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**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 15 (S) DIV SIGS

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

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Month and Year JULY 1944

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PUTOT-EN-BESSIN	1	1000 1700 2300 2300	Addendum to 15 (S) Div Sigs Instr No. 3 AF W3008 & 3009 submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon 158 Bde under comd - netted in accordance with Sigs Instr No. 3 227 Bde sets closed down on going under comd 53 (W) Div	LB Appx 'A' LB Appx 'B' LB LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	2	1200 1300 1400 1400 1400	Div HQ sets closed down on Freq Allot No 18 List 'A'. 53 Div assumed 15 Div List 'A'. 15 Div assumed List D1. MAIN HQ arrived at SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN 9174. Lines to 8 Corps picked up. REAR HQ arrived next to MAIN HQ. 44 Bde relieved by 71 Bde, and assumed List D1 Div now controls 44, 46, 227 Bdes again. Now out of line for re-organising & re-equipping.	LB LB LB LB LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN		1500 1600 2030	Casualties for OP EPSOM - 5 ORs wounded & injured. No Offrs or ORs killed Line Diagram as at 1st July handed to 53 Div Sigs RE comms closed down indefinitely	LB LB Appx 'C' LB
	3	0800 1200 1800 1800	Changed freq to List A. Allot No 19 Closed down all forward nets except ORD & RASC Closed down all rear links except CCRA - CRA. Issued Line Diagram as at 3rd July	LB LB LB LB Appx "D"
	4	1200 "	Line from 53 Div strapped through to Signal Centre line All men bathed. CO to conference re points arising out of OP EPSOM.	LB LB LB
	5		Men rested. General tightening up of discipline etc	LB
SECQUEVILLE-EN-BESSIN	6	1000 1230 1430	A/CAPT L BLACK relinquished the appt of Adjutant which is assumed by T/CAPT DG HEILBRON formerly OC HQ COY which A/CAPT BLACK now becomes CW01 talks to men re recent op followed by talk by C.O. to all ranks Sigs CO attends talk by C-in-C	DGH DGH DGH

		1445	C.S.O. 2nd Army visits and remains approx 50 mins with Adjt. Advises re application for 4th cable det	DGH
		1700	Line laid to 53 Div at PUTOT-EN-BESSIN by means of experimental cable plough	DGH
	7	0735	R/T link to Rear Corps (CV14) closed until 0700 hrs 8 Jul 44	DGH
		1700	Line laid to 32 GDS BDE at 906713 in conjunction with 8 Corps Signals	DGH
		1730	Adjutant attends lecture by ADJAG 2nd ARMY on discipline in the field	DGH
		2000	44 Bde move to relieve 130 Bde of 43 Div. Wireless nets Main & Rear open to them	DGH
	8	0200	44 Bde Gp under comd 43 Div	DGH
		1200	32 Gds Bde under comd. Netted on R/T and C/W links and "Q" link	DGH
		1430	Fullerphone on line to 32 Gds Bde	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & 3009 submitted to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx D(i)
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN	9	0200	46 (H) Inf Bde Gp now under comd 43 Div for Op "JUPITER"	DGH
		1210	Amendment No 1 to Frequency Allotment No 19 issued	DGH Appx E
		1700	CV3 nets on Corps Armd Cars & closes	DGH
		1800	R/T control set nets on 43 Div net for listening purposes and also CV4 (to accompany GOC & G1 to Corps for conference 10 Jul) CV1 & CV4 on inter-comm frequency to each other.	DGH
	10	0430	CV3 opens on Corps Armd Cars net	DGH
		1400	CV14 opens Rear Div - Rear Corps	DGH
		1400	Line section engaged on laying main artery for projected move South	DGH
		1900	227 Bde moves in (926740) - existing lines adjusted to suit	DGH
		2100	43 Div Sigs contacted & trace obtained of line between their Rear & Main HQ's at present for possible use by Div HQ in next move	DGH
	11	1200	Issued Line Diagram as at 11 July 44, also line trace	DGH Appendix F
		1400	44 Bde back in usual location under Comd 15 Div - using former lines	DGH
		2200	Arrangements made to adjust former lines to 46 Bde returning under Comd 15 Div in slightly changed location from previously. This completes change-over and the Division has its own Bdes back again.	DGH
	12	0930	Visit from 34 Armd Bde Bde O.C. Signals & 2 i/c for liaison purposes	DGH
		1500	Issued 15 (S) Div Signals Sig Instr No 1 & Addendum in connection with 15 Div leaving 8 Corps and coming under comd 12 Corps	DGH Appx G
		1600	34 Tk Bde under comd 15 Div	

		1800	Visit from CSO 12 Corps	
	13	0200	15 Div changes from List "A" Inf Div Freq Allot to List B. All groups netted incl 34 Armd Bde in accordance with 15 (S) Div Sigs Instr No 1	DGH
		0500	15 Div comes under comd 12 Corps Line section engaged, as on previous day, on extensive 'line' programme for forthcoming op "GREENLINE"	DGH
		1700	158 Bde under comd 15 Div - netted with spare set on to 15 Div R/T Comd net	DGH
SECQUEVILLE- EN-BESSIN	14	0800	158 Bde netted on all groups and closed	DGH
		1000	Issued 15th (S) Div Signals OO No 1 OP GREENLINE together with Appxs B & H	DGH appx H
		1400	Issued Amendment No 2 to Freq Allotment No 19 Line sections still working full pressure on lines for new area. 11 Armd Div Sigs are providing detachment for lines for traffic control organization necessary for crossing RIVER ODON. Plough proving a great success. LT RADWAY O.C. "C" SEC wounded in left arm on previous day, was evacuated today to 30th GEN HOSP BAYEUX.	DGH appx I DGH
		2100	All control stns on listening watch in accordance with O.O. No 1	DGH
		2300	Plans for move on 15 Jul may be changed - alternative line plots arranged	DGH
LA MARE	15	0315	Line through to 227 Bde in new location	DGH
		0915	Main Div H.Q. moves - comms as per 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 1	DGH
		1100	Main Div H.Q. established at LA MARE 935676. H.Q. main offices incl S.O. dug in for first time by means of R.E. "bull-dozers". Wireless groups all satisfactory - line problem still acute. All lines ready for action but constant trouble, even with the plough, due to shelling & tanks. 12 Corps also experimenting with plough which successfully cut several 15 (S) Div Signals lines	DGH DGH DGH
LA MARE		1300	Rear Div H.Q. also being moved, established at NORREY-EN-BESSIN	DGH
		1700	AFW 3008 & AFW 3009 submitted to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon	DGH Appx J
		1700	Line situation acute but remedying itself. 2nd Army det laying lines for 344 Ind S/L Bty under Div Comd. 3 2nd Army dets on loan until mid-day 16 Jul for maintenance purposes	
		2145	Zero hour for operation "GREENLINE"	
	16	0001	Appx L2 prepared to 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 1 "GREENLINE"	DGH Appx K
		0600	Visit by CSO 12 Corps	DGH
		0615	CAPT J.J. GIROTTI and LT M. STEARS both reported casualties at 44 BDE. CAPT J.J. GIROTTI, after having had piece of shrapnel	DGH

LA MARE		1730	<p>removed from his leg is able to carry on. LT M. STEARS evacuated.</p> <p>The line situation throughout this period is calling for the most intense efforts on the part of the cable section, now under the command of 2/LT J.W. FULLARTON since the evacuation of LT P.O. RADWAY.</p> <p>The wireless throughout is working highly satisfactorily - one of two cases of interference due to sets being off frequency have had to be adjusted</p> <p>C.S.O. 12 Corps, accompanied by O.C. 53 Div Signals arrives to discuss relief of 15 Div by 53 Div.</p>	DGH DGH DGH
	17	0530 1430 1500 2335	<p>Conference of a/m officers on a/m subject</p> <p>Issued 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 2 Op "GREENLINE"</p> <p>Report from 227 BDE that CAPT N. MACLEAN, BDE SIG OFF has been missing since 0730 hrs. CAPT MACLEAN was in the forward area on a visit to 2 G.H.</p> <p>Issued 15 (S) Div Signals O.O. No 3 Op "GREENLINE" - refers to relief of 15 (S) Div less 44 Bde by 53 Div</p>	DGH DGH Appx L DGH DGH Appx M
LA MARE	18	0200 -0230 0900 1030 1500	<p>Hand-over of lines and work on wireless nets satisfactorily completed as per O.O. No 3</p> <p>Main Div H.Q. moves from present location to LE MESNIL-PATRY 902704 and is established there by 1000 hrs</p> <p>Rear Div H.Q. moves from present location and establishes itself in PUTOT-EN-BESSIN by 1200 hrs 903725. The Div is now on wireless minimize</p> <p>Div H.Q. resting. Sigs bath in private bath acquired &amp; fitted up by "M" Sec.</p> <p>LT T.E. KNOTT and LT J.P. BROWN arrive as re-inforcements. LT KNOTT to 44 BDE SIG SEC and LT BROWN to 'H' Sec.</p>	DGH DGH DGH DGH DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY	19	1000 1030	<p>Unit residues arrive complete</p> <p>G.O.C. &amp; GI address all ranks and GOC compliments Signals on their work during recent operation 'GREENLINE'</p>	DGH DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY	20	0730 1800 1800 1800	<p>CAPT N. MACLEAN SIG offr 227 BDE now officially reported missing, having been missing 72 hours.</p> <p>44 Bde returns under comd 15 (S) Div during preceding night.</p> <p>Issued line diagram as at 1800 hrs today. Lines have actually been completed as per this diagram for preceding 24 hours.</p> <p>W/LT R. WALKER promoted A/CAPT to fill vacancy in 227 Bde Sig Sec caused by casualty of CAPT MACLEAN.</p> <p>All wireless nets at Main HQ are now closed except CW link to Main Corps and CRE to CE link, with exception of HQRA nets</p> <p>Rear Div has Rear Link to Rear Corps, Med &amp; RASC nets &amp; from</p>	DGH DGH DGH Appx N DGH DGH

LE MESNIL PATRY	21	0200 1400	12 Corps new frequency allotment in effect, causing only a few changes in frequencies of Div Rear Links Numbers of men attended film show	DGH DGH
LE MESNIL PATRY	22	0800 1430 1830 2150 1700	C.O. and O.C. 3 Coy leave for 30 Corps and HQ 5 (U.S.) Div for discussion re 15 Div coming under 30 Corps and relieving a/m Div in the CAUMONT area. This relief to be completed by 0600 24 Jul at which hour comd will pass. 46 (H) Inf Bde are remaining & coming under comd 59 Div until 1200 hrs 25 Jul Advance party of Sig off det linesmen & DRs leave for HQ 5 (US) Div under O.C. 3 Coy and Signalmaster together with Rear Div Recce party Line trace issued of lines in present area & copy sent to 59 Div Sigs OC 59 Div Sigs visits CO in connection with taking over lines of 15 Div in this area Issued 15 (S) Div Sigs Sig Instr No 1 on change over to 30 Corps AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon	DGH DGH DGH DGH Appx O DGH Appx O(1)
	23	0930	Div HQ leaves present location, followed by Rear Div HQ at 1000 hrs & Main and Rear are established in new location 698690 by 1200 hrs (1 mile S.E. of BALLEROY). Liaison with U.S. Signals of 5 (US) Div Sig Coy excellent and the mutual arrangements regarding the lines are working very smoothly. 15 (S) Div are now on complete wireless silence.	DGH
BALLEROY	24	0600 0900 1430 1800	15 (S) Div takes over from 5 (US) Div. All lines taken over that are going to be used by this Div. See forthcoming line diagram CO attends conference on Counter mortar net about to be formed CO's conference on a/m subject attended by Bde etc officers "H" Sec to be assisted with operators for RA exchange and also in the forthcoming Div Counter-mortar organization. See diagram att. Issued amended Freq Allot No 19 on new system. Issued current LIST B only at present.	DGH DGH DGH DGH Appx "P" DGH Appx "Q"
	25	0001 -	Issued Line Diagram as at 1800 hrs 24 Jul 44 Men are resting and are doing P.T. etc and attending various film shows etc. At the same time, the Unit is having a week of concentration on saluting & general smartness.	DGH Appx "R" DGH DGH
BALLEROY	26	1000 1200 1900	Counter mortar nets open up as per diagram at Appx "P". Sets work efficiently after a little trouble with frequencies Issued Amdt No 1 to new Freq Allot 44 Bde moving to new location 713636 - 46 Bde move in to former location of 44 Bde. Lines laid and adjusted accordingly	DGH DGH Appx "S" DGH DGH
	27	1200	Issued line diagram as at 1200 hrs	DGH Appx "T"

	28	1200	- onwards. Rest period comes unexpectedly and abruptly to its close. Personnel just despatched to 30 Corps rest camp recalled & other plans for 8 Corps rest camp cancelled. 15 (S) Div returning under Comd 8 Corps with 6 GDS TK BDE under Div Comd. Preparations for ops, to commence Sunday 30th inst. Line laid for dumping programme for tonight & afterwards for use by 6 GDS TK BDE. Line laid for 11 Armd Div Sigs to their new location in this area.	DGH
BALLEROY	29	0800 1700 1800 1800	11 Armd Div passing through have destroyed the bulk of our lines, taken over from U.S. Reparations urgently undertaken. 15 (S) Div is about to change from Inf List "B" to Inf List "C" issued as per att. appx AFW 3008 and 3009 despatched GHQ 2nd Echelon 15 (S) Div ceases to be under Comd 30 Corps & returns under comd 8 Corps The division is hastily being got ready for operation "BLUECOAT" with 11 Armd Div, 6 GDS TK BDE, 43 Div (30 Corps) on the left and later Gds Armd Div. It is not possible to prepare either line diagrams or Sig instr and all orders are being given verbally. The line situation is changing constantly and the best use of lines both by ourselves and 8 Corps demands momentary adjustments at every turn.	DGH Appx "U"  DGH Appx "V"  DGH DGH
LA CHAPELLE	30	0355  1600  2200	H-3 hours of op. "BLUECOAT". Wireless silence relaxed and all nets open as per standard layout with 6 GDS TK BDE on the "C" lines but under Corps on "Q" nets. List "C" operating reasonably satisfactorily and List "B" has been recalled from all users. Main Div moves to LA CHAPELLE (712629) followed by Rear Div to 713636. Established quickly, but line situation difficult and with a vast number of W/T sets functioning, a steady stream of complaints re interference is coming in. Action taken wherever possible but all-round satisfaction out of the question. Fluctuating situation re comms as before but today's advance has been so rapid that better results might perhaps have been considered miraculous.	DGH  DGH  DGH
	31	0900  0900	44 & 46 Bdes having moved in the night, line comms out. 227 Bde having frequency troubles also R.A. but these are being sorted out - onwards. Line section fully extended to keep comms up with fast-moving battle. Assistance from Corps later in the day with 2 pairs in quad from Main Div to Sig Centre of great value. Wireless working well. Slight trouble with 227 Bde forward net cleared after change of frequency.	DGH

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