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OF

27 CANADIAN ARMOURED REGIMENT (Sher Fus R)

FROM 1 June 44 TO 30 June 44



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	1944		Sheet 1 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R) Serial 1044/1	
Camp A-17 MR 945278 Sheet 132 England	0106	1800	<p>Partly cloudy and warm with light rain in the morning, visibility good.</p> <p>Troops are assembled in marshalling areas and finishing touches are being done to the waterproofing. Craft Serials 1715 to 1723 inclusive are at Camp A-17, craft serial 1743 and 1744 are at Camp C-9, serials 1740 and 1741 at C-20, serial 1748 at C-1, serial 1560 at C-1 and serial 3211, LAD, at Camp T-6.</p>	<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Lmf.</p>
Camp A-17	0206	1800	<p>Partly cloudy and warm with a brisk wind, visibility good.</p> <p>Troops remained in marshalling camps all day and are preparing to leave early in the morning. The remaining troops in Camp A-18 moved today to Camp A-22 at Botley.</p>	<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf.</p>
Aboard LCT 759 Serial 1723 The Solent off Calshot	0306	1800	<p>Craft serials started to move off from Camp A-17 at 0200 hrs and proceeded via Titchfield and Stubbington to G-3 Hard at Gosport. Loading commenced at 0630 hrs, porpoises were chained under the tanks and taken aboard without incident. On completion of loading LCTs moved out into the Solent and anchored off Calshot at 1300 hrs. A good supply of compo rations were loaded and the craft was stowed with a supply of blankets. The men slept and read most of the day after chaining their vehicles and camouflaging them. Newspapers were brought on board in the afternoon and were greatly appreciated by the men.</p> <p>Weather partly cloudy and cool, visibility fair to good.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 5 is a list of craft serials giving details of load and the officer in command of craft serial or craft party.</p>	<p>Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 5</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 5</p> <p>Lmf.</p>
Aboard LCT 759 Serial 1723 Solent off Calshot	0406	1800	<p>Cloudy and windy, visibility fair and sea very choppy. LCTs tied up three abreast each flying a balloon manned by two men of the 52 RAF Balloon Unit. Due to the strong North West wind much difficulty was experienced with these balloons and many of them were lost. No briefing has commenced yet and will not until after orders are given to set sail and craft have passed the boom.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 7 of the original and duplicate is a message received from Dwight B. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander Allied Expeditionary Forces, this was read to all troops on board.</p>	<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 7</p>

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			Sheet 2	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)		
Aboard LCT 759 English Channel	1944 0506 1200	1900	Light rain during the night, partly cloudy and cool during the day visibility fair with a brisk NW wind and choppy sea. D Day was postponed one day because of the bad weather but in spite of the wind the flotilla set sail at 1415 hrs and passed the boom into the open sea at 1730 hrs. Maps of France which had been sealed up to this time were opened and distributed to be fitted under talcs which had previously been marked. No maps of the coast area itself of 1:50,000 scale were included, therefore at least half of the trace on the talcs was useless and only a few vehicles had maps showing the assembly area. Seasick pills were given out every four hours on most craft and proved very good, but in spite of these many of the men were violently sick, as the craft pitched and tossed badly. Most of the craft are very heavily loaded and the decks are awash with water. Weather in the Channel is windy and cold.			Lmj.
Aboard LCT 759 Serial 1723 Offshore from Bernier-sur-Mer	0606	1200	The flotilla moved southwards across the channel all night towards the coast of France and at 1000 hrs land could be sighted. At 1030 hrs a wireless message was received that the Queens Own Rifles of Canada and the North Shore Regt had reached YEW at 1020 hrs. At 1130 hrs the craft started the run in to the beach after circling off shore from Berniere-sur-Mer, St Aubin and Courcelles, waiting for the order to beach. There is no air opposition and the landing is well covered by our own aircraft. Some fires can be seen burning on the shore and small arms fire is still coming from isolated strongpoints. Naval shelling is going on on a small scale. The troops on board have stowed all equipment and vehicles have been unchained. The men are sitting up on top of their vehicles watching the shore and seem quite calm about the whole thing.			Lmj.
MR. 9881 SHEET 7F/1 1:50.000 BENY-SUR-MER.	0606	1800	The Regt landed at 1215 hrs on Nan White Sector, just west of Berniere-sur-Mer and moved through the town. There was much congestion on the beach and in the town and a long wait resulted while this was cleared. During a short halt on the road at 993844 marching infantry of the NNS Highrs loaded on the tanks and porpoises and rode the remaining distance to the assembly area ELDER, 9881, arriving at 1800 hrs. The porpoises loaded with ammunition unloaded very well from the craft, except for a few which came unfastened in the water, these were unhooked and will be left in the assembly area. All tanks and vehicles on LCTs arrived at the assembly area, those on LSTs did not beach. There were no casualties to personnel up to this point.			Lmj.

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Sheet 3 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)	Serial 1044/1	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
MR 9881 North of Beny Sur Mer France	0606	1900	<p>Major F.H. Baldwin, OC HQ Sqn with two ORs, landed in a jeep with 8 Cdn Inf Bde as TULO for this Regt. The craft he was on struck a mine and a 15-cwt was jammed in the doorway. The craft had to back into deep water where the 15-cwt was pushed off, it then beached with a bad list and decks awash. On landing he was unable to accomplish his task as TULO because of the congestion on the beach and the main road inland where traffic was held up by an 88-mm gun positioned on high ground inland. When the unit landed, Major Baldwin made contact at Berniere sur Mer and accompanied them to the Assembly Area ELDER near Beny sur Mer.</p> <p>Lt. W.F. Grainger and one OR landed in a jeep with 7 Cdn Inf Bde as spare TULO to recce an alternative route and assembly area in pascoplans had to be changed and assembly area could not be used at ELDER.</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf.</p>
<p>La Mare, France</p> <p>MR 006756</p> <p>Sheet 7F/1</p>	0606	2300	<p>The Recce Troop, under Lt. G.A. Kraus, led off the 9 Cdn Inf Bde Group from ELDER at 1900 hrs, followed by C Coy of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders on their carriers, A Coy on A Sqn's tanks, B Coy on B Sqn's tanks and D Coy on C Sqn's tanks. The unit moved through Beny sur Mer and BASLY to LA MARE MR 003783. Opposition was met on the right flank in the form of enemy mortars and A tk guns which were taken out by Sgt Beardsley's tank. A Sqn moved on the right, B Sqn on the left and C Sqn centre. The head of the column reached LA MARE at dusk, and together with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, the unit formed a fortress based on the high ground around the cross roads at 006756 between ANISY and VILLONS LES BUISSONS.</p> <p>Lt. C.C. McLachlan has been appointed A/Capt and QM with effect from 1 Jun 44 to replace Capt. I. Echenberg.</p> <p>D-46001 SSM MacLeod, D.E. has been appointed A/RSM with effect from 1 Jun 44 to replace RSM Dufault who was SOS prior to embarkation.</p> <p>8 ORs of the 85 LAD attached to this unit are reported missing. Their craft has been reported sunk off DOVER by enemy action.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 is a list of 9 Cdn Inf Bde and 3 Cdn Inf Div Code Names.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 are photographs of the beach and maps of the area.</p>		<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmf.</p>

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	1944		Sheet 4 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)	1044/1
Les Buissons MR 994741 Sheet 7F/1	0706 D/1	2330	<p>The tanks remained on high ground near LA MARE until first light. During the night an enemy patrol of half-tracks and motorcycles infiltrated into our lines and two of the half-tracks were destroyed. Also during the night enemy paratroops were dropped nearby but were dealt with by the infantry and our machine guns.</p> <p>Capt. G.W. Cote, Adjutant, and Lt. T.C. Stevens, Regimental Signals Officer, were cut off by enemy patrols in our rear last night, while proceeding back to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde. The patrol was stopped by La Regiment de la Chaudiere and the scout car was found abandoned this morning at MR 004769, undamaged and with contents intact. The body of Lt. Stevens was later found but Capt. Cote and the driver D-46911 Sgt Barter, N.H. are still missing.</p> <p>Lt. J.H. Casey of A Sqn was wounded during the action last evening and has been evacuated to FDS.</p> <p>At first light the unit moved off from high ground at LA MARE with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders. They moved South towards VILLONS LES BUISSONS in the same order as yesterday, A Sqn under Major E.W.L. Arnold on the right, B Sqn under Major G.S. Mahon on the left and C Sqn under Major V.O. Walsh in the centre. RHQ tanks with the Commanding Officer Lt. Col M.B.K. Gordon moved along the centre line in front of C Sqn.</p> <p>A mobile A tk gun held up the advance for a time but was knocked out by the infantry with grenades. Near LES BUISSONS German Infantry were in position at the forward edge of long grass, but with fire from our MGs and a short tank run over their positions and the advance was resumed.</p> <p>Shelling and mortars were encountered during the advance on BURON MR 9972. "A" Sqn bypassed the town on the right and "B" Sqn on the left while C Coy of the NthNS Highrs pushed on through to AUTHIE. Six MGs at AUTHIE held up the infantry until dealt with by the tanks.</p>	<p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Sheet			
Les Buissons MR 994741 Sheet 7F/1	1944	0706 2330	5	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)		
				<p>At this point of advance, 1410 hrs, German tanks made their first appearance on the left and shortly afterwards "A" Sqn also met them on low ground on the right. The infantry were forced to retire at this point, but several troops of tanks went forward of AUTHIE to the outskirts of FRANQUEVILLE, within sight of the main objective, the airfield at CARPIQUET.</p> <p>"C" Sqn was sent forward on the left to get in on the enemy's flank. Lt Fitzpatrick's troop dropped infantry just North of AUTHIE and he lost two of his three tanks in 60 seconds. With his remaining tank he took up a position in the orchard just South of AUTHIE and then discovered that his 17-pr would not work due to the failure of the breech mechanism. He observed the German attack and encountered it with MG fire. It consisted of two waves of infantry and then the tanks moving forward slowly and with determination. The infantry of the NthNS Highrs moved back to positions just South of LES BUISSONS and there found that only 5 men from C Coy and a few from A Coy had returned.</p> <p>The German infantry followed up re-occupying BURON and then attacked D Coy of the Nth NS Highrs with bayonets. Our tanks overran D Coy's opposition and they returned with only a few casualties. The Regt took up positions centred on the orchard just South of LES BUISSONS 9974 where it was subjected to shelling and heavy mortar fire. Nothing was seen from ST CONTEST 0072 or from GRUCHY 9772 but fire from there was observed.</p> <p>Identifications were made of 12 SS Panzer Division, 21 SS Panzer Division and 726 Grenadier Regiment on our front. Enemy 88-mm guns caused most of the casualties suffered by our unit during the day. 41 enemy tanks of all types were knocked out for the loss of 15 of our own. Also many SP guns, half-tracks, light transport, infantry and other weapons were knocked out or destroyed.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 5 is a list of casualties which total 63 all ranks killed, wounded or missing. The following are the casualties so far among the officers: Killed - Lt. T.C. Stevens, Lt. W.H. Trenholme, Wounded - Major G.S. Mahon, Lt. K.L. Steeves, Lt. G.A. Kraus. Missing - Capt. G.W. Cote, Lt. T.A.L. Windsor, Lt. I.A. MacLean. Lt. C.F. Thompson received a slight scalp wound but after medical attention will be able to return to his Sqn.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 3 is a list of scores made by squadrons as compiled by crews. This is not complete as some crews have not been heard from.</p>	Zmf Zmf Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3 Zmf Zmf Appx 5 Zmf Appx 3 Zmf	

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Sheet 6 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R) Serial 1044/1	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Area ELDER Beny sur Mer, France MR 9881 Sheet 7F/1	0706	2200	<p>Tanks under Capt J.H. Gilbert, craft serial 1740 and Lt. D.H. Bradley, craft serial 1741, landed today from LSTs by Rhino Ferries. After a short halt at assembly area ELDER they moved on to join the other tanks in battle, leaving the area late in the afternoon. Five more lorries also arrived but the vehicles on the top decks of the LSTs did not unload today. One tank Sherman Mk III and one Stuart recce tank had mechanical trouble and remained at the assembly area.</p> <p>Major F.H. Baldwin is organizing B Echelon to supply the forward troops. Ammunition, petrol and Derve were sent forward during the day as they were badly needed, many of the tanks being immobile as they had run completely dry and were out of ammunition. Some had even been firing 75-mm HE at German infantry as they were out of Browning ammunition. The Sherman V(C) tanks which use petrol were in a worse state for fuel than the Sherman III tanks which use DERVE.</p> <p>One German half-track vehicle, complete with papers and equipment, was brought in this morning by the IO Lt. H.D. Spielman and turned over to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde to be searched for information.</p> <p>Weather, cloudy, cool and windy during the morning clearing some in the afternoon, visibility fair increasing in the afternoon. The beach area was bombed by German planes soon after midnight last night and again this morning at 0600 hrs. Anti-Aircraft Batteries and balloon crews are on the job and it is difficult for the enemy planes to come in low.</p> <p>Lt. D.H. Bradley has been appointed Acting Adjutant to cover off the vacancy left by Capt. G.W. Cote, who is missing. Lt. Bradley has also been promoted to Acting Captain.</p>	<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p>
Les Buissons, France MR 994741	0806	1700	<p>Last night shortly after dark H/Capt R.W. Brown (CCS), Lt. W.F. Grainger and an instrument mechanic from Z Sec RCCS started for the front to visit the troops. They apparently became lost in the dark and drove into the enemy lines where L/Cpl Greenwood, J.H. B-93395 (RCCS) was shot and killed, Lt Grainger was shot and the Padre was taken prisoner. Lt. Grainger managed to get back to the jeep, turn it around and drive back to our lines.</p> <p>Partly cloudy and warm with very little light rain, visibility good being limited slightly by low cloud.</p>	<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p>

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Les Buissons, France MR 994741 Sheet 7F/1	0806 D/2	1700	<p>The Unit remained in position in the orchard South of LES BUISSONS all day. During the day positions were shelled and mortared from the vicinity of ST CONTEST and GRUCHY. The 17-prs in the Sherman V(C) tanks were firing in answer together with co-ax from other tanks which drove off several small German infantry attacks. SP Artillery has now moved into position behind us and can lay down supporting fire when called for through the FOO who is with us. This was one feature which was sorely missing yesterday. Petrol and ammunition were brought in today under shellfire from B Ech and was unloaded in the orchard.</p> <p>During the day Lt. Bradley's tank was struck in the front bogey by an 88-mm which penetrated into the hull under the drivers seat, without injury to the crew. Major Arnold's tank suffered a direct hit on the turret from a mortar shell without suffering any damage other than shaking the crew up a bit.</p>		Appx 7 <i>Lmf</i>
Camilly, France MR 9376 Sheet 7F/1	0806	2300	<p>At 1730 hrs the Regt was relieved by the 10 Cdn Armd Regt and proceeded West to the right sector of the Div Front, where they joined in support of 7 Cdn Inf Bde, commanded by Brigadier Foster. During the move German Mk III tanks were encountered near the river Mue, and one of them was shot up by Capt. S.V. Radley Walters' crew. The unit formed up on high ground just West of CAMILLY for the night.</p> <p>While remaining behind in the orchard at LES BUISSONS to convey orders to Lt-Col Morton CO of the 10 Cdn Armd Regt, Major Cave's tank was struck by a shell and had to be evacuated to the rear, one member of the crew D-46157 Sgt Aulis, G.E. was injured.</p> <p>B Echelon under Major F.H. Baldwin moved from Area ELDER to open ground in area MR 9683 nearer the beach, where they were Brigaded.</p> <p>Lt. W.J. Charters, Lt. H.D. Foster, Lt. P.H. Morgan and 40 ORs have been taken on strength from C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt and have joined the troops at the front with 9 replacement tanks.</p> <p>D-13596 Tpr. Munroe, R.W. ceases to be attached to 22 Cdn Fd Amb and is struck off strength X 3 list on returning direct to the unit.</p>		<i>Lmf</i> <i>Lmf</i> <i>Lmf</i> <i>Lmf</i> <i>Lmf</i>
Secqueville-en Bessin, France MR 923741 ②	0906	2300	<p>At first light the tanks moved from the high ground West of CAMILLY and laagered just South of Secqueville-en-Bessin. During the night the Regt was regrouped into two composite sqns under Maj V.O. Walsh and Maj E.W.L. Arnold. R.H.Q. joined with 7 Cdn Inf Bde HQ just North of BRETTEVILLE l'ORGUEILEUSSE and the</p>		<i>Lmf</i>

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	1944		Sheet 8 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)	1044/1	
Secqueville-en-Bessin, France MR 923741 Sheet 7F/1	0906	2300	<p>composite sqn under Maj V.O. Walsh moved into the area SE of BRETTEVILLE l'ORGUEIL-EUSSE as far as the high ground just North of the main road BAYEUX-CAEN. Enemy tanks were sighted in the vicinity of NORREY EN BESSIN and 7 Pz Kw V, 3 Pz Kw IV and 1 Pz Kw II were knocked out without loss to our tanks. MG positions and pill-boxes were also put out of action, the later being shot up by Fireflys (17-prs). One troops was disposed to watch the orchard at VILLENEUVE MR 9470. The enemy started shelling our positions and as it was thought his OP was in the Church tower at NORREY EN BESSIN, this was shot off by Maj V.O. Walsh. During the afternoon a Sqn of the 6 Cdn Armd Regt on our left pulled out. An ammunition carrier was knocked out and Lt. Spafford's crew hit an ammunition lorry or dump near VILLENEUVE.</p> <p>In the evening Major Walsh's Sqn ran out of amm and was relieved by Major Arnold's Sqn. The only movement observed was that of the enemy towards CARPIQUET AIRFIELD. The FOO with us was very helpful and did everything in his power to assist us. He called down a concentration of fire on the wood 4000 yds to our front, but due to the intensity of fire, results could not be observed. Enemy infantry were later observed near PUTOT-EN-BESSIN MR 9072. At dusk Major Arnold's Sqn returned and joined the remainder of the tanks at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN as did the RHQ tanks.</p> <p>Lt. P.H. Morgan was killed today while outside his tank. He was wearing black coveralls and an American helmet at the time, but it is not thought that he was killed through mistaken identity.</p> <p>"A" Echelon was established late this afternoon at CAMILLY MR 942765 to be closer to the front and speed up the supplying of the fighting troops. RSM MacLeod, D.E. is in charge and is assisted by SSM Nicholson. The LAD, fitters and Signals personnel stay at A Echelon.</p> <p>15 ORs were taken on strength from C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt and are SOS X 4 list. They joined the unit at SECQUEVILLE today with 3 replacement tanks.</p> <p>Weather, clear, sunny and warm, visibility good.</p> <p>Attached at appx 5 of the original and duplicate are Instrs re Cdn Postal Services within 21 Army Group.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the orig is Appx "A" to 2 CAB Int Summary No. 1 and 3 Cdn Inf Div Int Summary No. 2.</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Appx 5</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3</p>

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Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse, France, MR 922730 Sheet 7F/1	1006 D/4	1800	RHQ joined 7 Cdn Inf Bde HQ again this morning and the tanks remained in position South of Secqueville-en-Bessin. Several tank patrols were made with troops of four tanks but no engagement with the enemy was made.			Lmj
		2300	7 Cdn Inf Bde called several times during the afternoon for support of our tanks to clean out MG nests and pillboxes at BRONAY. The CO, Lt-Col. M.B.K. Gordon, would not give this support and risk losing any tanks without a properly laid out plan, as it was known there was an 88-mm gun near that position. Finally after 7 Cdn Inf Bde had agreed to T up an attack, tanks were sent out under Capt. K. Y. Dick. At 2300 hrs one tank returned with two wounded men from Sgt. Leith's tank which had been hit by an 88 and burned, and shortly the other tanks returned except for two of which nothing has been heard. At dusk RHQ moved back and joined the tanks South of Secqueville-en-Bessin. Partly cloudy and cool with light intermittent showers during the day, visibility good but slightly limited by cloud. 10 ORs were SOS to X 4 List CAC and are attached to C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt. They returned to Ordnance with two tanks for repair. There is some confusion yet regarding personnel at CADR but it is hoped that any men who belong to this unit will be returned to it again when their tank is ready or when they have been given a new one. At present we have received personnel who belong to 6 and 10 Cdn Armd Regts and some of our personnel have gone to them. Five ORs wounded in action have been SOS to 33/34 FDS (British) Attached at appx 3 of the original are the following - 3 Cdn Inf Biv Int Summary No. 3, Trace of minefields laid in les Buissons Area and a message regarding civilians.			Lmj Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3 Lmj Lmj Appx 5 Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3
Secqueville-en-Bessin, France MR 923741	1106 D/5	1200	This morning Capt. K.Y. Dick with the crews of the two missing tanks and the remainder of Sgt Leith's crew returned on foot, having spent the night at Bn HQ of the Canadian Scottish Regt at PUTOT-EN-BESSIN, after losing their tanks on our own minefields at BRONAY last night. This occurred after Capt. Dick had pointed out to the Bn Comd the intended route and he had not been informed that mines had been laid. The attack at BRONAY was not a success although tanks managed to cross the bridge.			Lmj

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			Sheet 10	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R) Serial 1044/1	
Secqueville en Bessin France MR 923741 Sheet 7F/1	1106	1200	Smoke was laid by the enemy to cover his positions. Capt. Dick stated that as long as the tanks were firing the enemy was quiet, but as soon as they stopped to change a belt, the enemy MGs opened up and it sounded like hail on the outside of the tank. The infantry attack was on a small scale and not well laid on therefore no change in the infantry position resulted, and it is not known whether any of the MG nests or pillboxes were destroyed.		Lmf
		2300	<p>Tanks remained ready at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN to support an attack being made by the 6 Cdn Armd Regt southwards towards LE MESNIL PATRY while the 10 Cdn Armd Regt was making a sweep up the River MUE. On the failure of the 6 Cdn Armd Regt to take its objective, the tanks were withdrawn from SECQUEVILLE to a position on high ground SW of CAMILLY in area 9375.</p> <p>"B" Echelon moved from the area 9683 near REVIERS to a new area 9879 just South and on the outskirts of BENY SUR MER.</p> <p>Clear and sunny in the morning, clouding with light rain in the afternoon and a brisk NW wind. Visibility good but somewhat limited in the afternoon.</p> <p>Lt. White, the LO from 2 Cdn Armd Bde, now visits the unit every two hours during the day and is doing a very good job of keeping us in the picture as to what is happening on our front and on the others too. 2 Cdn Armd Bde is employing special LO's to cover the American front and is therefore perhaps one of the best informed formations as to what is going on on the whole front.</p> <p>A/Capt. M.H. Bateman has been struck off strength to X 3 List on admission to 14 Cdn Pd Amb. Capt. J.H. Gilbert A/OC B Sqn since Major Mahon was wounded is now the only senior officer left in B Sqn.</p> <p>One OR was SOS to X 4 List CAC and attached to C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 is 3 Cdn Inf Div Intelligence Summary No. 4 (Original Only)</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Appx 3</p>

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MR 932757 near Camilly, France	1944 1206 D/6	2100	Sheet 11 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher FUs R) Serial 1044/1	
			The tanks formed a semi circle on the high ground 9375 SW of CAMILLY with RHQ in the centre and the Recce tanks guarding the rear. The unit is ready to support 7 Cdn Inf Bde in case of an enemy breakthrough on their front.	Lmf
			Clear, sunny and warm, visibility good, with only a light wind. This is the first chance the men have had to relax and get cleaned up and they are making the best of it. The first mail came in last night also and they are busy reading and writing letters. 5 scout cars are now kept at RHQ at all times for conveyance of officers. Jeeps are used as little as possible and although DRs are kept with RHQ they are only used for short runs or when a scout car is not available as snipers are causing a considerable amount of trouble.	Lmf
			A Echelon at CAMILLY is working better now and supplies are coming through regular. Capt. R.F. Garrow, the RTA arrived today with vehicles and personnel of the D/5 party. The RTA has made his HQ at A Ech and has gone right to work.	Lmf
			B Echelon moved again today from BENY SUR MER to PIERREPONT MR 935792.	Lmf
			At 2003 hrs the tanks were subjected to shelling by 88-mm HE. There were no casualties nor damage. The men no longer have to be told to dig slit trenches, it is now the first thing they do on arriving in a new area.	Lmf
			Major E.W.L. Arnold, OC "A" Sqn, has been SOS to X 3 List on admission to 14 Cdn Fd Amb.	Lmf
			Lt. C.H. Neil, RCEME, OC 85 LAD attached to this unit, has been promoted to A/Capt.	Lmf
			5 ORs have been SOS to X 4 List CAC and attached to C Sqn 25 CADR. 5 ORs have been TOS from C Sqn 25 CADR and are SOS X 4 List.	Lmf
			Attached at appx 3 of the original copy is 3 Cdn Inf Div Interpretation Report and 3 Cdn Inf Div Intelligence Summary No. 5.	Appx 3 Appx 3 Lmf

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Camilly, France MR 932755	1306 D/7	1800	<p>Sheet 12</p> <p>27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)</p> <p>Tanks are dispersed on high ground with troops resting, ready to support 7 Cdn Inf Bde if needed. Partly cloudy with a cold wind, visibility mostly poor. Intermittent showers and sunshine all day. The area was shelled again at 1225 hrs and at intermittent periods throughout the afternoon without damage. Two recce tanks and four more Shermans arrived up with the troops today.</p> <p>The rations are now sent up in 14 man compo packs for one day only. They are being issued on a scale of 1½ per man per day so that a reserve may be built up at the echelon. This system is alright but it makes it difficult to split up the rations as each crew is doing its own cooking. The men are able to supplement their rations somewhat by buying or bartering with their rations for eggs, butter, milk and sometimes meat with the civilians.</p> <p>Capt. S.V. Radley Walters of C Sqn has been appointed A/OC "A" Sqn to replace Major E.W.L. Arnold, and has been promoted to Acting Major.</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p>
Camilly, France MR 932755	1406 D/8	1900	<p>Tanks remained on high ground ready to support 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Weather clear and sunny with a cool NW wind, clouding in the afternoon. Visibility good in the morning decreasing in the afternoon.</p> <p>At dusk last night the bombing of CARPIQUET and CAEN could be seen from our position and together with the news this morning of the advance of the 51 (H) Division on the left flank and the 7 British Division on our immediate right the men are greatly encouraged.</p> <p>A meeting of all officers was held at the CO's tank at 1000 hrs this morning to discuss the lessons learned during the recent actions and to consolidate them for further meetings to be held at HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde.</p> <p>At 1330 hrs RHQ, A and B Sqns moved several hundred yards East off from the open ground and under cover of high bushes and hedges, C Sqn remained in the open on the right.</p> <p>At 1730 hrs a service was held for RCs by Padre E.J. Gleason of HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 are the following- Int Summary No. 2, 2 Cdn Armd Bde - 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 3, and 3 Cdn Inf Div Int Summary Nos 6 and 7. and 2 Cdn Armd Bde Sitrep.</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3</p>

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Serial 1044/1	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Camilly, France MR 936755	1506 D/9	1800	<p>Sheet 13</p> <p>27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)</p> <p>Regiment under Command 2 Cdn Armd Bde working in support of 7 Cdn Inf Bde. A clear starlight night, cold with a heavy dew, during the day clear, sunny and warm, visibility good with a light wind.</p> <p>The area was shelled this afternoon at 1538 hrs by 105 mm shells. Tpr. Hancharyk, S. K-100204 was killed by sharpnel from the first shell as he was diving for a slit trench.</p> <p>The Paymaster, Capt. E.W. Haley arrived today from England with his vehicle and two ORs, he will remain at B Ech to assist Major Baldwin. The remainder of D/8 party has been phased back to allow troops of 8 Corps to land first.</p> <p>The IO LT. H.D. Spielman, after attending the Brigadier's information conference at HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde every evening holds an information conference at 0800 hrs every morning for the officers or at least one representative per squadron. Maps of the complete bridgehead are kept up to date at RHQ and the latest information is available to all the troops at any time. The BBC News is taken down at 0900 hrs every morning and is posted for anyone to read. As yet daily newspapers have not come in from England but it is hoped that arrangements will be completed soon.</p> <p>27 ORs were SOS to X 4 List CAC and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 5 is an order from 3 Cdn Inf Div on the treatment of suspect civilians. (Original copy only).</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Appx 5 Lmf</p>
Camilly, France MR 936755	1606	1800	<p>Light rain during the night; partly cloudy and cool with a cool NW wind, visibility good except for a low cloud and slight haze.</p> <p>Troops spent the day resting and ready to move at a moments notice. "A" Echelon area at CAMILLY was shelled today at 1540 hrs while a parade was being held for weapon inspection and two men were wounded in the legs by sharpnel, D-46151 Tpr. Asquith, A. and B-138469 Tpr. Solinger, R.J.</p> <p>All senior officers attended a conference at HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde at 0900 hrs this morning at LE FRESNE CAMILLY. A discussion was held on lessons learned and enemy tactics and criticisms were made on many points which have arisen.</p> <p>20 ORs were SOS to X 4 List CAC and attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 of the original copy are the following - 3 Cdn Inf Div Int Summary No. 8 - 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 4 with trace A-1 and A-2 - and trace of enemy positions.</p>		<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmf</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3</p>

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	1944		Sheet 14 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher. Fus R)	1044/1	
Camilly, France MR 936755 Sheet 7F/1	1706 D/11	1800	<p>Partly cloudy and warm with a light steady NW wind, visibility good except for low cloud.</p> <p>The tanks remained in position in support of 7 Cdn Inf Bde and spent a quiet day with no shelling. "B" Echelon moved from PIERREPONT to open high ground West of FONTAINE HENRY MR 9679. Vehicles were well dispersed and camouflaged as well as possible. B Echelon have one cooks lorry in which arrived on D/6, they are still eating from compo packs but their meals are cooked for them all together.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 of the original are the following - 7 Cdn Inf Bde first light sitrep - and 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 5 with Appx A and trace B. and 3 Cdn Inf Div Int Summary No. 10 and Interpretation Trace.</p> <p>H/Capt. K.M. Cutler has been TOS this unit as regimental Padre with effect from 16 Jun 44 to replace H/Capt R.M. Brown who is missing.</p> <p>Lt. T.H. Hunter has been TOS this unit as regimental signals officer with effect from 15 Jun 44, from 48 Coy 10 CBRG.</p> <p>8 ORs have been TOS from X 4 List and cease to be attached to C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt.</p> <p>One OR was SOS to X 4 list and attached to C Sqn 25 CADR on each of the following dates: 11 Jun 44, 14 Jun 44 and 15 Jun 44.</p>		<p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3</p>
Camilly, France MR 936755 Sheet 7F/1	1806	1800	<p>Cloudy with a cool NW wind, visibility fair with low cloud and haze.</p> <p>Church Service was held at 0900 hrs for RCs and at 1000 hrs for Protestants in the wood at B Sqn area F Echelon SW of Camilly. All A and B echelon personnel attended except one driver per vehicle.</p> <p>5 ORs were TOS this unit from X 4 List and cease to be attached to C Sqn 25 CADR. 2 ORs have been SOS to X 4 List and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 are passwords for 17 and 18 Jun 44 and 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 6 with trace C attached. (Original copy only)</p>		<p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3</p>

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Sheet 15	Summary of Events and Information 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)	Serial 1044/1	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Camilly, France MR 936755 Sheet 7F/1 1:50,000	1806 D/12	1800		<p>Lt. C.C. McLachlan ceases to be carried surplus to WE on posting to vacancy in War Establishment with effect from 26 May 44.</p> <p>Lt. W.A. Rouse has been attached to this unit from 2 Cdn Armd Bde Signals with effect from 30 May 44.</p> <p>A/Capt. M.H. Bateman of B Sqn, only recently SOS to hospital, is to be Captain with effect from 26 Apr 44. Word has been received that Capt. Bateman has been evacuated to hospital in England. News has also been received from Major G.S. Mahon and Lt. G.A. Kraus, both of whom are in hospital in England and doing well.</p> <p>D-46183 Tpr. Fraser, K.M. has been SOS to X 3 List on admission to hospital (illness only).</p> <p>B-144484 Tpr. Robillard, A.E. has been SOS to X 3 List CAC on admission to 14 Fd Amb (nervous exhaustion).</p> <p>One OR has been TOS from X 4 List and ceases to be attached to C Sqn 25 CADR. 8 ORs have been SOS to X 4 List and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p>
Secqueville en Bessin, France MR 921746	1806	2330		<p>27 Cdn Armd Regt moved up to the area of Secqueville en Bessin in support of 8 Cdn Inf Bde who interchanged with 7 Cdn Inf Bde, RHQ (Tac) consisting of the COs vehicle, the office 15-cwt and the scout cars moved to orchard MR 921746 in Secqueville at 1700 hrs. The remainder of the tanks and A Ech moved after dusk; RHQ tanks and recce tanks to 922743, A Ech to 923742, A Sqn to 908737 in support of the R de Chaud and B and C Sqs to high ground NE of Secqueville MR 9234.</p>		<p>Lmf</p>
Secqueville en Bessin, France MR 921746	1906 D/13	2000		<p>Cool with a steady light rain during the night and continuing during the day, windy, wet and cold, visibility poor very limited.</p> <p>Unit remained in position in support of 8 Cdn Inf Bde.</p> <p>The CO, Lt-col M.B.K. Gordon, sent a message of congratulation to everyone in A and B Echelons today on their fine work since the landing in keeping the fighting troops at the front supplied. He also pointed out to all men of the fighting troops the importance of the work being done by the personnel in the echelons.</p> <p>28 ORs were SOS to X 4 List CAC and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>B-143122 Tpr. Kyles, A. has been SOS to X 3 List CAC on admission to hospital, due to foot injury (not due to battle).</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p>

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Sheet 17 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher. Fus R)	Serial 1044/1	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Colomby sur Thaon, France MR 002776	2106	2000	<p>RHQ tanks and Recce tanks moved this morning and joined together on high ground MR 998773. A Sqn moved from the high ground where they had spent the night South to Anisy 0175 in support of HLI of C, B Sqn moved to small wood just NE of Le Vey MR 981756 in support of SD&G Highrs and C Sqn remained near Villons les Anisy 9975 in support of NNS Highrs. During the day tanks in the forward positions were mortared and shelled at intermittent periods with no damage or casualties.</p> <p>The Unit is now operating on a 49 tank basis. This gives each squadron 3 troops of 4 tanks with 3 tanks in Sqn HQ and the regular 4 tanks in RHQ. Most of the officers consider this a better organization as it is smaller and much easier for the Sqn commander to handle during battle.</p> <p>The state of tanks in the unit is; Sherman IIIs 42 and 1 fit in 24 hrs, Sherman V(C)s 6, Recce tanks Stuarts 7.</p> <p>Cloudy, cool and windy, visibility poor.</p> <p>An O Group was held by the CO, Lt-col M.B.K. Gordon, at RHQ at Colomby sur Thaon at 1500 hrs.</p> <p>F-66329 Tpr. Lohnes, E.W. has been SOS to X 3 List CAC on admission to hospital (illness only).</p> <p>4 ORs have been SOS to X 4 List CAC and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 3 of the original is 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep as of 1900 hrs.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 7 of the original is a copy of the 0900 hrs BBC News.</p> <p>The personnel in the echelons are being kept busy doing maintenance and many other tasks. The last stages of dewaterproofing are being carried out and the vehicles are being thoroughly cleaned and repainted where necessary.</p>		<p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf</p> <p>Lmf 3</p> <p>Lmf 7</p> <p>Lmf</p>

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Colomby sur Thaon, France MR 002776 Sheet 7F/1 1:50,000	2206	2000	<p>Clear, sunny and cool with a brisk NW wind, visibility good. Sqns remained in position in support of units of 9 Cdn Inf Bde. Considerable shelling of A and C Sqn areas was carried out today and D-46584 Tpr. Wark, R.F. of C Sqn was wounded in the leg by sharpnel. He has been SOS to X 3 List on admission to 22 Cdn Fd Amb.</p> <p>A light Field Section of the 17th Cdn Fd Amb is now with this unit to assist our MO in clearing casualties and to gain experience in Field work. The Section consists of 2 jeep ambulances and one 60-cwt truck.</p> <p>The tank state of the unit is, Sherman IIIs 40 and 3 to be fit in 24 hrs, Sherman V(C)s 6 and Sturats 9.</p> <p>Capt. R.M. Houston and one OR have been TOS from 9 Bn 2 CBRG, Capt Houston has been posted to B Sqn. Lt. C.W. Bennett has been TOS from 6 Cdn Armd Regt and posted to HQ Sqn to take command of the Recce Troop. Both these officers have been with this unit previously as Special Increment or Reinforcement Officers.</p> <p>Lt. R.S.S. Grier has been posted to HQ Sqn from B Sqn as RHQ Troop Leader and Lt. I.A. MacArthur RHQ Troop Leader has been posted from HQ Sqn to B Sqn.</p> <p>59 ORs have been TOS from X 4 List CAC and cease to be attached to C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 3 of the original are, 9 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol program for night 21/22 Jun, 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 10, 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep to 0900 hrs and sitrep to 1900 hrs.</p>	<p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p>
Colomby sur Thaon, France	2306	2000	<p>Partly cloudy and warm visibility slightly limited by haze.</p> <p>3 Sherman Tanks Mk III, 1 Sherman ARC and 14 wheeled vehicles arrived at A Ech last night from the D/8 and D/9 party who were landed by mistake near Bayeux. The party under RQMS Kelly, D. was misdirected several times during the move to the unit and provost were of little assistance to them. Having landed at 1700 hrs they arrived at A Ech at approx 2330 hrs. Another party of 11 vehicles under SSM Jackson which landed at the same time has not shown up yet. This party embarked on D/11 after moving from Camp A-18 at Sarrisbury to Camp A-22 at Botley and then to C-1 at Eastliegh. The craft sailed from Southampton on Sunday 17 Jun 44 and arrived off the Normandy beaches the next morning and have laid there at anchor since.</p>	<p>Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p>

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Colomby sur Thaon, France MR 002776	2306	2000	<p>The sea was running very high under a strong NW wind and many of the men were sick. Together with this the craft were bombed nearly every night by German planes and one near miss split a 12 ft seam in one of the LSTs.</p> <p>The remainder of the D/8 and D/9 party under SSM Jackson arrived at B Ech at 1215 hrs today after having been misdirected into Bayeux. One signals battery charger from this party caught fire on the beach after landing and burned with everything in it.</p> <p>The state of tanks in the unit is; Sherman IIIs 4, Sherman V(C)s 6 and Stuarts 7, with 1 fit in 24 hrs</p> <p>Lt. S.W. Wood has been SOS 27 Cdn Armd Regt to X 3 List CAC on admission to 22 Cdn Fd Amb RCAMC (illness only).</p> <p>The following officers have been TOS 27 Cdn Armd Regt from C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt and are posted to Sqns as shown. Lt. W.C. Speare C Sqn, Lt. I.G. McCrimmon A Sqn, Lt. R.E. Pinning B Sqn, Lt. V.H. Kupchenko B Sqn, Lt. R.J. Labelle C Sqn, Lt. J.D. Corless A Sqn and Lt. M.S. Grant B Sqn. Lt. R.E. Pinning left this unit in May 1943 for OCTU, he was previously Regimental Signals Sergeant.</p> <p>G-4789 Tpr. Holyoke, D.B. has been SOS to X 6 List with effect 11 Jun 44 (missing).</p> <p>10 ORs have been SOS to X 4 List CAC and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the original are the following; 9 CIB Patrol Programme night 22/23 Jun, 2 CAB Int Summary No. 10, synopsis 7 CIB Patrols night 22/23 Jun, 9 CIB sitrep 0800 hrs, 9 CIB sitrep 1900 hrs, and 3 Cdn Inf Div Int Summary No 13. and trace of minefields up to 1200 hrs 23 Jun 44.</p>	<p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p>

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Sheet 20	Summary of Events and Information 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)	Serial 1044/1	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Le Vey, France MR 985765 Sheet 7F/1 1:50,000	2406	2100		<p>RHQ moved from Colomby sur Thacon at 0030 hrs to high open ground NE of Le Vey MR 985765, where they were joined by RHQ tanks and Recce tanks. C Sqn moved back into position immediately South of RHQ and A and B Sqns moved back to positions just in front of C Sqn.</p> <p>Clear, sunny and warm, visibility good. Bath parades were held to the River Mue today and to a mobile bath which has been set up in Thaon approximately 1½ miles away. Two planes of unknown nationality were seen shot down in a quick dogfight overhead this morning, neither one landed in the vicinity of the unit.</p> <p>The unit tank state is; Sherman IIIs 43, Sherman V(C)s 6 and Stuarts 8 with one to be fit in 24 hrs.</p> <p>Six tanks are shooting in today just South of the positions at Le Vey. The Infantry were notified by LO through 9 Cdn Inf Bde HQ. Previously tanks on arriving from TDR have been shot in near Bretteville-l'Orgueilleuse. It was decided that it would be better to shoot in within our own lines, as when firing into enemy lines it drew fire and made it very unpleasant for the infantry holding positions nearby.</p> <p>Orders have been given that all tanks will be properly camouflaged at once using local vegetation to cover them. Vegetation will also be used to cover fresh earth from slit trenches. The CO's vehicle and the office 15 cwt have been placed in a pit dug especially for them by a bulldozer last night. This is deep enough so that they are entirely below ground level and they are given added protection by the four RHQ tanks which are placed two on each side. In looking around the field there are many haystacks which were not there last night, the crews have done a very good job in camouflaging their tanks by using their nets and then piling new mown hay all over the tanks.</p> <p>20 men from A Sqn and 4 from the Recce Troop attended a demonstration on mines and booby traps at 18 Fd Coy RCE MR 997776 at 0815 hrs. 20 men from B Sqn and 4 from RHQ tanks attended the same demonstration at 1015 hours.</p> <p>9 ORs have been SOS to X 4 List CAC and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 is 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 12.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the orig and duplicate copies is trace of enemy defences on 9 Cdn Inf Bde front.</p>		Zmf Zmf Zmf Zmf Zmf Zmf Appx 3 Zmf Appx 3 Zmf

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Summary of Events and Information Sheet 21 27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R) Serial 1044/1	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2406	2100	<p>Two more Fireflies (Sherman V(C)) arrived today, these were sent to A and C Sqn which each sent back to TDS one Sherman III with crew in substitution for the Firefly and crew. C Sqn got back the tank and crew which just arrived and sent another tank and crew to TDS to replace them. Sqn Leaders are to ensure that new Troop Leaders are instructed on troop tactics to be used in coming battle and that lessons learned are passed on.</p> <p>DADOS 2 Cdn Armd Bde has been requested by the CO to get phased in as early as possible 2 more jeeps, office 60-cwt, office HUP, technical 15-cwt and staff and Q staff and lorry as they are essential.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 3 of the original is 9 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol programme for night 23/24 Jun, 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep 0700 hrs, and 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep 1900 hrs.</p>	<p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p>
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2506	2000	<p>27 Cdn Armd Regt came under command 27 Arm Armd Bde for operations only and commands liaised direct for operation ABERLOUR.</p> <p>Clear, sunny and warm, visibility good except for slight haze, clouding with light rain in the evening.</p> <p>Major F.W.K. Bingham has been TOS 27 Cdn Armd Regt from X 4 List CAC and has been posted to B Sqn as OC.</p> <p>Protestant Church Service was held in the rear of RHQ F Ech at 1000 hrs by H/Capt Cutler. A Ech personnel were marched up from Colomby sur Thaon to the Service.</p> <p>The present fighting state of tanks is Sherman IIIs 39 with 2 to be fit in 24 hrs, Sherman V(C)s 7 with one to be fit in 24 hrs and Stuarts 9. 10 tanks held by this unit still require armour plating welded on.</p> <p>Amm and petrol lorries for RHQ will report daily to Lt. RSS Grier and for Recce Troops to Lt C.W. Bennett.</p> <p>A mobile bath is now available at MR 969803 for 120 men from this unit per day by making reservations several days in advance. As water is not over plentiful and the facilities for washing not the best, this is very welcome by the men.</p> <p>18 ORs were SOS to X 4 List and are attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 are 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 13, 2 Cdn Armd Bde trace of enemy defences and trace of dispositions own A tk guns and arcs of fire.</p>	<p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Lmj</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmj</p>

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Place	Date 1944	Hour	Sheet 22	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)		
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2506	2100	<p>All private and official mail is now to be addressed British Western Expeditionary Force.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 is 9 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol programme night 24/25 Jun, 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep 0800 hrs and 3 Br Inf Div Minefd Trace(3 parts). (Original only)</p> <p>Attached at appx 7 is a copy of 0900 hrs BBC News.(Original only)</p>		<p>Lmjf</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 7 Lmjf</p>	
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2606	2200	<p>Clear and cool with light rain during the night, light intermittent rain during the day with limited visibility. The unit remained in the same position today. Heavy fire from our artillery just behind our position started early this morning and has continued all day in support of a drive being made on the right flank by British troops. An O Group was held at 1700 hrs for operation ABERLOUR at RHQ.</p> <p>Major J.C. Cave, 2 IC of the unit, has been SOS to X 3 List on admission to hospital (illness only). 12 ORs have been TOS and cease to be attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>Capt. R.M. Houston has been posted from B to C Sqn, Lt. R.J. Labelle from C to A Sqn, Capt. N.H? Welsh, 2 IC HQ Sqn, to A Sqn as 2 IC and Capt. KY Dick, 2 IC A Sqn to HQ Sqn as 2 IC.</p> <p>One Sherman III with quick fix fitted was brought forward from ADS last night to C Sqn. The tanks to be transferred from 10 Cdn Armd Regt to ADS will be held in our reserve. We now hold 5 reserve tanks at ADS and one Mk V 3A3 Stuart is still in workshops.</p> <p>Unit tank state is; Sherman IIIs 39 with 2 fit in 24 hrs, Sherman V(C)s 7 with one fit in 24 hrs and Stuarts 10.</p> <p>As War Office Controlled Stores are in short supply, all personnel evacuated from the unit for any reason, will turn in any of these stores in their possession.</p> <p>Attached at Appx 3 of the original are 9 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol Programme for night 25/26 Jun, 3 Cdn Inf Div Int Summary No. 14, 3 Br Inf Div Int Summary No. 20 and 3 Cdn Inf Div trace of enemy defences.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 3 are 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 14 and trace of enemy A tk defences.</p> <p>Owing to the present supply position replacement tanks cannot be equipped with tank cookers British but American cookers will be supplied in lieu wherever possible.</p>		<p>Lmjf</p> <p>Lmjf</p> <p>Lmjf</p> <p>Lmjf</p> <p>Lmjf</p> <p>Lmjf</p> <p>Lmjf</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmjf</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3 Lmjf</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Lmjf</p>	

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			Sheet 24	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)		
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2706	2100	<p>Since landing in France passwords are issued daily changing at 1200 hrs. These consist of two words, i.e. SNOW WHITE, the challenge is SNOW and the answer should be WHITE.</p> <p>Reports have been received that troops are taking horses to ride to their destination and then letting them run loose. They have been instructed that there will be no interference with animals of the local people.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the original is a synopsis of 7 Cdn Inf Bde Patrols night 26/27 Jun.</p>			<p>Appx 3 Lmj</p>
Les Buissons, France. MR 994739	2806	2000	<p>Light rain during the night, partly cloudy with a cool SW wind and light misty rain in the afternoon, visibility good.</p> <p>A and B Sqns moved off this morning to arrive A Sqn in orchard at Les Buissons and B Sqn at Vieux Cairen before first light 0515 hrs. RHQ tanks and scout cars moved from position at Le Vey at 0500 hrs and joined 9 Cdn Inf Bde HQ in the orchard at Les Buissons MR 994739. C Sqn moved forward towards Le Vey into position formerly held by A Sqn. 3 Recce tanks under Lt Bennett moved to high ground in the vicinity of Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse where they could observe and report on any movement seen on Carpiquet Airfield during operation ABERLOUR. Troops remained in position all day waiting for word to move, they were subjected to light mortar fire and shelling in the morning and more in the afternoon. The part of A Ech in Villons Les Buissons was required to move back to Colomby sur Thaon to avoid casualties and damage to the vehicles from shelling. From the position in the orchard the airfield at Carpiquet could be observed as well as the towns of Gruchy, Buron and Galmanche. Only occasional movement of German infantry could be observed and the occasional DR moving from Buron towards St Contest.</p>			<p>Appx 3 Lmj</p>
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2806	2359	<p>At 2000 hrs word was received that operation ABERLOUR had been cancelled as 3 British Inf Div on our left had run into stiff resistance and could not take their objective. Tanks moved back from Les Buissons and Vieux Cairen after last light and took up their original positions NE of Le Vey at 2345 hrs. The other part of A Ech moved back from Vieux Cairen to Colomby sur Thaon.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the orig and dup is 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary</p>			<p>Appx 3 Lmj</p>
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			Sheet 25	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus' R)		
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2806	2359	<p>Tank state for the unit is Sherman IIIs 41, Sherman V(C)s 8 and Stuarts 9 with one fit in 24 hours.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the original is 9 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol Programme night 27/28 Jun, 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep 1330 hrs, 3 Br Inf Div Int Summary No 21 & 22. 19 ORs were SOS to X 4 List CAC and are attached to C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt.</p>			<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Lmf.</p>
Le Vey, France MR 985765	2906	1700	<p>Clear, cool starlight night with moon three quarters full. Clear and sunny in the morning clouding at 1100 with light rain starting at 1200 hrs and continuing intermittently all afternoon, light wind, visibility poor in the afternoon.</p> <p>Lt. C.W. Bennet with three Recce tanks returned at 1230 hrs from the vicinity of Bretteville l'Orgueilleuse where they had been observing the airfield at Carpiquet for operation ABERLOUR which was cancelled. Their wireless communication had failed and they had not been notified until this morning that the operation had been cancelled. They report no movement of any kind seen on or around Carpiquet.</p> <p>Present tank state for the unit is Sherman IIIs 41 with one fit in 24 hrs, Sherman V(C)s 7 and Stuarts 8 with one fit in 24 hours.</p> <p>The mobile bath at MR 975788 was reserved for this regt from 1230 hrs to 1400 hrs. A Sqn sebt 60 men at 1230 hrs and B Sqn 60 at 1315 hrs.</p> <p>Field phones have now been laid between RHQ and all Sqn and RHQ is connected by phone to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde.</p> <p>5 ORs were TOS from X 4 List CAC and Cease to be attached to C Sqn 25 Cdn Armd Del Regt.</p>			<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 3</p>
		2334	<p>At 2140 hrs information was received that the enemy had broken through our lines on the right flank with tanks supported by infantry from Granville sur Odon and had reached Haut les Bosq. At 2230 hrs the unit was given orders to stand to and be ready to move on a half hours notice. The sun had just set amidst black banks of clouds leaving a dirty red smudgy sky. With the boom of distant gunfire broken by the sharper rattle of nearby machine guns everything seems very ominous and everyone is on the alert. At 2334 hrs the order was received from 2 Cdn Armd Bde to Stand down as the situation was well in hand.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 is 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No. 17.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the original is 3 Br Inf Div Int Summary No. 23.</p>			<p>Lmf.</p> <p>Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3</p>

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			Sheet 26	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)		
Le Vey, France MR 985765	3009	2100	<p>Cloudy and cool with light rain during the morning clearing in the afternoon sunny and warm, visibility good.</p> <p>Unit remained in position NE of Le Vey during the day. Orders have been issued that all white stars on the sides of tanks are to be painted out with drab. Green camouflage paint is now available and tanks will be repainted with this in place of the brown.</p> <p>Lt. S.W. Albright (RCCS) has been TOS from Increment HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div. 10 ORs have been TOS from X 4 List CAC and cease to be attached to C Sqn 25 CADR.</p> <p>It has been confirmed that ME 109s are using Allied distinctive markings and all troops have been warned to be on the lookout.</p> <p>The unit is now all landed except the D/17 party which consists of 84 ORs and vehicles under the command of Lt C.C. McLachlan the Quartermaster.</p> <p>During D-1 and D-2 this unit is estimated to have stopped half a Panzer Division and to have disorganized it so much that they had to withdraw to reform thus preventing a counter attack which would possibly pushed the troops back to the sea. On moving to the right flank in support of 7 Cdn Inf Bde the unit very much eased the situation here as the infantry were getting very near the point of withdrawing.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer of the unit for the month of June was Lt-Col M. B.K. Gordon.</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the original is a trace showing the movements of the unit since landing on the beaches of Normandy.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 5 is a complete list of casualties suffered by the unit since landing.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 6 are Weekly Field Returns of Officers and ORs. (original only)</p> <p>Attached at appx 3 of the original is 9 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol Programme for night 29/30 Jun.</p>			Zmf Z

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			Sheet 27	27 Canadian Armoured Regiment (Sher Fus R)	Serial 1044/1
Le Vey, France MR 985765	3006	2100	<p>Attached at appendix 3 is 2 Cdn Armd Bde Int Summary No 18 and 19.</p> <p>Attached at appendix 3 of the original copy is 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep 0700 hrs, 9 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep 1830 hrs, 3 British Inf Bde Int Summary No. 24 and 9 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol Programme night 30/1.</p> <p>The health of the troops is excellent and the only complaint they have is the monotony of eating compo rations and whenever there is mail in and they happen to be one of those who receives none. A few of the men who were through the thickest of the fighting are a little jittery yet but they are doing well and should soon be over it.</p>		<p>Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>Appx 3 Appx 3 Appx 3</p> <p>L.M.J.</p>
			LMJ	<p><i>M. B. K. Gordon</i></p> <p>(M. B. K. Gordon) Lt-Col., Commanding Officer, 27 Cdn Armd Regt (Sher Fus R)</p>	

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Sheet 7F CAEN-FAIRAISE GSGS 4249	1	0800	making Dominion Day still found the unit on the high ground, making good use of every moment to improve its battleworthiness. The day was only marked by a rum issue.	gsh.
	2		NTR.	gsh.
	3		NTR.	gsh.
	4	0625	A sqn and one tp of C sqn participated in op WINDSOR by doing a diversionary movement from LA VILLENOUVE NORTHWARDS ON ON on an axis of adv parallel to and 1000X EAST of the river MUE towa rds CHATEAU DE ST LOUET and GRUCHY, returning to our own lines at VIEUX CAIRON, while 10 Cdn Armd Regt were in sp of 8 Cdn Inf Bde during their attack on CARPIQUET village and AIRPORT. The Sqn Ldr was highly praised for his excellent and invaluable work by MAJ-GEN R. KELLAR, CBE, DSO, GOC 3 Cdn Inf Div, during his visit to Div HQ with the CO. The sqn had accounted for some 75 Germans, a 37 mm A tk gun with other possibles and no loss to themselves other than 2 tks damaged on a minefd.	Appt "A"
	5	0800	Regt concentrated on the high ground SOUTH WEST of COLOMBY-SUR-THAON. Very little activity reported.	gsh.
	6		NTR.	gsh.
	7		NTR.	gsh.
	8	0600	Regt HQ joined Ta c HQ, 9 Cdn Inf Bde, B Sqn joined the SD and G and A Sqn joined the HLI, C Sqn remaining in reserve for the opening of op CHARNWOOD.	gsh.
		0900	B Sqn report 1 Panther Tk KO'd between GRUCHY and the CHATEAU.	gsh.
		0930	B Sqn report knocking out a 20 mm A/A gun with electric power traverse on the SOUTH side of GRUCHY.	gsh.

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Sheet 7F CAEN-FALAISE GSGS4249	8	0700	Hy arty preparation opened op CHARNWOOD, but the battle proved that arty can shake the Hitler Youth but it cannot stop them killing till they're dead. On the right B sqn were in sp of the SD and G Highrs on their attack on GRUCHY with A sqn in sp of HLI on the left towards BURON. The opening phase went well with B sqn shooting up escaping enemy ing to the SOUTH of GRUCHY. A sqn with the HLI were in BURON.	Attention is drawn to appx "A", Part II which incl extracts from 2 Cdn Armd Bde op instr #1 d/6 Jul 44 9 Cdn Inf Bde CO #4 d/ 6 Jul 44. A comprehensive summary of org and plan for op CHARNWOOD will be found there
	8	1100	Towards the end of the morning the momentum of the attack tended to ease, our ing showing less determination to follow the tks. 59 Brit Div on our immediate left were also held up, but encouraging reports continued to come from 3 Brit Div, still further to the left.	
	8	1345	In the early afternoon the enemy held the high ground SOUTH of BURON, and it was A sqn, with sp of medium arty alone that was responsible for regaining the initiative upon which the success of the div plan depended.	
	8	1500	Five tks under Comd of Maj S.V. RADLEY-WALTERS reached the high ground SOUTH of BURON.	
	8	1515	With the tide again turned in our favour, all three sqns gave up the the Nth NS Highrs into CHATEAU DE ST LOUET AUTHIE and to the SD and G Highrs into CHATEAU DE ST LOUET.	
	8	1600	The remnants of A and C sqns put the Nth NS Highrs into FRANQUEVILLE.	
	8	2100	The regt, less A2 and B Echls, spent the night at VIEUX CAIRON.	
	8	2230	Tac HQ is spending the night with HQ 9 Cdn Inf Bde.	

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Sheet 7F N-FALAISE GS 4249	9	0645	Regt set out in sp of the SD and G Highrs to exploit the previous success, the object was to keep in touch with the enemy who were beleived to pulling out, without getting involved in any major action. The SD and G Highrs were 51 men per coy in XXXXXX strength and the regt had 34 tks left.	<p><i>[Handwritten notes and initials in right margin]</i></p>
	9	0755	B sqn reported to be bogged down on a minefd to the EAST of FRANQUEVILLE and A sqn were pushing on ahead.	
	9	0815	A sqn report having a little trouble with A tk guns SOUTHEAST of CARPIQUET.	
	9	0830	A sqn have encountered 5 Panther tks, everything under control.	
	9	1200	Leading tps of SD and G Highrs and the fwd tks of the regt reported entering the City of CAEN, the CO, Lt-Col M.B.K. GORDON, was the first of the regt to enter the City by going ahead to see whether it was safe for the tks to enter.	
	9	1500	The regt spent the rest of the day mopping up with the ing small pockets of die-hards.	
	9	2235	The regt firmly established in the City of CAEN with only a very few small pockets pockets of enemy resisting.	
	10	2200	The regt had a very quiet day today.	
	11	0800	The regt withdrew today to the ground SOUTH WEST of LEBISEY, in depth of 18 Cdn Armd C Regt, to repair, refit and re-equip to 100% W/E strength.	

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	11	1200	The low ground selected for the adm echs and Regt HQ was assumed the affectionate nickna me of HAPPY VALLEY, MR 046778.	Agg J. H. H.
	11	1400	The Auxiliary Services for the first time in France actively catered to the men by setting up a movie show and distributing other sups.	
	12	0800	NTR.	
	13	1400	The first regt offrs party on the soil of France was held today in a tent and lean-to and it symbolized the success of and reflection of the regt proud past in the great initial assault in the liberation of France and the defeat of Germany in the WEST. Lt-Col M.B.K. GORDON and his offrs received our own Brig R.A. WYMAN, Comd, 2 Cdn Armd Bde, his ZIC, Col J.F. BINGHAM, and Brig CUNNINGHAM, Comd of 9 Cdn Inf Bde, with whom we had been so intimatley and so proudly a ssociated almost continuously since "D" day.	J. H. H.
	13	0930	The following is the text of a letter written to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde under the signature of M.B.K. GORDON, Lt-Col, Comma nding Officer, 27 Cdn Armd Regt: "From experience an opCHARWOOD and previous ops, it is suggested for your consideration that fd security secs have not been workin far enough fwd. It is considered that much of value is being lost and that the fd security personnel should go right in behind the leading elements, contact civilians who would gladly give them infm and go directly with inf parties to vacated HQs, Tech Establishmants, etc. Much that is now only of historic interest might then have been of a high tactical value and could have been sent back with greater speed. Personnel sent should speak French, German and English, DRs and radio eqpt	J. H. H.

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CAEN-FALAISE Sheet 7F GSGS4249	13	0930	could be brought along for appropriate transmission on the most important infm, the the rest being sent back for more detailed study afterwards. This would also ensure that the proper authorities came upon such places intact."	<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> <p>8/8/58 8/8/58 8/8/58 8/8/58 8/8/58 8/8/58 8/8/58 8/8/58 8/8/58</p> </div>
	14	0800	NTR.	
	15	0800	NTR.	
	16	1300	All offr with the exception of the duty offr shared the enjoyment of a "AT HOME" party which was held at HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde who were located at LA FOLIE, besides having a good time it gave them the opportunity of meeting for the first time in several weeks other offr of the Bde.	
	17	1200	NTR.	
	18	1500	The shadow of death passed over HAPPY VALLEY today in the form of 21 cm mortars causing the regt the loss of 5 offr and 26 ORs incl the 2IC, Maj W.C. WEBER who was wounded. Four of the ORs were killed or died of wounds. In the course of a very few minutes cas were heavier than in a normal day's fighting.	
	19	0830	C Sqn moved today from ARDONNE ANCIENNE ABBAYE to a posn at 003681 SOUTH of the BEAULIEU PRISON awaiting its turn to cross the river ORNE.	
	19	0920	C Sqn reported it had crossed the river ORNE behind the inf.	
			The first tank took twenty minutes to be carried across the river ORNE by an RCE raft C-40 and subsequent tks took five minutes each. The raft was pulled by winches on half-tracks (M-14s). C Sqn moved up the EAST bank of the river ORNE in sp of the 5 Cdn Inf Bde in the capture of FLEURY SUR ORNE.	

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CAEN-FALAISE Sheet 7F GSGS 4249	19	1500	C Sqn after an successful attack on the high ground in sp of inf of 2 Cdn Inf Div rallied on the high ground NORTH of FLEURY SUR ORNE	[Handwritten notes in right margin]
	19	1600	A warning order was received from HQ 2 Cdn Inf Div for the regt to be in posn by first light on 20 Jul 44.	
	19	1800	Tac HQ moved to CAEN, behind the church at MR 032683, where it opened beside the HQs of 5 and 6 Cdn Inf Bdes.	
	19	2300	A Sqn moved across the river ORNE to take up a posn by C sqn.	
	19	2330	B Sqn moved to the orchard EAST of BEAULIEU PRISON.	
	20	0700	The CO held an "O" gp at tac HQ.	
		1000	After an early recce by the CO, the RHQ tks and scout cars moved to a posn alongside HQ 6 Cdn Inf Bde in the orchard WEST of IFS which had been taken by the inf during the night and which was then being cleared of snipers by the RHQ.	
		1100	B Sqn moved across the river ORNE to a posn on the SOUTH WESTERN edge of FAUBOURG de VAUGELLES.	
		1120	Regt HQ being constantly shelled the CO's tk received a hit on the turret and had to be evacuated. No one was injured.	
		1300	A sqn and C sqn moved into posn below the high ground for the attack on ST ANDRE SUR ORNE.	
		1800	B sqn ordered behind A sqn as addition sp to counter a reported enemy armd threat.	

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CAEN-PALAISE Sheet 7F GSGS 4249	21	0730	The tks moved up in sp of 5 Cdn Inf Bde in the vicinity of ST ANDRE SUR ORNE (0261 to the X-rds at 0361). On the RIGHT, A sqn in sp of the Cameron Highrs, B sqn was in sp of the RHC, Csqn which was down to 6 tks remained in reserve SOUTH WEST of IFS.	[Handwritten notes in right margin]
		1130	Regt HQ in same posn under frequent shell and mortar fire.	
		1715	The enemy counter attacked at ST ANDRE SUR ORNE with inf and armour and was beaten off. The regt accounted for 13 tks KOROKO 'd and 2 probables.	
		1925	Regt reverted to comd 2 Cdn Armd Bde and continued to sp 2 Cdn Inf Div inf.	
		2200	The CO ordered the withdrawal of the fighting sqns into a lagger EAST of FLEURY SUR ORNE.	
	22	0530	A and B Sqn moved up to fire posns in sp of the inf.	
		0630	Enemy XXXXXX counter attacked with inf and tks which was driven off.	
		1130	Enemy put through another counter attack with armour only and was driven back.	
		1700	The enemy counter attacked in considerable strength strength from the SOUTH EAST of ST ANDRE SUR ORNE and was met by A sqn who was in a posn in an orchard to meet this thrust and called for assistance from B Sqn, between the two sqns they accounted for a further 13 tks, mostly Panthers.	
		1920	The enemy was reported withdrawing towards MAY SUR ORNE under our fire and probably not more than 3 or 4 tks successfully retired over the ridge.	

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CAEN - FALAISE Sheet 7F GSGS 4249	22	2000	Some shells reported landing in the area.	JH JH JH JH JH JH JH JH
	23	0830	18 German tks were pinpointed by Maj S.V. RADLEY-WALTERS, OC A Sqn, EAST of MAY SUR ORNE. Air support was requested immediately and although it was subsequently franked MOST IMMEDIATE by Comd, 6 Cdn Inf Bde, it took two and a half hours to find out from 2 Cdn Inf Div that air sp was not available. This ideal target had be then, somewhat dispersed and medium arty hit at the remainder.	
	24	0900	Tks moved back from the area ST ANDRE - BEAUVOIR FM - IFS to the edge of FAUBOURG DE VAUCELLES in a def counter-attack role to prepare for its next operation.	
	25	1200	B Sqn was put on 30 minutes call, ready to assist in an emergency or in OP "SPRING".	
		2330	Regt HQ and A ech area provided the ground for a spirited dropping of anti-personnel bombs by German aircraft numbering into double figures. Only one fatal cas results but there was considerable minor damage to vehs.	
	26	1300	B Sqn in sp of R Regt C NORTH WEST of VERRIERS. The sp they were able to give the inf due to the strong enemy A tk def was largely morale. Other arms failed to do anything effective to remove these defs.	
	27	0930	B Sqn returned to the regt after being in sp of the R Regt C at VERRIERS.	
		1400	The Sjts' mess held its first meeting in FRANCE.	
		1900	One enemy plane flew over the lines and was being engaged by six Spitfires when our AA opened up and effectively broke up the Spitfire attack.	

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CAEN - FAIAISE Sheet 7F GSGS 4249	28	1300	A bottle of beer per man and 2 chocolate bar were sold to the men for 20 francs constituted another "First time in France". Maj S.V. RADLEY-WALTERS added a Panther rec tk to his circus, besides providing enemy wireless Code Signs, complete technical data on the Panther and a mass of other valuable infm taken during personal audacious recces and those of his daring Sjt R. BEARDSLEY.	Jah Jah Jah Jah Jah
	29	1200	N TR.	
	30	1300	On 2 Cdn Armd Bde coming under Comd 2 Cdn Corps today, for the first time in 56 days the Bde was not employed in an immediate op role though this regt was not withdrawn to a rest area.	
	31	1200	Very little activity in the vicinity. The regt has knocked out 106 enemy tks to date. We have lost 8 offrs killed, 16 wounded and missing, 35 ORs killed, 90 wounded and 16 missing. Taking into account the multitudes of enemy killed and wounded and masses of all types of enemy eqpt destroyed and damaged, the odds have been out of all proportion in our favour, costly though we consider the loss of each individual.	

M.B.K. Gordon
 (M.B.K. GORDON) Lt-Col,
 Officer Commanding,
 27 Cdn Armd Regt (Sher Fus) CAC.

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			1-A - Operation CHARNWOOD - THE FALL OF CAEN 8/9 Jul 44.	ORIGINAL DUPLICATE TRIPLICATE
			2-B - Operation ATLANTIC - OVERTURE TO THE BREAKTHROUGH	ORIGINAL DUPLICATE TRIPLICATE
			3-C - Regt part I orders	ORIGINAL
			4-D - Regt part II orders	TRIPPLICATE ORIGINAL
			5-E - Army Forms W 3008 (Revised) and W3009J (Gav. and RAC)	ORIGINAL Agg.

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Sheet 7F CAEN-FAIAISE GSGS 4249	1	0001	The regt was in the area at the edge of FAUBOURG DE VAUCEILLES 0366 in a def counter-attack role preparing for further operations.	[Handwritten initials and marks]
		1200	2 ORs were TOS the regt today.	
	2	0800	Ops - NTR	
		1200	2 ORs were SOS the regt and 5 ORs were TOS the regt today.	
	2		D-46374 Sjt BEARDSLEY R.R., one of the regts most enterprising and colourful NCOs, was wounded today while examining a knocked out enemy tk at ST ANDRE SUR ORNE 0261. He was evacuated.	
	3	0800	Ops - NTR	
		1400	Lt A.J. ARCHIBALD, mounted in a scout car of the regts intercomm tp, participated in an experiment on the practical application of the radio direction beam for guidance of tks. Report at appx "D"	
	4	0000 0080	Ops - NTR. Ops - NTR.	
			1 OR TOS the regt toda y.	
	5	2100	021656 Orders issued for move to adjacent in fds adjacent to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde. R During the day samples of safe conduct passes dropped by the ARAF to german soldiers to encourage them to surrender were picked up by our own tps.	
		0030	Regt in posn after move . Quiet day.	
		1800	C Sqn reported 2 rds 75mm AP had landed SE of and close to their park.	

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	5	1800	Two tps per sqn are engaged in further experimentation in radio directional beam guidance of tks.	
	6	1515	All recovery except rd clearance ceases forthwith. Church parades were held for a ll ranks during the day. A mobile canteen is available to the regt.	
		1545	The CO has issued orders that "two tps from each sqn which will be in the gapping gp of the coln (in the push on FALAISE) will be in the trg area and ready to practise move with AVRE's and FIAILS by 1830 hrs tonight. Sqn 2ICs will be OCs gps in each case. This will mean that t sqn 2IC and recce offr will have to change tks as RCA rep will have to move with sqn HQ. 3 tps of SP A tk guns will move into our area tonight or this evening. 1 tp will go to each sqn. Tomorrow colns will be formed up in inf a reas by 1300 hrs. A start time for move to preliminary assembly area 1400 hrs."	Appx "F"
		2100	CO attended infm conference at HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde.	
	7	1300	The regt spent the day in preparation for op "TRACTABLE". "TOTALIZE"	
			Sqns less 2 tps each joined their respective inf bns of 4 Cdn Inf Bde.	
		1400	Full scale marshalling commenced.	

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Sheet 7F GS6S 4249	AUG 7/8	1700	<p>Regt netting in 15 minutes. 39 station only heard. Regt moved to FUP SOUTH of IFS preparatory to breaching main enemy posns NORTH of FALAISE. For operation 2 Cdn Armd Bde was under comd 2 Cdn Inf Div. 4 Cdn Inf Bde was placed under comd 2 Cdn Armd Bde. Corps plan was for RIGHT 2 Cdn Inf Div and LEFT 51 (H) Div to push SOUTH to high ground 0656. Object was to break through enemy's gun lines and for 4 Cdn Armd Div to pass through 2 Cdn Inf Div and 1 Polish Armd Div to pass through 51 (H) Div to exploit to FALAISE and the dominating ground.</p> <p>The axis and Div boundry was the ma in road CAEN-FALAISE. Brig R.A. WYMAN, DSO, Commanded the group for which the regt provided gapping party of 3 groups of 2 tps each under a sqn 2ICs, leading parallel cols, the whole group was under comd Lt-Col M.B.K. GORDON, ED, these were followed by AVRE's, FIAIS and CROCODILES. The main assault group was under comd Brig GENONG, commanding 4 Cdn Inf Bde and consisted of 3 bns mounted in gunless 'priests' lead by a sqn of tks less 2 tps each. The operation was carried out after dark aided by searchlights with the beams directed along the axis. Smoke diffused the light but Bofors tracer was a satisfactory indication. The operation was preceded by a 1,000 bomber raid on known enemy positions, it's target areas being indicated by coloured arty marker amn. Posns were generally reached before first light.</p>	OOs, Log and traces lost 2 Aug 44 during bombing of CORMELLES
	8	0600	Regt remained in posns and continued to sp inf in forming firm base, finally being withdrawn to fortress area 0656 WEST of Tac HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde.	
Sheet 7F GS6S 4249 MR 048652	8	1300	Int office which was at Main HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde, at CORMELLES and which was mounted in an M14 (half track), was destroyed when American HE bombs fell short of their target. Cassto personnel in the area were heavy, cas included the Int sjt, D46602 L/Sjt JENNE, L.M. who was killed and five ORs who were wounded. All regt records on hand were destroyed.	

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Sheet 7F GSGS 4249 MR 0656	9	0600	Regt still in sp 4 Cdn Inf Bde, watching role, little activity.	
	9	1130	Front appears to have jelled.	
MR 06565	9	1800	CO warned to report to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde at 1830 hrs.	
	10	0754	One sqn in sp 5 Cdn Inf Bde	
	10	1000	No activity reported from Sqns.	
MR 0656	10	1200	Regt conc at following locns Regt HQ 064560, A Sqn 065554, B Sqn 064560, C Sqn 062558. Regt continued to clean and maintain all vehs, intense effort brought the regt back into it's usual superb fighting fettle.	
MR 0349	11	0240	Regt in sp of 4 Cdn Inf Bde lead 2 Cdn Inf Div across the River LAIZE at BRETTEVILLE SUR LAIZE in it's push towards FAIAISE, held up in area FAVROLLE.	
	11	0600	A Sqn seeking out enemy posns in attempt to push through in 2 Cdn Inf Div's drive to reach the high ground dominating the town of FAIAISE, as the momentum of 2 Cdn Inf Div's attack bogged down the tanks were unable to proceed alone in the face of well sited enemy anti-tank defenses.	
	11	1200	Unit remained static remainder of day.	
	11	1806	Regt put on 1 hrs notice to move from 1900 hrs	

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Place	Date	Hour	
XXXXXXXX MR 035497	12	0445	Regt placed under comd 4 Cdn Inf Bde in an attempt to regain momentum of 2 Cdn Inf Div's drive and thrust forward to FAIAISE and ground dominating it
	12	0841	Leading tps reported at 036489, progressing slowly.
	12	1200	Tac HQ remained with HQ 4 Cdn Inf Bde at 039504. A Sqn with RHLI on the high ground a t pt 176, B Sqn were in sp RRC and C Sqn were in sp Essex Scottish at the X-rds 043506.
	12	1800	Regt HQ at the same pt, B Sqn atta oking the area 042506 accompanied by RRC.
	12	2059	B Sqn reports success.
	13	0320	Regt notified by HQ 2 Vdn Armd Bde that XXXXX 8 rft tks would report at 0730 hrs without crew comds.
	13	0850	CO left to meet Corps Comd at 058614.
	13	1015	8 rft tks arrived at Regt HQ with crews.
	13	1313	C Sqn report themselves with the Calg Highrs in the general area 0545.
	13	1432	A Sqn now with the RRC in area 045455
	13	1600	GOC 2 Cdn Inf Div ordered 4 Cdn Inf Bde with C Sqn in sp to capture area 043440. C Sqn with RRC report enemy A tk and inf holding high ground in their front. forward movement at slow rate
	13	1727	Regt reached pt 184 in square 0443.
	13	1830	CO instructed to report to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde for 0 gp at 2200 hrs.
	13	1910	XXXXXXXXXXXX 1 german offr from I / 971 GR taken PW. The offr brought along in orderly fmn some 100 OR PW, also from 89 Div which had recently come to face the Canadians from their more mellow activity of occupying NORWAY. These were indeed

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	13	1910	different specimens of nordic manhood than those we had been accustomed to meeting. Ta c HQ joined HQ 6 Cdn Inf Bde at LE MESNIL square 0545. The following offrs joined the regt; Lt R.J. LABELLE, Lt J.F.R. McMAHON, Lt I.G. McCrimmon. Maj G. BAILLIEN dental offr was attached from CDC and opened his clinic at B Echelon. The following offrs were SOS the regt; Lt I.G. McCRIMMON (Killed in Action) Lt M.O. MONDOR (Killed in Action) Lt A.J. ARCHIBALD (Wounded in Action). 39 ORs were SOS the regt and 38 ORs were TOS the regt wef today.	
	13	2245		
	14	0600	Part of the regt has now crossed the R LAIZE again at CLAIR TIZON at 0643. We now dominate the high ground at pt 176. square 0743.	
	14	1345	Lt Col V.M. HUGMAN, a former CO of 7 Cdn Recce Regt (17 DYRCH) CAC, who had completed a staff course and who was attached to us as A/2IC in order to gain armoured experience left the regt and ceased to be attached.	
	14		21 ORs SOS	
	15	1240	B Sqn teeing up a ttrack on USSY MR 0841.	
	15	1622	B Sqn report USSY clear.	
	15	2144	Regt HQ moved to 102409.	

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FALAISE
MR 1336
Sheet 7F

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
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	16	1516 1608 1610 1630 1958 2251	<p>Regt HQ at MR 123375 with Sqns disposed fwd with axis main rd to FALAISE.</p> <p>Attack on FALAISE officially started with a final determined and irresistible assault.</p> <p>A Sqn report 2 of their tks knocked out by enemy A tk fire from 143376.</p> <p>Fwd tps of A sqn constituted the first allied armour to enter FALAISE.</p> <p>Sqns were disposed as follows; A Sq n 137376, B Sqn 133357, C Sqn with B Sqn</p> <p>After last light amidst the masses of rubble A Sqn was moving through the town</p> <p>B Sqn found the going next to impossible and was to all intents and purposes held up by shell holes and bomb craters.</p>	
	16	2310	<p>Report received from A Sqn that 2 PANTHERS were KO'd at 1630 hrs this afternoon.</p> <p>Lt J.F.R. McMAHON was reported missing. It later transpired that he had been knocked unconscious and left by the side of the rd by his crew for evacuation. He was picked up by a jeep ambulance of a CCP. En route some 20 german prisoners surrendered and he was left in charge of them. By the time he returned to our firm posns he had 61 PW under his wing. He accorded reporters an interview and stated that some of them appeared to be 7 feet tall.</p> <p>BOE TOS 1 OR SOS</p>	

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FAIAISE	17	0630	By first light A Sq n was at 142362 B and C Sq ns were together at 125365 Regt HQ was at 123383 .	
		1100	During the morning A Sq n was attacked by at least 8 FW 190s but no damage or cas resulted.	
		1200	At noon A Sqn was with Regt HQ at 150359 while B and C Sqns were busily engaged clearing FAIAISE with a limited ing assistance.	
		1240	C Sqn are at 148332.	
		1337	Regt reverted to come under comd 2 Cdn Armd Bde from under comd 2 Cdn Inf Div. The following offr s joined the regt toda y; Capt G.I. FRIPP, a former offr of 6 Cdn Armd Regt (1H) CAC. Capt T.W. BROKOVSKI, our MO, who was wounded a few days ago. His enthusiasm to be back as the regt wa s in action was responsible for his unusually return.	X
	18	1530	Regt conc in a new posn at 124386	

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	19			
		1330	Regt placed on two hrs notice to move	
BOIS DE COURCY	20	0700	During the night the regt moved to a new locn 285419	
	20	1245	Regt on 1 hrs notice to move	
		1415	Regt warned to be ready to move as soon as possible	
		1726	Held up by convoy at 278389	
		2010	Regt placed under comd 4 Cdn Armd Dive and CO ordered to report to comd 4 Cdn Armd Bde	
	21		During the day the regt worked with Line: Weald R. The regt in conjunction with other forces involved was forming a door which would close the TRUN gap through which none of the encircled Germans could escape. Prisoners were surrendering or being captured on a liberal scale. Already the RAF had been responsible for incredible carnage amongst a catholic variety of enemy transport animals, equipment and personnel. There was only spasmodic resistance of a determined nature, and even these few could eventually be persuaded to take the sensible course. All sqns participated in some effective shoots.	

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LISIEUX-BERNAY Sheet 8F GSGS 4249	21		The following offrs were TOS the regt today: Lt G.L. MARSHAL, Lt H.J. BUTLER.	[Handwritten initials]
	22	0555	By first light the regt was in posn in the area of the rd junc at 473575 with 2 coys of the Linc & Welld Regt.	
		1237	Regt was placed on immediate notice to move.	
		1330	Regt started moving.	
PALAISE-CAEN Sheet 7F GSGS 4249		1501	Posn of regt 448568. Progress up to this pt was extremely slow due to the condition of the rd. The RAF bombing, rocketing and shooting up of enemy vehs had been so accurate that even on main rds a zig zag course had to be followed. The wreckage was phenomenal.	[Handwritten initials]
	22	1605	Regt reached destination at MR 421582.	
		1622	Regt disposed as follows; Regt HQ 421583, A Sqn 421584, B Sqn 418582, C Sqn 438575. The regt thus continued to dominate one of the possible exits in the TRUN gap.	
			2 ORs SOS 1 OR TOS.	
LISIEUX-BERNAY Sheet 8F GSGS 4249	23	0800	Orders have been issued that "Marshalling will be complete by 1045 hrs and everyone will stand by from then on to move on orders from HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde. SL is now VIMOUTIERS".	[Handwritten initials]
		1446	Regt learned that it must be prepared to join 2 Cdn Inf Div.	
		1655	Regt placed on 1 hrs notice to move from now.	
		2359	Locn 638722	
	24	1200	The regt was advised by HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde that "The followin policy re FOO tks	

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	24	1200	will be taken into effect forthwith. Hq Sqn 2 Cdn Armd Bde will att 3 FOO tks and crews to each armd regt. Armd regts will retain these tks on att at all times except when op requirements make readjustment necessary. Hq Sqn will replace any tk or crew cas".	
	24	1505	The regt reported itself commencing to move XXXXXX to MR 599705.	
		1539	Regt now at 732758.	
		1603	Regt now at 602758.	
		1644	Regt now at 635796.	
		1927	The regt was located as follows: Regt HQ and A Sqn at 678828, C Sqn 688835, The regt as yet has not been given any task by 2 Cdn Inf Div.	
	25	0600	The regt resumed its movement.	
		0850	Regt HQ and A Sqn are now located at 856847, B Sqn 844908, C Sqn posn remains the same.	
		1700	An extensive issue of maps was received from HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde. The vast areas covered by the this new issue was but another indication of the fabulous advances anticipated. For those who had landed with the regt on "D" day and remained with it throughout the slow and difficult struggle for the CAEN- CARPIQUET fortress and the devastating exploitation and assault on FAIAISE, thinking in terms of such distances was indeed startling. But it showed that we should now enjoy the fruits of our previous intense and determined efforts.	
		1630	The CO held a rushed "O" gp in which he outlined 2 Cdn Inf Div's vague plan for an advance to BOURGTHEROULDE crossing the R RISIE near BRIONNE. The regt was placed under comd of 5 Cdn Inf Bde for the operation and the plan was for the tks to proceed to the FORET DE LA LONDE tonight in advance of the inf, thus positioning 2 Cdn Inf Div on the WEST banks of the SEINE at that pt. Infm as usual when working with this fm was sparse as the enemy was purported to be.	
		1710	CO and IO in scout cars composed regt tac HQ which joined HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde XXXX	
		1720	HE GSO 3 (I) 2 Cdn Inf Div met IO 27 Cdn Armd Regt at HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde and told him that it was suspected that XXXXXX approximately 6 coys 9 SS Pz Div were acting as rear guard along the main rd to BOURGTHEROULDE on the other side of the tributary of the R RISIE to cover the withdrawal across the SEINE of the remnants of 21 Pz Div and other odds and sods who had accumulated under their comd during their swift retreat.	

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25	25	1720	The GSO 3 (I) added that he understood that the Div Comd and GSO 1 deprecated general dissemination of this infm. A few minutes later the IO passed on the substance of this conversation to the CO.	
		1730	CO questioned Comd 5 Cdn Inf Bde concerning this report. The latter denied denied the report in total.	
		1735	Tac HQ and the remainder of unit moving toward BRIONNE.	
		1845	B Sqn encountered fierce enemy fire from area LA CAMBE MR 9594. This confirmed civ en route that there were approx 400 german tps in the village, a strength equivalent to some 6 enemy inf coys at normal fd battle strength strength.	
		1930	In the growing darkness it was decided to maintain the HQs of the Bde, the Armd regt and the Arty at a pt 140 square 9293, the inf with AandC Sqns were to be passed up the main rd during the hrs of darkness as it was assumed that enemy pockets on the whole remained in the woods. LA CAMBE was engaged by the arty but it was not possible to observe results.	
			Lt S.W. WOOD was SOS the regt today (Wounded in Action).	
	26	0600	During the night A Sqn entered BOUEGTHEROULDE with inf. The plan now was to secure the high ground at pt 142 in square 0400 to the EAST and to the NORTH in square 0102, so forming a firm base to push into the FORET DE LA LONDE which was also stated to contain nothing more than a smattering of enemy dregs.	
		1815	A Sqn was moving onto the area LES NOES 0001 battling against an enemy previously discounted by our higher fm.	
		1920	An order was received from HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde instructing the CO Lt-Col M.B.K. GORDON to report for duty as A/Comd during the absence of Brig J.F. BINGHAM who was admitted to a CCS suffering from an internal chill. Col GORDON is now senior CO of the Bde as Lt-Col R.E.A. MORTON 10 Cdn Armd Regt (FGH) and Lt-Col M.J. COLWELL 6 Cdn Armd Regt (IH) have vacated their Comds. Maj V.O. WALSH, DSO, is detailed to Comd the regt during the absence of Lt-Col GORDON.	
			Below state as at 1800 hrs: 75 mm 24-2-3 17 Pr 4-0-0 37 mm 3-0-1.	
	26		17 OR s were SOS the regt today.	
		1500	Regt HQ moved to 945952	

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Place	Date	Hour		
	26	0001	Regt at 838881. C Sqn at BRIONNE conc prior to moving across the R RISLE. A Sqn in sp Calg H. C Sqn in sp RHC.	Not accurate, RB.
		1200	C Sqn in BOURGTHEROUIDE, one tp on a patrol NORTH. Little enemy activity at present. The heavy shelling has now slackened and the situation there is now under control. A Sqn reports MG fire and shelling probably from vicinity 77996. Enemy tks are beleived to be dug in at 970977.	
		1815	A Sqn is in BOURGTHEROUIDE moving on with the Calg Highrs to area LES NOES 0001 where it will remain for the night. C Sqn is to move back from in sp of the RHC to an assembly area 033001 to sp the R de Mais onto the objective pt 164 in square 0398. C Sqn is now repelling a counter-attack on the RHC. The enemy is at present too close to use a rty. B Sqn is in sp of the 8 Cdn Recce Regt, but will move back tonight to 6 Cdn Inf Bde area behind the X rds 974976. Regt HQ is to move with 5 Cdn Inf Bde to the area MARC 9998, near the main rd. There is some shelling and mortar fire now on our adv posns. Two enemy MkIVs have been knocked out, as well as several MGs in addition to a fair number of PW taken. One of our tks has been knocked out by an enemy A tk gun.	

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	26	1940	Regt HQ settled down for the night at 995988 beside HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde, HQ was later joined by A Echelon.	<i>B</i>
	27	0700	Sqns were in sp bns of 5 Cdn Inf Bde and 6 Cdn Inf Bde in an attempt to push through the FORET DE LA LONDE to the SEINE R great difficulty was encountered due to the natural cover offered to enemy & Tk defs the inability of tks to leave the rds and the inf going to ground rather than outflanking the enemy strong pts and destroying them to allow the tks to proceed. Little of value was accomplished during the day. However considerable friction developed during the day between Comds at all levels due to the lack of appreciation on the part of the inf of the problems that arise in the emp of a rmour in close country, particularly in woods where it is often so dense that traversing of guns is greatly limited.	
		1445	Regt HQ moved to MR 019007	
		1800	4 ORs were SOS the regt today and 6 ORs were TOS. A Sqn still in sp of Ca ^g H of 5 Cdn Inf Bde area BOSC BENARD COMMUN 9902 and C Sqn in sp 6 Cdn Inf Bde which is pushing fwd through the FORET DE LA LOND with the intention of reaching the SEINE R at LA BOUILLE 0705 or LA CHENAIE 0804. Regt HQ still at BOURGTHEROULDE with B Sqn in reserve at area 9897.	<i>AB</i>
	28	1340	Regt HQ moved to a rea 058005, A Sqn remained with the Cams of C in the area 0905 and enjoyed some more good shoots across the R SEINE onto hun posns in the low ground below. They also reported that the previous day they had suprised the enemy across the river and caused appreciable havoc. B Sqn remained in the area 098007 to refit, maintain and equip itself. B Sqn which had had a day off was in reserve at 019007. 5 ORs were taken on strength today.	<i>AB</i>

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Sheet 8E LE HAVRE PONT AUDEMER GSGS4249	29	0900	Maj V.O. WALSH, DSO, A/CO, visited HQ 2 Cdn Inf Bde to discuss the proper use of tks and to avoid recurrence of instances of mis-employment. He was accompanied by Maj S.V. RADLEY-WALTERS, OC A Sqn. The IO had previously been briefed and despatched to HQ 2 Cdn Armd Bde to inform the A/Bde Comd of the course adopted. There is little other activity to report for the day.	
		1305	Regt HQ and C Sqn are in a rea 058005, A Sqn is with Cams of C at 067052, B Sqn is now in sp 5 Cdn Inf Bde at 0704 and is to sp them in their crossing of the R SEIN E at EIBOEUF and push thence NORTHWARDS to ROUEN. Tk state for today: 75mm 25-3-2 17 Pr 4-0-0 37mm 4-2-0. The following offrs were TOS today: Lt J.S. GOODFELLOW, Lt J.W. NEILL, Lt B.M. MILLIGAN. 5 ORs TOS	
	30	0700	During the night 29/30 Aug the regt lost 2 tks to demolition charges and 1 to a bazooka in the FORET DE LA LONDE.	
		1800	The regt less A Sqn is conc in the area 059005 with A Sqn remaining in sp 6 Cdn Inf Bde in the area MOULINEAUX 0804. Lt J.F.R. McMAHON was TOS the regt today from 9 bn 2 CBRG. 6 ORs TOS. 12 ORs SOS.	

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Sheet 9E GSGS 4249 NEUFCHATEL- ROUEN	31	1625	Regt HQ est at 213025.	
		1800	B Sqn in sp of 5 Cdn Inf Bde have already adv through ROUEN and have continued NORTH against slight opposition with as objective the COEE COTE area 1832. C Sqn were last heard of at 210051 . Tk state for today: 75mm 31-0-0 17 Br 4-0-0 37mm 4-1-0.	FD
	31		The Commanding Offr until 1000 hrs 27 Aug 44 was Lt-Col M.B.K. GORDON. Maj V.O. WALSH, DSO, COMMANDED the regt during the remainder of the month while Lt-Col M.B.K. GORDON was A/Bde Comd.	FD

V.O. Walsh
(V.O. WALSH) Maj, A/Commanding Officer
27 Cdn Armd Regt (Sher Fus) CAC

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			<u>TITLE SHEET for 27 CDN ARMD REGT(SHERBROOKE FUSILIERS) CAC VOLUME 50</u>	
			<u>APPENDICES</u>	
			1 /A - Intelligence Summaries 59 to 69 ,2 Cdn Armd Bde	Original
			2 B - Sitreps 100930B to 311830B, 2 Cdn Armd Bde	Original
			3 C - Sitreps, 2 Cdn Inf Div and fms under comd thereof.	Original
			4 D - Miscellaneous, incl personal message from the C in C 21 Army Gp	Original
			5 E - 2 Cdn Armd Bde OO# 4, Op"TRACTABLE".	Original
			6 F - Regt part I orders Nos 103 to 133 incl	Original
			7 G - Regt part II orders Nos 42 to 49 incl	Original TRIPPLICATE
			8 H - Army forms W3 008(revised) and W 3009J (Cav. and RAC)	Original
			9 I - The"PERISCOPE" (Bde daily news sheet) issue No 52, 31 Aug 44.	Original
			10 J - Unit daily tk sta te for month of Aug.0	Original
			11 K - Unit daily veh sta te for month of Aug.	Original
			12 L - Development, Control and naming of routes in 2 Cdn Corps.	Original
			B = 27 C.A.R. History.	