bn. Their patrol found the town unoccupied so they immediately sent two coys to occupy it. During the night the bn was moved and firmed up on the village of PERRIERE and the high ground immediately to the NW. Aq R which in the meantime had firmed up on Pt 103 were ordered to patrol towards FRANCY to seize the village and firm up there by first light. Bde HQ remained in the quarry just NORTH of LA BOIS DE HOI on the river during the night.</td>
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<td>At first light, the gen situation was as follows: Alq R firm up on EPANCY, A &amp; S H of C firm up on PERRIERE incl the high ground to NW, Linc &amp; Weild R firm up on OLENDON, one sqn of tks in support of each of the 2wd units, remaining in rear of OLENDON. At 0900 hrs, Linc &amp; Weild R were ordered to move to the right from OLENDON on to the high ground and then swing left and seize the high ground immediately NORTH of FALaise. One sqn of 29 Cdn Armd Regt was placed under comd and one sqn in support for this op. The adv was slow and was at times confusing, due to the fact that 4 Cdn Armd Bde and portion of 3 Cdn Inf Div and 2 Cdn Armd Bde were operating in the same area with the same gen objectives. At nightfall Linc &amp; Weild R had reached the gen area. During the day, enemy resistance increased in the woods directly SOUTH of EPANCY and in particular PERRIERE and seemed to be conc a great many tps and AFVs. During the afternoon, numerous reports of enemy AFVs in the area were reported incl a Tac R report of 150 tks directly SOUTH of PERRIERE. This targe was passed direct to Tantacle LO and to the A in Force and was dealt with by 32 Typhoons. Attack was most successful, fire came down in the exact area in which the movement had been reported and fires were started which continued to burn for several hrs. This Typhoon attack apparently broke up a major enemy counter-attack which had been developing during the day. No major counter-attack was launched against our own. At 1300 hrs, Brig Rockingham, Comd 9 Cdn Inf Bde arrived at Bde HQ and informed that 9 Cdn Inf Bde were arriving in OLENDON, EPANCY, and PERRIERE. At this stage we had no knowledge of a relief. Arrangements were made however so that necessary recce could be carried out subject to our receiving orders to be relieved. These were forthcoming at approx 2230 hrs and relief was carried out in PERRIERE commencing at 2330 hrs and in EPANCY at 0500 hrs, 16 Aug.</td>
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<td>Bde O Gp 0500 hrs today. Objective high ground NORTH of FALaise. Gen plan was 4 Cdn Armd Bde leading - A &amp; S H of C made on Priests advancing immediately behind the Armd Bde, Alq R to mop up on the right and Linc &amp; Weild R to mop up on left, starting from their present posn as the adv progressed. 0 Gp dispersed at 0615 hrs and at 0700 hrs the operation was cancelled. 2 Div and 3 Div were advancing on FALaise from the NORTH and NW and 4 Cdn Armd Div is being given a brief rest from ops pending results of 2 Div and 3 Div attacks. All units were instructed to assemble in suitable areas NORTH of OLENDON and instrs were given to 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt and a det of Priests</td>
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which were in support to carry out maint. No move prior to first light 17 Aug. The current op which commenced on 14 Aug has been most successful and very considerable progress has been made by 10 Cdn Inf Bde. The attack on 14 Aug was assisted by a heavy force of bombers, bombing QUESNAY wood and the area SOUTH and SE. This bombing was to take place at H plus 2 hrs, but only the first portion of the bombing was actually directed on the target. Through some error, the remaining bombs came down on our rear areas. The area BRETEUILLE-LE RABET, HAUTEMNIL and SYNTHEUX and the woods on the NORTH on the CAEN-FALAISE Rd received a major amount of the bomb load during the attack. The area of Main Bde HQ was subjected to a shower of 500 lb bombs and although no gas resulted in Bde HQ, the effect of the air force missing their target was somewhat depressing on fps in the fwd area. In addition on 15 Aug after a successful attack by Typhoons on the enemy tk conc SOUTH of FERRIERES, a further flight of fighter bombers attacked and in the gen area of Tac HQ 10 Cdn Inf Bde. Again this error on the part of the Air Force to direct their fire against the enemy rather than against ourselves. Gas during the current ops have not been high at Bde HQ. Lt Adams an LO attached from Linc & Welld R was killed in action while attached to Tac HQ 4 Cdn Armd Bde.

It was planned today that Div would seize and hold TRUN 3029. The Inf Bde was to seize and hold DANBLAINVILLE 2038 and when that was firm, the armour would adv along the direct route to TRUN. A & S H of C were given the task of seizing DANBLAINVILLE. This task was carried out against very light opposition by 0800 hrs. A/q R were sent through A & S H of C to seize and hold the high ground in square 2136. They met very strong opposition and had some gas, inattacking to cross the rly track and were finally ordered to firm up on DANBLAINVILLE alongside A & S H of C. The ady guard of the armour attempted to force their way Bde but were unable to make progress. During the afternoon, it was decided that the present posns would be taken over by 9 Cdn Inf Bde and the Bde would jump via COULIBOCUF 2340 as follows: - Linc & Welld R to move first and go to areas in square 2436 - A & S H of C to move by same route to Pt 64 in square 2535 and Pt 78 in 2634 - A/q R to follow the same route and firm up in A & S H of C area. These moves were completed during the hrs of darkness and by first light fps were gen in posns as indicated. During the period of these ops, 4 Cdn Post was moved successfully to the high ground 197395 thence for tillight to Main HQ NORTH of the main rd running NE from FALAISE.
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<td>During the morning, orders were received to occupy defensive positions extending from COULFEBUFF on the right to TRUN on the left. Orders for the occupation of these positions were issued but were cancelled about half an hour later as orders had been received in the meantime to capture TRUN. 53 Inf Bde were to relieve Line Welld R and 7 Cdn Inf Bde were to take over the remainder of the areas. Line Welld R with one sqn 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt in support detached about 1500 hrs to take over TRUN from the Armored Regt of 4 Cdn Arm Bde. This task was accomplished with very little enemy opposition having been met by 1700 hrs. In the meantime 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt less one coy and plus one coy from A&amp;3H of C were ordered to seize and hold CHAMBIS 4153. 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt moved through TRUN and reached ST LAMBERT SUR DIVES 3125 before last light. This regt firm up on the high ground NORTH and NE of this village and spent the night sending out active patrols to prevent infiltration through their positions. At approx 1430 hrs, A&amp;3 H of C were ordered to move by TCV to a new area centered on the high ground in a square 3331 and Alg R moved by march route to area HORDOUEUX in 3433. These moves were carried out without meeting enemy opposition. Comd Post was located in the gen area 250334 during the day and moved back to main Bde HQ for the night.</td>
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|         |      |      | Bde Comd Post moved to TRUN at first light and further enemy prisoners were being collected in very large numbers. The same situation exists in the area held by 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt. German tps facing us appear to be completely disorganized and are moving in disorganized packets, attempting to escape by any routes. It appears they do not know that TRUN and ST LAMBERT SUR DIVES are now held by our forces and appear in disorganized groups up to 150 in str. When fired upon they take cover and return the fire but begin to surrender after our tps make a strong show of fire power. During the day Polish Arm Div on our left was reported to be attacking CHAMBOIS and at 1800 hrs a message was received that the Polish Motor Bn was firm in that village. 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt was ordered to race through with the Poles and make necessary arrangements to prevent infiltration between CHAMBOIS and ST LAMBERT SUR DIVES during the night. One coy of Line Welld R were sent to ST LAMBERT SUR DIVES and one coy of A&3 H of C were sent to the high ground gen area 329294 to strengthen positions held by 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt. During the night a very large number of prisoners were taken and a large number of enemy wounded were brought in in German vehs. Estimated number of Pw taken between TRUN and ST LAMBERT SUR DIVES during the day amounted to

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<td>2000 incl the GOC of 703 Inf Div and his staff who were captured by a patrol of Linc &amp; Welld R in their Div HQ, just west of TRUN. Main Bde HQ and A Ech were moved fwd to gen area LOUVRES EN AUGE 31J2 at about 1200 hrs and Comd Post joined it before last light.</td>
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<td>During the day 16 Cdn Armd C Rgt sent one sqn along the main rd from TRUN to VIMOUTIERS 4954. This sqn had in sp 2 plcs from inf bns and as it progressed up the rd a coy of Alq R were flung along the route behind in order to hold the main rd firmly in our hands. Other units remained in the posns occu on last night and large numbers of prisoners continued to pour in during the day. 9 Cdn Inf Bde relieved our f/w tps, beginning with Linc &amp; Welld R in TRUN. This relief was carried out by 1200 hrs and relief of 29 Cdn Armd Recce Rgt by N/A Highrs was completed during the afternoon. Bdxs between ourselves and Polish Armd Div was est at Pt 105 in square 3426 inclusive to 10 Cdn Inf Bde. Weather has been ideal during the entire campaign although dust has been something of a problem. The only rain during the campaign was last night when there was a light sprinkler which lasted for a few hrs. At 1800 hrs Bde 0 0p was held. 9 Cdn Inf Bde incl 6 Cdn Armd Rgt were placed under comd 10 Cdn Inf Bde. It was appreciated that the Hun would attempt to break out tonight with a force reported to be about 100 tks. To counter this threat, A tk guns defensives were co-ordinated by Lt-col Harkness, OC 5 Cdn A Tk Rgt across the whole Div front and 29 Cdn Armd Recce Rgt and 6 Cdn Armd Rgt were placed in posn behind the A tk guns as further defences in depth. HLI of C and 6 Cdn Armd Rgt were ordered to seize the gen area Pt 124 in square 4053 and track junct in square 4453. This op was to be carried out as soon as possible and A tk guns were to be brought fwd into posn immediately the inf were on the objective. Just before last light, 29 Cdn Armd Recce Rgt reported enemy armoured vths moving along their left flank. Fire was brought to bear on and several enemy vths were knocked out. HLI of C and 6 Cdn Armd Rgt were unable to make progress due to the night. It was not before 0730 hrs 21 Aug that HLI of C reported that they were on their objective. During the night, a large number of prisoners were taken and a number of counter-attacks were mounted by the enemy against our various posns. One tk was knocked out near ST LAMBERT SUR DIVES, 4 tks and approx 125 inf attacked EAST of TRUN. These were liquidated by the unit in that area.</td>
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<td>Much confused fighting took place and after first light, a large number of disorganized German soldiers were reported to be in the area rear of the line of fwd tps. These are being mopped up by units sited at Pt 240 in square 4158 and square 3331. 10 Cdn Inf Bde was given the task of getting supplies through to elements of the Polish Arm Div who have been cut off in CHAMBOIS 4151. A recce in force was made by 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt who succeeded in getting through to CHAMBOIS and back early in the afternoon. At the same time HLI of C supported by armed elements of 2 Cdn Armd Bde managed to get through to CHAMBOIS from NW. First convoy of food carried in half-tracks and carriers got through at about 1700 hrs. 3 more convoys were despatched during the night.</td>
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<td>Units who had been operating between TRUN and CHAMBOIS were relieved this morning, and moved during the day to conc area near COUDEHARD 4354. Prior to conc, ASHofC supported by two sqns of 15 Cdn Armd Regt carried out a sweep of the bde area and captured a large number of prisoners. By last light, Bde was conc ready to move off tomorrow morning. The move to this conc area was accomplished with some difficulty due to so much destroyed tpt, dead horses etc on the rds that it was impossible to move except behind engr clearing parties.</td>
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<td>Div moved off this morning towards ROUEN. For the adv, A &amp; S H of C were placed under comd 4 Cdn Armd Bde. Adv during the day was rather slow. Bde firmed up in the gen area EAST of LA SAP 6059</td>
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<td>During the day Bde adv to gen area 7578 SW of BERNAY. Bde HQ was located for the night in the area. During the hrs of darkness, ASHofC under comd 4 Cdn Armd Bde seized the crossing of River Risle in the area NASSANDRES 8982. Brs at this point were blown and construction of new brs was not considered feasible before first light. Accordingly the center line was changed in order to use the br at 8984. In the area of the latter br, Linc &amp; Welld R and Alq R made a crossing and seized the high ground Pt 152 at 934.</td>
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<td>Adv continued during the day. Armored cars made contact with American forces in LOUVIERS 2289 and EL BEUF 1096. Bde firm ed up in gen area VRAIVILLE 1300. No enemy encountered during this move. 18 Cdn Arm Regt reported some opposition in the gen area FORET DOMANIALE DE BORD and Americans were street fighting in EL BEUF.</td>
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<td>During the day the bde moved f/wd to seize crossing sites on the SOUTH bank of River SEINE. Linc &amp; Welld R were directed on CRIQUEBEUF and Alq R on MORTOT. Regts seized these objectives and were firmly est by 1700 hrs. Bde was then directed to make a crossing of the River SEINE during the hrs of darkness, as per Appx 4. Assault crossing was expected to arrive at 2030 hrs and the crossing was tentatively planned for midnight. Arrangements for TC and special comms were made and the whole op up to the arrival of the assault crossing eqpt. During the afternoon, Linc &amp; Welld R est one coy in posn on the NORTH bank of River SEINE. This was done by means of one small boat which had been found in CRIQUEBEUF which was used as a ferry carrying a few men at a time. Strong opposition was not encountered on the river line although spasmodic mortaring and shelling continued throughout the day and night.</td>
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<td>At 0530 hrs, 6 storm boats arrived at the RV and were directed f/wd on the UP Route to CRIQUEBEUF and shortly afterwards eqpt for 2 class 9 ferries arrived and were directed to the same gen area. Alq R made the crossing in storm boats at 0715 hrs and supporting arms began to get across at 0930 hrs. A &amp; S H of C commenced crossing at 0815 hrs and both bns were completely across by 0900 hrs, and supporting arms were beginning to move across on the #19 ferries. Appx 5. Mortaring and shelling of the assembly area and the launching area continued throughout the day. Storm boats and ferries however worked very smoothly and all &quot;F&quot; Ech v/h of the 2 leading units were across by 1600 hrs. One 81 m.50 ferry was completed by 1900 hrs and one sqn of 29 Cdn Arm Recco Regt was ordered to cross during the hrs of darkness. Bde at last light was very limited in size. Enemy opposition had been quite strong coming from the high ground NORTH of SOTTEVILLE and IGOVILLE and the inf had been unable to seize the high ground. During the night 10 Cdn Inf Bde was ordered to get all its v/h incl Bde HQ across the river before first light.</td>
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<td>By first light all vehs were across with the exception of armd vehs of 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt and a large part of Bde Hq. During the day Cl 40 raft began to work very smoothly and with 2 rafts in operation, both using the same discharging pt achieved a capacity of 10 tks per hr. Cl 9 rafts, each with a capacity of 2 vechs every 6 minutes each, or a total of 40 vechs every hr for two rafts using 2 launching and 2 landing sites. By 1300 hrs, all vechs of this bde were on the NORTH bank of the River SEINE and were conc in the gen area of the open ground in the immediate vicinity of the landing sites. Mortaring and shelling continued spasmodically and a number of cas were incurred. Bde Hq was severely mortared on two occasions. Damage was of minor nature, 3 vechs with punctured radiators and one pers cas amongst the att personnel. At 1930 hrs a two bn attack was directed on the high ground at Pt 95 in the direction EAST of IGOVILLE. The attack went in after an arty conc and under cover of arty smoke screen. It was a complete success and at last light the brhead had been expanded to incl the high ground as well as the high ground Pt 95 directly NORTH of SOTTEVILLE. Linc &amp; Welld R were moved to IGOVILLE just before last light.</td>
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<td>Linc &amp; Welld R moved off shortly after first light to capture YMARE 2404. At 1300 hrs A1q R were ordered to move through Linc &amp; Welld R and capture QUEVIEVILLE 2555. Opposition from German Inf and one or two Atk guns were encountered in these two villages and the situation was not under control until approx 1500 hrs. At that time A &amp; 3 H of C were ordered to adv and take over BOC8 2608 from 28 Cdn Armd Regt and Linc &amp; Welld R were directed to take over FRANQUEVILLE-ETTE 2809 from 28 Cdn Armd Regt and Linc &amp; Welld R were in that posn before last light. Bde Hq remained in the gen area 3M of YMARE during the night.</td>
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<td>Bde Hq moved to LA NUEVILLE 2807 at approx 1500 hrs and bde moved off during the afternoon directed on BUCHY 3929. 15 Cdn Armd Regt and armd bde who were leading the adv encountered some opposition during the day and Div finally firmed up in the area centered on BLAINVILLE CREVON 3620. Just before last light Bde Hq moved into MARTINVILLE-EPOUVILLE. Brig Jefferson was evacuated during the afternoon with a touch of malaria and Lt-Col Stewart, A &amp; 3 H of C is temporarily in cmd of the bde. As all the inf bns were some miles NORTH of the loon of Bde Hq and as there were no tps in our immediate area, all around defensive posns were taken up for the night and all (contd)</td>
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<td>tps in the area of the village were under cond Lt-col Wotherspoon of 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt who org the defence of the village. The night passed without incident although a large number of prisoners were reported to have been taken by 4 Cdn Arm Bde as they attempted to escape up the valley to the EAST of our center line.</td>
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<td>Div again adv directed on BUCHY and 4 Cdn Arm Bde firmed up in the area of that town. 10 Cdn Inf Bde adv during the afternoon and firmed up in the gen area BOIS GUILBERT 4425 and despatched a special force under cond Maj Currie, 29 Cdn Arm Recce Regt to hold FORGES LES EAUX 5332. This force consisted of one sqn 29 Cdn Arm Recce Regt one coy A &amp; S H of C, one tp SP A tk arty and one tp FD Arty (3P). The special force was despatched at 1700 hrs and was in occupation of the town by last light. At 2200 hrs orders were received that the Div was to adv during the night to ABBEVILLE 7894 with the Inf Bde leading.</td>
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