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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2nd. Bn. The Royal Scots.

Month and Year Aug. 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt/Col J.T. Campbell

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Afragola	1 Aug	1800	Location. Afragola Camp. General Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. S Westerly. Vis. Good.	JTC
"	2 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly. Vis. Good a.m. Fair p.m.	JTC
"	3 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Westerly becoming S.S.W. Vis. Good.	JTC
"	4 Aug	1800	Gener. Informat. Bn Movement Order No. 1 issued. Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly.	See Appendix 1. JTC
Alife Camp	5 Aug	1800	Location. Alife Camp. Map Ref. 348015 Sheet 172.1 Cajazzo 1/50,000. Gener. Informat. Bn moved from Afragola Camp at 09.00 hours and arrived at Alife Camp at 13.45 hours in accordance with Bn Movement Order No. 1	See Appendix 1.
Alife Camp		1800	Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Easterly becoming South Easterly p.m. Vis. Very Good.	JTC
"	6 Aug	1800	Gen. Informat. Capt. J.M. Ferguson disembarked at Naples at 2000 hrs. Met. Report. Weather. Fine except during 1500-1700 hours sl. showers. Wind. Lt. Variable becoming Easterly. Vis. Fair.	JTC

"	7 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Platoon & Coy training commenced. Met. Report. Weather. Fair. Wind. Lt. Easterly. Vis. Good.	JTC
"	8 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather. Fair. Wind. Easterly becoming S. Easterly. Vis. Good.	JTC
" Alife.	9 Aug	1800 1800	Gen. Information. Capt. J.M. Ferguson rejoined unit (i/c Rear Party) Met. Report. Weather. Fine. Wind. Lt. Variable becoming Easterly. Vis. Good. Gen. Information. Capt. J.M. Ferguson arrived Alife Camp at 16.00 hrs on disembarking from Gib. Met. Report. Weather - Fine. Vis. - good Sl. South Westerly	JTC JTC
"	10 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather - Heavy showers between 09.00 hrs. and 10.00 hrs. otherwise Fair. Wind - Lt. Easterly. Vis - am. poor becoming Fair p.m.	JTC
"	11 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn to be prepared to move by Tuesday 15th Aug 44. Met. Report. Weather - a.m. cloudy with slight showers. p.m. Fine. Vis - approx. 20 miles. Wind - Easterly 10 m.p.h.	Verbal Warning Order from C.O. JTC
Alife.	12 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Field Return of Officers. " " " O.R.'s Met. Report. Weather - Fine. Cloud - Nil. Vis. - approx. 20 miles.	See A.F. 3008. See A.F. W3009E. JTC
"	13 Aug	1800	General Informat. Universal Kit-bags taken to storage depot Taranto. Met. Report. Weather - Fine. Cloud - Small amount Vis. - Over 20 miles. Wind - Sl. S. Westerly.	JTC
Alife	14 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine. Met. Report. Weather-Fine-Cloud-Nil. Vis.-Over 20 miles Wind-Lt. SOUTH Easterly.	JTC
"	15 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Movement Order No. G.9 from 66th Inf. Bde. Bn to move by Road and Rail to ASSISI. Met. Report. Weather Fine - A.M. Heavy Thunder - Showers P.M. Vis. - Very Good - Deteriorating to 3 Miles. Wind-NE.	See Appendix 2 JTC
Bn on Move	16 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn Tpt Moved by Road en Route for ASSISI at 0726 hrs. Rail Party moved at 0930 hrs. by transport to CASERTA and then by rail.	

			Met. Report. Weather-fine- Vis. over 20 miles. Wind slight Easterly.	JTC
" " "	17 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Movement Order G.10 from 66th Inf. Bde. Bn will move to AREZZO by road and rail. Met. Report. Weather fine-Vis. over 20 ml. wind-slt.	See Appendix 3 JTC
" " "	18 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn move by road and rail to AREZZO. Met. Report. Weather-fine-Vis. over 20 ml. Wind-slt. Southerly-heavy thunder showers in evening.	JTC
" " "	19 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. C.O. ordered move from AREZZO to GREVE by road. Bn arrived at GREVE Camp, 8348 Ref. map Italy 1:100,000-Sheet 113 Field Return of Officers. See A.F. W3008 " " " O.R.'s See A.F. W3009E Met. Report. Weather-fine - Vis-2 to 5 mls. improving to 20 mls. in evening.	JTC
GREVE CAMP	20 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Routine Met. Report. Weather-fine- Vis. over 20 mls. Wind - Slt. Southerly.	JTC
" "	21 Aug	1800	Gen. Information. Bn 'O' Gp made Recce of Bn area of responsibility.	See Appendix 4
GREVE CAMP		1800	Met. Report. Weather fine visibility over twenty miles wind slight Easterly.	JTC
GREVE CAMP	22 Aug	1800	General Information:- Operation Order No 1 issued. Admin. Instruction, Temporary Signal Layout and Amendment No. 1 to Operation Order No.1 issued. Move of Bn:- Bn moved in accordance with Operation Order No.1. All Coys in position by first light. Patrol Activity:- A standing patrol from B Coy took up position at Ford 834674 until first light. This patrol continued until 25 Aug 44. Met. Report. Weather fine, visibility approx. twenty miles, wind slight Southerly.	See Appendix 3. JTC
In the Field	23 Aug		General Information:- Slight enemy activity throughout the day. Partisans reported 12 enemy with LMG and A/Tk gun MAIANO X rds 831708. During the evening enemy shelling scattered over the Bn area- No damage or casualties. Patrol Activity:- A recce patrol of 1 NCO and 4 men from C Coy went out to see if enemy were holding houses at VILLA BANA area 848682. Time out:- 2200 hrs.	

			<p>Time in:- 0025 hrs. No enemy contacted, No obstacles encountered.</p> <p>A Coy sent out a recce patrol of Lt Allwright and three men. Task:- To see if enemy occupied area of CASTEL DI POGGIO. Time out:- 0030 hrs. Time in:- First light.</p> <p>No enemy contacted during the patrol.</p> <p>Carrying Party:- Coy carrying parties from C Coy took supplies, food and amn. to the two fwd pls in area 842676 and returned safely to Bn area.</p> <p>Met. Report. Weather fine, visibility twenty miles.</p>	<p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p> <p>JTC</p>
In the Field	24 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	<p>Lt. Sunderland, Sjt Peacock and 3 O.R.s from B Coy sent on a recce patrol to SETTIGNANO. This was followed up by a fighting patrol consisting of Lt. Flett and 25 men. Time out 1230 hrs. Time in:- 1930 hrs. Enemy action nil. Two German prisoners and 5 Italian Fascists taken. The patrol reached the objective without incident. There were signs of recent enemy occupation such as freshly dug slit trenches, food etc. Partisan information revealed that the enemy had withdrawn at 1000 hrs that morning.</p> <p>Met. Report:- Weather Fine, visibility 20 miles.</p>	JTC
In the Field	25 Aug	BN Advance:-	<p>D Coy crossed the River ARNO at 0730 hrs and proceeded according to Bn plan without opposition or incident until reaching the area of CASTEL DI POGGIO 847716. Here they encountered M.G. fire. The Coy Comd ordered the Coy to deploy and attack the position, killing 8 Germans and capturing 4.</p> <p>The Coy then reorganised and Major Robertson with a small party approached the Castle. Fire was directed on them from inside the Castle and Major Robertson was hit. He ordered his party to withdraw and during this withdrawal was hit again and fell into a deep ditch which was full of undergrowth.</p> <p>He ordered the remainder of the party to withdraw, but they attempted to carry him back, owing to the nature of the ground however they had to leave him.</p>	
In the Field				

			<p>The party then returned to the Coy, who by this time had come under heavy mortar fire. 15 casualties were sustained during the action:- Killed: - 3066723 Pte D Brett Wounded and missing:- Major G.M. Robertson. Wounded:- 12 O.R.s. (3 Serious, 9 Walking wounded.) These casualties included Cpl Hall who was i/c prisoners, the bomb that wounded him also killed 2 of the P of Ws and seriously wounded the others. The Coy then withdrew by separate routes.</p>	
		Met. Report:-	Weather fine, visibility twenty miles.	JTC
In the Field	26 Aug	Coy Moves:- Patrol Activity:-	<p>A Ech. moved to area 849668 and at Last Light D Coy moved to 835689. Carriers moved to 869683.</p> <p>A recce patrol of 1 NCO Lt. Anderson and 3 ORs was sent out from B Coy. Tasks:- 1. To see if VINCIGLIATA and S. LORENZO were one and the same place, and if so where or what is S. LORENZO. 2. If either were occupied by the enemy. Time out:- 1400 hrs Time in:- 1915 hrs. Answers:- 1. It appears to be part of VINCIGLIATA, S. LORENZO appears to be large house at the EASTERN end of the village. 2. No enemy seen.</p> <p>A recce patrol of Lt. Flett and 3 men was sent from C Coy. Task 1. To recce area of S. LORENZO to see if occupied by the enemy. 2. To find likely area suitable for location of ambush patrol to beat up the enemy. Time out:- 1400 hrs Time in:- 2015 hrs. Answers:- No enemy seen. No area selected due to the fact that no enemy was contacted.</p> <p>An ambush patrol of Lt. Flett and 12 men were sent out by C Coy. Tasks:- To return to area 844714 and lie up for 4 hrs returning by VINCIGLIATA. To beat up any enemy contacted. Result:- No enemy contacted, could not go into the centre of VINCIGLIATA village as several</p>	

			houses were still in flames caused by our own shelling.	
			Met. Report:- Weather fine, visibility twenty miles.	JTC
In the field	27 Aug		Patrol Activity:- A recce and occupation patrol of Lt. Anderson, 12 men and two signallers from B Coy was sent out. Tasks:- 1. To see if VINCIGLIATA CASTLE was occupied by the enemy, if not to occupy it. Time out:- 1400 hrs Time in:- 2000 hrs. Answer:- Occupied by the enemy as a strongpoint, probably 15 to 20 men strong. No sign of enemy until the patrol had entered the Castle grounds, then they encountered heavy spandau fire, M.P. 38 and Grenades. Fire was directed from the Castle Tower and the houses on the right flank. The patrol suffered casualties and withdrew by fire and movement. During the action Lt. Anderson was wounded and owing to heavy fire had to be left in the Castle grounds. He later made his way out of the Castle into the woods, where he was found by partisans who assisted him to the Bn area, he was evacuated to the A.D.S. 3061423 L/Cpl Wood went to silence an M.G. post on the right flank and has not been seen or heard of since. His equipment in a bloodstained condition was found by a patrol later. Casualties:- Wounded:- 1 Officer, 2 O.Rs. Wounded and missing:- 1 O.R.	JTC
In the field			A recce patrol of C Coy consisting of 1 NCO and 4 men were sent to 839694. Time out:- Last Light. Time in:- approx First Light. No enemy seen or contacted. At 1530 hrs 1 pl of C Coy moved to SETTIGNANA 844695 and concealed themselves in this area sending small recce patrols of 1 NCO and 3 men at irregular intervals to dominate the areas 842699, 846701 and 848698.	JTC

			<p>General Infm.:- Enemy patrols failed to penetrate our positions in D Coy area. D Coy opened fire between 0015 and 0200. The enemy dispersed and withdrew. No further sign of enemy.</p>	
In the Field	28 Aug		<p>Patrol Activity:- At 1415 hrs A Coy sent out a Standing Patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men to 845770. They returned at Last Light and saw no enemy. A recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men from C Coy pl went out at 0830 hrs to 846703. They returned at 1230 hrs. No enemy contacted. A, B and C Coys sent out Standing Patrols along the 70 grid line. No enemy contacted.</p> <p>An ambush patrol was sent out by D Coy to Pt 182 R.P. 837704. Time out:- First Light. Time in:- First Light. No contact with enemy.</p> <p>General Infm:- An O.P. at 844674 was manned by A Coy w.e.f. 1420 hrs.</p> <p>Special Task:- On infm from Bde 2 R.S. had the task of establishing the fact of a possibility of a tunnel between VINCIGLIATA CASTLE and CASTEL DI POGGIO.</p> <p>Lt. Robertson was given this task by the C.O. Working with the Italian Liaison Officer he obtained useful infm about the Castle and the fact that a small tunnel ran from the dining room of VINCIGLIATA Castle to an outhouse in the grounds, location unknown. (This was the tunnel used by the five generals who escaped from the castle in 1941.)</p>	JTC
In the field	29 Aug		<p>Patrol Activity:- A recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men was sent out by A Coy. Time out 0930 hrs Time in:- 1800 hrs. Task to observe movement between the two castles with a view to locating the suspected tunnel. No sign of enemy.</p> <p>Pl of C Coy sent a recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men to 839698. Time out 1400 hrs. Time in:- 1745 hrs. No trace of enemy. Partisan infm. stated that the enemy vacated village a week ago. Attitude of partisans very friendly. An excellent O.P. was discovered in this area and</p>	
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			<p>was established and manned by this pl. From this posn at 1900 hrs three enemy were observed 832713.</p> <p>A recce patrol sent to FOSSATICIO reported no enemy in the vicinity.</p> <p>A Coy sent a recce patrol to fwd O.P. No enemy reported in area.</p> <p>A recce patrol consisting of Lt Allwright and 3 men was sent out by A Coy. Time out 2100 hrs Time in:- 0400 hrs. Task:- To find out if Castel Di Vento 843703 was occupied by the enemy, if so what dispositions could be located. The patrol reached its objective and no enemy were seen. They heard 4 m.gs. on WEST of objective. 1 appeared to be firing on fixed lines 20' above axis of advance.</p> <p>D Coy sent out an Ambush Patrol consisting of Lt. Campbell and 12 O.Rs. to Pt 182 R.P. 837704. Time out:- Last Light. Time in:- 0330 hrs. The patrol lay up in the area Pt 182 for approx 3 hrs. No enemy were seen or contacted. A Coy Standing Patrol to Pt. 246 R.P. 844705. Strength 1 NCO and 3 men. Time out Last Light. Time in:- First Light. No enemy contacted.</p> <p>D Coy Standing Patrol at 839694 in Castel Di Mazzaratta. No enemy seen or heard.</p>	
In the Field	30 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	<p>A Coy sent out a recce patrol of 1 NCO and 2 O.Rs. Task:- Location of enemy movement on road between CASTEL DI POGGIO and VINCIGLIATA. Time out:- 1200 hrs Time in 1745 hrs. Furthest point reached rd junc 847708. No enemy or movement observed.</p> <p>B Coy sent out a recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men. Task:- To recce the woods WEST of POGGIO to see if occupied and to what extent. Time out:- Last Light Time in:- First Light. They lay in corner of wood for approx 30 mins, heard noise of feeding belt into m.g. advanced into wood 50x, saw a large no of holes about 2' square and deep at irregular spacing on the fringe of the wood. They saw several M.G. and weapon pits and a number of enemy occupied one or two. In the</p>	JTC

			<p>wood midway between the Castle and the fringe of the wood a Standing Patrol of 5 were seen. The noise of two lorries was heard in the area just after midnight. Answer:- occupied by the enemy. Strength 1 Pl. The patrol passed a German Sentry North of FOSSATACCIO unnoticed. Movement heard at 847713 (approx). The patrol laid low for about an hour and a half and listened at Pt 367. R.P. 848718. No sign of enemy then moved to 50x from objective.</p>	JTC
In the Field	31 Aug	Patrol Activity:-	<p>A Coy sent out fighting and occupation patrols. Time out 0300 hrs. Task:- To see if enemy are in VINCIGLIATA. If no sign of the enemy to occupy. Strength:- Lt. Meikle and 1 Pl. No enemy were found and occupation was reported at 0600 hrs. On capture of VINCIGLIATA A Coy sent out a recce patrol of C.S.M. Kellet and 4 O.Rs. Time out:- 0730 hrs. Task:- To see if POGGIO is occupied by the enemy. This patrol was followed up by a fighting patrol, pl in strength. Patrol Leader:- Lt. Allwright. At 1143 CASTEL DI POGGIO reported cleared.</p>	
In the Field		Bn Move:-	<p>Bn advanced by bounds from previous position to M. MUSCOLI. Order of March:- A. D. C. B Coys All coys move one bound behind the other. Bounds:- 1. SETTIGNANA 2. POGGIO 3. Pt. 410 4. M. MUSCOLI</p> <p>A Coy left Coy area at 1330 hrs. The remainder of Bn moved according to plan. Bn H.Q. moved to Castel Di Poggio and established at 1630 hrs. Moved to VILLA PEYRON at 1900 hrs. Bn H.Q. VILLA PEYRON 847723 A Coy 845734, B Coy 849722, C Coy CASTEL DI POGGIO, D Coy 854728. The Bn in the above area at Last Light. Local Patrolling carried out. No contact with enemy.</p>	

			In the Field September 44	JT Campbell Lieut. Colonel, Commanding 2nd Bn The Royal Scots The Royal Regt.	
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