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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

M.F.M. 11
40/P & 8/37

1st Bn The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (Erase heading not required)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
CAIRON 970748	30 Jun 44	0400 0900	Normal stand-to held Coys have another day in rather a restful atmosphere Trace of enemy dispositions Trace of Coy disposns Trace of A - Tk Defences	rd Appx 5 " 6 " 7
CAIRON 970748	1 Jul 44	0400 0930 1700 2000	Normal stand-to - not at all popular, of course. C.O. called to Bde for conference at 1000 hrs. Word is received that the S.D. & G Highlanders are to make a diversionary attack on GROUCHY 9872 to-night at 2245. In the meantime "D" Coy construct a rd block at 969744 which will be in operation at night only. For some reason or other the attack on GROUCHY is cancelled	rd rd rd rd
CAIRON 970748	2 Jul 44	0800 2200	Another lazy day although there are signs of near future activity - it is still the intention of the Bde to capture CARPIQUET 9769 and to aid us in this the Gds Bde at MARCULET 9468 are sending out patrols to get what info they can for us. Our attack will probably take place the day after to-morrow. Daily Int Summary Do's & Don'ts for Duty Offrs Trace Bde Area & responsibilities	rd rd rd rd
CAIRON 970748	3 Jul 44	0800 1130 1300 1730	Still in semi rest area but will probably move to F.U.P. tonight or possibly this afternoon. C.O. off to O Group at Bde H.Q. Bn gets under way to F.U.P. for attack at first light tomorrow. Bn H.Q. now established at woods 137682 and outside of rather consistent shelling a fairly quiet night is had.	rd rd rd rd
MARCULET 937682	4 Jul 44	0330	Early reveille and a bite to eat before the bn starts off on its days battle. Our objective is the control buildings in the eastern half of square 9767 and of course cannot be attacked until a firm base is established in CARPIQUET 9769 which is the job of the N Shore R and the R de Chaud. For this operation the R.G.N. are under command of C.I.B. and have as their objective the south hangers at 962673.	rd rd rd



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		0700	G.O. & I.O. leave for O.P. on east side of MARCELET to watch early stage of battle. The N Shore R., R. de C. & R.W.R. are well under way - the former two are proceeding according to plan and have got well on way to objective. The R.W.R. however have met considerable trouble and are being held up.	
		1100	R.W.R. finally reach objective and Q.O.R. get in posn on west edge of CARPIQUET 965690 in preparation for their share of attack.	REK
		1400	Our attack postponed due to R.W.R. being forced off their posn in the south hangars. The day is a very rough one with continual shell and mortar fire on our posns. At the moment we are in a very precarious situation with enemy on three sides of us. However a solid base is formed and will be held at all costs.	
CARPIQUET 965690	5 Jul44	0800	After rather an uncomfortable night due to continued shell and mortar fire the bn rises for another day although nothing of any importance occurs.	REK
		1700	F Ech vehs move up and are very lucky in getting in without losing a vehicle.	
CARPIQUET 965690	6 Jul44	0800	Still in posn and still catching considerable from "Moaning Minnie" 88's and what have you.	REK
		1200	R.W.R. are to revert under command 7 C.I.B. and will be relieved by "B" Coy Q.O.R. at 955678. This to take place immediately. G.O.C. holds conference in the command post and we are told we will have to hang on in our present posns for two more nights and one day. Then there will be a big attack on our left flank by 3 Br Div and the 7 & 9 Cdn Inf Bdes. This attack will have as its objective the capture of CARPIQUET.	
CARPIQUET 965690	7 Jul44	0800	Another normal night and day complete with insistent mortaring and shelling of our posns.	REK
		2000	Feelings are relieved considerably by the sight of hundreds of heavy bombers "softening-up" the north side of CARPIQUET. It certainly helps to cheer the men up after the pasting we have been taking the last few days. Contrary to former opinions the Bde will have a job to do in to-morrows operation. After the left flank is secure the Q.O.R. will take their original objective, the adm bldgs 9667 while the R de C go after the south hangars 9667.	
CARPIQUET 965690	8 Jul44	1000	"B" Coy returns from their posn at MARCELET being relieved by a coy of R de Chaud.	REK
			A great deal of noise is heard from the north where the 9 C.I.B. is in operation. During the afternoon quite a sight is had of the enemy retreating in confusion from AUMER 9871	
		1700	GALLARDES 0073 and several other towns in this area are reported to be in our hands. However due to the passage of time, our attack is postponed till to-morrow morning.	



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CARPIQUET 966690	9 Jul 44	0900 1000 1600	Coys proceed to far end of CARPIQUET for attack - C & D Coys up. Barrage opens and coys proceed with assault. Few actual enemy are encountered although some casualties are sustained by arty and mortar fire. However forward coys report "ABLE" by 1030 hrs and are soon in posn and consolidated. F Ech vehs move up to bn and outside of the occasional shell things are quite peaceful. BHQ is established in a former air raid shelter which is very solid - too bad we didn't have it in our former spot. A very unlucky day for Sjts with Sjts Tarzwell, Styles, Murray & Jones all being killed.	ACK
CONTROL BLDG CARPIQUET 976679	10 Jul 44	0900 1500 1900 2315	Things rather quiet although we receive word to be on one hours notice. The N Shore R are now in BRETEVILLE SUR ODON 9966 while the R de Chaud are at JUMEAUX 9866. The carrier pl are sent out to recon area of LOUVIGNY 0165 and also woods to north of town. If these are not too strongly held will probably move fwd. Considerable enemy activity area LOUVIGNY and move fwd is postponed. A Coy sent out on patrol to area woods 010660 for infm.	ACK
CONTROL BLDG CARPIQUET 976679	11 Jul 44	0630 1400 2300	"A" Coy return from their night activity having been under heavy mortar fire but having been successful in pinpointing several M.G. posns. Considerable excitement is caused by approx 16 enemy planes zooming in overhead - however they receive a very hot reception and no less than four are shot down. Some elements of the F.M.R. of the 2 Cdn Inf Div arrive to recon the posn in preparation for taking over to-morrow. "B" Coy proceed out on patrol to do the same job as "A" Coy did last night. Int Summary	Appx 11 ACK Appx 12
CONTROL BLDG CARPIQUET 976679	12 Jul 44	0900 1400 1600 2000 2330	Quiet normal day with some elements of F.M.R. still around on recon. We are again visited by about twelve enemy planes with two or three being shot down. Recon party proceeds to new area and rest of bn prepare to move in early evening. Vehs and tps get under way - going out in small lots to prevent enemy seeing too much movement at once. The F.M.R. come in the same way. Tps are finally established in their rest area. GAIMANACHE 019731. The lads are not pleased with the spot at all for the bldgs are completely wrecked - there are dead animals and Germans all over the place and it is certainly not a spot to put the mind at rest. However the best is made of a bad go and the men bed down.	ACK

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
GALMANCHE 019731	15 Jul44	0800	Breakfast is had and they boys get away in groups of about a hundred to the mobile baths. These are very much appreciated especially as clean clothing is issued to each and every man.	
		1500	The K oc C arrive and set up to show as many pictures a day as they can. This is certainly appreciated.	
GALMANCHE 019731	14 Jul44	0930	A very restful day although an "O" Gp is called for at Bde. Apparently our future is to relieve the 7 Cdn Inf Bde in CAEN so they can have a few days rest.	
		1330	All plans for relieving the 7 C.I.B. are cancelled although just what we are going to do still remains a mystery.	
GALMANCHE 019731	15 Jul44	0900	Half of the bn load into transport and are taken to ST AUBEN 0184 for a swim or anything else they want to do. These will return about 1300 hrs and the rest will go down till evening. Meanwhile plans for operation "ATLANTIC" are being formed.	
GALMANCHE 019731	16 Jul44	0900	Rather a lazy day spent by the troops with several shows put on by the K of C. Plans for operation "ATLANTIC" still being formed.	
		1600	Word received that only essential transport will be moved after 2400 hrs to-night.	
GALMANCHE 019731	17 Jul44	0900	Preparations and recces for operation "ATLANTIC" still continue although the tps are not informed due to security reasons. Actually it entails crossing the River Orne north of CAEN and attacking south through factory at 0769 and has as an objective of the 3 Cdn Div the capture of VAUCELLES on the south and east bank of the River ORNE.	
		2000	Coys proceed by foot to F.U.P. at 088719.	
		2230	F Ech transport move off for F.U.P. and the bn is finally complete in area by midnight.	
			BDE O.C. #15 "ATLANTIC"	Appx 13
			OPERATION "ATLANTIC" - Movement Table	" 14
			Arty table & trace	" 15
			8 Bde Adm Order 2	" 16
			3 Cdn Div Adm Order #2	" 17
"OF ATLANTIC" 088719	18 Jul44	0500	The men having been issued with twenty four hr packs cook themselves a bite to eat and prepare themselves for the day's battle	Appx 18
		1800	An unlucky day for offrs with Lt's Rayner, McLeod & McNeilly all being killed.	
		1900	F Echelon vehs start to move up to fwd posn but due to mines are stopped for the night at 095707.	



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GIBERVILLE 091678	19 Jul44	0700 0900	F Ech joins the bn without trouble and the bn is complete once more. Cas returns now coming in show that the battle yesterday was rather expensive in that we suffered 76 casualties. However as we took upwards of 600 prisoners, killed more than 200 and captured a great deal of his equipment, it certainly was not in vain.	<i>RLR</i>
GIBERVILLE 091678	20 Jul44	0900 2000	Rather a rotten day with plenty of rain and lots of mud - signs of the bn moving fwd but nothing definite as yet. Move for to-day cancelled but bn will be prepared to move by 0700 hrs to-morrow. Daily Int Summary	Appx 19 <i>RLR</i>
GIBERVILLE 091678	21 Jul44	0500 0900 1200 1400	Weather still rather demoralizing with the rain pouring down. Various "Q" Gps are held and we find that we are to move to GREENHILLVILLE 0863 - probably quite warm as far as shellfire is concerned but fairly safe as the R de Chaud will occupy SOLERS 0862 and FOUR 0962 and the F Shore R BOURGEOUS 0761. Coy's start to move off at intervals. F Echelon transport moves off and the bn is in posn by 1500. BHQ set up - in quite a solid house at 087643. Coy dispositions A Tk Dispositions Daily Int Summary	Appx 20 " 21 " 22 <i>RLR</i>
GREENHILLVILLE 087643	22 Jul44	0800	Outside of quite insistent shelling a quiet day is spent with the men improving present posns.	
GREENHILLVILLE 087643	23 Jul44	0800 2130	With the exception of the usual rather heavy shellfire, a quiet day is spent. Word comes through that the Cdn Corps plus 7 Armd Div less 8 Cdn bde will attack to-morrow morning at about 0300 by aid of searchlights with the objective of the high ground south of ROZUANCOURT and GARCELLES SECQUEVILLE. Daily Int Summary	Appx 23 <i>RLR</i>
GREENHILLVILLE 087643	24 Jul44	0800 1000	After a very noisy night caused by enemy aircraft and shellfire the shellfire increases in intensity probably caused by the attack of the rest of the corps. Word received that our tps have reached first objective but with a very difficult time - the advance seems to be definitely held up.	<i>RLR</i>



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GRENADEVILLE 087643	25Jul44	0800	Our friend "Jerry" really got the high score this morning with a direct hit on the "I" Section truck. This shell also got a trailer, 2 M/Cs and wounded Sgt Laffradi and four other men. The biggest loss in this was the month's war diary especially as we have no other record of the month's activity. However bigger problems than it have been solved so we imagine it will be to.	Ref
		1500	Other than still being under intermittent heavy shellfire the day is quite uneventful. An unlucky shell killed Lt B H McRoberts of "D" Coy.	
GRENADEVILLE 087643	26Jul44	0100	Fairly heavy air attack with some bombs dropped in the area. However there are no casualties.	Ref
		1400	Word is received that we will exchange posns with the W Shore R in BOURGEBUS 0761. As the enemy appear to hold WILLYCAMPAGNE 0760 in some considerable strength, this should be interesting. Move will take place during hours of darkness to-night.	
		2000	Recco parties proceed to BOURGEBUS to tee up the situation there.	
BOURGEBUS 076616	27Jul44	0010	Coys start off at half hour intervals.	
		0230	C.O. and BHQ personnel arrive in BOURGEBUS and the bn is in posn once more. Situation as far as shell- ing goes is very little different from our last posn - its still pretty constant.	Ref
		1000	Day spent in improving posns as much as possible without showing too much to the enemy just across the way. Most of F Ech vehs have been left north of GRENADEVILLE 089648 as it would be a little too risky bringing them down here.	Appx 24
		2130	Daily Int Summary	
BOURGEBUS 076616	28Jul44	1230	Something must have "Jerry" worried for he let loose with a heavy mortar barrage which was right on BHQ and "C" Coy posns. However only a few casualties were caused.	Appx 25
		0700	Patrol Report - night 27/28 July	Ref
		1300	We establish an O.P. in church 078614 but is not very satisfactory due to enemy observation & sniping	
		1700	Elements of the 4 Cdn Div - Arm'd, pay us a visit - the units represented were the Lincoln & Welland & South Alberta Reg't. The reason they are here is that they expect to put on a big drive in the near future & are getting the general "Dope" and lay of the land.	Appx 26
		2130	Daily Int Summary	Ref
		2300	Something must have "Jerry" excited again for quite a heavy concentration is put down right on our area - possibly 75's.	



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BOURGUEBUS 076616	29 Jul 44	0300	The Hun definitely must think there is something up for very heavy concentrations are dropped during the night - probably inf 75's. However due to the fact that the men are very well dug in only one casualty is suffered.													
		0700	Patrol report night 28/29 July 44	Appx 27 <i>RLR</i>												
		0900	The beginnings of quite a quiet day. However noone trusts "Jerry" a bit and so everyone still sticks pretty close to their slit trenches.													
		2100	Section leaders and a few other elements of the Lincoln and Welland Regt arrive to spend the night with us - the reason is just to get a little experience of what it is like in the front line													
BOURGUEBUS 076616	30 Jul 44	0730	Major Lett, Bn 2 i/c leaves on recon.													
		0900	Another quiet night and the beginnings of a quiet day once more.	<i>RLR</i>												
		1200	Further elements of the Lincoln and Welland Regt arrive. They are to relieve us to-night and the entire 3rd Can Inf Div is to go out of the line for a rest.													
BOURGUEBUS 076616	31 Jul 44	0010	The first coy of the relieving Lincoln and Welland's arrive and "C" Coy set out by route. Due to the ticklishness of the situation around BOURGUEBUS great care has to be exercised in this change over to avoid too many casualties by enemy fire.													
		0330	The tps are picked up by TUVs at 036679 and lifted to their rest area nr FONTAINE HENRY 978790. Everyone beds down for a couple of hrs much needed sleep.	<i>RLR</i>												
		1200	The lads begin to stir once more and take stock of the situation - the area is quite good and certainly very quiet - the guns can only be heard very faintly and there doesn't even seem to be any AA in the neighbourhood. "A" Echelon is established here also - the K of C truck arrives and soon has pictures showing at full tilt plus a loud speaker for gramophone records.													
<p><u>CASUALTIES SINCE "D" DAY</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Killed in Action & Died of Wounds</td> <td>Offers</td> <td>O.P.'s</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td> <td>7</td> <td>162</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Battle Exhaustion</td> <td>17</td> <td>278</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>39</td> </tr> </table>					Killed in Action & Died of Wounds	Offers	O.P.'s	Wounded	7	162	Battle Exhaustion	17	278			39
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8 Cdn Inf Bde

OF "ATLANTIC"

8 Cdn Inf Bde OD No 15

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TOP SECRET

5-1-C-(Op)

17 Jul 44

COPY NO. 1

Ref Maps:- FRANCE - 1/25000 Sheets NO/16 NW, SW, NE, SE.

SECURITY

- A. This order or any extract made therefrom will be destroyed if in danger of falling into enemy hands. Extracts or notes carried by fwd tps will be kept to a bare op minimum.
- B. The intention and objectives will NOT be made known to the tps until the assembly areas are reached. Those pers required to be "in the know" for recon etc will be duly warned.

INFM

1. ENEMY

- (a) See latest Int Summary, Air Photos etc.
- (b) Enemy appears to have moved main forces from FAUBE DE VAUGELLES (0566) but has left MGs, Snipers and OPs in the area.

2. OWN TPs

- (a) 8 Corps is to op on our immediate left flank at the same time.
- (b) 2 Cdn Inf Div less 5 Cdn Inf Bde is to remain in present posns prepared to cross River ORNE in gen area ATHIS (0064) - FLEURY-SUR-ORNE (0264).
- (c) 5 Cdn Inf Bde is to assemble in, and assume responsibility for, area SOUTH of main rd BRETEVILLE-SUR-ODON (0368) to CAEN and WEST of rd from pt 037677 to rd June 033685 on night D minus 1/D. 5 Cdn Inf Bde is to be prepared to cross River ORNE and pass through 3 Cdn Inf Div.
- (d) 3 Cdn Inf Div is to attack and mop up area COLOMBELLES (0770) - FACTORY BLDGS (0769) - GIBERVILLE (0868) - MONDEVILLE (0767) - BELLEMAIST (0667) - FAUBE DE VAUGELLES (0566).
- (e) 3 Cdn Inf Div is to attack with 5 Cdn Inf Bde on the left and followed by 9 Cdn Inf Bde on the right.
- (f) Bds and objectives - See trace "A" att.

Map Diaries
Car 753/1
Appx 2
JUL 1944

INTENTION

3. 8 Cdn Inf Bde will attack and capture COLOMBELLES - FACTORY BLDGS - GIBERVILLE and suburbs EAST and NORTH of BELLEMAIST.

METHOD

1. Assembly and Grouping

QOR of C with under comd:-

one pl "B" Coy CH of 0 (MG)
one ssc 16 Cdn Fd Coy

and in sp:-

6 Cdn Armd Regt less two sqns

Cont
1400 h
959733
HQ
w.p. 957729
SP
At 1000 h
1st Armd Div
1st Armd Div
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R de Chaud and N Shore R each with under condi-

one sec 16 Cdn Fd Coy

will assemble on right D minus 1/D in areas as allotted on Trace "A" att.

Space already marked on the ground for HQ 3 Brit Inf Div at 101737 is excl to 8 Cdn Inf Bde and areas of assembly will NOT be expanded in anyway from those allocated.

5. Movement

(a) 8 Cdn Inf Bde has excl use of BAILEY Br at 097744 from 2300 hrs 17 Jul to 0100 hrs 18 Jul. 8 Corps is to exercise TC over br. Routes and timings over the br will be issued later.

(b) (1) 8 Cdn Inf Bde will be limited to the following number of vehs:-

HQ 8 Cdn Inf Bde	13	
QOR of C	24	(b) Each to incl one med jeep
R de Chaud	23	per coy and one sig half-
N Shore R	22	track per bn.
RHQ 6 Cdn Armd Regt	10	
One Sqn 6 Cdn Armd Regt	18	
One pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy	4	
One pl "B" Coy CH of O (MG)	6	
Med Jeeps	30	
Tac HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div	14	
FOOs	5	

(11) Reps of units concerned will report to HQ 8 Cdn Inf Bde at 1200 hrs 17 Jul.

(c) It is proposed to constr rafte to cross the CANAL DE CAEN after 0630 hrs D day and to cross the River ORNE after H hr. Details will be advised later but units will be prepared to cross 61 9 vehs incl A tk guns by this method. 071715 073710

6. Assembly Areas and FUPs

Units will tape own assembly areas prior to arrival and FUPs from which they will move to Start Line.

The op will be carried out in THREE quick successive PHASES. These phases will overlap and must be continuous.

(a) PHASE I - RIGHT - R de Chaud
LEFT - QOR of C
RES RIGHT - N Shore R
TASK - Capture of ground incl COLOMBELLES as far as Report Line WALES.

(b) PHASE II - (1) RIGHT - R de Chaud
TASK - Capture and mop up FACTORY BLDGS.
(11) LEFT - QOR of C
TASK - Adv and capture GIBERVILLE without regard to actions R de Chaud.

(c) PHASE III - N Shore R will pass through right flank of R de Chaud and seize suburbs lying EAST and NORTH of stream as shown on Trace "A" att.

8. SL - See Trace "A" att.

9. Axis of Adv

See Trace "A".

One Bn 9 Cdn Inf Bde will be moving on low road on river bank parallel to N Shore R, but N Shore R will have priority in move to skirt Factory bldgs if there is NOT sufficient frontage for both units.

10. Rate of Adv

100 yds in 4 mins - Rate of Barrage.

11. Areas of Responsibility - See Trace "A" att.

12. Mopping-up

The leading inf will NOT slow down their adv in order to mop-up but will leave sufficient tps to contain the enemy whilst by-passing such centres of resistance. It will be the task of res coys to do the mopping-up after which all speed must be made to regain original positions behind the leading coys.

13. Clearing of Factory Bldgs

R de Chaud plan for clearing of factory bldgs will be such as to allow N Shore R to pass round their right flank as soon as possible.

14. As one bn of 9 Cdn Inf Bde will be moving fwd on their right flank N Shore R will pass round R de Chaud on high rd, and their adv must therefore be made on a narrow front.

15. Timings

(a) D Day - 18 Jul 44

(b) H hr - 0815 hrs

(c) (1) R de Chaud and QOR of C will be formed up behind START LINE at 0800 hrs ready to cross at 0815 in order that they will cross check line at 0900 hrs at which time barrage opens.

(11) N Shore R will leave assembly area so as to be in proper posn behind R de Chaud at 0900 hrs.

16. Report Lines

Normal: All report lines and the check line will be promptly reported.

17. Codewords

A-B-C

See Appx "A" att.

18. Armour

6 Cdn Arm'd Regt less two sqns in sp of QOR of C is to protect their adv and left flank of the Bde. Initially RHQ will move with Bde HQ.

Unit 2 sent

FIRE PLAN

19. ARTY

- 3 Cdn Inf Div Arty supplemented by 19 Cdn (SP) Fd Regt and two med regts. 2 AGRA have a comprehensive programme to incl:
- (a) HE cones on known enemy strong pts.
 - (b) A barrage to cover adv of R de Chaud and QOR of C SOUTH of report line WALES.
 - (c) A barrage to cover adv of QOR of C against GIBERVILLE.
 - (d) A series of DF tasks to form a protective screen and protect the objectives when captured.
 - (e) Traces showing Arty Tasks will be issued as soon as received.
 - (f) FOOs will be allotted later. (NOT to all addressees).

20. AIR

- (a) 0630 to 0730 hrs D day. Hy bombers are to attack FAUB DE VAUGELLES, MANDEVILLE, BELLEMAIST, FACTORY AREA, COLOMBELLES, and GIBERVILLE.
- (b) 0730 to 0815 hrs D day: Med bombers on 8 Corps front and the villages SE of CAEN. Includes GIBERVILLE.
- (c) 0830 to 0930 hrs D day: Hy USAF bombers are to attack enemy gun areas SE of CAEN in gen area ST ANDRE SUR ORNE (0261) - BOURGUEBUS (0761).

21. ENGRS

- (a) 2 Cdn Corps Tps Engrs are responsible for bldg one cl 9 and two cl 40 bns in area of present br sites in CAEN.
- (b) CRE, 3 Cdn Inf Div is responsible for constr on cl 9 br between HEROUVILLE (0671) and CAEN on D day.
- (c) One pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy less three secs will be in Bde res.
- (d) Probable tasks of pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy is clearance and maint of routes.

22. CH of O (MG)

- (a) One pl "B" Coy (MMG) under comd QOR of C.
- (b) D Coy CH of O is to thicken up arty fire by cones.

23. RES

- (a) 3 Cdn Inf Div res is to be 7 Cdn Inf Bde
7 Cdn Recce Regt
3 Cdn A Tk Regt
CH of O less D Coy and one pl B Coy.
- (b) 7 Cdn Inf Bde is to have one bn ready to cross the River ORNE on one hrs notice should the opportunity arise.

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24. ACTION ON OBJECTIVE

(a) After securing their objectives each bn will eat a bn fortress which will be linked up into a bde fortress as soon as possible. Areas of responsibility will be primarily:

N Shore R - SOUTH
QOR of C - SE and EAST
R de Chaud - EAST

(b) Final dispositions will be governed by the situation at the time.

(c) Digging-in will have a high priority in the rear as a quick counter-attack must be expected and bn objectives will have been registered by enemy weapons.

(d) PIATs must be well fwd and well sited to cover the approaches in the initial stages before 5 pr A tk guns can be brought over the R ORNE.

(e) Each bn will push out vigorous patrols to maintain contact with the enemy. (3)

(f) When the op has been completed R de Chaud will be prepared to counter attack.

25. LIAISON PTS

(a) N Shore R and QOR of C - track and rly King 083681

(b) QOR of C and R de Chaud - rd and rly King 082657

(c) R de Chaud and N Shore R - rd and track June 077689

(d) Other pts to be detailed later.

26. MINES

Inf bns will consider their requirements of mines and submit same as soon as possible. It is NOT probable however that these will be available until PM of D day.

27. FLANKS

5 Brit Corps incl armour is to op close to our left flank on the same H hr moving SW around GIBERVILLE towards FLEURY-SUR-ODON area.

28. ADM

To be issued separately.

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29. INTERCOM

- (a) Bde Hq will move with units to assembly areas and be est at 104740.
- (b) Bde Hq will move fwd, probably to area of Chau in COLOMBELLES, when op permits.
- (c) Tac Hq 3 Cdn Inf Div is to be at 107742.
- (d) Upon completion of op 3 Cdn Inf Div Sigs is to link up Bdes with each other and nearest 51 (H) Div bde.

ACK.

*Green Home to indicate target
Red " to " you are dropping a Ray on target*

(G. L. Boone) Maj.
BM 3 Cdn Inf Bde.

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Method of Issue: DALS and HAND
Time of signature 0945 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:

COPY NO

GOR of C	1
R de Chaud	2
N Shore R	3
"B" Coy CH of O (MG)	4
6 Cdn Armd Regt	5
Arty Gp Comd	6
16 Cdn Md Coy RCE	7
"G", 3 Cdn Inf Div	8 - 9
A/Q, 3 Cdn Inf Div	10
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A ech	22
B ech	23
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TOP SECRET

Adm "A" to
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CODE WORDS

Operation ATLANTIC

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1. PLACES

COLOMBELLES
FACTORY AREA
MONDEVILLE
GELLEMALST
FAUSG DE VANCELLES
CORNELLES
Xrce 084701
Inland centering at 053667
Cross HL

CODE WORD

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BRAZIL
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2. REPORT LINES

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HOLLAND
BELGIUM
GERMANY
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CHINA

3. S. CAN INF BDE ACTION CODE WORDS

Time QOR of G with Barrage
towards GIBERVILLE to start
Progress Good - little opposition
Fair progress - opposition
encountered
Slow going - strong opposition
Reorg proceeding satisfactorily -
no active enemy interference
Reorg difficult - enemy harassing
our posn

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4. S. CAN INF BDE ACTION CODE WORDS

HLI of C Sector - final objective ALASKA
SDMG High'n sector - final objective MEXICO
Wth NS High'n sector - final objective GREENLAND
Units crossed R ORNE at LONDON Br ICELAND
Re-org complete in Final Objectives NORWAY

5. 7. CAN INF BDE HAS CROSSED R ORNE

ABYSSINIA

At 0700 hrs, 18 July, the Rifle Coy of the Q.O.R. of C. moved out of Assembly area in vicinity of Le Bas de Ranville to the start line to the south of that locality. An attack was to be launched which would include the 3rd Cdn, 3rd Br, 51 (RD) Inf Divs; and 7th, 11th and Guards Arm Divs. The intention of the Bn, as their role in the operation, was to capture and hold the village of GIBERVILLE, 0967.

A and B Coys, leading elements, crossed the start line 'IRELAND' and were able to report crossing the line 'SCOTLAND' where the barrage was to be picked up, at 0846 hrs. Progress was good, down the forward slope towards the Factory Area, enemy mortar fire being the only opposition. This mortar fire was dropping on the crest of a ridge which was the line 'SCOTLAND' and continued in this fashion throughout the morning.

By following the barrage closely, B Coy, on the left, were able to approach their objective, a group of bldgs at 086669, to within 100 to 150 yds before encountering actual opposition. This was in the form of one or two MGs and some rifle fire. The Coy returned the fire and by use of fieldcraft successfully attained the objective. Four Germans came out and surrendered and a further four came out a few minutes later carrying a white flag. This continued throughout the day, once our men came to close grips the enemy very willingly surrendered.

In the meantime, A Coy were also getting ahead but were having difficulty with isolated rifle fire and sniping from the factory bldgs and houses at the Xrds 084701. Lieut Rayner, A Coy and Lieut McNeill, of C Coy, who were following A Coy were killed and 5 Gns wounded by this fire. One sniper, when dealt with to the extent of losing an arm and a leg, blew himself up with a hand grenade. B Coy were asked to assist in dealing with this problem and Capt Mills, Coy Comd, sent three tanks to assist A Coy. With this help the Coy went ahead and cleared most of the factory area.

The barrage now wheeled towards GIBERVILLE and the coys made their half left turn to follow. C Coy started to cross the wheat fields but were held up by MG and rifle fire. Enemy mortars, 88's and other arty were also active during this period. Artillery assistance was not effective in quieting the enemy, so the Coy Comd of C and D Coys conferred and worked out a plan. With the assistance of the tanks C Coy were able to move forward and reached the village of GIBERVILLE.

There was much close fighting through the village streets and down in the wooded southern portion of the town. 15 Pl met stiff opposition, and at one point Cpl. Harris and three rhn. were pinned on a road, exchanging burst for burst with the enemy until Bren fire was brought to bear. At another point, a section with little ammunition, bluffed their way into an orchard by firing a few rounds and winkled out 30 P.W. There was enemy fire from verges of rds and hedges but one the men got close the enemy surrendered. ~~At 084701, 15 Pl met stiff opposition~~ Fifty P.W. came in from the fields and one who spoke English was escorted further down the road and he called out for the other enemy to surrender. A sniper fired from the flank hitting one of the escort but he was dragged to a safe position. A few minutes later 150 enemy walked down the road with a white flag.

15 Pl had to clear out the Chateau area twice. On the second occasion Rfn Montgomery went forward with bayonet only, but covered by his section. His shout of "Come out, you bastards" brought out 30 P.W. incl some wounded from cellars and slits. Rfn Sarachuk, 14 Pl, cornered 10 enemy in an orchard, and went in firing his Bren gun from the hip. Four surrendered and six ran, only to be tracked down and captured in a nearby bldg.

By this time C Coy were very low in ammunition and the only weapons usable were Schmeissers. These were issued to the whole of 15 Pl and were used throughout the evening. The main part of C Coy had to fall back to D Coy in area 086684.

In the meantime A Coy which had taken up position in vicinity of 085685, had come under fire from 88's, 75's and MG's. A strong body of enemy were seen working their way NORTH along the Rly tracks. Due to shortage of ammunition the Coy fell back in vicinity of D Coy. Four tanks effectively dispersed the enemy counter-attack.

During the evening enemy resistance slackened and finally ceased, so reorganization was carried out. Cpl Jones of D Coy manned a section post in neighbourhood of Rd and Rly King at 085670, but had no sooner started to prepare a position than a German convoy came along the road heading EAST. There were several MG's leading and failed to stop when ordered to do so by Cpl Jones. The Sec Comd survived the 1st machine with Sten fire and the cyclist crashed into a tree. The cpl and two of his men fired into vehs following and the personnel ran into the fields. A further convoy appeared and the same procedure followed and a considerable number of prisoners



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