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**September TOMBA DI PESARO**

- Sep 1st Bn. continued individual training, with leave and entertainment allotments.
- Sep 2nd Bn. continued training.
- Sep. 3rd Bn. continued training. Instructions for treatment of Italian Forces and new German Sabotage Devices received and copies issued to all Coys.
- Sep 4th 10 Inf. Bde. Op. Instr. No 36 received giving notification that 4 Brit. Inf. Div. reverted to Comd. 8 Army, and would concentrate in area S.W. of Fano S 27 on 8 Sep., and 10 Inf. Bde. would move on night of 7/8 Sep.
- Sep 5th 10 Inf. Bde. Admin Order No 21. and Adm. No 1 to Op. Instr. No 36 received. 1/6 Surreys Op. Instr. No. 1 issued to Coys.
- Sep 6th 10 Inf. Bde. Admin. Order No. 22 received. Adm. No 1 to Op. Instr. No 1 issued. Instructions on camouflage and concealment issued. Admin. Order No. 1 issued. Adm. No 2 to Bde. Op. Instr. No 36 received.
- Sep 7th Message A.1 re. new location of B. Echelon received. 10 Inf. Bde. Op. Instr. No 37 received cancelling Op. Instr. No 36, and notifying units that 4 Div. would now come under comd. of 1 Canadian. Corps w.e.f. 1200 hrs. 7 Sep., and would concentrate in area Tomba Di Pesaro 9979 on 7 and 8 Sep. Bn. to be prepared to move to concentration area on night 8/9 Sep. Message A.11 received – move postponed. Admin. Order No 23 received.
- Sep 8th Op. Instr. No 2 issued cancelling Op. Instr. No 1. Bn. prepared to move off at 1630 hrs, but last minute message delivered by Bde. Major postponed the move, and Bn. remained at its old location. Heavy rain during the late afternoon and early evening.
- Sep 9th Instructions for early move received from Bde. at 0030 hrs, and a message issued to all Coys. by runner giving full details of move. Bn. embussed and moved off at 0430 Hrs. The route led through the defences of the Gothic Line to the Adriatic coast North of Ancona. Everywhere along the winding roads there were demolitions, minefields with wire and pillbox defences stretching for miles along the route. Whole villages had been destroyed by the Germans to give them a good field of fire, and much additional destruction caused by the heavy barrages laid down by both sides. The Bn. arrived at the new concentration area 995805 PICCIANO near Tomba Di Pesaro at 1600 hrs. The village had not been very severely damaged, and the inhabitants were engaged in repair work, patching up the shell holes in walls and roofs.
- PICCIANO**
- Sep 10th The Bn. settled in and awaited further instructions. Bde. Int. Summary No 52 received.
- Sep 11th Bn. began individual training under Coy. arrangements.

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Sep 12th 8 Army Comd.'s Message received and read in conjunction with the Div. Comd.'s Personal Message to All Ranks. Instructions re. Neutrality of the Republic of San Marino received and forwarded to all Coys. C.O. spoke to the Bn., and among the points he stressed were the future role of the Bn., and the importance of digging-in immediately when in a forward area in order to reduce the risk of unnecessary casualties. Op. Instr. No. 38 received.

Sep 13th Individual training continued under Coy. arrangements.

Sep 14th 10 Inf. Bde. Admin. Order No. 24 received. Admin. Order No. 2 issued to Coys., etc. 4 Div. Int. Summary received

**CORIANO**

Sep 15th 10 Inf. Bde. Op. Order No 14 (Outline Plan) received. Bn. moved off from 995805 Picciano to concentration area near Coriano. Bn. H.Q. established 884868 with Coys. closely concentrated in the fields around Bn.H.Q. The whole area had been shelled and bombed during the capture of the position and was still subject to intermittent shelling.

*1520: Head of column passed S.P.*

*1715: Arrived at new location near Coriano. Bn HQ established at 884868. Coys. concentrated in immediate area of Bn HQ.*

Sep. 16th 10 Inf. Bde. Op. No 14 received. 10 Inf. Bde. Admin. Order No 25 received. Adm. No 1 to Admin. Order No 2 received. Sitrep 0.1 received. Bn. remained in location, and guns concentrated throughout the day in the whole area of the valley; a battery of 25 pdrs. which was sited immediately in front of Bn. H.Q. fired at intervals throughout the day and night. Bde. Int. Summary No 53 received.

*1500: CO's "O" Group conference held.*

*1530: From Bde. Stand down. Remain at 1 hour's notice. No move likely before tomorrow.*

Sep 17th 10 Inf. Bde. Op. Order No 15 received. Operation Order No 1 issued. "A" Time G.M.T plus 1 hour came into force at 170300 hrs (retarding the clock one hour). Instructions received that, in order to prevent traffic congestion in the Coriano area, maintenance traffic would be restricted to the barest minimum. Dust notices would be erected, warning all drivers against excessive speed.

*1000: CO went to Bde HQ.*

*1515: CO's "O" Group conference held, and gave full details of the attack to take place early on the morning of 18 Sep.*

*1540: 2 shells in "B" Coy's area. 3 casualties. Only one evacuated.*

*1630: 10 Inf. Bde. informed the Bn. at 1630 hrs that the current 4 Div. list of topographical codenames had been compromised, and that a further list would be issued. A short Bn. list of codenames was issued to cover the operation about to take place.*

*1750: 7 shells landed just South of Bn HQ (1 casualty). Bn prepared to move as per Move Order.*

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Operation Orders in confirmation of C.O.'s verbal orders issued at about 2200 hrs. A new list of code names was received about 2230 hrs and issued to all concerned before the rifle coys moved off to the Assembly Area. Three men sustained phosphorous burns when shrapnel fragments set off a 77 Grenade, but only one evacuated through 10 Fd. Amb. One man was evacuated with shrapnel wound in chest.

Sep 18th

0030: *The breakfast meal and a haversack ration for the midday meal were issued at 0030 hrs, and the rifle coys. moved off to the Assembly Area at 0130 hrs.*

0230: *Main H.Q. established at 0230 hrs at 860908. Bn HQ vehicles arrived at assembly area.*

0330: *Coys reported in assembly area.*

0500: *"A" Coy and "C" Coy left assembly area and started moving forward to F.U.P.F Ech. transport moved off to the Assembly Area at 0500 hrs, but the main portion of it was stopped two miles short of the Coy. areas owing to the shelling of roads etc., and the congestion. A heavy barrage was put over by the British and Canadian guns in support of an attack, and the German artillery and mortars replied with intermittent shelling on the supply roads and counter-battery fire.*

0525: *Brig ordered Coys to stop moving forward in view of the fact that the Beds. and Herts. are now reported fighting on the railway line which is our F.U.P. Coys are now near CLUDEN.*

0600: *Intercept. Beds. just beyond LANCASTER, and tanks are moving up to help them.*

0615: *"C" Coy: Report that smoke is being laid in the valley and not on the feature.*

0620: *Intercept. Beds. report that tanks have found a way across the first river, and are going to join the people on the left who got over.*

0735: *Intercept from Beds. Sub-units on left with tanks are dealing with Spandaus, and hope to push on when they are dealt with.*

0737: *"A" Coy: Area being shelled.*

0800: *"A" Coy: Digging in quickly as area is being stonked.*

0815: *"A" Coy: Enemy MG nest in house at X-roads 835925 which has not been dealt with by advancing troops. (Passed to Bde for action).*

0900: *"A" Coy: Sitrep. Nothing to report. "C" Coy. Sitrep. Nothing to report.*

0920: *Intercept Beds. Attack going well now, and are over the second obstacle.*

1000: *Intercept Beds. Report that they are 200 yds from their left objective. Right flank hanging back.*

1100: *"C" Coy: Nebelwerfers bombs landing in groups of 12 600 yds to their right, and coming from N.W. direction.*

1105: *From Bde. Coy of Beds. which was within 200 yds of objective has suffered heavy casualties from shelling and mortaring and, having lost all their Officers, remainder are back where they started. Brigadier has ordered those who are over the river to hold on at all costs.*

1215: *Beds. Right hand Coy suffering casualties from shelling and*

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*mortaring, and are still on this side of the river held up by six Spandaus which cannot be dealt with by tanks owing to heavy shelling.*

*1830: Bde. No expected move by Surreys before 0800 hours 19<sup>th</sup> Sep.*

*1845: 2 shells landed 300 yds South of Bn HQ.*

Sep 19th

*DCLI started to push forward at first light to Green Line, and went forward under heavy barrage. When they are firm on Green Line our "A" and "C" Coys are to pass through and take Pt 113 812928 and FONT respectively.*

*0945: "A" Coy: Report seeing a man carrying a white flag. He went from 830943 to 830938 and then returned by road on right.*

*1115: Intercept. DCLI reported to be on their objective.*

*1130: CO went to Bde for orders.*

*1615: Tac and Main H.Q. remained in location. CO held "O" Group during the afternoon, and issued orders for the attack to take place during the night 19/20 Sep. Following orders issued: Objectives. Pt 113 812938 and FONT.*

*Phase "A" Coy: "A" left "C" right to take Pt 113. F>U>P> from 824917 to 827920. S.L. line of road 822926 to 820924. Zero hour. 2300 hrs. Rate of advance 100yds in five minutes.*

*Phase 2. "D" Coy supported by 2 troops tanks to take FONT. F.U.P. in re-entrant at S. Aquilina. S.L. lateral road running just North of Zanagli. Zero hour. 0515 hrs (probably) rate of advance 110 yds in 5 minutes. "B" Coy in reserve. To be in area of re-entrant 822918.*

*Supporting Arms: Phase 1. Barrage by 2 Field Regt. to put Coys on their objectives. 1 Regt. on FONT and 1 Regt. on EMONT, and 1 Regt. on reverse slopes of Ca Torsani. These will lift onto BURNSIDE and area 828942. Phase 2. Houses at Totti to be obliterated. Barrage to precede Coy. Tanks will be up with "A" and "C" by first light, and Coys will lay tape as they advance to guide tanks. "D" Coy will marry up with their tanks at F.U.P. "S" Coy to be on call. Tac HQ to move forwards. Be prepared to push on to BURNSIDE, using "B" and "D" Coys. If there is no opposition Coys will push out patrols. A" and "C" arrive on S.L. by 2250 hrs. Code words: "A" and "C" Coys across S.L. PETER; "A" and "C" Coys on objective HUGH; "D" Coy on S.L. WALTER; "D" Coy on objective FONT. Bde Int Summary No 54 received. 0.1 Sitrep received. 0.3 Intentions received. 0.2 and 0.3 Sitreps received.*

*2230: Tac HQ moved forward to 836907.*

*2305: "A" and "C" Coys crossed start line and advanced to capture Pt 113 with little opposition. "D" Coy then moved up on the right and captured Pt 97 (For full details see Intelligence Summary B.1). One man killed as Coys moved forward to the Assembly Area, one man wounded and evacuated.*

*1955: All Coys reported ready to move.*

*2000: "A" Coy: Moving forward now.*

*2120: "C" Coy: Progressing steadily.*

*2130: "C" Coy: Arrived at F.U.P.*

*2140: "A" Coy: Arrived at F.U.P.*

*2210: "C" Coy: Advancing from F.U.P. (Set has gone dis).*

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2212: "A" Coy: Advancing from F.U.P.  
2300: Supporting barrage opened up.  
2303: "A" Coy: Advancing towards PETER.  
2305: "A" Coy & E: PETER (passed to Bde).  
2317: "A" Coy: Report going well (to Bde).  
2350: "A" Coy: Still going strong.

Sept 20th

0002: "C" Coy: Report HUGH. Set now OK (to Bde). "A" Coy: Going on HUGH now (to Bde).  
0005: "A" Coy: Report HUGH.  
0006: Bde: Canadians are 300 yds S.W. of Fortunato.  
0007: "A" Coy: Report that there was not much opposition.  
0030: Brig: Orders for "D" Coy to go up and carry out their attack.  
0035: CO: "D" Coy to proceed straight to S.L. as soon as possible. "B" Coy to proceed to their forward concentration area.  
0045: "A" Coy: Mortar fire on their positions from 302°  
0050: CO: "A" Coy and "C" Coy to carry on with the plan (patrols).  
0110: CO: "C" Coy are to proceed to BURNSIDE and "B" Coy are to take over Pt 113.  
0115: CO to Bde: German voices and M/Cs heard in area 815933.  
0116: "D" Coy: On move now.  
0120: "C" Coy: Want tanks up as soon as possible as enemy can be heard all round them. CO: Tanks cannot get up until first light.  
0130: "B" Coy: On move now.  
0150: CO: Tac HQ is at 836907. "B" Coy Comd. to go forward to Tac and recce an area for "S" Coy, and then to take them there when ordered.  
0225: "C" Coy: Report hearing sound of vehicles and M/C on road N.W. of FONT. (to Bde).  
0230: "C" Coy: Airbursts over their positions.  
0255: "C" Coy: Report seeing transport at road junc. 815933 by the light of a fire which is raging there. Transport moving S.W. (to Bde).  
0335: "A" Coy: Report that they are having a skirmish with the enemy.  
0340: "C" Coy: Calling for CHICKEN (D.F. task).  
0350: "A" Coy & "C" Coy: Report Spandau and Schmeiser fire on their positions, and D.F. is being brought down.  
0403: "D" Coy: WALTER now.  
0410: CO to Bde: Tanks on way from their S.L. to assist Coys. Counter-attack is developing against them. D.F. is being put down to break this up. "D" Coy are staying on S.L. and carrying out their attack as originally planned.  
0415: CO to "B" Coy: Make certain Coy is well dug in.  
0425: "A" Coy: Report enemy tanks being brought up.  
0426: CO: Says he will hustle up our tanks.  
0430: CO to Brig: Hustling up our tanks to Coys. Enemy tanks coming from N.E. Reply: Will lay heavy barrage on them.  
0445: "D" Coy: 200 yds North of JERSEY. MG and mortar fire on their positions. "A" and "B" Coy's tanks have just passed "D" Coy's positions.  
0450: CO to "D" Coy: Timings of your attack may be altered.

0505: "A" Coy: Holding on to their positions OK.  
0506: CO to "A" Coy: Sit tight. Tanks are on their way.  
0515: "C" Coy: Situation much quieter with less small arms fire.  
0530: CO to Adj: Situation much easier with forward Coys. "D" Coy will go in when Shelldrake gives OK. And we must inform Brigadier.  
0532: CO to Adj: "D" Coy have been told to get going.  
0536: CO: "D" Coy with tanks are now going up. Tanks have reached "A" Coy and "C" Coy. "B" Coy are dug in. (passed to Bde).  
0600: "D" Coy: 200 yards past S.L. Our shells dropping very near to them.  
0603: "A" Coy: Report that they are getting control of the battle. Investigating report of white flag being shown.  
0605: "D" Coy: Being fired on from feature on right which they thought was occupied by friends. (to Bde).  
0610: CO to "D" Coy: Firing from right is being dealt with.  
0612: "A" Coy: Boche waving white flag and retreating.  
0617: "A" Coy: Report that enemy are coming out of their holes waving white flags and withdrawing. They are shooting them up, and there are so many Boche that it is just like duck-shooting.  
0618: Brig: Mop up the HUGH feature as quickly as possible as DCLI are being fired on from there.  
0625: CO to Bde: Check up on our friends on right as "D" Coy report that they are firing on them, and shells are also falling in their area.  
0626: "A" Coy: Report they they have mopped up their feature, but there are opportunities further afield.  
0627: CO told them to carry on, with special reference to left flank.  
0643: Adt to CO: Brig wants us to get teed up for an advance to BURNSIDE. Reply: OK, when we have completed mopping up.  
0650: "D" Coy: Calling for D.F. COCKROACH. Have suffered some casualties from shellfire on right.  
0710: "D" Coy: Are being fired on by 2 guns. One 400 yds, the other 500 yds S.W. of the highest point on the Fortunato feature. Present position is 100 yds S. of FORT.  
0715: "A" Coy: Report that friends on left can be seen advancing rapidly!  
0717: "D" Coy: 1 gun is at 825941. "B" Coy: Saw flash of gun which is firing on "D" at road junc. 823917.  
0730: "C" Coy: Report 2 PWs.  
0740: "D" Coy: Report 7 wounded and 20 PWs.  
0746: CO to "D" Coy: Sending jeeps for wounded. PWs to march back along Blue Route.  
0747: Wants everything straightened up first.  
0800: CO: "D" Coy to stay firm on FORT and mop up area completely.  
0802: "A" Coy: Sunray believes more PWs in houses which he is now mopping up.  
0817: CO: "D" Coy asked to send a party to deal with a sniper in house on FORT.  
0835: Bde: Tigers reported at 817937. Look out for them.  
0840: "D" Coy: Have cleared up snipers.  
0845: "A" Coy: State that they are rather tired and would like a rest

*before going on to next objective. Still a lot of mopping up to be done.*  
*CO: Says he will send someone through them if they are too tired. but he wants everything straightened up first.*  
*0846: "D" Coy: Have 4 PWs (paratroopers).*  
*0850: Intercept: Enemy group seen at 81859575.*  
*0855: "D" Coy: Have another 18 PWs. - some G.A.F. - some Jaeger.*  
*Mostly wounded*  
*0905: "A" Coy: Have captured a 75mm A/Tk gun.*  
*0910: CO: First batch of 24 PWs have arrived at Tac HQ. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> batches on their way. Identifications as soon as possible.*  
*0912: CO to "D" Coy: Send a party to tanks as they are complaining of Germans milling around them and getting in the way.*  
*0940: "D" Coy: Party of 18 PWs being marched down were hit by 2 shells and all were killed or wounded. Unfortunately one escort was killed.*  
*1015: Rear link moving forward to Tac HQ.*  
*1015: Adjutant with rear link-set on armoured car moved forward to area of Tac HQ, leaving remainder of Main HQ in present location.*  
*1030: Three forward sub-units being heavily stonked.*  
*1100: Intercept: Enemy concentration strength one coy at 810951 reported withdrawing*  
*1105: "D" Coy: 10 more PWs being sent back.*  
*1110: CO to "B" Coy: You are to advance and capture BURNSIDE. Marry up with tanks which are on way now. You will have the assistance of all guns. Use open formation as main opposition will be shell-fire. This will be a very rapid show, and higher formation want it carried out as fast as humanly possible.*  
*1115: To "A" Coy: Remain where you are as some tanks will be passing through you, followed by "B" Coy.*  
*1127: "C" Coy: Being stonked with heavy stuff from a bearing of 257° (Bde informed)*  
*1130: R.A.: Putting up Air O.P.*  
*1131: "B" Coy: Sunray has contacted Tank Sunray as ordered, and finds Tank Sunray knows nothing as yet of future plans. (to Bde).*  
*1200: "C" Coy: Shelling has decreased considerably.*  
*1210: "B" Coy: Carrier with ammunition for "A" Coy held up here by heavy shelling.*  
*1230: "B" Coy: Ammunition transferred to tank and sent up to "A" Coy.*  
*1300: Bde: "B" Coy will take over from "A" Coy & "C" Coy who will advance to BURNSIDE.*  
*1330: Brig. visited CO.*  
*1345: Previous plans cancelled. Plan now is that armour will pass through and seize BURNSIDE. If the enemy shelling eases "A" Coy & "C" Coy will move forward, supported by a squadron of tanks to occupy BURNSIDE. Armour will push right on.*  
*1415: All Coys informed of this change.*  
*1416: CO to "A" Coy: Am sending rations after dark, and ambulance carrier as soon as shelling ceases.*  
*1450: "A" Coy: Presence of extra tanks in their area is causing them to be*

*stonked very heavily.*

1455: CO to "A" Coy: *Have you got probable move tanks tied up with tanks? "A" Coy: Not yet, as they are some distance away.*

1500: CO to "B" Coy: *Are you being stonked? "B" Coy: Stonking to left and right but not on them.*

1515: "A" Coy: *Require ambulance at JERSEY*

1516: CO: *Ambulance on way now.*

1518: "A" Coy: *Report stonking very heavy.*

1530: CO *moved forward to new Tac HQ at 824914.*

1530: CO *moved Tac HQ forward to new location at 824913.*

1535: "A" Coy: *Still being stonked, but tanks are now replying.*

1600: "A" Coy: *Have sent out Pl. to pick up Boches who are getting in the way of tanks in their efforts to give themselves up.*

1605: CO to "B" Coy: *Proceed to BURNSIDE, and make yourselves firm. Also collect stray Boche.*

1610: CO to "C" Coy: *You are also to proceed to BURNSIDE as soon as possible.*

1612: CO to "A" Coy: *Collect your fellows together as soon as possible and advance to BURNSIDE.*

1635: "A" Coy: *Report Tiger tank on BURNSIDE.*

1700: "A" Coy: *Report tank battle for BURNSIDE. Boche are waiting to give themselves up to tanks who are not going forward until battle is decided.*

1712: "B" Coy: *Report they are with "A" Coy: who didn't move forward because of tank battle.*

1728: "B" Coy: *47 PWs coming back to them.*

1745: "B" Coy: *47 PWs (incl. 4 stretcher cases) handed over to DCLI.*

1800: Brig to Adj: *Says tanks dominate BURNSIDE, and that it is essential for feet to go forward as soon as possible. He wants 3 Coys to go forward now, and get screwed in for the night. If possible one Coy to go forward and hold feature 900 yds North of BURNSIDE. Ref tanks with "A" Coy. He will not force them forward, but will hold Sunray responsible for arranging a R.V. for marrying up later.*

1805: Adj to CO: *Passed on the above. Can you let Brig know when Coys can go forward?*

1810: CO to Adj: *Have communicated with Coys and Sunrays, "A" Coy & "C" Coy say their men are very tired. Sunray suggested that, s enemy are on BURNSIDE and no tanks have been able to get up there, it will take a full scale night attack with fresher troops to do the job.*

1815: Adj to Bde: *Passed on above, and Brig agreed to night attack.*

1820: Adj to CO: *CO to return to Bde to discuss proposed attack.*

1830: CO *coming back from Tac HQ.*

1855: "A" Coy & "C" Coy *report heavy stonking.*

1900: *Main body of Main HQ, including Battle Patrol, moved forward to join Adjutant's party at 836907, arriving just before dusk. Very heavy rain quickly turned whole area into a sea of mud, bogging down all vehicles. Rain continued for more than two hours. 8 ORs killed in action. 15 ORs wounded and evacuated. 139 Prisoners of War taken – 86 by "D" Coy. 0.1*



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*Sitrep received.*

*1920: "D" Coy: Want ambulance jeep up to road junc. just South of FORT.*

*2015: CO: Outline of plan is that "B" Coy with a Coy of DCLI will attack BURNSIDE with full artillery support after tanks have been withdrawn.*

*Time over SL 0200 hrs 21 Sep. Details will come with Coy 2i/c who is bringing up rations.*

*2030: Adj: "A" Coy & "C" Coy are to collect their rations from "B" Coy later. Jeeps have just left. "D" Coy to send guides to road junc. South of FONT now.*

*2115: Pouring rain commenced.*

*2330: Rain eased up considerably.*

*2345: Bde: Attack on BURNSIDE planned for night 20/21 cancelled. You will lose Coy of DCLI. You are responsible for protection of Blue Route (passed to CO). Sitrep 0.2 received.*

Sep 21st

*0800: Bde: Send patrol out to BURNSIDE immediately to find out who is there and how many. Information required urgently. Suggest going by road as cross-country route will be very difficult, but CO will choose his own route. It is thought that the enemy may have gone in view of big advance on our right.*

*0830: Intercept: Forward elements of Canadians are now at 817972.*

*0831: To Bde: Small parties of "A" Coy are going out to mop up area.*

*0835: Bde: Brig wishes CO to consider an advance to BURNSIDE if it is unoccupied. 28 Inf Bde are going up on our right. Their axis is FONT – EMONT, and they are moving up in small parties.*

*1000: "B" Coy: Patrol of 1 Officer and 23 ORs left for BURNSIDE suitably armed to deal with tanks if necessary.*

*1020: Bde: Information Greeks in Rimini. State it is unoccupied.*

*Canadians are across the Marrechia. Escaped PW of Yorkshire Dragoons states Pt 153 (CRIMSON) is unoccupied, and 4 Hussars are sending patrols to occupy.*

*1040: Bde: Remainder of "B" Coy to proceed to BURNSIDE in ½ hour, and "D" Coy be ready to reinforce. CO: Patrol reports encountering some wire, and are investigating for mines.*

*1100: Acorn. Patrol can be seen on right hand side of BURNSIDE. No sound of firing. (to Bde).*

*1110: CO: Patrol have taken 4 PW. 1 & "D" Coy had 4 PWs each earlier in the morning.*

*1120: CO: "B" Coy are on their way to BURNSIDE (to Bde).*

*1125: "B" Coy patrol: Being slightly stonked on right from bearing of 22°.*

*We are now in BURNSIDE*

*1145: "B" Coy: Position is now 150 yds from BURNSIDE.*

*1200: Battle Patrol moved forward to Tac HQ.*

*1320: "A" Coy and "B" Coy: Are both now under cover.*

*1325: "A" Coy: Have some PW, but we cannot send them down yet as they are working for us.*

*1330: Bde: SLI are moving forward to GAMLIN now. On left 4 Hussars have found Pt 108 unoccupied, and have now reached CRIMSON.*

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1400: Bde: *If possible send out a patrol to FLANNEL now.*  
1445: Bde: *Want patrol to FLANNEL to go from "B" Coy (as they are nearest) at once, so as to get there before friends on left.*  
1500: *Told CO about patrol, and he said Battle Patrol was already underway, but he would do as ordered.*  
1505: "D" Coy: *Have moved forward, and are now on BURNSIDE on left of "B" Coy.*  
1510: Bde: *Friends on right have reached a point 600 yds East of NANIMO and also HISPANO.*  
1515: Bde: *Has road to BURNSIDE and "A" Coy been swept? Adj: Our Pioneers have swept to BURNSIDE. R.Es. to road junc. South of FONT, but road between road junc. and "A" Coy has not been swept.*  
1545: *Adjutant with rear link set moved to Tac HQ at 824914, arriving at 1615 hrs.*  
1615: *Rear link arrived at Tac HQ 824914.*  
1815: "B" Coy: *Can observe no enemy movement on pinnacle feature. Enemy shelling North of their position.*  
1915: *Main HQ arrived at old location of Tac HQ who moved forward.*  
1900: "A" Coy: *Moving to new location near BLENHEIM 822927.*  
1945: "C" Coy: *Report three guns firing airbursts over sq. 8194 from a bearing of 317° from their positions.*  
2000: *Rations left for Coys.*  
2200: *Orders received for action to be taken on receipt of codeword "BEESWAX" - all transport (except amb. jeeps, water cart and one jeep for postal duties) to be taken off road to allow free passage for 5 Canadian Armoured Div. 12 PW taken.*

Sep 22nd

*Bde Int Summary No 56 received.*  
0400: *Cooks trucks arrived at Main HQ. Had been brought up as a safeguard against "BEESWAX" being declared.*  
0500 – 0600: *All transport of Main HQ moved forward to Tac HQ at 822927 in order that it should be concentrated as much as possible in case "BEESWAX" came into force at short notice. A Echelon transport and cooks' trucks arrived at old main HQ location 824914. Cooks' trucks sent forward during afternoon to respective Coy locations. Intermittent shelling of FORTUNATO ridge.*  
0900: *CO gave orders for Pioneers to go and clear and develop forward roads.*  
1600: *Notice received from Bde that "BEESWAX" would come into force at 1830 hrs.*  
1800: *Bn HQ moved to new location at 819935, and Coys consolidated in their present positions. 4 PW taken.*

Sep 23rd

1600: *Shells in "A" Coy area from bearing 260°. 1 casualty (Major PM Plastow, MC.)*  
*Message from AOC DAF forwarded by Corps Commander read to all ranks. Coys settled in, rested and cleaned up.*

Sep 24th

*No more shelling of Bn area. Organised search of Coy areas for the*

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purpose of salvaging all enemy or British arms and equipment, and burial of enemy dead. Major items salvaged included two 75mm and one 88mm A/Tk guns, 13 81mm mortars, 30 rifles and various MGs, Schmeisers, etc., and large quantities of ammunition and mortar bombs, grenades etc. 26 German dead were buried.

- Sep 25th Congratulatory message from Div. Commander read to all ranks. Bde Int Summary no 57 received. "BEESWAX" ended, but transport limited to the minimum requirements. Jeeps only were to use the roads.
- Sep 26th Ban on transport lifted, though use of the roads was to be restricted as much as possible in view of the bad state of the roads. Leave vacancies for Rome (50 Rest Camp) & Piediluce (4 Div. Camp) were allotted to Bn at short notice, and men were despatched overnight to report to B Echelon for onward routing through OC Div. B Echelon. Seats at the Canadian show "Rapid Fire" at the theatre Riccione were allotted to the Bn daily for the period 26 – 30 Sep.
- Sep 27th Bn News Sheet No 4 issued to Hospitals, Convalescent Depots etc. Further leave parties for 27, 28 and 29 Sep were despatched during this period, and a new Canadian ORs Rest centre opened at Riccione on the coast near Rimini. Bn continued individual training.
- Sep 28th CO attended Bde Comds' Conference to discuss the re-organisation of Bn on a 3 rifle company basis, with a new establishment for "S" Coy, dispensing with the A/Tk Pl and regrouping the carrier and MMG Pls.
- Sep 29th CO's remarks on re-organisation forwarded to Bde. Preliminary details issued to Coy Comds. CO held Coy Comds Conference, and discussed the detailed re-organisation necessary to put into effect the proposed re-organisation of the Bn.
- Sep. 30th CO's address to the Bn. outlining the proposed changes was postponed from 0930 to 1400 hrs, and then cancelled owing to bad weather, so he gave a talk to each Coy during the afternoon. Full details for re-organisation of Bn issued to all concerned. Re-organisation to take effect W.E.F. 1700 hrs 30 Sep. Bde Int Summary No 58 received.

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