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Month and Year JAN. 44.

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Unit 1st NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YEO.
Commanding Officer LT. COL. DOUGLAS RSTE

Summary of Events and Information.

References to Appendices.

Place.	Date.	Hour.		
Bury St. Edmunds	8.5/6		Regt. Col. took part in Bde Ex. 'REFRESHMENT'.	
	14.		LT. R.W. Watson posted to 33 Tk Bde. HQ as L.O.	
	18/19.		Officer attended demo. by ERY in the line area. "Jks. in op. of Inf".	
	21/22		Regt. Ex. 'DEKKO'	
	25.		LT. H.B. Barnett attached 'HQ' 49 Inf. Div. u.e.f. 22 Jan. pending posting.	
	28.		LT. L.E. Butler posted to 8. King Regt. u.e.f. 23 Jan.	
			LT. P.J. Owen - - - 5 - - -	
			LT. F.J. Dunlop - - - 25. Staffs - - -	
			LT. B.B. Evans - - - - -	
			2/Lt. J. Crook - - - - -	

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1st Northamptonshire Regiment RAC.

From

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Unit 1st Northamptonshire Tco.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Bayle

References to Appendices.

Summary of Events and Information.

Place. Date. Hour.

Bury St Edmund.	1		Lt. W. B. Barnett posted to HQ HQ Inf. Div on L.O.
	4		Regt. a TITCHWELL Range by Sq until 4 th .
	8		W/SSM Knight awarded 1939-43 Medal
	16.		2/Lt. G. H. P. Day struck off strength of the unit on being dismissed the service (w.e.f. 30 th Dec).
	20		Regt. addressed by Gen. Montgomery (C in C. 21 AGP) at Spence Hall, Norwich.
	22.		Regt. a DUNWICH Range by Sq until 23 rd .
			T/Majr H. C. H. Stakdale posted to HCLY.
			T/Majr G. G. Skelton posted to this Regt. from HCLY via Majr Stakdale.
	28]		Regt. 'B' Ed took part in 33 Tn. Bde 2nd Exercise "EXE".
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1st Northamptonshire Infantry P.A.C.

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Jan. 1944

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Unit 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry.

Commanding Officer, *Lt. Col. D. Foul*

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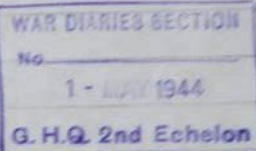
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Unit I. N. YEO.

Commanding Officer LT COL. D. FORSTER

References to Appendices.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.
<u>Bury/Edinburgh</u>	<u>10th</u>		Unit Censorship started.
	<u>10th</u>		Death occurred of Capt R. Grant-Hawson 2116. H.A. 49.
	<u>12-18th</u>		"B" Coy on 49 Div Ex "Bump"
	<u>19-21.</u>		Regiment on 7 Arm Div "Hellip Eye II"
	<u>19.</u>		Overseas documentation commenced.
	<u>20</u>		Unit came under command 21 Army Group.
	<u>22</u>		Overseas pay came into operation.
	<u>24.</u>		2/Lt. A Faulkner joined Regt. for duty from 58 Training Regt. R.A.C.
	<u>26</u>		Unit won 33 Arm Div waterproofing competition.
	<u>27.</u>		Regiment inspected by H.M. the King near the Ford.



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From 1 May. 44

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Unit 1st NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YEOMANRY

Commanding Officer Lieut Col. D. FORSTER.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
<u>Aldershot.</u>	<u>4</u>		Unit moved from Farnham Park East to Mons Bannocks, Aldershot.	
	<u>9.</u>		2/Lieut A.P. James joined Unit in commissioning from 1000 C.T. 11 R.A.C	
	<u>12-16</u>		Regiment in skeleton in 49 Div: Ex: SHISHAH	
	<u>18.</u>		First reinforcements, 30 piers and 53 O.R.s attached to No. 262 Lwd: Del. Sqn incl: Lieut G. Simms, 2/Lieuts A.W. Faulkner and A.P. James.	
	<u>19.</u>		Lieut J.D. Haskard and 3 O.R.s posted 30 Corps HQ. as transport tank crew.	
	<u>26</u>		Commander in Chief 21 Army Group, General B.L. Montgomery, awarded his certificate to Capt. T.G. Boardman (who had just relinquished C.O. T.O.) and Staff Sgt (O.R.A.M.S) Russell A.W. for "outstanding service"	
	<u>26.</u>		First reinforcements; second party of 25 O.R.s detached to Corps Del. Sqn.	
	<u>27</u>		Unit Administration Inst.; Concentration and Marshalling; issued	
	<u>31.</u>		Unit inspected by Maj. Genl. E.H. Barker, G.O.C. 49 (W.R.) Division.	
			During the fine spell 15-28 May, waterproofing of A.B. vehicles carried out with hull dipping at Hawley Pond and Arboresfield. Some vehicles and tents still outstanding. Unit in light scale M.T.; residues tonnes left unwaterproofed.	

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OF

1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry

From 1st June '44 To 30th June '44

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Unit 1st. Northamptonshire Yeomanry

Commanding Officer Lieut. Colonel Forster.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Mons Eke. Aldershot.	6		First indication of 'D' Glider Fms early in morning and planes with operational markings. A Bde Shooting Competition which had been arranged was carried out; Unit winning Sten and Rifle Battle Practice; Second in Bren.	WAR DIARIES SECTION No. <u>8 - JUL 1944</u> G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon
	7		Operational Order No. I. issued; movement orders for advance party received from Aldis.	
	9	0530	Main body moved to Marshalling Area Camp A.4. North of Havant Arrangements excellent.	
Camp A.4.	10	1200	First shipload under Major D. Fraser left from Portsmouth.	Op. Order No. 1. Appx A.
	12	0330	Main L.S.T. load under Major D. Bevan left.	
	13	0530	Final L.S.T. loads left, loaded p.m. Night in Solent; arrived off Asnelles-sur-M 1800	
	15	1130	Landed dryshod and proceeded to Bde harbour St. Gueron 3 miles South of Bayeaux. Not one vehicle being lost in transit. L.S.Ts were both British and American; accomodation and feeding on the	

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			latter being excellent. Though all were expecting a large quantity of shipping, the actual concentration on the beaches was astounding, and beach organisation, route posting was satisfactory.	
St. Gueron	16		In place of Op. instruction No. 1. Bde came u/c 7th Armd Div. Learnt that Lt. Maskard and Tpr. Shellam who had been loaned to 30th. Corps Cmdr. were killed in taking Corps Cmdr towards Tilly - S-Seulles.	
	17		Moved to new harbour two miles south of St. Gueron.	
Bois de Baggy	19		Bde moved into harbour in this former German Amn Dump.	
	21		First shots against enemy when planes strafed whole area; one man killed and one wounded sleeping in Beach lorry	
	23	0430	Enemy shelled whole area; one landed in A Sqn HQ area killing one and wounding seven incl. Capt. P. Grant and M. F. L. Robinson.	
	24		Lts. K. Todd and R. Neville promoted to fill vacancies; Capt. T. G. Boardman transferred from B Sqn to A Sqn as 2i/c, with Capt. Todd	

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			as R/Link; Capt. Crofts becoming 2i/c with Capt. Neville as R/Link.	
Folliott	26		Bde came u/c 30th Corps from 7th Armd Div; Unit placed u/c 50 (Northumbrian) Div. and moved to Folliott northwest of Tilly-S- Seulles, B Sqn u/c 231 Inf Bde and C Sqn u/c 69 Bde.	
	27	1630	C Sqn u/c 6 Green Howards in action north of Unchy (7966); attack successful; 7 tanks were ptu out of action by mines and enemy fire; personnel casualties 2 killed; nine injured; five missing believed killed. Our first enemy tank was a Mk V (Panther) destroyed by Sgt. Duff with two rounds 75mm at 60yards; Sgt. Duff also claims an eight wheeled armoured car. During the day Capt. R. J. Crofts, 2i/c B Sqn was killed when his Scout Car struck a mine in reversing away from a Mk IV special which had already missed him with three shots.	
	28		Unit reverted to cmd 33 Armd Bde and came into Army Reserve. Capt. M. S. Rathbone became 2i/c B Sqn; Capt. Todd moved from A to C Sqn as R/L. and Lieut. J. J. B. Atkinson went from 1/c Recce Tp to Rear Link Capt. A Sqn	

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(UNIT OR FORMATION)

From 1st July '44 to 31st July '44
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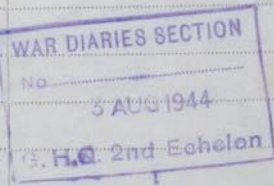
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Unit **1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry**

Commanding Officer **Lt. Col. D. Forster**

Month and Year **JULY 1944**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
NONANT	3		Further promotions caused through sickness; SSM Knight "HQ" becoming RQMS; SQMS Tate "A" Sqn taking his place. Formation was again split: 148 RAC going under command I Corps in Eastern sector over CAEN Canal and were not seen again until July 26th.	
	6		Brigade came under command I Corps and moved to PONTAINE HENRY S.W. of BASLY.	
PONTAINE HENRY	7	2200	Operation CHARNWOOD opened with concentrated bombing of CAEN; in the AA shaboting 1 man of "B" Squadron was killed and another injured.	
	8	1030	33rd Armd Brigade less 148 RAC put under command 3rd British Infantry Div on the left of the three Divisional attack on CAEN; 43 Div being in the centre and Canadian 3rd Division on the right. Unit joined up with KBLI at LEBISEY wood, the first Divisional objective; pushed on over the 60 ring contour overlooking the city and by dusk a patrol of the Recce Troop, "C" Squadron and the R.U.R. were in the outskirts. Owing to the damage done by bombing it proved impossible to take tanks in on this North eastern road and Sgt Jack of the Recce Troop had to go on foot, penetrating as far as the main cross roads and finding only snipers left at 1900 hours. On the left flank on the opposite bank of the river the Germans held COLOMBELLES factory which overlooked all the forward slope to CAEN and held O.Ps. in its high towers. "C" and "B" Squadrons both opened heavy H.E. fire on the factory which caught fire and burnt for the next 24 hours. In an attempt to get in on this flank through the hamlet of CALIX a patrol of the Recce troop under 2/Lt Vaughan Green was put out of action by Anti Tank Gun in the houses; crews of both tanks escaped owing to the close support of the "B" Squadron covering troop who engaged the gun with H.E. at once. Snipers caused the two Stewart crews to take two and a half hours to crawl the 500 yards to safety. On the right flank German Infantry retreating from COUVREBOIS were severely raked and "A" Squadron brewed up a MD. IV which was	



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Unit 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry

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Commanding Officer. Lt Col D Forster

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			chasing the leading Recce patrol and "B" Squadron also claimed a Mk.IV. Our losses were one Sherman I: one 5V and two Stuarts; two wounded and four missing believed killed. The night was spent just behind ring 60.	
CAEN	9		RHQ spent all day on Hill 60 with patrols forward on both flanks between LA FOLIE and CALIX. "B" Squadron tried to get into CAEN with the help of and armoured bulldozer but even the latter could make no progress so blocked with rubble and heavily cratered was the road. Six prisoners were taken by patrols. Shelling from the area of the factory continued all day; Lieuts Humphries and Racy were severely injured by this and at dusk Unit withdrew near LEBISEY. In all during the two days over 500 rounds of HE were fired.	
Lebisey	10		All day in harbour: some air activity and the AA Troop claimed a share in one plane brought down.	
	11	1400	Reverted to Corps Command and withdrawn to old harbour at PONTAINE HENRY.	
PONTAINE HENRY	13		Brigade came under command 59 Div and moved forward to AUDRIEU.	
HAUT d' AUDRIEU	16		Commenced op POMMEGRANATE with 59 Division. "B" Squadron w/c 176 Infantry Brigade with Lances Fus pushed through TESSEL-BRETTVILLE to LANDET and LA SENEVIERE; 144 RAC was on the left with 177 Brigade and remainder in reserve with 197 Brigade. "A" Squadron were pushed forward with 7th North Staffs to attack LES HAUTS DES FORCES, which was cleared with a total of 5 Officers and 305 ORs captured.	197

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Unit **1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry**

Commanding Officer **Lt. Col. D. Forster**

Month and Year **JULY 1944**

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
FONTENAY LE PESNEL	17		Op POMEGRANATE (Cont'd). "C" Squadron with South Staffs; "B" Squadron with Warwickshire Regt. This attack included a total of 100 prisoners handed over to the infantry including 27 who surrendered in a body; two or three anti tank guns were shot up with H.E.; one engaged by "B" Squadron completely overturning and killing all crew but one. Two Tiger tanks were found at dusk 200 yards from "B" Squadron's leading troop but wooded enclosed country and light made effective shooting impossible on either side. The objectives Northwest of NOYERS were captured at the cost of some mined tanks. Retiring into harbour after dark "B" Squadron were bombed and Cpl Wilkinson of Recce troop killed. Besides the anti tank guns and infantry "B" Squadron claimed one Mk. IV tank. Our losses were one tank burnt out and five men.	
	18		Op POMEGRANATE (Cont'd). "A" and "C" Squadrons forward RHQ moved again to East of BRETEVILLE. "A" Sqn took some 5 prisoners in a small attack with Warwickshire Regt.	
BRETEVILLE VILLETTE.	19		A "B" Squadron troop with Norfolk Regt patrol took some more prisoners.	
	20		In conjunction with a troop of 59 Div Recce Regt and supported by a Battery of medium RA "A" Squadron engaged in a strong patrol towards LANDELL several posts in the hedges were shot up and seven prisoners were taken.	
LES HAUTS VENTS	21		Regt. concentrated in this area North of FONTENAY LE PESNEL and was subjected to a barrage of propaganda leaflets. 2/Lieuts Osborne and Downs joined Regt from 262 Fwd Del Sqn the first to Recce troop and Downs to "B" Squadron. Lt. Philpott went to Brigade as I.O. in place of Lt. Watson who went as rep to Fwd Del Sqn instead of Lt. Sims who took over RHQ troop from Lt. Owen who became I.O. Lt. Smith who had been I.O. joined "A" Squadron.	

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Commanding Officer Lt Col D Forster

Month and Year JULY 1944

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LANGRUNE-SUR-MER	22		General Lyne G.O.C. 59 Div. in a letter to Brigadier HB Scott said his infantry commanders had been most impressed by the work of the Armoured Regts and thanked the Brigade for the very close cooperation and great assistance it had given the Division during POMEGRANATE.	
	23		Brigade reverted command 1 Corps and moved to LANGRUNE-SUR-MER.	
	24		Lt-Gen Bucknill Commander 30 Corps sent the following message "Please convey to all ranks my great appreciation of the excellent work done by 33rd Armoured Brigade in recent operations. I am very sad indeed you are leaving 30 Corps and still hope it is only a temporary transfer. Meanwhile my very best wishes in future operations."	
DEMOUVILLE	26		Moved forward to DEMOUVILLE 3 miles East of CAEN; continuous shelling and by the end of the month one Sergeant had been killed and six injured despite shelters.	

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OF

1st Norfolk Geo R.R.C.

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OPERATION "TOTALIZE"

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33 Armd Bde 00 No.1

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Ref Maps 1/25,000 Sheets 40/16/SW, 40/16/SE,
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7 Aug 44

INFM

1. Enemy - 51 (H) Div Int Summary and Defence Overprints have been issued.

2. Own Tps

(a) Bde is temporarily in 2 Cdn Corps and under comd 51 (H) Div for this operation.

(b) Tps under comd of 33 Armd Bde -

22 Dgns (Flails)

2 Sqn 141 RAC (Crocodiles)

80 A Sqn RE

Two Recce dets RE from 51 (H) Div
with three bulldozers.

(c) Tps on RIGHT. 4 Cdn Inf Div with 2 Cdn Armd Bde under comd is attacking parallel to and synchronized with us.

3. Bdys

(i) RIGHT between 51 (H) Div and 4 Cdn Inf Div
incl to 5 Cdn Inf Div - rd CAEN - FALAISE to
excl rly br 060583 - Pt 122 0756 - rd and track
junc 078553 - thence rd CAEN - FALAISE.

(ii) LEFT flank is open.

4. 51 (H) Div is to seize and hold the area LORQUICHON Wood 0757 - CRAMESNIL 0856 - St AIGNAN de CRAMESNIL and woods to SOUTH 0856 - 0855 - GARCELLES - SECQUEVILLE 0858 subsequently capturing SECQUEVILLE la CAMPAGNE 0959 and the wooded area 1160 - 1159 - 1058 prior to further exploitation.

5. This operation will be carried out in three Phases.

I. Capture of LORQUICHON Wood 0757 - CRAMESNIL 0856 - AIGNAN de CRAMESNIL 0956 - GARCELLES SECQUEVILLE 0858 - SECQUEVILLE LA CAMPAGNE 0959 - wooded area 1160 - 1159 - 1058.

II. Exploitation to secure POUSSY LA CAMPAGNE 1356 - BILLY 1457 - CONTEVILLE 1257.

6. PHASE 1.

(a) 154 Inf Bde is to capture and hold area CRAMESNIL - St AIGNAN de CRAMESNIL & woods 0856 - 0855 - GARCELLES SECQUEVILLE
Codeword LINER

(b) 152 Inf Bde is to capture mop up and hold :-

(i) TILLY la CAMPAGNE - Codeword SLOOP

(ii) LORQUICHON and rly cutting 0658
Codeword YAWL

and in addition be prepared to

.... /2

- (iii) Complete occupation of 154 Ddo's area (see para 5(a)).
- (iv) Provide one extra bn for 154 Ddo.
- (v) Occupy and clear SECQUEVILLE La CAMPAGNE and wooded areas 0959 and 1058 (this not before area in para 5 (a) is securely held).

Codeword TRIG.

(c) 153 Inf Ddo -

- (i) is to hold firm base in area GRENTHEVILLE - FOURS - SOLIERS - LOURQUEBUS until relieved NOT before 080000. Codeword YACHT
- (ii) After the capture of SECQUEVILLE La CAMPAGNE by 152 Inf Ddo, is to clear wooded area 1060-1160 - 1059 - 1159. Codeword CANOE.

7. R.A. Particulars and Traces issued separately.

Air.

- (a) Heavy Bombers will obliterate areas MAY SUR ORNE- PONTENAY LE MARNION and woods 1160 - 1159 - 1058 by bombing starting before 11 hour. No bombs are to fall in the lane between grid line 04 Easting and rd FOURS - LA HOCUE - SECQUEVILLE LA CAMPAGNE.

9. Div Axis - RIGHT Route from S.L to first obj.

INTENTION.

- 10. (a) 55 Armd Ddo will escort 154 Inf Ddo on to the area CARCELLES - SECQUEVILLE - ST AIGNAN DE GRAMESNIL- GRAMESNIL and occupy a battle position to deal with any counter attack which may develop on that area.

- (b) Sp any exploitation by 154 Inf Ddo.

METHOD.

11. Allotment of Troops.

RIGHT 144 RAC.
with under cmd
One Sqn and one Tp 22 Ddns
One troop 30 A Sqn RE
One recoe det 51 (H) Div RE
Two Bulldozers.
Under cmd for movement only
7 A S S E;

LEFT 1 H.Yoo
wit
One sqn and one Troop 22 Ddns
One Troop 30 A Sqn RE
One recoe det 51 (H) Div RE
One Bulldozer.

1 H.W

144 RAC
Under cmd for movement only
7 B.W.

12. Reg.

22 Ddns less two Sqns and two Troops
3 Sqn 141 RAC
30 A Sqn RE less two troops
not to move fwd from conc area until ordered by this HQ.

13. S.Ps. Left 07196240. Right 05736172
Marked and lighted under arrangements of CRE.
14. Leading tps pass S.P. at H hr which will be notified later.
15. Routes. Left Grid Bearing 160° Right Grid Bearing 154°.
16. FUPs. Left 06606498. Right 04976472.
Route to SPs will be marked and lighted.
17. Report Pts on Routes.

Left Route Code Name.	Start Line.	Right Route Code Name.
First mile from SP ROSE.		Rd at 077609 IRIS.
Second mile from SP PANSY.		Rd at 084588 DAISY.
Third mile from SP TULIP.		Hodge at 088578 ORCHID.

18. Report Lines.

(a) Rd LAIZE LA VILLE - FONTENAY LE MARMION 0358 -
ROCCQUENCOURT 0558 - GARCELLE SECQUEVILLE 0858 - rd junc
105605 - VIMONT 1461. Code Word McDONALD.

(b) BRETEVILLE SUR LAIZE 0553 - ST AIGNAN DE CRAIESNIL
0956 - ARGENCE 1761. Code Name LAUGHTON.

19. Debussing Pts. As agreed by Regts. Code Name LILY.

20. Aids to Navigation.

(a) Lt AA will fire over each route from SL to obj one
burst every 5 mins from H plus 15 to H plus 90.
Code Name for Lt AA GERANIUM

(b) Movement light will be given by searchlights all
directd in parallel lines on to the area between the two
debussing pts. Code Name for Light ASTER

(c) RA will fire GREEN target indicator shells on 074567
from H plus 15 - H plus 55.

(d) Wireless directional beams will cover each route.

(e) Regts may request "more" or "less" GERANIUM or ASTER
through this HQ.

21. RA. Details of fire plan have been issued.

22. RE. 144 RAC will arrange for one bulldozer to move well fwd
in its coln and to remain on the rly crossing to keep the
latter clear.

23. Air.

- (a) Trace showing bombardment areas has been issued to Regts.
- (b) Initial targets (numbered 1 to 5) will be engaged before
H hr. Details will be given to COs of Regts.
- (c) Intention to engage lettered targets will be notified.
- (d) Tentacle with this HQ.

24. All ranks will wear ear plugs during aerial bombardment.
25. Safety. Tks will NOT shoot after Inf have debussed until first light.

INTERCOM.

26. One OP per Regt.
27. Maj STARKLEY on CRA net with 2nd set on Bde Comd Net.
28. LO (Lt WATSON) on Bde Comd Net with CRA 51(H) Div.
29. LO (Lt MUNDAY) with 2 Cdn Armd Bde.
30. List of higher than Code Names Appx 'A' (not to fms).

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Method of Issue.....

Johnstone Maj.
B.M., 33 Armd Bde.

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153 Inf Bde	12	1
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CODE WORDS OF TOTALIZER

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ENCODE

1. Days

- 2 Cdm Div -51 (H) Div Inter Div Ddy FLYNN
2. SL - Rd ST ANDRE SUR ORNE - MURENT FOLIE 0662 - SOLIERS 0862
3. Report Lines CRAWFORD

- (a) Rd LAIZE la VILLE 0157 - PONTENAY la MARMION
0358 - ROQUANCOURT 0558 - GARCELLES - SECQUEVILLE
0858 - rd junc 105605 - VINOMT 1461. McDONALD
(b) Rd BRETTEVILLE SUR LAIZE 0553 - St AIGNAN de
CRAMESNIL 0956 - ARGENCES 1761. MAUGETON

4. Main Routes

- (a) Rd FLEURY SUR ORNE 0264 - LAIZE la VILLE 0157
CHARLIE
(b) Rd - CAEN - PONTENAY la MARMION 0358 - GILLY
0553 - BRETTEVILLE SUR LAIZE 0552 - COUVIX
0651 - URVILLE 0750 - LES ORAILLES 0645 -
X-rds CLAIR TIXON 0643. LORNE
(c) Rd and track junc 045650 - Rd CAEN - FALAISE.
MEAGIE
(d) Rd COMELLES 0565 - SOLIERS 0862 - PURGUEBUS
0761 - TILLY la CAMPAGNE 0760 - GARCELLES
SECQUEVILLE 0858 - CRAMESNIL 0856 - ROBERT
MESNIL 0955 - CAUVICOURT 1052 - BRETTEVILLE
la RAET 1050 - LA CROIX 1149 - OUILLY la
TESSON 1246 - PLAYE 1345 - TASSILY 1242. SINATRA
(e) X-rds 120633 - LANOGUE 9060 - St AIGNAN de
CRAMESNIL 9056 - St SYLVAIN 1354 - SOIGNOLLE
1350 - rd junc 143473 - X tracks 130469 -
X-tracks 147457. STANNYK

5. Towns and Villages

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------|
| (a) | BILLY 1457 | RAFT |
| (b) | BRETTEVILLE SUR LAIZE 0553 | FAYE |
| (c) | CAUVICOURT 1052 | LESLIE |
| (d) | CINTHEAUX 0753 | MORGAN |
| (e) | CINQUATELS 1455 | PURNS |
| (f) | CONTEVILLE 1257 | BOGART |
| (g) | CRAMESNIL 0957 | COOPER |
| (h) | DEBIEVILLE 1655 | SOEITHN |
| (i) | ESTREES LA CAMPAGNE 1249 | BARTER |
| (j) | FALAISE 1435 | DONALD DUCK |
| (k) | FIERVILLE LA CAMPAGNE 1454 | KEFBURN |
| (l) | PONTENAY la MARMION 0358 | GARGO |
| (m) | GARCELLES SECQUEVILLE 0858 | PITTS |
| (n) | CAUVESNIL 0755 | LANDI |
| (o) | HAUT MESNIL 0852 | ROBSON |

DECODE

ENCODE

(p) LA HOGUE 0960
(q) LE TORP 1556
(r) LORQUICHON 0657
(s) MAY SUR ORNE 0259
(t) POUSSY LA COMPAGNE 1356
(u) RENEMESNIR 1152
(v) ROBERTSMESNIL 0955
(w) ROCQUANCOURT 0558
(x) SECQUEVILLE LA COMPAGNE 0959
(y) St AIGNAN de CRAIESNIL 0956
(z) TILLY LA COMPAGNE 0760
(aa) VERRIERE 0560

ASTOR
TURPIN
DOYER
ALLEN
LAKE
AMECHIE
WOOLLEY
PLUTO
HARDY
STONE
MOORE
MARX

6. Features

(a) Wood 140490
(b) Wood 0756
(c) Wood 1451 - 1551 - 1552
(c) Wood 1552 - 1553
(e) Quarry 0851
(f) Wood 0855
() Wood 1054
(h) Wood 1060-1159
(i) Wood 1055
(j) Wood 1059

CARTOR
COLBERT
NORMY
GABLE
GAYNOR
LAKHAR
MONTEZ
TEMPLE
TURNER
WEST

ENCODE

DECODE

1. Bdys
FLYNN 2 Cdn Div - 51. (H) Div inter Div Bdy
2. SL
CRAWFORD Rd St ANDRE SUR ORNE - HUENRT POLIE 0662 - SOLIERS 0862.
3. Report Lines

(a) LAUGHTON Rd BRETTEVILLE SUR LAIZE 0553 - St AIGNAN de CRAIESNIL 0956 - ARGENCES 1761

(b) MCDONALD Rd LAIZE LA VILLE 0157 - FONTENAY LE MARION 0358 - ROCQUANCOURT 0558 - CARCELLES SECQUEVILLE 0858 - Rd June 105605 - VINCHT 1461.
4. Main Routes

(a) CHARLIE Rd FLUERY SUR ORNE 0264 - LAIZE LA VILLE 0157.

(b) HORNE Rd CAEN - FONTENAY LE MARION 0358 - OUILLY 0553 - BRETTEVILLE SUR LAIZE 0552 - GOUVIX 0651 - URVILLE - 0750 - LES ORAILLES 0645 - X-rds CLAIR TIZON 0643.

(c) STANWYCK X-rds 120633 - LA HOGUE 9060 - St AIGNAN de CRAIESNIL 9056 - Track to St SELVAIN 1354 - Rd to SOIGNOLLE 1350 - Rd June 143473 -X tracks 133469 - X tracks 147457.

(d) NEAGLE Rd and track June 043650 - Rd CAEN - PALAISE.

(e) SINATRA Rd CARCELLES 0565 - SOLIERS 0862 - BOURGUENUS 0760 - TILLY LA COMPAGNE 0760 - CARCELLES SECQUEVILLE 0858 - CRAIESNIL 0856 - ROBERT MESNIL 0955 - CAUVICOURT 0152 - BRETTEVILLE LE RABET 1050 - LA CROIX 1149 - OUILLY 10 TESSON 1246 - PLAME 1345 - TASSILLE 1242.

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Op 5. Towns and Villages

(a) AMECHE
(b) ASTOR
(c) BAXTER
(d) BOGART
(e) BURNS
(f) COOPER
(g) DONALD DUCK
(h) FAYE
(i) GARBO
(j) HARDY
(k) HET BURN
(l) LANDI
(m) LAKE
(n) LASLIE
(o) MARX
(p) MOORE
(q) MORGAN
(r) PITTS
(s) PLUTO
(t) RAFT
(u) ROBSON
(v) SOTHEAN
(w) STONE

RENEHESNIL 1152
LA NOGUE 0960
ESTREES - LA CAMPAGNE 1249
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CHATEAUSNIL 0952
PALAISE 1435
ENNETTEVILLE SUR LAIZIE 1553
FONTENAY LE MARMION 0358
SECQUEVILLE LA CAMPAGNE 0959
PIETVILLE LA CAMPAGNE 1454
GAUESNIL 0755
POUSSY LA CAMPAGNE 1356
CAUVICOURT 1052
VIERRIERES 0560
TILLY LA CAMPAGNE 0760
CINQUEAUX 0753
GARGELLES SECQUEVILLE 0358
ROCQUANCOURE 0558
BILLE 1457
HAUT MESNIL 0852
DANNEVILLE 1655
St AIGNAN DE CHATEAUSNIL 0956.

6. Features

(a) CANNON
(b) COLBERT
(c) FORMBY
(d) GABLE
(e) GAYNOR
(f) LAMARR
(g) MONTEZ
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Notes on Wireless Direction Keeping
Op TOTALIZE

- 1 Details of beams in op are as follows:

<u>Tk Run</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Code Signs</u>	
		<u>7 Aug</u>	<u>8 Aug</u>
2 Cdn Armd Bde WEST Tk Run	3556	TCY	NRG
2 Cdn Armd Bde EAST Tk Run	4088	TVB	XVS
33 Armd Bde WEST Tk Run	4473	FON	CCQ
33 Armd Bde EAST Tk Run	5387	WWM	RHM

- 2 Netting

A netting sig consisting of the code sign for the tk run will be sent on RT from H minus 2 hrs to H minus 10 minutes, to enable out stas to net. At H minus 10 minutes the beams will be put on and kept on until G instructs that they may be discontinued.

- 3 Op

The beams give a fairly wide coverage but with practice ops listening can tell when they are on the axis of the beam. The accuracy is roughly within 200 yds of either side of the axis at six miles from the transmitter site. Facing the direction of adv, when the tk is to the right of the axis, the op will hear loud DOTS. When the tk is to the left of the axis, the op will hear loud DASHES. When he is on the axis, dots and dashes will be of equal str.

- 4 It is suggested that in order to derive maximum benefit from the beams, tks back off the gain controls of their wireless sets so that they can just hear. If this is done, the distinction as to whether the dot is louder than the dash or the dash is louder than the dot will be much more apparent, and accuracy will be greatly increased.

8-1/Ops

Main Headquarters
2nd Canadian Corps

7 6 Aug 44

Op "TOTALIZE" - AIR PROGRAMME1 General

The air plan for operation "TOTALIZE" is to be effected on the first day of suitable weather on or after 7 Aug 44.

2 Trace "A" attached shows target areas, type of attack and bomblines for the two phases of the operation.

3 PHASE I

(a) Heavy night bombers are to attack with HE, target areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. As these attacks are dependent upon weather conditions, sequence and timings will be covered by separate instruction to be issued later.

(b) Cratering has been accepted in the above areas with a view to isolating the corridor through which the armour and infantry are to advance.

(c) Troops are to be provided with ear plugs to avoid the danger of blast deafness.

4 PHASE II

(a) Heavy day bombers (RAF types) are to attack with fragmentation bombs areas 6, 7, 8, 9 from approximately 1300 hrs D plus 1. As sequence and timings are subject to change separate instructions are to be issued later.

(b) Cratering has NOT been accepted in these areas.

ARMED RECONNAISSANCE

(a) 83 Group RAF, plus the resources of 9 USAAF, has agreed to carry out armed Reconnaissance from first light D plus 1 over the general area SOUTH of the line URVILLE - 0750 - BRETTEVILLE la RABET - 1050 - ESTREES la CAMPAGNE - 1149 - with the object of attacking all enemy movement from or to the battle area.

5 CLOSE SUPPORT

(a) One VCP is to be controlling aircraft employing the CABRANK method in the 2 Cdn Corps area and is to be positioned by 2000 hrs D-day.

(b) The VCP is to have wireless sets maintaining listening watch on the 2 Cdn Div and 51 (H) Div ASSU nets. This in no way jeopardizes the normal function of ASSU.

(c) One VCP (Sherman Tank with VCP wireless installed) is to report to HQ 4 Cdn Armd Div by 2000 hrs D-day for deployment. This VCP is to maintain listening watch on 4 Cdn Armd Div and 1 Polish Armd Div ASSU net.

(d) All transmissions over ASSU channels are to be in R/T.

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ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE

One Artillery Reconnaissance aircraft is to be at 1 hr readiness from 1400 hrs D plus 1 to carry out air shoots.

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TACTICAL/RECONNAISSANCE

(a) Task in general:-

Report all move in and from battle area from first light D plus 1.

(b) Report all concentrations of

100 INF
25 MET
10 TNK

direct to G C C.

R. L. Marks
for (W E Rodger) Major
Brig
C of 3 2 Cdn Corps

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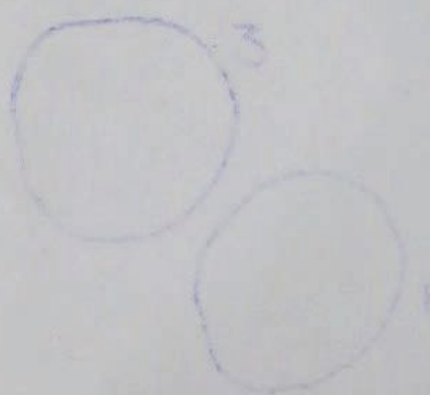
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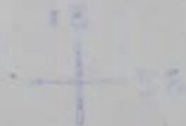
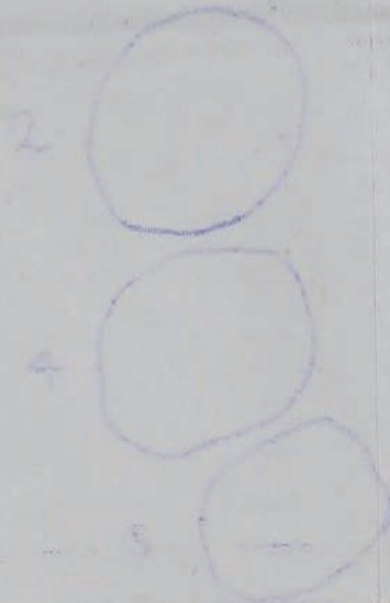
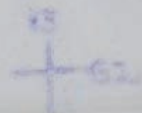


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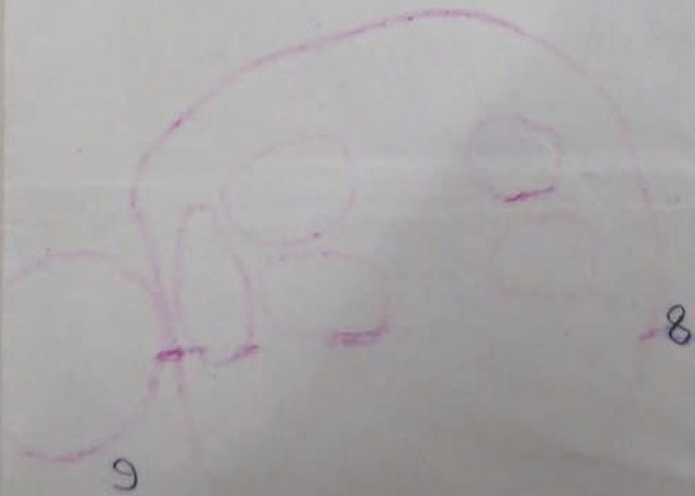


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Appendix 'B' to War Diary
1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry
August 1944

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OPERATION "KUMMEL"

14 Aug 44

33 ARMED BDE OP INSTR NO. 3

Ref Maps: 1/25,000 Sheets 40/14 NW
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INFM

1. Enemy

- (a) Elts of 89 and 85 Inf Divs with Arm'd res of Battle Gp of 12 SS Pz Div hold the BU SUR ROUVRE 1651 LE MESNIL 1953 Sector.
- (b) The enemy will probably hold fast and when driven from the area of BU SUR ROUVRE - LE MESNIL will counter attack in order to protect MEZIDON 2455 through which his Divs to the NORTH are supplied.

2. Own Tps

- (a) 1 Corps is protecting the LEFT flank of First Cdn Army.
- (b) 2 Cdn Corps are forcing a br head over the R LAISON between OUILLY LE TESSON 1246 and MAIZERES 1749. 4 Cdn Arm'd Bde and 10 Cdn Mot Bde will be passed through the NE Sector of this br head. The Arm'd Bde and Mot Bde are directed on SASSY 1945 - OLENDON 1644 - FALAISE 1435. H hr for this attack is expected to be 1200 hrs 14 Aug.
- (c) 51 (H) Div will attack in three Phases:
PHASE I 154 Bde will capture LA BU SUR ROUVRES and 2 Derby Yoo will carry out arm'd recco to GLATIGNY 1952.
PHASE II 153 Bde will capture areas 157545 - 163543 - 166540.
PHASE III 152 Bde will attack GLATIGNY 1952 and LE MESNIL 1953.
- (d) 49 Div will take over COLLEVILLE 1287 and POUSSY 1356 from 152 Bde.

3. Air

- (a) Hy bombing attack in sp of Cdns on area SOULMONT LE QUENTIN 1144 will take place at H - 2.
- (b) Air sp for 51 (H) Div attacks will be on call from tel att 33 Arm'd Bde.

INTENTION

- 4. 33 Arm'd Bde will sp 51 (H) Div attacks.

METHOD

5. Grouping

- (a) 1 N Yoo less two tps will sp 152 Bde.
- (b) Two tps 1 N Yoo will sp 2 Derby Yoo. These two tps will be

referred to on Bde Not as 'URSULA'.

(c) 148 RAC less one sqn will sp 154 Bde.

(d) One sqn 148 RAC will sp 153 Bde

6. H Hr is expected to be 1200 hrs 14 Aug approx.

7. Arty

(a) Bde HQ is netted to CRAs Not.

(b) Shellreps will be passed over FOOs Not direct to CBO, failing this direct to Tac HQ.

(c) Arty trace for distribution down to Tp Leaders is att Appx 'A'

8. Air Photos

Verticals of the area LE BU SUR ROUVRE are att Appx 'B'

ADM

9. TC

(a) Instrs will be issued separately.

(b) minimum dust will be made in the area 112558.

10. Mod

154 Bde CCP will be out at 134538.

INTERCOM

11. Rgts will maintain normal com with HQ 33 Armd Bde.

12. Locations

154 Inf Bde Tac		ST SALVAIN
153 Inf Bde Tac		140538
152 Inf Bde Tac		) Area 112558
51 (H) Div Comd Post		
33 Armd Bde Tac		112556

13. Code Words. See Appx 'C' att.

ACK by Signal or Code Word DLNA

Method of Issue..... SDR

TOS... 16.15 (b) hrs

Time issued to Sigs... 1100 hrs

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Maj
EM 33 Armd Bde

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Bdc Sigs Sqn	5	-	-	1
Comd	6	1	1	1
BM	7	1	-	1
GSD III	8	1	-	1
IO	9	-	-	1
SLO	10	-	-	3
BEME	11	-	-	1
51 (H) Bdv	12	-	-	-
152 Inf Bdc	13	-	-	-
153 Inf Bdc	14	-	-	-
154 Inf Bdc	15	-	-	-
HQ RA 51 (H) Div	16	-	-	-
File	17	-	-	1
War Diary	18	-	-	1

ADDENDUM

- H Hr WILL be 1200 hrs 14 Aug
- Bndy 1 Br Corps - 2 Cdn Corps. Excl 1 Br Corps
TILLY LA CAMPAGNE - rd GARCELLES SEQUEVILLE - track junc
086577 - wood 087576 - incl rd and track junc 093570 -
excl rd and track junc 094567 - excl track to track
junc 129545 - incl track junc 133544 - excl rd junc
135538 - excl rd to br 200525 thence R LAISON to
br 222556 - rly to sta 306567.
 - Bndy 153 - 154 Bdos. All incl 153 Bdc rd ST SYLVAIN -
x rds 164534 - GLATIGNY.
 - Bndy 51 (H) Div - 49 Inf Div. Incl 51 (H) Div
x tracks 097588 - x tracks 104584 - track junc 124561 -
track junc 151554 thence R MUAUCE.
- 51 (H) Div axis from CRAUESNIL SOUTH to 086556 - across rd at
090542 - rd 113532 - thence along rd to rd junc 128536 -
thence to rd at 137532 - rd and track junc 139524 - 147526.

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CODE WORDSDRINKS:

BEER	- wood at 105583 ✓
BENEDICTINE	- wood at 107554
BORDEAUX	- allotted 2 D.Y.
BRANDY	- 2 D.Y. Op
BRONX	- 153 Bde Op
BURGUNDY	- Allotted to 2 D.Y.
CIDER	- ST AIGNAN DE GRAMESNIL 0956
CHAMPAGNE	- 154 Bde Op
CHARTREUSE	- CONTEVILLE 1257
CHIANTI	- POUSSY LA CAMPAGNE 1356
CURACOA	- ST SYLVAIN 1354
DRAMBUIE	- SOIGNOLLES 1350
GIN	- SING AUVELS 1455
GRAVES	- Allotted 2 D.Y.
HOCK	- 2 Seaforth successful
KUMMEL	- 152 Bde Op.
LAGER	- BILLY 1557
MADEIRA	- Allotted 2 D.Y.
MEDOC	- FIERVILLE LA CAMPAGNE 1555
MUSCATEL	- DANNEVILLE 1655
PINNS	- 2 Seaforth ordered to attack.
PORT	- 5 Seaforth start attack.
RUM	- 5 Seaforth complete in area 1153.
SANTERNES	- L. BU SUR ROUVRES 1651
SHERRY	- 5 Seaforth successful.
VERMOUTH	- MAIZIERES 1749
VODKA	- Order for 2 Seaforth move to debussing area.
WHISKY	- BRAY LA CAMPAGNE 1655

FOODS:

BACON	- woods around 157520
BEEF	- woods around 152521
BISCUITS	- wood at 180550
BREAD	- woods at 165540 and 167540
BUTTER	- QUATRE PUIITS 1955
FLOUR	- VIEUX FUMES 1954
GAMMON	- LE MESNIL 1953
JAM	- GLATIGNY 1952
LAMB	- wood at 158544
MARMALADE	- two woods 163544
MUTTON	- pt 62 at 182564
OATMEAL	- CONDES SUR IFS 1952
PORK	- allotted to 154 Bde
PORRIDGE	- Allotted to 154 Bde
RICE	- Allotted to 154 Bde
VEAL	- allotted to 154 Bde

HPX -
1st M. Yeo

Rec

FROM: Brigadier H.B. Scott, DSO

HQ 33 Armd Bde,

B.L.A.

13 Aug 1944

Dear Philip

Gen Rennie, Comd 51 (H) Div, has asked me to tell you how extremely pleased he was with the success of Operation "TOTALISE" and with the magnificent support your Regiments had given his Division. The Infantry Brigadiers have also told me how pleased they were with your support.

Will you pass this on to your officers and men, and I should, of course, like to add my own congratulations.

Yours Henry Scott

Lt-Col PPH Wykeham, ✓
Comd 1 N Yeo.

Lt-Col A. Jolly,
Comd 144 RAC.

Lt-Col R.G. Cracroft, MC
Comd 148 RAC.

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Sheet 1.

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Unit 1st. Northhamptonshire Yeom. Ry.

Commanding Officer Lieut. Col. L. Forster.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
DEMOUVILLE	3.		Brigade withdrawn from this mosquito infested area to GAZELLE.	
	4.		Bde came under command 2nd Canadian Corps, for operation TOTALISE and detached to u/c 51st Highland Div.	
	5.		Moved forward to O.P.: conc area at CORNELLES south of CAEN.	
CORNELLES	6.		Day spent in "marrying" up with 1st. Black Watch for operation TOTALISE in which Bde was with 154 Inf Bde of 51st Highland Div: for this operation; designed to smash the German positions on which their whole front was swinging; a night attack behind a creeping barrage by a completely armoured column, the Inf being carried in Priests modified for the purpose, White half tracked vehicles and carriers. The whole coln moved four abreast at 10 yard intervals and navigation aids, besides Bofors on fixed lines and artificial lighting by searchlights, included the first use of radio/ directional beam. Operational order and notes on the attached (Appx A)	
	7	2215	Unit coln, the left flank of the four in the Corps attacked, formed up, headed by Capt. Boardman as Navigator and Capt. Todd as his assistant, followed by two troops "A" Sqn.; a squadron of Flails, remainder of A Sqn., RHQ, C Sqn, A.V.R. Es 1st. Black Watch B Sqn. A.R.Vs and medical half tracks, the latter supplemented by stripped fitters half tracks and a final troop B Sqn. At 2353 hrs the first shower of incendiaries heralded the bombing of LA HOUE and the woods at SEQUEVILLE LA COMPAGNE. The heavy mist made movement very slow after BOURGEBUS up to which the route had been light lit and keeping contact in four colns nose to tail and 20 yards apart, almost impossible; the glare of fires from	

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Lieut. Col. D. Forster.

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Army, Appendices

Unit 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry

Commanding Officer Lieut. Col. D. Forster.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			bombing on either side, gun and machine gun tracer and the vital need of shepherding the Inf carriers through to the village, in time to occupy it by first light made the march a most harassing experience for all Cmdre who had already heard that the coin on the right led by the RAC had been held up and therefore the more vital that we should succeed. On own own right flank there was a heavily defended village and Lieut. G. Jones had a running fight with S.F. guns of which three were claimed. Enemy voices and the closing of breach blocks could be heard but only the flash of the actual shot in the mist gave away positions as the long coin moved slowly on with the Rear Link reporting "The Supreme Comdr is most anxious you do your best to push on at all speed" It was later found the coins had been within a few yards of a minefield for a considerable distance.	
	8	0238	The leaders reached the dropping off point; a recess on foot had to be made within a stone throw of enemy positions to ensure it was the right place. The coin was collected and it was found that only two tanks and three Priests had been hit in the march. By 0330 all Inf had been collected and organised and under a continuous screen of Browning fire on every likely place, they advanced on the village. Here anti-tank guns were abandoned by their crews and by 0630 exploitation forward of the village was complete and many prisoners taken, mainly from the 39th Inf Regt. who had moved in from Norway two days before. Heavy mortaring and some shells started to come down, C Sqn on left attempted to exploit into the village; shot up a strong point ROBERTMESNIL and got as far as a wood North of that village.	
		0330		
		0630		
		1220	Three Tiger (VI) reported moving towards A Sqn. and were brewed	

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Sheet 3.

Army Form C.

Unit 1st. Northhamptonshire Yeof. Btry.

Commanding Officer Lieut. Col. B. Forster

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			at 1240, 1247 and 1252 hrs. all without loss. Later 200 Inf with 20 tanks in support formed up to counter attack and ins bombing attack which followed some bombs fell in own area.	
		1330	Polish Armd Div started to pass through on left flank, were held up and withdrew.	
		1340.	Counterattack was repulsed with a heavy loss to enemy; considerable number of killed can be claimed; P.O.W. were handed over to Black Watch; claim five Tigers, four Panthers (VI) six Mark IVs and five S.P.Guns. Three tanks claimed by Captain Boardman personally. Unit casualties 20 tanks including five Sherman 5cs; 2 Offrs and 10 ORs killed, 11 Offrs and 40 ORs wounded including C.O. Lieut. Col. D. Forster and Major P.E. Brassey commanding B Sqn. (List attached as Appx B)	
		2330	Unit withdrew to HUBERT - FOLIE for night.	
ST. AIGNAN DE CREMESNIL	9	0515	Returned to ST. AIGNAN DE CREMESNIL and into position with B Sqn u/c Capt. Rathbone with A Company of 1st. Black Watch remainder in reserve.	
		1300	Bde with 51 Highland Div. came out cmd 2nd Canadian Corps and under 1st. British Corps.	
		10.	Reorganisation of Unit Major P.F.H. Wykeham assumed command; Major D.G. Bevan 21/c; Captain W.R. Fox C.O. "C" Sqn. Captain T.G. Boardman C.O. "B" Sqn. Captain J.H. Humphreys 21/c "A" Sqn. Lieut. D. Philpott 21/c "HQ" Sqn. In accordance with a decision of C-in-C to dispose of A/A tanks; Lieut. Tuck went to A Sqn. 2nd Lieut. Osborne replaced Lieut. Philpott as L.O. Bde.; Lieut. Watson taking over Recce Troop. Moved forward to ROBERTSMESNIL ready to support either Regt.;	

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One was destroyed.

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Sheet 4.

Army Form C. 21

Unit 1st. Northamptonshire Yeomanry

Commanding Officer Lieut. Col. P. A. H. Wyke

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			shelling intermittent during the day in which one man B Sqn was killed; Major Boardman and five others injured.	
	13		Commenced to "merry" up with 5th. Seaforths of 152 Bde 51st Highland Div. for operation KUMEL: the north flank of the 2nd Canadian Corps drive towards FALAISE, being approached by Americans in the south. Lieut. R. L. Jones joined Unit from RHU.	
LA BU SUR ROUVRES	14.		Moved forward through St. Silvain to north of LA BU SUR ROUVRES; B Sqn provided two troops to operate with Sqn; 2nd Derby Yeomanry in a patrol but which was abortive through mines. By 2400hrs 5th. Seaforths were on objective and 2nd Seaforths through to GLATIGNY. Some 60 P.O.W. were taken; Op Order (Appx B) attached.	
	15		Pushed over River to ESCURES SUR FAVIERES, some 20 prisoners taken.	
ESCURES SUR FAVIERES	16		C Sqn moved to ST. PIERRES SUR DIVES with an Inf Coy to support. 144 RACs dawn push. During the morning orders were received to support 154 Bde of 51(H) Div in their advance towards LISIAUX through ST. PIERRES SUR DIVES; A Sqn bng put with 7th Black Watch in the lead. The advance was delayed by a few anti-tank guns and snipers with a few mines until four dug in Tiger tanks halted the advance at dusk, three miles from St. Pierre. One A.T. gun was destroyed.	
ST. PIERRES SUR DIVES.	17		Advance continuing with B Sqn assisting 7 Black Watch and 7th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; a further four miles bng gained and one 88mm S.P. gun claimed, and an anti tank gun, together with a large number of GERMANS.	
	18.		Congratulatory letter from Gen Rennie, Comd 51(H) Div received for Op TOTALISE; Appx C. Bde reformed with 1st. East Riding Yeomanry taking place of 148 RAC which was broken up; Lieut. Peterkin;	

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Commanding Officer. Lieut. Col. P. H. Wyke

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
			Lieut. Osborne W.G. Lieut. Davies and Lieut. Redfern and 77 men being received from 148 BAC as reinforcements. Despite white stars, yellow markers and smoke trouble still be- ing experienced by RAF and Allied aircraft attacking own troops; today a water truck was hit by a Spitfire straffing our forward area and the driver killed.	
S. JULIAN 20 LE FAUCON.	21.		Moved forward to here ready to push N.E. into the pocket caused by H.S. drive to Seine. Half C Sqn. under Major W. Fox advanced towards Liseaux in support of 7th Black Watch; remainder in support of 1st. Black Watch pushed to West of LA MOISSIERE. During the engagement one S.P. gun; some machine guns were destroyed and 60-70 prisoners taken. B Sqn under Major Re-bene went to LIVAROT on the right flank to act as left flank protection to 7th Arm Div. in their push from the South to Liseaux.	
	22		C Sqn in support of 7 Black Watch moved on to cut roads West of Liseaux and forming base with 154 Inf Bde. No opposition met; several Germans gave themselves up inc unarmed Russians or pre- tended Russians and Poles with no identity documents.	
	23		B Sqn relieved A Sqn of 144 BAC and continued with 153 Inf Bde in clearing Liseaux. "Bazooka" men in the narrow streets caused the loss of a complete troop by picking off last tank of three and then the remainder. Several snipers and other Germans who had remained behind in Rommel's old Headquarters town were killed inc one shot by the Sqn Ldr. with his pistol and a small anti tank gun was destroyed.	

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Sheet 6.
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Commanding Officer. Lt. Col. P. R. L. Wyke

References to Appendices

Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	24.		A Sqn took over from B Sqn.; N.T.R. and for two days the Regt and 51(H) Div. watched the rapid encirclement of a further pocket of Germans in the lower reaches of the Seine, listen to wireless news of the liberation of PARIS; the rapid movement of American columns on the good Southern going and enjoyed mobile baths and cinemas after a fortnights continued movement.
	25.		C Sqn in support of 154 Bde. moved on through Liseux to MARCILES
MARCILES.	26.		Unit moved forward to Marolles and C Sqn. again advanced to MARCILES, S.E. of LIEUREY.
	27.		Bde less 144 RAC conc area S.T. GEORGES DU VIEVRE; C Sqn with 1 Black Watch crossed River Risle and advanced to FLANCOURT; A Sqn moved up on their right with 153 Bde towards BOURG-ACHARD; RHQ crossed to BONNEVILLE APPETOT and later to FLANCOURT.
FLANCOURT	28.		A Sqn pushed on with 153 Bde to overlooking Seine whilst C or the left cut the East - West road S.E. of ROUTOT. 33 Arm'd Bde received a letter from Gen Rennie G.O.C. 51 (H) Div congratulating the Bde "on their wonderful fighting from CAEN to LISEUX" and inviting all to wear the "HD" flash, while remaining under their command - an honour which is much appreciated (Appx D); B Sqn then came in support of 153 Bde and moved to MAUNY. A found barges ferrying large numbers of Germans across the Seine; arty were put on; two barges sunk and transport on opposite side hit; RAR rocket firing Typhoons called in. B Sqn met little opposition but Major Rathbone lost his own tank to ubiquitous bezooks men. RHQ moved to North of BOURG-ACHARD. In passing through every tank was smothered in roses. C Sqn again in support of 152 Bde assisted them forward to FORET de ERETONE. Number 2 troop claimed a half track and either an 88 mm S.P. or a tank; B Sqn on the other side of the Seine loop with 153

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1st. Norchants Yeomanry R.A.C.

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Appx 'A' to I.M. YEO War Diary
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INFL

1. Enemy. See latest Int Summaries and Def Overprints.

2. Own Tps.

(a) 1 Corps is to capture Le HAVRE with 51 (H) Div RIGHT
49 Div LEFT.

(b) 1 Corps H hr is 1815 hrs 10 Sept. This timing will be
confirmed. NOTE: ALL REFERENCES WILL BE MADE TO 1 CORPS
H HR.

(c) 49 Div will attack at H hr onto objectives shown on trace
Appx 'A' att.

(d) 51 (H) Div will break through the enemy defs and will
secure a lodgment area about FONTAINE LA MALLET 5231 - MONTS TROTINS
5031 - DOUDENEVILLE 5032 from which it will exploit into Le HAVRE;
and later will disrupt and destroy the enemy within the Divisional
Bdy by taking their defs from the rear.

(e) 152 Inf Bde attack commences H plus 345.

3. Grouping

51 (H) Div

with under cond:

33 Arm Bde

Two sqns LOTHLINS (Flails)

Two sqns 42 Assault Regt ARE

C Sqn 141 EAC (BUFFS)

49 Div

with under cond:

34 Tk Bde (4 Churchill Regts)

alts 30 Arm Bde.

4. Air

(a) Bomber Cond will attack areas as shown on trace Appx 'A' att.

(b) Timings shown on trace are subject to alteration.

5. Topographical

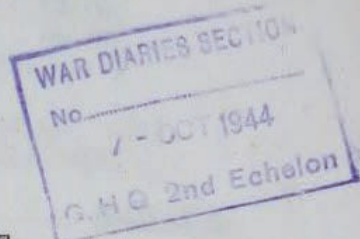
Latest Def Overprints are dated 5 Sept. The earlier issues are
inaccurate.

6. Additional Tps

S MOTT'S H (150 Pz Regt) in ap 33 Arm Bde.

7. Deception.

An attack astride the coastal rd from the 154 Bde sector will be
simulated by Bofors fire, 4 tk guns and smoke. This will be co-ordinated
by Cond 154 Bde and G.M. Deception plan will commence at about 2330 hrs
10 Sept.



8. Bdys

- (a) Inter-Div bdy all incl 49 Div - tr junc 537348 - X rd and tr 535339 - tr junc 531321 - bend in tr 523314 - all incl 51 (H) Div br 520310 - bend in tr 505301 - thence rd to X rds 504291 - X rds 503286 - thence rd to X rds 493286 - X rds 486283 - X rds 481283 - X rds 477280 - bend in rd 475280.
- (b) Bdy between 152 and 153 Bdes for exploitation purposes - see Trace Appx 'A'.

INTENTION

9. 33 Armd Bde will sp 51 (H) Div attack and be prepared to exploit as an Armd Bde.

METHOD

10. Grouping

- 1 N Yco will sp 154 Inf Bde
E Riding Yco will sp 152 Inf Bde
144 RAC will sp 153 Inf Bde.

11. Tk Fire Sp

- (a) 1 N Yco, two sqns E Riding Yco and Bde HQ Prot Tp will conc in fire posns in area 5237 and will engage area 5031 -
(i) From H plus 330 until H plus 370365
(ii) Further fire sp details will be issued later..

(b) Regts will be in posn prepared to register at H Hr.

(c) Registration details will be issued separately.

12. RA

(a) S NOTTS H are providing three F00s per Regt enabling each sqn to have its own F00.

(b) Registration of 1 N Yco and E Riding Yco 75mm will be done with the assistance of one F00 from S NOTTS H.

(c) R/T comms will be est with CRA 51 (H) Div by this HQ. Calls for fire sp or smoke may be made over Mo Net.

(d) Trace of Arty fire plan will be issued separately.

ADM

13. 75mm

(a) 75 mm for tk shoot limited to 60 rpg

(b) Regts will arrange replenishment through normal channels.

(c) Tk 17 pdrs will NOT be employed in this shoot.

14. Traffic

(a) Div Axis is reserved for 152 Bde from 2315 hrs 10 Sept to 0500 hrs 11 Sept, after which time priorities will be decided by Div HQ.

(b) Details of Tk Track will be issued later.

INTERCOM

15. Location of Hqs

- (a) Main Div Hq moves to 578387 10 Sept.
- (b) Cond Post opens 536339 at 0400 hrs 11 Sept.
- (c) Tac 1 Corps opens 544356 later moving to 531336.

16. Codewords will be issued separately.

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TOS.....1510(B).....hrs

Method of Issue.....SDR and DRS.

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W. J. Stanley

Maj
III 33 Armd Bdo

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150 Fd Regt RA	6	1
33 Armd Bdo Sigs	7	1
380 Coy RASC	8	-
22 Lt Fd Amb	9	-
33 Armd Bdo Ord Fd Tk	10	-
33 Armd Bdo Wkspc REE	11	-
51 (H) Div	12	-
152 Inf Bde	13	-
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Instructions for indirect shoot by 1 N Yoo and
two Sqs E Riding Yoo.

1. Concentration.

All tks will be in posn in the MARE DE LA CROIX 5237 area by 1730 hrs on 10 Sept.

2. Arm

- (a) 60 rds HE per 75mm gun tk will be fired.
- (b) Additional arm may be carried inside tks for this shoot, but tks must not go into battle with extra arm.

3. Method of Conducting.

- (a) OP Offrs from 1 N Yoo and E Riding Yoo assisted by an offr from 150 Fd Regt will range all guns in their respective Regts.
- (b) 150 Fd Regt will fire air burst and all tks will align their guns on these bursts.
- (c) These rounds will be fired as soon after the RPF bombing as visibility permits.
- (d) The intervals between air bursts will be, One round air burst - 2 min interval - one round air burst - 5 min interval - 5 rounds air burst.
- (e) RA Offr from 150 Fd Regt will inform the tk FOO's of the time of the first air burst. Tk FOO's will in turn inform their respective Regts.
- (f) E Riding Yoo's tks will be registered first followed by 1 N Yoo tks. Bde HQ prot tp will be grouped with 1 N Yoo and will be on 1 N Yoo's frequency for this shoot.

4. Target.

Area shoot on woods in 5032.

5. Timing.

- (a) Registration will take place immediately after bombing stops at H hour or as soon as visibility permits.
- (b) 1 N Yoo will engage target from H plus 330 to H plus 365.
- (c) E Riding Yoo will engage target from H plus 365 to H plus 425. This is timed to take place at the same time as 152 Inf Bde's operation 'BRANDY'. If operation 'BRANDY' is postponed 152 Inf Bde will inform E Riding Yoo direct.

6. Rate of Fire.

Shoots will be controlled by Comd Offrs but 5 rounds gun fire will be fired throughout the periods given at irregular intervals and not a slow rate of fire during the whole period.

7. Safety Precautions.

- (a) All tk comds must check the safety angles of their guns by looking down the bore during registration.
- (b) Tk Comds must ensure that when registration is completed, the setting of hand wheels, azimuth indicators are carefully noted and are frequently checked during this shoot.

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TOS... 2015 (13) hrs.

Method of Issue. 2015 (13) hrs.

Time handed to Sigs. 21008 hrs

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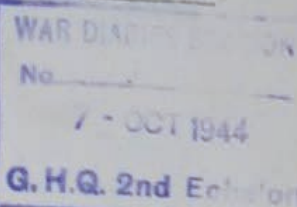
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INFORMATION.

1. Enemy.

See latest Int Summaries also Def Overprints
(dated 5 Sep) and Town Plan.

2. Own Tps.

- (a) 1 Corps is to capture LE HAVRE with RIGHT 51 (H) Div and LEFT 49 Div.
- (b) 49 Div is to capture area 530320 - 540320 - 544302 - 522308 before 51 (H) Div Op begins.
- (c) Concurrent with 51 (H) Div Op and on capture of area in para 2(b) above, 49 Div is to capture feature 525297 - 544295 - 545290 - 532268.
- (d) "H" hour is the Corps "H" hour at which time 49 Div starts its attack. All timings will be given in relation to this "H" hour.
- (e) 51 (H) Div is securing a lodgement area about FONTAIN LA MALLET 5231 - MONTS TROTINS 5031 - DOUDENEVILLE 5032 from which it will exploit into LE HAVRE and later destroy enemy to the NORTH by taking his defts in rear.

The operation is being carried out in three phases as follows:-

Phase I.

Capture of lodgement area (see Trace "A" attached) by 152 Bde Gp, who are to clear three routes through minefields and across anti-tank ditch in area rd and track crossing 529323. Zero for 152 Bde attack is H plus 374 mins.

Phase II.

Neutralisation of gun areas about 497314, 501311 and 488306 by 153 Bde Gp, who are to clear Div axis (see Trace "A" attached) to their objective and to exploit SOUTH WEST toward enemy comd area on high ground in square 4829. Timing - NO move WEST of FORST DE MONGEON before 0800 hrs D plus 1.

Phase III.

Exploitation by 154 Bde Gp.

INTENTION.

- 3. 154 Bde Gp in Divisional Reserve will be prepared to support other Bdes or exploit as situation demands.

METHOD.

4. Tps.

(a) Under command:-

Composite Sqn (Assault) 2 Derby Yeo.
24 Kangaroos (after release by 49 Div).
"B" Coy 176 Fd Amb.

(b) In support:-

1 N. Yeo.
274 Fd Coy.
"C" Sqn 141 RAC (Crocodiles) - (under Div control)

5. Grouping.

Above tps will be grouped as follows:-

- (a) Exploitation Gp - 7 Black Watch.
"C" Sqn 1 N. Yeo.
Two Secs 274 Fd Coy.
24 Kangaroos.
- (b) Mopping Up Gp - "A" Sqn 1 N. Yeo.
Composite Sqn (Assault) 2 Derby Yeo.
One Sec 274 Fd Coy.

This Gp will be under comd Major G.G. Skelton and will be known as "GRAYFORCE".

- (c) Reserve Gp - (i) 1 Black Watch
"B" Sqn 1 N. Yeo.
(ii) 7 A. & S.H.

6. Tasks.

Following are probable tasks for above Gps:-

- (a) Exploitation Gp - on completion of Phase II:-
To capture and hold the high ground at CAP DE LA HEVE 4629.
- (b) "GRAYFORCE" - In the event of enemy resistance breaking up, to clear the area.
- (c) Reserve Gps - (i) 1 Black Watch (in TCVs) with in sp "B" Sqn 1 N. Yeo to take on any mobile role.
(ii) 7 A. & S.H. to take on any deliberate attack.

7. Deception.

In order to distract enemy attention from the main attack, the following deceptive measures will be carried out.

- (a) 1 Black Watch will lay a pieguatted S.L. from Pt 83 511348 to WOOD 513348 during night D minus 1/D day.
- (b) 61 A.Tk Regt are siting anti-tank guns in area ST. SULPICE 5135 and astride coast rd NORTH of BOQUEVILLE 4936 to fire on COPEVILLE area from H plus 375 to H plus 435.
7 A. & S.H. will provide inf protection for these gun areas.
- (c) 1 Black Watch will fire mortar smoke cones on BOUDENEVILLE area from H to H plus 30 mins.
- (d) 7 A. & S.H. will fire mortar H.E. and smoke cones on enemy fixed defences in area 506346 from H plus 370 to H plus 415 mins.
- (e) BOFORS will fire directional tracer at right angles over S.L. in 7(a) from H plus 370 to H plus 430 mins.

8. Assembly Areas and Degree of Readiness.

- (a) GRAYFORCE will assemble in orchard 533366 and will be at $\frac{1}{2}$ hours notice to move as from 0600 hrs D plus 1.
- (b) 7 Black Watch will move to area WEST of Rly in ST. MARTIN DU BEC area on D minus 1.
- (c) 7 A. & S.H. will be prepared to move to fwd assembly area about 536348 early on D plus 1 on being called forward there by Bde H.Q. Bn will recce route fwd to this area keeping clear of Div axis.
- (d) 1 Black Watch will remain in present area.
- (e) Bns will be at one hours notice to move as from 0600 hrs D plus 1.

9. Bdys. and Axis.

As in Trace "A" attached.

10. Arty.

- (a) 126 Fd Regt are providing normal reps.
- (b) Each Sqn 1 M. Yeo will have its own F.O.O. from 150 Fd Regt.
- (c) The pre-arranged Div arty programme is in support of 152 and 153 Bde attacks and the timed part of this programme is a series of concentrations from H plus 374 to H plus 445. Detailed particulars are not accordingly included in this Op Order.

11. A.Tk and M.M.G.

241 A.Tk Bty and "B" Coy 1/7 Hx remain under Regtl Comd for the operation.

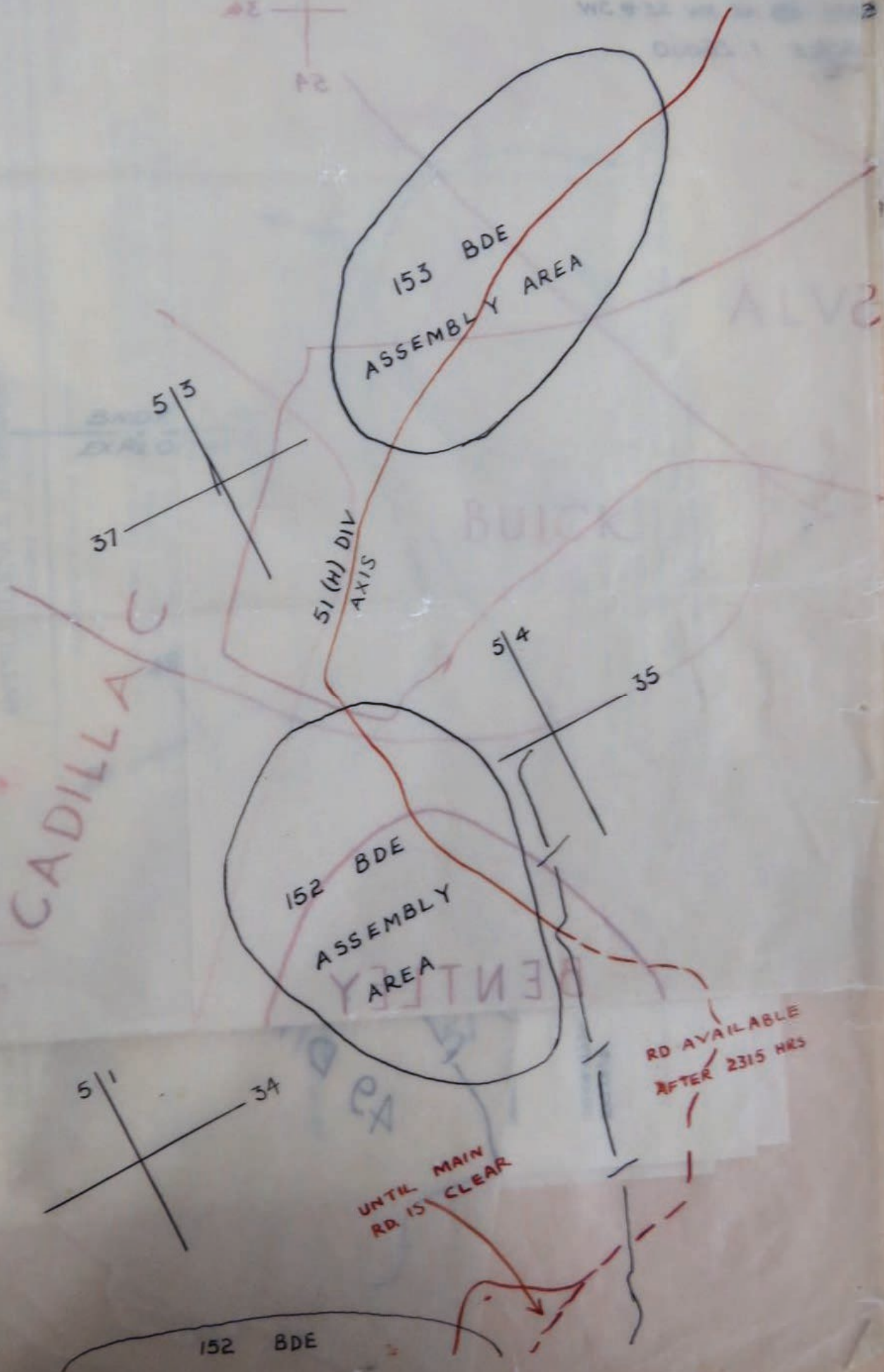
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274 Fd Coy will provide one Pl as detailed in para 5.

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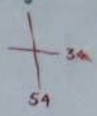
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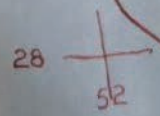
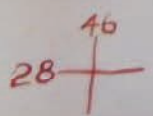


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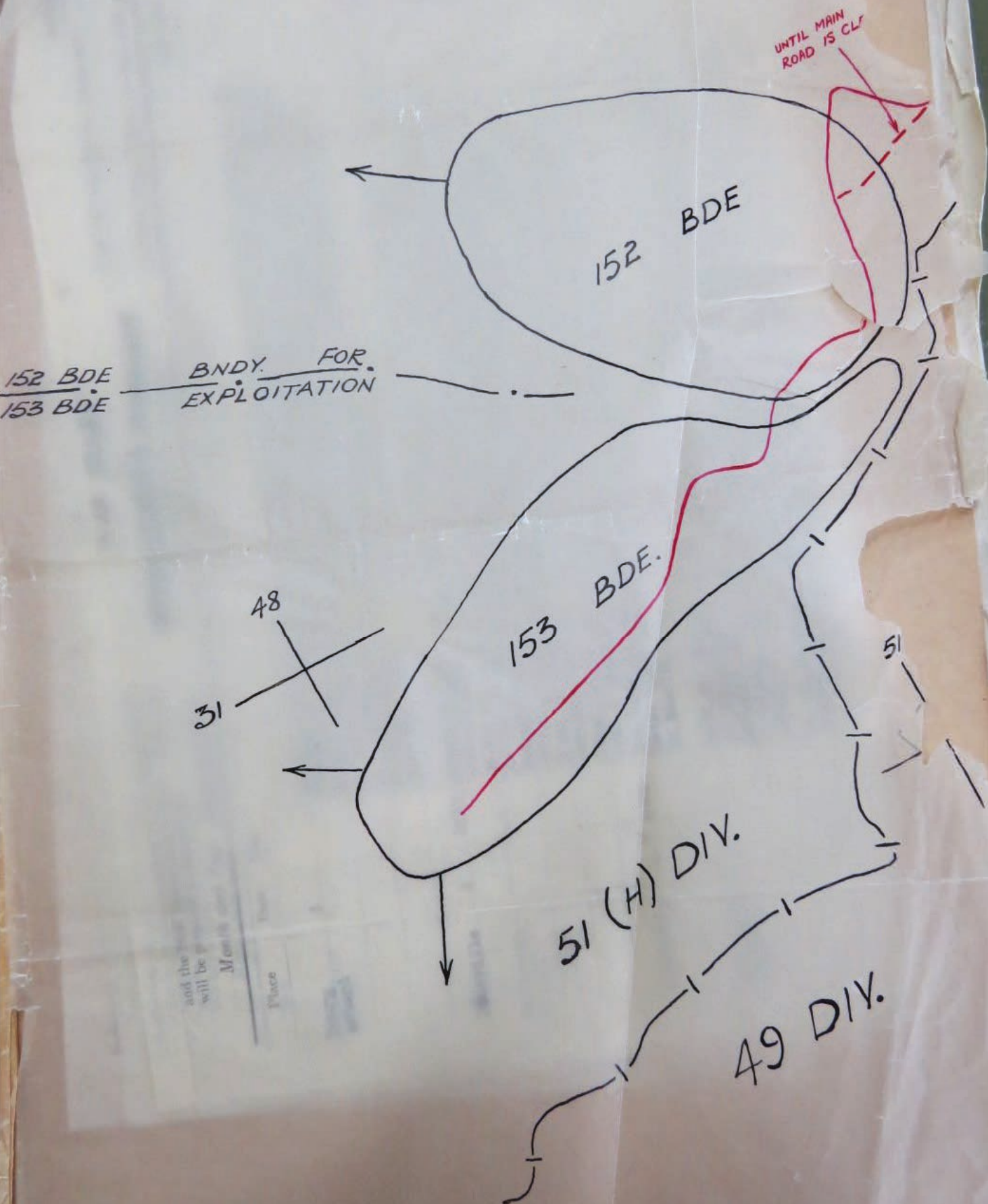
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 211a

Unit 1st Northants Yeomanry

Commanding Officer Lt Col PFH Wyke

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Bourg Achard	1		Two days spent in maintenance after which a number of the better horses of the hundreds of overworked and underfed beasts left in the forests by the retreating Germans were rounded up and ridden by both officers and men. A good indication of the disaster which has overcome the German forces was gained by the number of vehicles, tanks, guns, half-tracks, and M.T. including complete Pz Heavy workshop company which had been destroyed by the enemy in the peninsulars as they were unable to ferry them across the Seine.	
Dondeville	2	0515	Moved up from Bourg Achard through Elbeuf and the cheering fiests in relatively unharmed Rouen up to south of Dondeville in the flying bomb country. One of the sites was close at hand and was unfinished. Civilians reported only about one in ten of these machines flew off in the right direction, the great majority crashed within a few miles while in others the steering mechanism failed. Division report estimated German losses to date 400,000 men, 1300 tanks, 3,500 guns, in Normandy representing 25 Divisions eliminated and a further 20 savagely mauled. In the Mauny loop 5 tanks, 3 guns, and 270 vehicles were found and in the Duclai loop 8 tanks, 13 field guns, 2 infantry guns, 8 SP guns 6 Spandau's 88 halftracks 18 6-barrelled mortars and 38 vehicles. Bde less 144 RAC came u/c 49 Div. ERY already with the Div were outside Le Havre which had asked for an armistice, Bde HQ moved to Epretot northwest of St Romain.	
Dondeville	4	0200		
Gonneville Mallet	5		Half way through a move Bdn reverted to u/c 51 (H) Div and moved here due west of Criquetot for the two Divisional threat to Le Havre. Regt claims of enemy material destroyed from landing up to reaching the Seine is twenty tanks inc 5 Tigers; 8 SP guns mainly 88 mm; 7 A/Tk guns and an 8 wheeled Amc car. A total of 5 offrs and over 850 men handed over to infantry.	
	6		On the breaking up of 2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry 2 officers, Cpts Courage and Saunders (Posted to 'A' & 'B' Sns respectively) and 56 QRS joined the Unit.	

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Unit 1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry.

Commanding Officer Lt Col D. Forster.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Gonneville Mallet	7		Lts. Barrie and Skimmer posted to Regt and were attached to 'C' Sqn. Lt Col D Forster re-joined the unit on convalescing from wounds; Major D.G. Bevan and Major F.H. Wykeham reverting to OC 'C' Sqn and 2 I.C. respectively. Day spent in tying up details for attack on Le Havre in cooperation with 154 Bde 51(H) Div. Major Lord G.M.D. Scott posted from 2nd Northants Yeomanry as 2 I.C. arrived.	
	8-9	✓	Tying up with 154 Bde for Op ASTONIA; the attack on Le Havre in which the Div was supported by 33rd Bde a Sqn of Crocodiles; Flame tanks, and 2 Sqn Flail tanks besides A.V.R.E's.	
St Martin Du Bec	10	1500	Moved to a gun position west of St Martin Du Bec where all the 75mm gun tanks of the Regt were lined up on a target indicating airburst, registered and from 2315 to 0010 put down a Regimental concentration of 60 rounds per tank on a large orchard south of Octeville; it was not possible to judge the effect as the wood was later the target for bombers and medium artillery and ceased to exist.	
	11		After a long wait in which 49 Div on the Seine side and 152 and 153 Bdes made all the running we got going with 'C' Sqn in support of 7 Black Watch who moved right across the north of the town to La Heve and the first of a constant stream of prisoners started to surrender. RHQ moved out for the night to the Foret de Montgeon with 'A' Sqn and an Assault Sqn of Derby Yeo (Gray force) ready to exploit and mop up towards the coast.	
Le Havre	12		'C' Sqn destroying strong points in La Heve and collected 600 prisoners before breakfast; 250 to No.2 Troop alone and by 1100 hrs a total of 1000 prisoners including a few offrs had been taken. The Gray force exploiting towards the high ground by the sea was met by white flags and rounded up 3 officers and 357 ORs. By 1130 it was all over; the Regiment having lost 1 tank mined and two men injured. Casualties in supporting infantry similarly light. The great majority of prisoners were Germans with a proportion of SS men. In the evening Regt concentrated back in the area Combeville La Mallet.	

