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# WAR DIARY

The Lake Superior Regt. (Motor)

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40/P&S/37 (5024)

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~~REFERENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Conc Area 1055 Ref Sheet 7F	13 Aug (Contd)		<p>At his 90" Gp, Maj R.A.Keane announced that he was now in comd of the regt and had been promoted to Lt-Col. He also announced some further changes. Capt. T.H. Murray was to be O.C. "B" Coy as a Maj, with Lt. R. Styffe as i/c, Capt. Cargo to go to Sp Coy as O.C., Maj H.G.Dawson to comd "A" Coy; Capt. R.D.MacKenzie to be O.C. H.Q. Coy; Lt. P.B.Smith to be 2 i/c "C" Coy and Lt R.E.Purves to be Adj to replace Capt. M.W.Babe who was S.O.S. for medical reasons. At 1600 hrs the C.O. went to Bde H.Q. to attend the Brigs final "O" Gp for op "SMASH". The general plan was to push South in a quick dash to secure the high ground around FALAISE. The method was two armd regts up each with three sqns up. The I.O., Lt. D.A. Johnson returned from Bde H.Q. with maps and photographs for the operation. At 2030 hrs, the coy comds assembled for the C.Os orders. The infm about enemy was that 12 SS Pz Div(Hitler Jugend) was probably split up into Battle Gps covering our whole front. It was also known that we would meet Flak units used in ground roles. Elements of 85 and 272 Inf Div were also likely to be encountered. The intention of the Bde Comd was to seize and firm up high ground around FALAISE. The Bde order of march was as follows: 21 CAR right, 22 CAR left; Bde HQ, 1 Sqn Flaills 28 CAR and Lake Sup R (M) with u/c 96 A/Tk Bty. The A/A were to fire Green tracer on the flanks to aid in keeping direction. Each vehicle was to carry 6 days rations. "A" Ech was to remain in present area. As the Bn was to move off line abreast covering the whole front, the sc pls of "A" &amp; "B" Coys were to protect the flanks. "C" Coy Sc Pl was to keep contact with the Armd Regt ahead. The A/Tk pls were under normal comd but the MMG pls were to remain under the C.Os control. The C.O. insisted that every vehicle was to be made to look as much as possible like the rest. All white stars were to be covered over. The rem of the night was spent in getting maps set up and marked. The C.O. went to see the Brig about a few details of the attack that were not quite clear. The Bn was to be ready to move by 0900 hrs the next morning.</p>	
Conc Area 1050 Ref Sheet 7F	14 Aug 44		<p>There was little activity during the night although a few shells did land in the concentration area causing a few casualties. At 0900 hrs the Bn was ready to move off and awaiting the word from Bde. All tps are in fine spirit in anticipation of getting another crack at Jerry and in particular the 12 SS. The Bn formed up in front of the woods at 103543. Three armd regts in line two deep - recce troops in front. Immediately behind the tanks the bn formed up. "A" Coy on the right, "B" Centre "B" left in a single row with A/Tk pl &amp; MMG platoons in line behind their respec-</p>	080.