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1st Sn the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Fontaine Henry 975789	1Aug44	0830	(THROW) Map of area A day of complete rest for practically everyone. Parties are taken down to semieres-sur-mer where a good swim is had by all. This is the first opportunity many of the lads have had to see again the place they landed on that memorable day almost two months ago. The K of C is running full speed with several shows a day - a very good picture too "The Sullivan's". Daily "I" Summary	Appx 4 JSC
Fontaine Henry 975789	2Aug44	0630 1230	It begins to look as though the rest is over. All coys have training parades while the "I" Section is taken down to Sde HQ for the beginning of a four morning brush up course. Rather a rushed parade is finally formed up and the rest of the Sde arrive for an inspection by the G.O.C., Major-General Keller. After a rather informal inspection, the men gathered round and the General said a few words about past present and future actions. He was quite optimistic and thought that to-days war news was the best that had been forthcoming since the beginning of the war, nearly five years ago. Needless to say this buoyed up the men's morale considerably.	Appx 5 JSC
Fontaine Henry 975789	3Aug44	0630 0830 1300 1700 1800	Reveille Trg and reorganization parades continue throughout the morning. Half the Sn march to the caves of Fontaine Henry to see the Cdn Concert party consisting of half a dozen Cdn Army men and above all five C.W.A.C.s. The concert was a huge success and no doubt will be talked about for weeks to come. The Sjt's Mess (in a marquee) has its opening - official opening however will not be till to-morrow evening. Balance of Sn parade to concert in Fontaine Henry. These men also vote it a huge success.	JSC
Fontaine Henry 975789	4Aug44	0630 0830 1600 1800	Reveille. Again trg parades continue throughout the day. Coys are taking turns on the nearby ranges for zeroing weapons and bringing up their shooting. The snipers and scouts are still in trg at "3" Echelon as also are the men being trained in the use of the flame-thrower carrier on carriers. Troops receive their weekly bottle of beer which as always is very welcome. Official opening of the Sjt's Mess with all Sjts being present. There certainly are a lot of new faces. As a matter of interest only five of the original rifle coy sjts are now with the bn. Quite a party gets under way after the meal and as usual with such functions carries well into the night.	JSC
Fontaine Henry 975789	5Aug44	0630	Reveille - rather dull and wet.	



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	5AUG44	0800 1300 1600 1900 2200	Coys carry on with parades, some in preparation for an inspection by the Corps Commander this afternoon. Sde forms up in our area for the inspection by Lt-Gen Simmonds, our Corps Comd. He, like other Generals seems to have the habit of informal inspections and after the inspection the men gather round to hear a few words from him. He too appears to be very optimistic over the outcome of the present conflict. Meeting of all ofrs re-coming operations. K of C show pictures in the caves of Fontaine Henry. Ofrs and Sjts unite to see a movie held in the Sjts Mess. There appear to be signs of our rest period coming to an end and rumours are flying thick and fast.	JSB
FONTAINE HENRY 975789	5Aug44	0630 0945 1000	Reveille - still a little dull and damp. R.C.'s fall in for church parade held in N Shore Lines. Protestant compulsory service held in lines and taken by the Padre - Capt Stewart.	JSB
FONTAINE HENRY 975789	7Aug44	0630 0830 0930 0930 1400 1400 1730	Reveille - Misty and damp, but the day soon showed signs of brightening up. Coy parades - Coys are utilising every spare minute in training new men. Voluntary Church service. Rumours are quite accurate as to pending operation. ssg news listened to very closely all day. Ofrs at C.O.'s "O" Group. Demonstration of German mines by R.C.E. Everyone seemed to be very interested, more so than they were back in England. Bath Parades. Shows by N Shore in caves of Fontaine Henry. "I" Summary	JSB Appx 6
FONTAINE HENRY 975789	8Aug44	0530 0630 0800 0800 1030 1100 1430	Reveille - Misty and cool. Early breakfast as a battalion is on one hours notice at 0800 hrs. All coys busy packing for move. Much comment on heavy planes that flew overhead during the night. Word from sde that attack was already under way. Dinner and haversack lunches were handed out. Orders came to move and the convoy moved out at 1200 hrs. Convoy was held up in C.A.M. due to Flying Ports dropping their bombs in the wrong places. Casualties in Allied forces as a result.	JSB



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	8Aug44	1430	Arrived at our area and men proceeded to dig in, although we are moving up some time to-night. General Keller was reported slightly wounded in hand. Brig Blackader acting G.O.C. and Col Spragge acting Brigadier.	86
		1700	"O" Group at sde. Reg't advised to dig in securely as no move likely till early morning.	
S. of COMBELLERS	9Aug44	0300	Map - CAME Reveille and early breakfast. The men went back to sleep again after being advised of no immediate move.	Appx 7
		0830	Men told to be ready to move at 0930. Weather clear and warm.	86
		1100	Convoy started to new area arriving there at 1430. Operation Order "TOTALIZE".	Appx 8
		2300	Coys started moving out at 1/2 hour intervals.	
		0300	"F" Echelon arrived at area 096499.	
LANGANVILLE 096499	10Aug44		Map Bretteville-sur-Laize	Appx 9
		0500	Jerry started his shelling very early this morning.	
		0900	Breakfast. Weather clear and warm.	
		1000	"A" Coy getting accurately shelled <del>casualties</del> casualties light - so far.	
		1700	This town is really a hot spot and there has been shelling off and on all day. Some casualties suffered.	
		1730	"O" Group and details of coming attack gone over with coy commanders.	
		2000	H Hour and the arty laid down quite a barrage. "S" Coy was the assault coy and two of the leading sections got into the town without a shot being fired on them. No sooner were they in town than Jerry tanks got behind them and cut them off. Task table arty.	Appx 10
			"A" Coy advanced across field under low angle shelling from 88's mixed with mortars 100 yds from the start line. Coy came under heavy fire from automatic weapons. The advance kept on and the enemy retired leaving some equipment. In the hedge some snipers had remained after our men had gone through, they fired at our boys backs. 9 Pl on the right followed by 7 pl went through second hedge, about 300 yds to the right two scout cars and a Tiger tank pinned them down on a forward slope. They were in a wheat field and everytime the grain moved it was fired on. On the left 8 pl came under very heavy fire of all types, but they continued their advance through the hedge.	86



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	10 Aug 44		At this time "B" Coy 200 yds to the left and rear, were stopped completely. Message was sent back saying the coy needed support from tank or arty. Coy stayed where they were until dark and then withdrew to regroup for another assault.	
		0100	Moved back to own area. Considering the heavy fire the casualties were very light. One killed, 7 wounded, 1 missing. The senior NCO's did an exceptionally good job in controlling platoons.	
		2000	"B" Coy. H hour. "B" Coy started advancing. The axis of advance was along road. After advance of 500 yds they bore left. There were tanks firing on them from an unknown source and Major Mills the Coy Comd was wounded. Snipers and MG's were firing from the woods on the right. When the coy arrived at the woods they swung over to the right and Cpl Bairdow became separated from the Coy. He ran into some enemy - killing two and taking six P.W. There was plenty of sniping and automatic weapons firing in the woods. 88's and mortars started firing when the coy were 150 yds from the woods screening, in the woods prevented communications. There was approx 4 tks in woods. 12 pl as told by Cpl Uessler - We followed barrage closely and waited at the edge of woods until barrage lifted. Two pls got forward but 12 pl was pinned down in wheatfield until dark. We made our way back to the road where we met Major Cottrill who put us in positions to meet possible counter attack. As told by Sgt Suddes - 10 pl. We got into woods and into some buildings. There were snipers and MG's firing constantly. Camouflaged tanks waited until we got into woods and then cut us off. At this point Cpl Samaria did an outstanding job of keeping the morale of the boys up and preventing them from becoming disorganized. We were helped out by a platoon of N Shore R and Lt Robertson of "C" Coy, W.S.R. organized a "do or die" task. When the rest of us were pinned down he went forward on a recon. How he stayed alive is a miracle. He assisted us greatly in getting out our wounded plus remainder of the coy.	36
		2000	H hour - "C" Coy advanced, 13 pl right, 14 pl left and 15 pl in reserve. All went well until coy reached crest of slope then enemy tanks opened up. 14 pl seemed to get the most of it as they were on slightly higher ground. 13 pl with Coy H.Q. close behind kept on going under small arms fire. Then guns swung over to 15 pl and MG fire increased, 13 pl, coy H.Q. and 15 pl were pinned to ground. Capt Martin, Coy Comd was wounded and signaller was killed by shrapnel. Forward section of 13 pl reached hedge but could go no further due to the heavy firing. This section could see some of the enemy tanks and sniped some of their personnel. By this time all pl ofrs were casualties. Rfn Kneller of 15 pl had taken over his platoon and was trying to organize the remainder of the coy. He was told to get down and protect himself, but he kept running all over the place under very heavy fire trying to get the men together, he was still doing this when he was killed. As soon as darkness set in the men who were able to get out in ones and twos. Stretcher bearers went out later for casualties.	



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ANZAUZ	11Aug44	0730	breakfast - clear and warm. Coys here for regrouping arriving here at 0600 hrs. Boys were quite happy when told that breakfast was so soon. The chief topic of conversation was the battle of the previous night. The day was spent cleaning weapons and themselves. Everyone is hoping we will be here for a few days but no such luck. Daily "I" Summary	Appx 11
		1300	A few shells fell during the morning and afternoon causing casualties among them our Padre H/Capt Stewart who was evacuated. This makes the second Padre we have lost.	86
		1500	Sde "O" Group.	
		1830	Bn "O" Group.	
		1930	Coy Comd's went out to recon area we are taking over from Royal Winnipeg Rifles at Bretteville le Rabet.	
		2100	Coy start out for new area and last coy arrives at 0130 hrs. There is a 100% stand-to to-night.	
BRETTEVILLE LE RABET 100504	12Aug44	0730	Breakfast. Weather clear and warm. The expected counter attack by the enemy didn't materialise, probably due to the heavy concentration of arty fire that was put down during the entire night. Mr Rae our I.C. left for the rest centre this morning.	86
		2000	There has been intermittent shelling during the day causing casualties to two attached men from the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.	
		2200	Patrols went out but didn't contact enemy. Daily "I" Summary	Appx 12 Appx 13 Appx 14
BRETTEVILLE LE RABET 100504	13Aug44	0730	Adm Order for "TALLULAH" Breakfast. Weather clear and warm. Coys improving positions.	
		1615	Coy Comd's went out to recon new area.	
		1830	Major Lett acting C.O. to Sde "O" Group.	
		1815	Men from BHQ left to reserve and clean up new quarters after cleaning up for three hours word came through that a recon officer was to go to Sde as the area had been changed.	
		2130	Polish armour moved in to take over our posns and coys moved out one at a time and moved by route march to ROSSIGNOL.	
		0200	Last coy arrives at area. Major Lett and Capt Weir stayed at old position to make final preparations for coming operation which is on a large scale. Bombing trace A Air support plan Daily "I" Summary	86 Appx 15 Appx 16 Appx 17 & 18



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ROSSIGNON LL	14 Aug 44	0730 0830 0930 1030 1100 1200 1400 1600 1800 2030	Breakfast - warm but quite a ground mist which showed signs however of lifting shortly. Company Cmdr's "O" Group. C.O. left for Sde "O" Group Final "O" Group and preparations for move to start line. Convoy of Priests and half-tracks loaded with troops left area. H Hour and alternate H.Q. moved off to area SOIGNEILLES. On arriving at high ground overlooking town found it being heavily shelled. Turned back and parked convoy along edge of field just south of RENEVILLE. Heavy bombers came over. Some mistake was made and quite a number of bombs were dropped on our own troops despite the fact that yellow smoke and flares was sent up as a warning. This business of close support by heavy bombers hasn't seemed to work out as far as Canadian troops are concerned. Word came back from "D" Coy that objective had been reached but was a little behind schedule. QOR take objective MEZIAKES and are on both sides of River LAIZE and casualties were light. Alternate SHQ in La Croix M.R. 133505. Over 400 P.W. are just marching along the road. The operation must repeat must be going well. Capt Weir is Johnny on the spot with his camera.	<i>St</i>
MAIZURES 174473	15 Aug 44	0600 1200 1400 1800 2000 2300	Map - St Pierre Sur Dives Breakfast-actually it was our supper of last night. Weather clear and mild. Morning spent with coys improving their positions. Several documents were sent to Sde and there proved to be valuable information in them. On a check up of our casualties they seemed to be very light. A reinforcement of officers arrived. Among them were three former QOR men who had returned to Canada for their OCTU training. All though there has been no warning order to move come out as yet. No move to-night, but all vehicles are left loaded pending an early morning move. Enemy planes came over and there was considerable bombing. An ammo dump was hit and the explosions from that <del>report</del> kept up throughout the night. Our casualties were of a minor nature, caused by falling ack ack shrapnel. The R.A.F. were kept busy all night fixing up Polish Casualties that came in. Sde I.O. had his vehicle knocked out and spent the night here.	Appx 19 <i>St</i>



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MAIZERIES 174473	16Aug44	0700	Daily "I" Summary OF TALLULAH Breakfast and the weather, is still clear and warm. The topic of conversation was chiefly on the bombing last night. Trace in from division and we find we are right in the middle of an SOS task so a hurry up call to the F.O.O. is put through and the situation is normal once again.	Appx 20 Appx 21
		1000	Weapon inspection.	
		1300	Bde "O" Group	
		1600	It Auld and some of his scouts went out to recon the area we are to move into. Major Lett, A/C.O. returned from "O" Group with the word of no possible move.	
		1800	Lt Auld arrived back here and took his entire platoon back with him to do patrol work to-night. Object to see if woods in area are clear.	
		1900	Coy Comd's meeting.	
MAIZERIES 174473	17Aug44	0630	Haverville. Weather clear and warm.	
		0800	O.O. left on recon of new area and we are on one hours notice to move.	
		0900	Coy Comd's called to meet C.O.	
		1100	Marching troops leave to assemble at FERRIER.	
		1230	"F" Ech leave for FERRIER and disperse in orchard until further notice. Coys are on reverse slope of hill overlooking the area we are to move into namely DAMBLAINVILLE.	
		1900	"F" Ech arrive at area and three coys have already moved into town and taken up posn's. The remaining coy "B" is moving in after dark as they have to dig in on forward slope of hill.	
DAMBLAINVILLE	18Aug44	2000	H.Q. move into town - 100% stand-to 2230 . 50% all night.	
			DAMBLAINVILLE MAP -	Appx 22
		0800	Breakfast. Weather clear and mild. One of local residents returned and gave a couple of the lads a drink. This town, unlike others we have been in, isn't damaged very much.	
		1200	There has been a little shelling this morning mostly in "B" Coys area. No casualties. An amusing incident happened this afternoon. Rfn W Meharg and Rfn "Bud" Edward were on their way to this area with petrol. They took the wrong road and wound up in enemy lines. Five Jerries came out and paid them 4500 francs to take them prisoners.	
		1630	"O" Group at Bde and Col Spragge is back as C.O. There is word of a move and the area is known but when the move is to take place has/been divulged as yet. not	
			The BMLI have a recon in to take over our positions.	



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DAMELAINVILLE	19Aug44	0530	Daily I Summary Weather clear and very warm. Coys started moving out. Leap frogging ahead to GRAND MESNIL 310379 and took up positions.	Appx 23
		0830	"F" Ech moved to orchard close to village.	
		1200	Bn HQ took up position in GRAND MESNIL. Excellent position for them as they were six barrels (large) of cider.	
		1815	Shortly after lunch, Bn HQ was shelled causing casualties and setting fire to barn in which H.Q. was situated. Several trucks were damaged by shrapnel and we were forced to move back 500 yds. A 60 cwt carrying ammo was hit and set on fire. There wasn't a chance of getting anything off loaded. The driver done a good job in driving it to an area where it would do the least damage. The C.O. had an advance H.Q. in GRAND MESNIL. Enemy planes overhead at night but no bombs were dropped in our area.	36
GRAND MESNIL 310379	20Aug44	0830	Map FALAISE Weather still good. Recco in from Black Watch (2nd Div) who are to take over our positions. We were to take over hill feature 230 at 333391. Coys moved out as they were relieved.	Appx 24
		1730	Bn HQ left area.	
		1500	C.O. went out in carrier but kept in touch with BnHQ by wireless.	
			Daily I Summaries	
		1900	Bn HQ stopped just off road while coys got into position. Coys encountered no opposition when taking positions.	Appx 25 & 36
		2100	"F" Echelon held back as roads were mined and the pioneers went ahead to clear them. "F" Ech arrived at area and supper was served after dark in a slight drizzle. It rained throughout the night and the sigs had a tough job in laying lines to coys.	
333391	21Aug44		Weather raining and visibility nil. <del>Sigs</del> PWs who had been out off started to drift in. They were a mixed bunch. Russians from a labour bn, SS troops Wehrmacht. The bag included one RSM. Two Maquis also came in looking for an L.O. Rain continued throughout the day and coys improved positions.	
		2030	"A" Coy sent out strong fighting patrol to ST GERVAIS object - to ambush suspected enemy patrol. Sigs slipped up and sent in N Shore R patrol also. This patrol came into town in carriers. Result no Jerries showed up.	



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333381	22Aug44	0800 1000 1300 1400	Weather clearing up but very misty. "G" Group - weather quite clear and the surrounding country can be seen for miles around. Men busy cleaning themselves and weapons also trying to dry blankets. Major Dalton who was wounded on "D" Day returned to reg't and is to comd "s" Coy. Other changes are Capt Malone another old QOR officer is back as 2 i/c in "G" Coy. This is the first time he has been with the reg't since we left England.	86
333381	23Aug44	0600 0730 1300 1530 2030 2200	Reveille and the order to move has come in - weather dull and slight drizzle of rain. 10V arrive and this is a nice break for the coys as they fully expected to march. Traffic was heavy on the road and progress was slow. Convoy pulled off road and dinner was served. Convoy moved on. Road was lined on both sides with various types of burned out enemy equipment and vehicles however there was a noticeable lack of artillery burned out. Coys debussed and marched to assembly area followed by "F" Ech. Coys moved into town of ORSEC and C.O. set up an HQ in town. Rear BHQ at 643720. Rained all night.	86
643720	24Aug44	0700 1100 0900	Map ORSEC Reveille and still raining. "F" Ech move into town of ORSEC. French people are quite enthusiastic about our arrival. We advanced 23 miles in the day. Sde "G" Group Our plan has been changed and we are to take a new route. In the house where we have our H.Q. is a young girl of 14. The Jerries shot her father yesterday when they were forced out of this town. Left ORSEC at 2000 hrs and bedded down in an orchard five miles N.E.	Appex 27 86
	25Aug44	0230 1230 1800 1900	Reveille. Left area 0400 hrs. Until first light progress was slow due to the darkness. Arrived at 908846 and a combined breakfast and dinner was concerned. Civilians were gathered around all afternoon. We always thought Canadians were good scroungers but these French people have us beat. Convoy formed up and every vehicle was carrying men from the coys. Received word that Col Spragge was to be Brigadier of 7th Sde and left immediately to take over his new command. Arrived at area and coys took up posns.	86



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LE THUIT	26 Aug 44	0630	Reveille. Clear and warm.	B
		0700	Bde "O" Group	
		0800	CO's "O" Group	
		1000	Coys start marching off to objectives. Our task is to mop up wooded areas along axis of advance. The attack is in three phases and the first two are taken without opposition	
		2000	Approaching third objective coys are pinned down by fire from a 75.	
		0130	An artillery barrage is called down and proved very effective forcing the enemy to withdraw. All coys in positions and settled for the night.	
	27 Aug 44		Map BRIQWFE	Appx 29
		0700	Reveille. Fair and warm.	B
		0915	Word from Bde that no move likely to-day. The boys immediately start in to get cleaned up a bit. All told we have advanced sixty eight miles in the past three days.	
		1600	A Coy left for Div fatigues but due to poor organization on Div's part the coy wound up at "A" ech where they stayed for twenty four hours.	
	28 Aug 44		Reveille fair & warm.	B
			there is a report of no move to-day & everyone is quite happy about it as it gives all of us a chance to re-organize and clean up.	
	1600		Bath parades all available transport is used but still some of the coys had to march. Total distance five miles.	Appx 30
			Daily "I" Summary	
	29 Aug 44	0600	Reveille - dull and raining. The order was given out that all men were to be washed and shaved before breakfast.	B
		0900	Definite signs that our brief rest is coming to an end.	
		1000	K.C. came up with rations of chocolate bars, matches etc. This pleased the boys as chocolate and matches were sorely needed.	
		1100	Coys just told there would be no move to-day. Everyone quite happy about it as it gives a little extra time to get things straightened out.	



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Instructions regarding preparation of War Diaries (which will be kept from first day of mobilization, creation or embodiment) are contained in FS Regs Vol 1.

Title pages will be prepared.

# WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

3/19A MEM 11  
10/F33/37 (5028)

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to OIC 2nd Echelon for disposal.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	30Aug44	0500 0700 0900	Beveille - Raining, which is nothing unusual. Coys moved off with our own transport carrying all the men they can pile on. Crossed the Seine at ELBOEUF and the convoy starts to speed up. This operation is in three phases and no opposition was met in any of them. Our final objective was the village of ECOS, but we went quite a distance past there before bedding down for the night	<i>JS</i>
	31Aug44	0630  1200 2100	Map - NEUFCHATEL Beveille - clear with a strong hint of rain in the air - Col Lett is now En Comd. The chateau where we are staying is owned by a Vice Admiral Durand - Viel, retired, of the French fleet. RSM Hartnell arranged a guard of Honour, 14 O'R's which was commanded by Capt Weir, Adjt and quite an impressive ceremony was held when the Tricolour was unfurled and hoisted to the top of the flagpole. There were tears in the eyes of all the French people that witnessed it. The flag was autographed by Major C O Dalton, 2 i/c in the absence of Lt-col S M Lett. En moved on again, but no one seems to know just how far we will go to-day. All along route civilians handed out flowers and every vehicle has at least one bouquet on it. An impressive sight was seen en route. Five maquis marching a batch of sixty German prisoners along the road. Our boys gave the Maquis quite a hand. En moved into positions, supper was served and after the C.O.'s "p" Group everyone settled down for the night. A rather amusing incident happened during the night. Our scouts were out on a patrol, one of them came upon two mortars and reported it to Cpl Overy who was in charge of the patrol. The Cpl went forward very cautiously and removed the sights, he was just going to kick the mortar over when he was challenged by a member of the crew. The cpl's face was certainly red when he found out it was a QOR mortar detachment.	Appx 31 <i>JS</i>
			<i>S M Lett</i> (S M LETT) 1/Lt-col Comd 1st Bn The Q O R of C	



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Scale 1:25,000 or 2.53 inches to 1 Mile

Yards 1000 500 0 500 1000  
Metres 1000 500 0 500 1000

## OVERPRINT REFERENCE

AIR PHOTO INFORMATION - AS OF 4 AUG 44  
INFORMATION FROM COUNTER-BATTERY SOURCES  
AS OF 3 AUG 44 - (C.B.)  
INFORMATION FROM GROUND SOURCES  
AS OF 5 AUG 44 - (G.S.)

REFER TO THIS  
MAP AS:-  
FRANCE 1:25,000  
Sheet 40/4NW  
DEFENCE OVERPRINT  
OPERATION TOTALIZE

NOTES: ① Road Classification is based on Michelin and other information. It has not been checked on the ground and its reliability is uncertain.  
② Contours are at 10m V.I. They are interpolated from spot heights and hachures on the French 1:50,000 and amplified from Air Photo Examination. They should be accepted with caution.  
③ Principal Points of photographs used in compilation are shown thus +  
④ True Lines of this area are on a 1:50,000 sheet basis - see incidence

Convergence lines for contours of  
W & E sheet  
Cont. of W. Cont. of E.  
Magnetic declination  
for centre of sheet  
from True North of 47°N  
from Grid North of 47°N  
Jan 1943  
Annual change about  
12 E.

Compiled from Air Photographs on a control  
provided by existing French Triangulation



# DEFENCE LEGEND

Based on F.S.P.B. Pamphlet No 6A, 1943 and Conventional Symbols for use by Photographic Interpreters.

## 1. General

- Unoccupied (on left of symbol)
- Occupied
- Dummy (on left of symbol)
- Under Construction
- Construction Activity

## 2. Defence Works

### (a) Field Defences

- Strongpoint
- Gun-emplacement (see also under Weapons)
- Weapon-pit (see also under Weapons)
- Observation Post
- Artillery O.P.
- Fire-trench
- Communication trench
- Dug-out shelter

### (b) Concrete Defences

- Strongpoint in concrete
- Concrete shelter (type-number shown on left of symbol, e.g. 503 D)
- Concrete shelter (under construction)
- Concrete shelter with cupola
- Gun-casemate (see also under Weapons)
- Pillbox for infantry weapon (see also under Weapons)
- Concrete shelter with emplacement on roof (weapon-sign on top of symbol, see also under Weapons)
- Concrete O.P.
- Concrete Artillery O.P.

### (c) Railway Artillery

- Railway-gun turntable
- Railway-gun spur

## 3. Weapons

### (a) Artillery

- Artillery Weapon (unspecified)
- Fixed coast gun
- Fixed coast how
- Mobile gun or gun-how
- Mobile how
- AA Gun
- AT Gun

Note: 105mm coast guns (fixed) are light  
105mm mobile gun-hows are light  
105mm mobile guns are medium  
Calibres will always be annotated in millimetres  
Number of guns written below symbol, calibre written on left of symbol, e.g. 150 = "four 150mm howitzers".  
The gun-emplacement symbol (—) alone indicates "unoccupied", e.g. — = "four unoccupied emplacements".

Railway guns in position are shown thus

### (b) Infantry

- Infantry Weapon (unspecified)
- M.G.
- Mortar
- AA MG
- Flamethrower

The weapon-pit symbol (—) used alone indicates "unoccupied".  
Note: On this map the symbol — is used to indicate a weapon-pit whether occupied or unoccupied.

### (c) Searchlights

- Searchlight
- Searchlight

## Exact Position of Weapons and Strongpoints

Wherever possible the middle of the base is the exact location of the weapon or strongpoint. The base of the symbol is considered to be the middle of it as looked at in the legend below. In the exception an arrow has been drawn to signify the exact location.

Where the symbol is used to denote a battery of several weapons the exact position of each weapon is signified by a dot. If these dots are some distance from the symbol a line is drawn to connect each dot to the symbol.

Certain symbols are of such a shape that the base is difficult to define. Where the base part are symmetrical, reference of arrows points with the base. In these cases the exact position is the middle of the symbol.

For clarification the following code has been placed against each of the symbols below. Denoting what position is the base of symbol

## 8. Signals Installations

- Signal Station (unspecified)
- Line-telegraph station
- Wireless station
- Wireless and line-telegraph station
- Radar Station (unspecified)
- Radar Station (coast-watching)
- Radar Station (aircraft reporting)
- Anti-aircraft W/T reporting station
- Jamming Station
- Beam
- Direction Finding
- Medium Frequency
- Very High Frequency
- Ground or overhead cable
- Buried cable
- Junction box
- Overhead Power Cable

## 9. Personnel Accommodation

- Barracks
- Hutted Camp (number of huts shown on left of symbol)
- Area in military occupation

## 10. Storage

- Dump (unspecified)
- Ammunition Dump
- Ordnance Dump
- Engineer Dump
- Supplies Dump
- Petrol Dump

## 11. Airfields

- Airfield
- Landing-ground
- Sea-plane base

## 4. Obstacles

- Wire
- Concealed wire
- Road-block (movable)
- Road-block (fixed)
- Anti-tank obstacle (unspecified)
- Dragon's teeth
- Anti-tank ditch
- Covered Tank-trap
- Anti-tank wall
- Steel gun-tank obstacle
- Impassable
- Anti-landing obstacles

## 5. Minefields

- Minefield
- Minefield

## 6. Demolitions

- Demolition or crater site
- Demolition or crater site (with charge laid)
- Cratered or demolished site
- Demolished area

## 7. Naval

- Booms and Kets
- Mine Booms



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 33

3 CDN INF DIV

9 Aug 44

Based on Infm received up to 1800 hrs

9 Aug 44

PART II

1 ENEMY EQPT

17 cm Guns

The recent employment of the 17 cm gun makes it essential that fwd ops shall be able to identify it, and the following aids to identification of the shell are suggested:-

- (i) Fragmentation is usually bad. The shell normally breaks into long sharp splinters, but what appears to be a new type does not splinter, tending to break into large pieces about 1" thick.
- (ii) There are two driving bands which in the older type may be of copper or soft iron each 26 mm in width separated by a 10 mm gap. In the newer type raised portions of the driving bands which are of soft iron are 20 mm wide with an 18 mm gap. The overall width of the bands are - lower 30 mm, upper 20 mm.
- (iii) There are apt to be many duds.

This gun with a full charge has a range of approx 32,000 yds.

(Source: 2 Cdn Corps CB Int Summary 17)

2 EQPT SHORTAGE

The following is a translation of an order by General of the SS HAUSER, comd of the Seventh German Army, giving further proof of the acute shortage the Germans are suffering in all types of eqpt:

The Commander  
Seventh Army

Army HQ 21 Jul 44

The supply situation is extremely tense.

Despite the fact that production is running at high speed, new activations and regular replacement orders consume a big part of the finished products.

Therefore:

- (1) Weapons and eqpt that need repair will be speedily evacuated to the rear repair services of the army.
- (2) Even salvage, weapons and eqpt which are apparently beyond repair must be evacuated, because from two or three useless weapons of the same type, a new one can be built.

Besides, extra spare parts are frequently recovered in this way.

(3) It must be completely clear to every soldier that strict saving is essential. It is irresponsible to leave behind or fail to evacuate weapons and eqpt, binoculars, sighting devices, entrenching tools, as well as all sorts of empty cartridge cases, amm boxes, and seemingly useless weapons and eqpt.

(4) I expect and request, from commanding generals, division commanders and below that, from every officer, that the above principles will be preached to the troops again and again.



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(5) Executive orders will come from the chief of the supply services.

(Signed) HAUSSER

Obergruppenführer and General of the  
Waffen SS

(Source: G2 Periodic Report No 56 dated 5 Aug 44)

### 3 NEW DESIGNATION OF WEAPONS

A captured document from 326 Div concerning new names for weapons reveals that the Führer has approved the following:

Pz V	Panther	
Pz VI	Tiger	
8.8 Pak on chassis Mk III/IV	Nashorn (Rhino)	
8.8 cm Assault gun PORSCHE	Elefant	
Remote Control Demolition Veh	Goliath	
Sngr apparatus for blowing up defa with Explosive Gasses	Taifun (Typhoon)	
Hy Tk Destroyer on Tiger chassis	Jagdtiger	
" " " Panther "	Jagdpanther	
Ofenrohr	Panzerschreck	
8.8 cm RW 43	Püppchen	
Pz Lorraine	Marder I	
Pak 36 (t) on Mk II	Marder II	
Pak 36 (n) and Pak 40 on 38 (t) chassis	Marder III	Marten

### 4 FLAK ASSAULT UNITS

The appearance this morning on the Corps front of 13300 Hy Flak Ers Bn (mc) identified by a PW at 074590 sheds some light on the org and emp of these AA Asslt Units.

The PW whose evidence is considered reliable, states that 13300 Hy Flak Ers Bn is under comd 2 Flak Regt which in turn is controlled by III Flak Corps. Its org is given as follows:

6 Tps  
Each tp with 2 x 8.8 cm guns  
3 x 2 cm AA

PW maintained that the 8.8 cm guns were employed in an A/tk role and for indirect fire, but NOT as AA. The three 2 cm guns afforded AA protection. Personnel str of a tp was said to be 70, the total for the bn approx 550.

On 6 Aug a "mixed" bn of 53 flak Asslt Regt was identified on the Corps front to our Right, and was stated to have the following org:

3 Tps - each of

4 x 8.8 cm guns  
1 Flakvierling  
3 x 2 cm AA

2 Tps - each of

4 or 5 Flakvierling  
? 12 x 2 cm AA



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There is probably a connection between the hy and mixed bns and it is possible that a Flak Regt consists of one or more of each.

Only 4 of the 6 Tps belonging to 13300 Hy Flak Ers Bn are on the Corps front according to PW. Of the other two Tps, one is believed to be in the PARIS area, and the other at MONTABARD U2226.

NB: Numbers in the five figure series (viz 13300) are reported to be assigned to Flak Units formed of "odds and sods" in Germany.

#### 5 1344 ASSAULT GUN "ABTEILUNG"

Three PW from this unit have rewarded detailed interrogation with the following points on org and history. Unfortunately the place of their capture was NOT accurately reported and it was impossible to gain any worthwhile info re disposals.

PW confirm that 344 A Tk Bn consists of three coys, 1 and 2 of which are A tk coys, and 3 Coy which goes by the name of 1344 Asslt Gun "Abteilung". This org conforms with similar units of 243 and 352 Inf Divs respectively. Although this unit was obviously a component part of 344 Inf Div, it appears to have left a place believed to be ST VILLERS near ABBEVILLE two weeks ago, and to have travelled in the usual nerve wracking fashion via AMIENS to ROUEN, where they were unloaded from the train, and thence to the battle area by MT. One PW had been left with the Asslt Guns for three days prior to his capture, while the other two had apparently been fighting as inf and had only come in on 7 Aug.

1344 Asslt Gun "Abteilung" consists of 3 pls each of 3 Asslt Guns plus 1 for the pl cmd. The eqpt is the KWK 40 (7.5 cm) mounted on Pz Kw Lk III chassis. The crew of four incls a cmd, a dvr, a grn and a loader. 56 round, half HE and half AP are carried for the KWK 40, and an LMG 42 with 1500 rounds is reported complete the armament.

Two of the PW spoke of air attacks by "Lightnings" during their train journey from the PAS DE CALAIS. One PW, speaking of the air bombardment which preceded the attack on 7/8 Aug stated that they were warned to be on the alert as an attack was expected after the bombardment.

This expectation was fully realized.

#### 189 AR

PW from II and III Bns of 189 Arty Regt were captured early 8 Aug and, although their stories did NOT coincide in all details, certain facts concerning the org of the regt, its history and morale have been obtained from interrogation. The regt org is as follows:

I and II (Rd) Bns	- each 2 tps of 6 x 10.5 cm gun hows
III (Med) Bn	- three tps, each of 3 ( or 4 ) 15 cm hows, tractor drawn (Sd Kfz 7)

An N O PW from II Bn sporting a pair of riding breeches and spurs, stoutly maintained that the fd guns in I and II Bns are tractor-drawn. However the 15 cm hows are unquestionably tractor-drawn and the entire gun crew of each piece is transported on the towing veh. Opel type MT carries the amn (normal rate per 15 cm how, 200 rpg).

189 AR was formed during Feb 44, and personnel were still being posted in small drafts to NORWAY until the end of Apr. During this period, the regt was seriously under str in eqpt and the shortage of manpower was consequently less acutely felt.

Apart from some Russian Hiwi dvrs, all personnel of the Arty Regt are said to be German. The majority of the Senior NCOs have seen service in RUSSIA, while the ORs are mainly from the 1905-10 age gp, and youngsters under 20 yrs of age.



109 AB (Cont'd)

The morale of the PW in question was negative enough to be considered well below average. Their reaction to the recent crisis regarding the attempted assassination of JFK was confused and one PW felt that more info should have been available to the tps on the subject.

GER Black Cap  
for (J D Mingsy) Lt-Col.,  
GS, 3 Cdn Inf Div

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