

Second World War Unit War Diary - Maurice Fisher Beeson

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	17		During the day our O.P.'s took about 12 German prisoners. A company was formed about 978263	Appendix A' JUNE COLN Ops Instruction No. 1.
Area GARET HEMEIMAT	18		A busy morning trying to exploit towards TAGA plateau, but not much progress was made. The Corps Commander (General Gott) and G.O.C. 7 Army Div (General Renton) visited us. Preparations were made for an attempt on TAGA Plateau. During the day our O.P.'s and carrier escorts took about 12 German prisoners.	
	19.		Captain MAXWELL led a fighting patrol on to TAGA plateau at about 0500 hrs; he destroyed two enemy posts and captured one German officer with three O.P.'s. As there were several other enemy posts the patrol then withdrew with their prisoners. After first light the remainder of Right Flank and the carriers attacked and in the end cleared up the position taking 30 prisoners and four ATk guns	Roll of battle Casualties for July at App. "B"

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	19		besides several automatic weapons. Unfortunately this success cost us very serious losses Major MACRAE, Lt BEESON and Sgt DORAN were killed; Lts WILLIS and CALVOCRESSI with 3 O.P.'s were wounded and one Guardsman who was missing from the fighting patrol was not seen again. Later in the morning enemy tanks appeared and covered the withdrawal of some of their infantry. These tanks were later attacked by our special ATk Hurricanes which claimed three destroyed and three damaged plus two lorries destroyed. From our O.P.'s only one lorry was actually seen to be set on fire. Further attacks in the evening by 5 or 6 tanks, carried infantry and guns eventually caused us to withdraw from the far side of the pass at about 1900 hrs. This was done without further casualties. A listening post under	

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	19		Lt. TURNARD was left out on the ridge above our forward gun positions.	
	20		Although the listening post had heard nothing during the night our OP's, on advancing at first light, were engaged by small arms and APK fire while on the way out to their normal positions. This caused a hasty about turn by the guns and the rest of the Column, but no casualties were suffered. The guns all got into action to the NORTH and N.E. of GARET HERMEIMAT. The rest of the day was quiet.	
	21		A night attack was organised for the capture of TAGA plateau: two days previously this place had been regarded as of little importance but now its capture was regarded as an essential part of a plan to get the newly constituted 4 Light Arm'd Bde round behind the main	

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