

Second World War Unit War Diary – 7th Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders - Capt Young

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16 SCORDIA	Bn rested in SCORDIA Area. First party of L.Cs rejoined Unit Major Hendry and 64 O.Rs.	
17	Brigadier received orders from Div O.Gp. from 2400 hrs (16 July) to 0200 hrs Brig's O.Gp to C.Os 0200-0240 hrs. C.Os O.Gp 0245 hrs. Bn moved off by transport at 0300 hrs to PALAGONIA debussed at dawn and marched to RAMACCA which was being shelled by enemy. Carriers in advance encountered slight opposition and took 9 prisoners. A and C Coys put in attack on ridge 4 miles NORTH of RAMACCA about mid-day and were relieved about 1600 hrs by B and D Coys. Opposition fairly strong but objectives gained. Officers Wounded:- Lt.D.Woodward. O.Rs: Killed 6, Wounded 24. Divisional attack across CATANIA Plain - area NORTH of RAMACCA. 2 Bdes up. Right 153 Bde Left 154 Bde/ 154 Bde attack in 3 Phases with 3 Bns. Phase 1: 7 A&SH attack and capture area rd-junc 6170 and establish br'head across R. GORNALUNGA at 6046. Z-2100 hrs. 2100 hrs - Bn left RAMACCA Area and marched 4 miles to area rd-junc 6170 and established bridgehead across river. B and D Coys attacked 500 yds to area of road 615685. Advance through burning cornfields. Slight opposition met by B Coy. B Coy knocked out enemy tracked vehicle and captured 75 M.M. gun. Casualties 2 killed.	
18	Bn remained in area 6168. Moved off in transport at night to area 7473 arriving 0400 hrs 19 July.	
19 GERBINI	Bn dug in at Area 7473. At 0600 hrs Bn moved 7573 and dug in. Moderate shelling. Strong enemy fighting patrols during day all repulsed. Casualties - O.Rs Killed 1. Wounded-1.	
20	Enemy shelling and mortaring of positions during day. Casualties: Officers Wounded: Lts. W.D. Williamson & H.R. Crone. O.Rs Killed - 1.	

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20 GERBINI	Battle of Gerbini.	Appx No 4 Battle of Gerbini (A Coy No 4a) German Map - Appx 5.
21	Battle of Gerbini. Casualties: Killed in action Officers - Lt.Col.R.Mathieson TD, Capt D.R. Young, Lieut A.R. Drummond, Lt. R.B. Jones. O.Rs Killed - 14. Wounded in action Officers - Major P.G.Tweedie (Cameron), Capt I.G. Cameron, Capt. J.S. Corcoran MC, Lieuts. R.F. Kinghorn, W.E. Reid (Cam S.R.), A.M. McVicar (since died of wounds), R.M. Morton, F.J. McDermott. O.Rs wounded - 56. Missing Officers - Major J.S. Lindsay-MacDougall DSO MC, Capt G.B. Worsburgh, Lieuts. T.A. McNaught, W.F. Cornack, R.B. Mathers, R.M. Gibb. O.R.s. missing - 91. 91.	15+ 800 800 MEMOIRE No 2. - APPX No 5A
22	Bn rested in B Echelon Area - 7171 from 0700 hrs 22nd to 1600hrs 23rd.	Map 1/100,000 PATERNO Sheet 269.
23 RAMACCA	Checking and rearranging personnel. Bn returned to Area RAMACCA. Lt.Col.A.Dunlop took over Command of Bn W.B.F. 22 July. Reinforcements joined - 9 Officers and 35 O.Rs. Capt J. Campbell, Lieuts J.H.F. Morton, A.J.A. Stewart, J.I. Balleny, D. McJee, W. McVey, R.M. Main, J.T.A. Mitchell (Cameron) R.D. Porteous (KOSB)	
24	Bn engaged in checking of Stores and equipment. Lt.J.B.R. Murray(B.N.) attached to Bn as Signal Officer. Bn engaged in Pl and Sec Training. Checking and Maintenance of Weapons and ammunition. Men washing and resting in afternoon. Bn reorganised on basis of 3 Rifle Coys, S Coy and HQ Coy.	Appx No 6 7th A.S.H Trg Com.
25	A and B Coys amalgamate to form one Coy - S Coy. Commanding Officer's parade - Lt.Col.A.Dunlop addresses Bn. Training - Drill, Gas Weapon Trg, Sec Leading, Stalking.	

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